

Walking with Jesus through the Eyes of Matthew

“Come to Me”

Matthew 11:25-30

*God Commands Me in His Word – Love Him with All my Heart, My Soul, My Mind
- and to Love One Another as Myself*

Introduction: We are coming to the end of this series of message through the Book of Matthew now in our text this more Jesus is reaching out in verse 28 with these inviting words we will get to in a moment Come to Me!

➤ I don't know if there has ever been any sweeter words come from the mouth of Christ than an invitation to come to Him.

A. It is an invitation an invitation with tremendous benefit but it is not without cost as a matter of fact it will cost you everything it will cost you your life!

- You say wait a minute Pastor Jim Jesus paid it all, I don't owe nothing that is true you owe nothing because He redeemed you He bought you, you belong to Him!

1. Jesus explain to a crowd of people one time that should think about it would cost them something to follow Him that it would cost them everything to be His disciple!

- *25 Now [a]large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them, 26 “If anyone comes to Me, and does not [b]hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. 28 For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? 29*

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' 31 Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends [c]a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions. Luke 14:20-34

- Now was Jesus really saying for us to hate our family and to give up everything that we have of course not that would contrary to what He has taught us what He is saying is everything else means nothing relative to Him!
- And if it doesn't then this whole thing of you following Him is not going to work He wants all of you not just the bits and pieces that you decide you want to surrender, He want all of you!
- Coming to Jesus will cost you everything you need to know that and I am not talking about giving up anything thin I am talking about giving it all to Him!
- Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do, wherever go, whatever you say, your whole being is given up to Him!

= Count the cost of following Christ it's pretty expensive if you do it right!

■ But Jesus says you can't follow me unless you do it!

- Luke 14:33 *33 So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.*

Transition: But there He stands not as a beggar but as a redeemer and says Come to Me!

A. The first thing we have to notice is that Jesus wants us!

I. **Jesus Wants Us!** verse 28

A. If you think about it, it's one of those things like you're in a crowd and someone motions for you to come up and you look around like you're not sure if they are really talking about you or not.

- The answer is yes you Jesus is saying to you COME TO ME!

➤ Jesus wants you! That is the most bizarre and amazing thing to me!

1. Jesus would beaten, He would nailed to a cross, He would take the wrath of God because of our sin and He says to me Come to Me?

- There has to be some kind of mistake!

➤ No church that where Love met Grace!

B. But there is mistaken that phrase, Come to Me He says!

1. Jesus wants us. Isn't a wonderful thing to be wanted?

➤ You know how you know when someone wants you?

- They say come to me come stay with me, come be a part of my life, let me help you let me take care of you.

■ Jesus wants us we did go looking for Him while we were yet sinners He died for us!

■ We were orphans we were lost without hope and He sacrifice His life so that we could have life He wanted us He said Come to me!

Transition: Now look who the invitation went out to: all who are weary and laden!

II. **The Weary and Heavy Laden** verse 28

A. You know living in this world will wear you out!

1. It will wear you down we use the expression if it's not one thing then another!

➤ But really what brings to the point of weariness is hopelessness.

2. I have heard people with my own ears say”

- I have worked hard all my life I have a full bank account and I still feel like something is missing.
- I have a wonderful family but there is something that is still just not quite right.
- I have a good job!
- I have a nice place to live
- I have this I have that

■ And yet I am so tired of life I am so weary you see weary is not just the poor, it is the rich it is the sick it is the healthy, it is successful and the homeless.

B. You can come from come from any walk of life and be weary and heavy laden.

1. You might be sitting there right now thinking how am I going to get through Monday or Tuesday or the first of the month?

- Fear may be over whelming your life but Jesus said Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden!
- Everyone that is overwhelmed with conflict and fear He is asking you to come to Him because He loves you!
 - Listen to these Words: *15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the Day of Judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. 19 We love, because He first loved us.* 1 John 4:15-19

Transition: Jesus came to heal the broken heart to save the lost to call to Himself those He loves the weary and burdened.

- A. And when we receive His invitation He does this amazing thing He take His yoke and places it on us!
- Let me explain

III. **Wearing the Yoke of Jesus** verse 29

- A. A yoke is a something that harnesses two animal's together to work maybe pull a wagon or plow a field.
 - 1. Here is what I want you to notice Jesus says take MY yoke upon you!
 - Come to me and work with me do the work of the Lord!
 - What was the yoke of Christ to seek and save the lost right so that was His yoke that was His work!
 - 2. Well we certainly cannot save anyone only Christ alone can save but He does not ask us to He ask us to be yoke with Him take His yoke upon us!
 - He said "learn from Me!"
 - A farmer would never put to brand new animals in a yoke together for the first time they would have no idea what to do! He would always put a young new animal with an older seasoned one to learn from so that the knowledge would get passed down from generation to generation.
 - 3. Jesus said to my yoke upon you learn from Me and here is what you will learn:
 - Gentleness
 - Humbleness

- *He will teach you how to be like we are told to be in Philippians 2: 5 Have this attitude [a]in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:5-8*

B. Humility is the key to living for Christ!

1. Jesus says Come to Me well you are not going to come to Him as long as you think the path that you on suits you fine.
- You will not come to him until you see yourself as weary and heavy laden!
2. Jesus says take my yoke upon you why should I take His yoke got my own yoke thank you very much we are not going to experience Christ with humility!
3. Jesus says learn from Me how we going to learn from anyone when we think we know it all already. Without humility there is no learning.

Transition: You see Jesus just wants you to come to Him.

- He knows you are weary
- He knows you are heavy burdened in this world

= He is the answer for what you're looking for He will teach you humility and gentleness and that will bring you rest, rest for your soul!

IV. Jesus Has Got This verse 30

A. Jesus' yoke is easy, Jesus will keep us connected.

1. The yoke is the guide it is what the farmer uses to guide the animals where to go.

- Jesus says this is my yoke and its easy follow me!
- We don't have to try and figure it out just follow Jesus it's that easy!
 - *21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,*
1 Peter 2:21
- His yoke is not easy in that it is without suffering but it is easy in that it is not difficult to know how to live for God's glory He left us an example!
- B. Jesus said My burden is light!
 1. Jesus' Burden is light because when you are yoked with Jesus He is doing all the heavy lifting.
- We do all have crosses to bear but He is the one that will give us the strength to bear them.
- He will not leave us remember we are yoked to Him we are never pulling alone as a matter of fact He is doing the pulling that is why we can do anything that God calls us to do in the power of Christ because we are yoked to Him!
- His load is light!

Closing: What an amazingly inspirational passage of Scripture let me close with these thoughts.

- A. Jesus said Come to Me!
 - Let that sink in a minute the God of the Universe Jehovah God, the Mighty God invites you to Come to Him!!!!
 - **WOW! Jesus wants You!**
 - Not only does He want you but He wants you yoked with him He wants you right by His side He wants to teach you humility and gentleness!