

# John 7:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come.

## Analysis

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Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come. Jesus prophesies that His opponents will seek Him after His departure but find Him inaccessible. 'Where I am' refers to His heavenly session at the Father's right hand. 'Ye cannot come' indicates their spiritual inability to reach Him due to unbelief. This is solemn warning—opportunity for belief is limited; rejecting Christ now means eternal separation later. Reformed theology emphasizes the urgency of responding to Christ while opportunity exists.

## Historical Context

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This echoes Proverbs 1:24-28 where rejected Wisdom becomes unavailable. Jesus will be accessible only during His earthly ministry; afterward, only believers access Him through faith. When Jerusalem falls (AD 70), Jews will seek deliverance but find none. Spiritually, those who reject Christ in this life cannot reach Him in the next. The early church understood this urgency, preaching immediate repentance.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What does it mean to seek Christ but not find Him?
2. How does this warn about delayed response to the gospel?
3. What is the relationship between present rejection and future inability to reach Christ?

## Interlinear Text

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ζητήσετέ με καὶ οὐ εὕρησετέ καὶ ὅπου εἰμὶ ἐγὼ  
**Ye shall seek me and cannot find and where am I**  
G2212 G3165 G2532 G3756 G2147 G2532 G3699 G1510 G1473

ὕμεῖς οὐ δύνασθε ἐλθεῖν  
**thither ye cannot** G1410 **come**  
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