

The Gospel of Matthew #94

COME TO ME: II

Matthew 11

Ch 11 is a series of warnings, climaxing in a stunning invitation
See His grace displayed in the face of rejection

- I. Cousin John's **doubts** (v1-15)
- II. Petulant playmates' **criticisms** (v16-19)
- III. Stubborn **refusal** to repent (v20-24)

IV. The **wonder** of **GRACE** (v25-30)

A. Jesus' amazing prayer to His Father (v25-6)

Note: He does not complain at His rejection
He is not discouraged at His rejection
Rather He praises and thanks His Father!

- 1. You hide the gospel from the self-sufficient and reveal it to babies
- 2. You are sovereign Lord and do what pleases You
Mystery of election: dual answer to why Israel rejected Him

So YOU are responsible to humble yourself: repent and believe, or it will never make sense to you

B. Jesus' astounding assertion of His uniqueness (v27)

He places Himself on the same footing as God, His Father!

- 1. He shares the Father's knowledge of the Kingdom (v27a)
- 2. They share unique mutual knowledge of each other! (v27b)
- 3. He shares the divine prerogative to reveal the Father (v27c, cf. 25-6)

No mere human could make such claims with a straight face!

C. Jesus' stunning INVITATION to sinners (v28-30)

Both inclusive ("all") and exclusive ("to Me")
And so simple: "Come"

And He offers 2 kinds of **REST** / _____ :

1. A rest/relief that is _____ (v28)

For those who recognize their helpless weariness
Driven by performance to merciless taskmasters:

- a) other people (eg: v17-19)
- b) the Pharisees (eg: ch 5-7; Acts 15:10)
- c) the Law itself (eg: ch 5-7): God!

Jesus **gives** REST/RELIEF as a free gift

2. A rest/relief that is _____ (v29-30)

A **yoke** is a symbol of submission & obligation
(Jesus is not in the yoke with us)

The summary of the Law is **Love**

Jesus: watch Me love

- Other people
- You!

Cf. 20:28: 28a: found
28b: given

The burden is light because it is loving out of a Relationship,
not simply Rules. That is what you **find** (I John 5:1-3)

Have you been **given** this rest?

Have you **found** the light heart that comes from the loving relationship with Jesus?