

## A modern day Christmas story

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What if Jesus Christ were back, in real life, just like in the movie 'Er ist wieder da!', by David Wnendt (2015). But than differently, because of the totally different main character. What would Jesus say, think and do? And what would your response be, if he were to ask you about your behavior?

Christ would not tell you what to do; he would give his lectures, in which he would ask questions. For humankind has the right to choose and therefore is responsible for the choices she makes and the results of these choices. Nobody will be held accountable, but only for his or her own choices.

### Main topics

Jesus would most likely be somewhat sad, melancholic. He would talk about these items: 'We = me + (s)he', 'pain and gain' and 'short- versus long-term'. From these constructs, he would formulate questions for you. Questions to answer for yourself, to think about your own behavior, to reflect and to contemplate.

<b>we = me + (s)he</b> <b>pain &amp; gain</b> <b>short-term &amp; long-term</b>
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Mankind often thinks just for himself, egoistic and selfish, making choices for short-term gains, knowing that these choices will bring him long-term pains. Behavior that brings joy on short notice, but pain for the longer term. Jesus would ask you if you would be willing to change these behaviors, for you know that they will hurt you in due time. Are you willing to endure some pain now, knowing that you will benefit from this in the nearby future?

me short-term <i>gain</i>	versus	me long-time <i>pain</i>
me short-term <i>pain</i>	versus	me long-time <i>gain</i>

### Care for your brothers and sisters

But the Christ would go on and raise the level of abstractness. He would ask rhetoric questions like: 'Are you aware of your own behavior with regard to others? Are you aware of your personal short-term gains that cause short- and long-term pain for your brothers and sisters? And would you be willing to endure some pain now, in order to greatly improve the lives of others in the shorter and longer term?'

me short-term <i>gain</i>	versus	(s)he short-term <i>pain</i>
me short-term <i>gain</i>	versus	(s)he long-time <i>pain</i>
me short-term <i>pain</i>	versus	(s)he short-time <i>gain</i>
me short-term <i>pain</i>	versus	(s)he long-time <i>gain</i>

For he knows that there is no 'me' nor 'he/she', but only 'we', the Lord would continue to ask questions to make you wonder about your own habits. Your behavior for short-term gains is hurting mankind, both short- and longer term. Hurting nature, hurting the planet and all that lives on it. Would you be willing to endure some period of change in order to improve the world in general? Isn't that what Christmas should be all about? *Not me, not (s)he, but we?*

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### **True Christmas spirit**

Jesus Christ already knows your answer to his questions.

In response to him, answering his questions whether you would be willing to endure some pain on short notice, you would probably ask how long this period of enduring would last.

"Should I think in months or years, Lord Jesus?"

This would be his answer: "Your short-term pain will last as long as letting the light of love shine brightly into your own live and the lives of others! The change for the better will come with the speed of light - *think in moments, not even minutes...*"

Your short-term pain would vanish with lightning speed!

And the world and all living on it would benefit greatly both shorter and longer term.

So please, may your light of love shine brightly this Christmas and the years to come.

That is what Jesus would ask you in his lectures.

For that is what he is asking of you.

*Merry Christmas*