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Jesus spoke a profound truth to His disciples in **John 14:19-20**: ***"After a little while, the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you."*** Jesus made it clear that after His departure, the *world* would no longer see Him. But His followers *would* see Him not physically, but spiritually, by revelation.

The kingdom Jesus spoke of is not physical or observable by worldly eyes. He said in **Luke 17:20-21**: ***"The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."*** The kingdom is not something you can point to. It is not in a building, a nation, or a visible throne. It is Christ Himself, dwelling in us.

Many are still waiting to see Jesus with their eyes. But Jesus warned that His coming would not be like that. He would return in a way that only the faithful would *perceive* by faith, not sight.

He told us plainly: **Matthew 24:26-27** ***"So if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out there, or, 'Look, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them. For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be."*** His presence would not be confined to a place. It would be unmistakable, but not in the way the world expects.

In **2 Corinthians 5:16**, Paul affirmed this shift: ***"Therefore from now on we recognize no one by the flesh; even though we have known Christ by the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer."*** We no longer relate to Christ through physical eyes. We know Him through the Spirit.

This aligns with what Jesus told Peter in **Matthew 16:17**: ***"Blessed are you, Simon... because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."*** True knowledge of Christ is not learned through sight, but through revelation from the Father.

Paul also wrote in **1 Corinthians 2:9-10**: ***"Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the human heart, all that God has prepared for those who love Him. For to us God revealed them through"***

the Spirit."

The world cannot see Christ because they look with natural eyes. But He promised His followers, ***"you will see Me."*** That seeing comes through faith and the indwelling Spirit.

Jesus said in **John 14:23**: ***"If anyone loves Me, he will follow My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him."*** This is the true return of Christ the presence of God in us.

So when Jesus said, ***"the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me,"*** He was describing the new way of knowing Him, through the Spirit.

Just as He said in **Luke 17:22**: ***"They will say to you, 'Look there, look here!' Do not leave, and do not run after them."*** Because His presence is not out there to be chased, it is within the believer.

Conclusion:

The world no longer sees Jesus because they only look with physical eyes. But we who believe, see Him by faith. He lives in us. His kingdom is in our hearts. He is not coming to be seen with eyes of flesh again, He has already returned to dwell in His people.

Let us not wait to see Him, but live as those who *know* Him, because He said, ***"you will see Me; because I live, you will live also."***

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