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2 nd Sunday of Epiphany

Menighetshus Rektor Steens gate 7: 1030

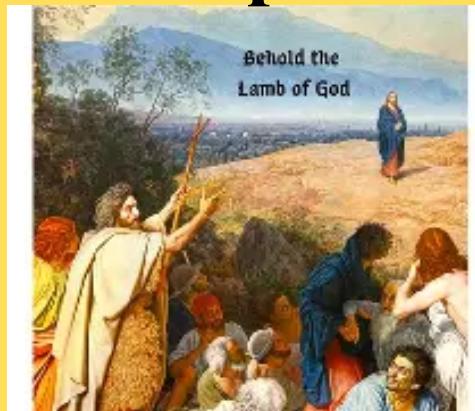
SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 49.1-7

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

John 1.29-42

Reflection Hope When You Least Expect It



So here's the scene:

John the Baptist is basically chilling by the river, doing his thing, when he

suddenly points at Jesus and says:

“Look! The Lamb of God!”

Not “Behold, the complicated theology.”

Not “Observe the religious system.”

Just: “Look.”

Because hope usually shows up when we're not overthinking it.

Two of John's friends hear this and decide to follow Jesus.

Jesus turns around and asks them the most relatable question ever:

“What are you looking for?”

Not “What do you believe?”

Not “Do you have your life together?”

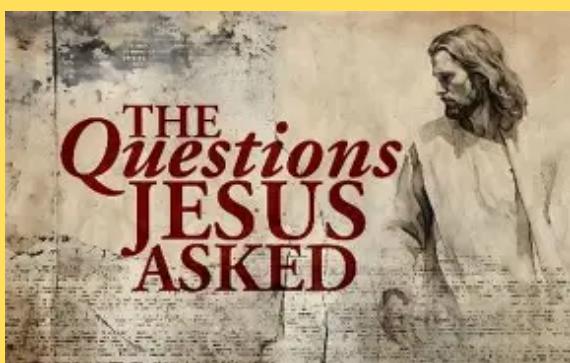
Just: **What are you looking for?**

And they don't have some deep answer ready.

They basically say, “Uh... where are you staying?”

And Jesus says:

“Come and see.”



Not “Come when you’re perfect.”

Not “Come after you fix everything.”

Just: Come. See.

Then Andrew runs to get his brother Simon and blurts out:

“We found the Messiah!”

No long explanation.

No fancy speech.

Just excitement and hope spilling out of him like someone who's found free Wi-Fi in the desert.

And when Simon meets Jesus, Jesus looks at him and says:

“You are Simon... but you will be called Peter.”

Which is basically Jesus saying,

“I see who you are... and I also see who you’re becoming.”

That’s the kind of hope this story carries:

Hope that doesn’t require you to have all the answers

Hope that meets you where you are

Hope that sees more in you than you see in yourself

Hope that starts with a simple invitation: **Come and see**

So if today feels heavy, confusing, or unfinished,

if your faith feels small,

if your plans are messy,

if your heart is tired...

Jesus is still standing there, smiling, asking:

“What are you looking for?”

And still offering the same gentle promise:
“Come and see.”

That’s enough hope to get through today.
And probably tomorrow too.

**In name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit. Amen**



A photograph of a dirt road leading towards a range of mountains under a clear sky. The road is reddish-brown and appears to be made of packed earth. It curves slightly to the left as it leads into the distance. On either side of the road is a field of green grass. In the background, there are several blue mountains. The sky is a pale blue with a few wispy clouds.

*Come
and see*

John 3:1

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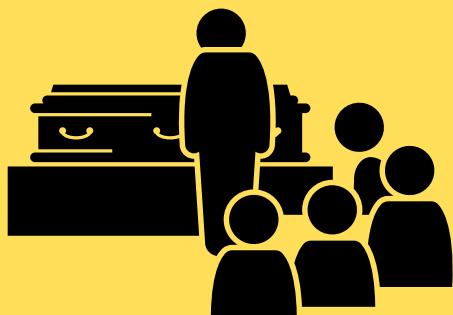


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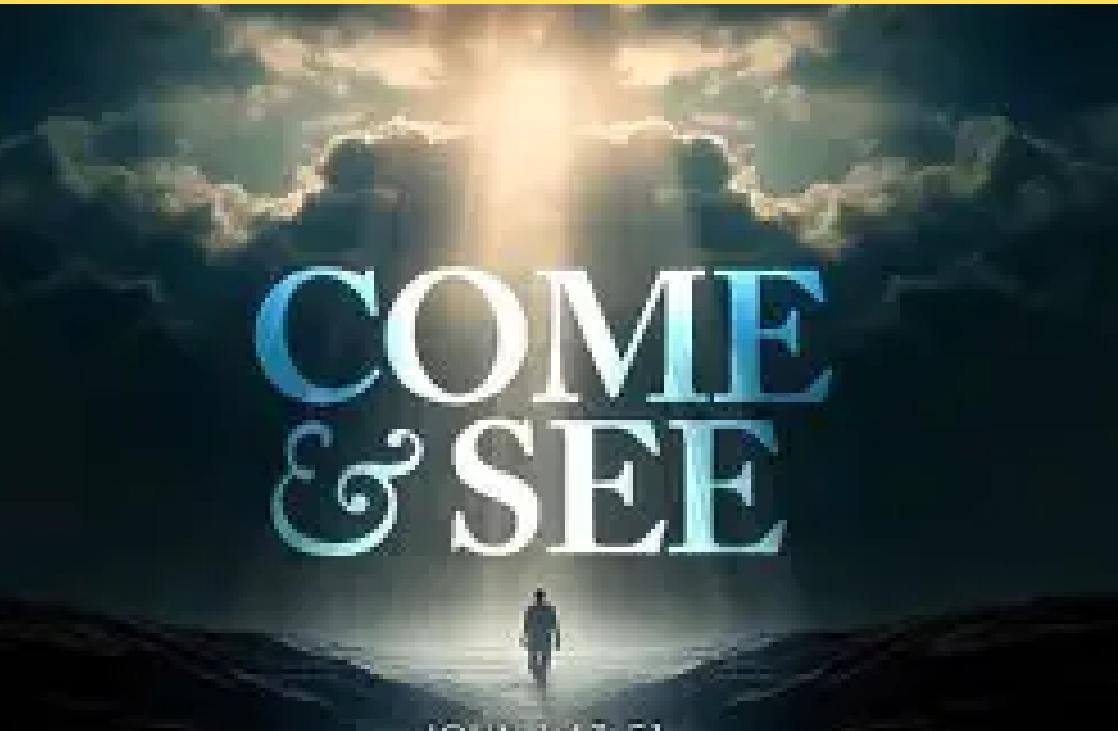
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Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your
grace, and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



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There will be a council meeting at the end of the service, and everyone is invited to join us for fellowship over tea and cake.

