



COME TO ME – PART 6 SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020
COME IF YOU'RE WEARY
RESTING IN JESUS – MATTHEW 11

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS TO COME?

MATTHEW 11:25-26

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because **you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.**"²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

MATTHEW 11:2-3

When John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples³ to ask him, **"Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"**

MATTHEW 11:27

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and **no one knows the Father except the Son** and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

The invitation is offered by Jesus, to whom God has committed all things and who alone knows the Father.

THE BURDEN OF RELIGION

MATTHEW 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

MATTHEW 11:28-30 (THE MESSAGE)

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

MATTHEW 23:1-4

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples:² "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.³ So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach."⁴ **They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.**

Jesus is inviting those who are tired out by their search for God—those who have been crushed by their own failed attempts to please God.

THE EASY YOKE

JEREMIAH 5:5 & 6:16

So I will go to the leaders and speak to them; surely they know the way of the Lord, the requirements of their God."
But **with one accord they too had broken off the yoke** and torn off the bonds.

This is what the Lord says:

"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and **walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.**"

And while we work we will experience the companionship and delight of working alongside a friend and mentor who teaches and encourages us with every step: yes, this is the way we live; this is the way we enjoy God, this is the way we change the world.