

Have you met the Master?
"The Master's Face"

Scripture Lesson: - ~~Mark 13: 10-26~~ *1ma.*

Text: - ~~John 11: 22-25~~ Text ~~John 11: 28~~

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Introduction: - Have you ever had the thrill of meeting some important person; some one whom you admired because he had all the qualities of character you desired. During my college days I often heard some good and great man speak in chapel. That would cause me to raise my sights and hitch my wagon to another star. After hearing some successful man, I was sure I would never be the same again.

One day I did meet One who really changed my life. One day I met the Master. One day I came to the foot of the cross and met Him. He gave me the peace and joy that I have had all along the way, whether the road was hard or easy.

There have been many people whose lives have been changed by meeting the Master.
No one can meet Him & be the same again
I.

One day, a long time ago, there was a man who had acquired great wealth by unscrupolous methods. He had oppressed and cheated the poor, even the widows and orphans. I imagine he had said, "Well I am not so bad; everything is fair in the game for wealth; you have to look out for yourself, no one else will. At least, I pay my dues to my church.

Then one day he met the Master who looked down into his heart and saw all the evil that resided there. He felt that the Master knew every wrong thing ^{he had} done. But when Zaccheus looked down into the Master's face he felt different; he was changed, so completely changed that he cried out, "the half of my goods I will give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restre him fourfold!" His life was completely changed. Jesus said to him, "this day is salvation come to this house!" Yes, he had seen the Master face to face. Have you seen him face to face?

Have you met the Master? Is your life different now?

Another time some fishermen were out in their boat fishing. "We have toiled all night and have caught nothing", was their report. They were discouraged, defeated, and ready to give up. The struggle for existence was becoming harder and harder. Just when it was darkest for them, they met the Master. Peter fell down and said, "I am a sinful man. I am a failure. I am tired of life. The Master looked at him and saw what he could become, what a great man he would be, and said, "fear not, from henceforth thou shalt catch men!" Peter forsook all and followed Jesus. Meeting the Master can make all the the difference in the world.

There was a woman in the city of Capernaum of questionable character. When she walked down the street all the respectable women raised their eyebrows. Even the children mocked her and the clerks in the stores refused to wait upon her. Life was hardly worth living, but she did not have courage to end it all. Then one day as she paused at the well to get a pail of water a stranger said to her, "Give me to drink!" She had met the Master. He engaged her in conversation and she was thrilled to see a look of sympathy and understanding in his eyes. She was hungry, she was thirsty, she wanted a new life. After he had looked into her face and had seen her willingness to live a new life, he said unto her, "I that speak to thee am he!" He revealed in that simple sentence that fact that he was the Master. She left her waterpot and went back to the city and saith to the men and women, "Come, see a man who TOLD ME all things that I ever did!" She had seen the Master. *She was a changed woman*

There was the man of the Gadarenes, who lived in tombs and wore no clothes. People were afraid of him and had banished him from society. He was mentally sick but the people did not know how to treat the mentally ill. He had gone to all of the Dr's and if there had been a psychiatrist, he would have gone to them. But there was no hope, he was doomed; he was bound with chains but he broke them as if they had been string. Then the Master came by and saw him and had pity for him, and healed him. The people came to see

see and they found the man sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. He had met the Master and his life had been completely changed. *Once he was wild & raging now*

he was quiet & peaceful & happy.
II.

D. L. Moody was a shoe salesman in a small store in Chicago. He was not happy or satisfied until he met the Master. Then his life was completely changed and he was so happy he wanted to tell every one the good news. He did so, and became the worlds most effective evangelist and traveled over the U. S and other countries telling people of every nation the good news of the gospel. *He met the master & thought of others not just himself.*

An actress in England, who had achieved success but had become tired of empty pleasures of the world, dissatisfied, restless and tired of life. After a night of debauchery she decided to end it all, but some of her associates said, "let us go to the Billy Graham meetings for a final lark!" She was seeking new thrills before taking her life, so she went with them. There at the meeting she heard about Christ and how he could satisfy the longing for peace and happiness. She went forward and gave her life to Christ and he completely changed her life. Now she is happy winning her friends, her wayward friends to Christ. She had met the Master and He made life worth living.

Who has not heard the wonderful voice of George Beverly Shea and have been inspired by his wonderful gospel songs. At one time he was the favorite soloist of a Chicago Radio Station. People told him that a wonderful future was ahead of him; success and fame would come to him.

One day he met the Master and dedicated his life and talents to Him. His friends said he was throwing his life away, his talents away, by giving up his Radio work. But all of you know how God has used him and enlarged his field of service. He has sung to multiplied thousands in the Billy Graham meetings and has urged young people to live for Christ. *in this land & many lands*
W. F. D. Grodman Story
Conclusion:— How about you? Have you surrendered

your life to Christ. Have you met the Master? Have you surrendered your life to Him and are you putting Him first in your life. To do so does not mean that you will be famous or great, but it ensures happiness and peace. It will give you victory over fear, frustration and unrest. It will bring you a joy that is unspeakable and full of glory.

You may say that you do not have that experience today. There was a time in my life when I did not have it. But one night I met the Master. Life has been different since that day.

Friend, maybe you have wandered away from Him. That is possible, you know. Maybe you have let business, pleasure, friends or the material things of life, come between you and your Master, and have lost that peace and joy you once had.

We are living in a troubled world. All signs point to the fact that we are living in the last days. The hands of God's clock are pointing to ~~the figure~~ 12. You cannot afford to be without the Master. Some of these days you are going to need Him desperately. Will you not come back to Him this very morning, while he is so near?

*Do you long for that peace
If you dont have it if you dont
feel his presence in your life
I beg of you to come meet Him
here this ^{evening} morning*

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