

# Come and See

John 4:29-30 "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" 30 So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

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**Matthew 5:13-16** "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. 14 "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. NLT

**Matthew 5:13-16** "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. 14 "Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. 15 If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. 16 Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand — shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. The Message

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**John 13:34-35** So now I am giving you a new commandment: **Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.** 35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." NLT

**Matthew 24:10-14** **And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other.** 11 And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. 12 Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come. NLT

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# Cancel Culture

- The practice or tendency of engaging in mass canceling as a way of expressing disapproval and exerting social pressure. (Webster Dictionary)
  - First Known Use of *cancel culture* 2016, in the meaning defined above
  - Cancel culture or call-out culture is a modern form of ostracism in which someone is thrust out of social or professional circles – whether it be online, on social media, or in person. Those subject to this ostracism are said to have been "cancelled".  
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In our society, canceling someone is a punishment for doing something, saying something, or even thinking something that violates a set of unwritten rules currently in play throughout much of the liberal world. These punishments are typically carried out in three stages:

1. There's an attempt to publicly humiliate the person by flagrantly exposing the supposed wrong he or she committed.
2. Once the person has been exposed, he or she is pushed mercilessly to confess and apologize. Whether that person has actually done anything that requires regret is irrelevant. Simply to be accused means a retraction and an apology is expected.
3. Regardless of whether the accused apologizes or not, attempts are made to remove that person from public life and from all public conversation once and for all. As a result, people are fired, mocked, threatened, de-platformed, and delegitimized in every way.

- o by David Jeremiah, from *Where Do We Go From Here?*

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- “There is no single accepted definition of cancel culture, but at its worst, it is about unaccountable groups successfully applying pressure to punish someone for perceived wrong opinions. The victim ends up losing their job or is significantly harmed in some way well beyond the discomfort of merely being disagreed with.” ( Evan Gerstmann, “Cancel Culture Is Only Getting Worse,” *Forbes*, September 13, 2020)
  - The boundaries that govern this new way of life — what many are calling “cancel culture” — are unclear. The rules are unwritten!
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## You don't have to be famous to be canceled.

- *"If you disagree, just unfriend me now."*
- "ima start telling people "you're canceled, out my face"

## Cancel Culture – Old School Revisited!

When Jesus was asked to identify the most important commandment in the Bible, He replied with a two-for-one special:

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## Actions Speak Louder Than Words:

- It bears noticing that Jesus spent a lot of time with people in His day who had been canceled, so to speak.
  - Remember the woman at the well (John 4)?
  - Her response to Jesus canceling the “Cancel Culture” was to leave her water pot and go back to the town and tell and tell people “**COME AND SEE**”
  - Jesus touched lepers who were untouchable according to the law.
  - He welcomed sinners who were despised. Matthew, Zacchaeus, woman at the well, etc...
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- He blessed children when others tried to nudge them away.
  - He expressed compassion for a woman taken in adultery.
  - He accepted the worship of a woman criticized for pouring perfume on His feet.
  - He touched the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf.
  - He cast demons from the violent.
  - During His final hours He comforted a criminal nailed to a cross beside Him.
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The greatest display of “Cancel Culture” was when humanity sought to cancel Jesus by nailing Him to the cross at Calvary!!!

- After His resurrection, He reassured a doubting disciple and reestablished the one who had denied Him.

Jesus had no place in His heart for the cancel culture, but He was wonderful at demonstrating God’s love and grace to everyone.

**He still is.**

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