

Title : He is Ahead of Us
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Text : Mark 16:7

"But go, tell His disciples-and Peter-that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." (Mark 16:7)

Introduction

In Cantonese we like to say to people before we take leave of the person's company, that "We go first". It sounds odd when we say this in English.

1. Jesus loves us

"But go, tell His disciples, and Peter..."

We share important matters with those we love and consider as important and trustworthy. We want them to know what we are doing, or where are we going.

We may not tell others, for various reasons:

- a. Security
- b. We are not accountable to tell every body

But here we see here that Jesus particularly wants His disciples and Peter in particular to know.

Jesus wants to make sure that these do not 'miss' it when He goes to that place. Jesus loves Peter very much.

2. Jesus goes before us

"...that He is going before you into Galilee..."

- a. Jesus paves the way for us.

8 A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there (Isaiah 35:8-9)

Isaiah says that God will make a way for us. He does things before we do it.

b. He goes before us:

- i. In time
- ii. In space
- iii. In destiny

Wherever we go He is there, and He is before us.
Our destiny is in His hand.

3. Jesus will appear to us

“...there you will see Him, as He said to you.”

a. He will appear to us when we go to the place that He has asked us to go.

If we go to Nazareth instead of Galilee, then we cannot expect to see Him.
You cannot expect Him to ‘rush over’ to where you have so chosen to go. We
have to be at the place He has appointed for us.

b. Jesus has a specific plan for us

c. He is there to meet us, to welcome us, to prepare the place for us. He will have
the ‘breakfast’ ready waiting for us.

d. What He promised, He will do.

Conclusion

God is a good God

But that does not mean He is our slave, and we just ‘tell Him’ in prayer, then He must do
what we ask Him to do.

We have an attitude like “God don’t mind”.

What that mean is like ‘God don’t have a mind of His own. He will just follow us
anywhere anytime that we want.

God is a promise keeping God

But that does not mean that He has to do anything that you ask Him to do just because you 'quote' His Word in prayer.

God is a speaking God

Are you listening to God's voice?
He will whisper into our ears.

Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," Whenever you turn to the right hand Or whenever you turn to the left. (Isaiah 30:21)

16 "Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord God and His Spirit Have sent Me."

17 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go. 18 Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea. 19 Your descendants also would have been like the sand, And the offspring of your body like the grains of sand; (Isaiah 48:16 – 19)