

Resist or Rest?

Mt 11:20-30



JESUS SAID
COME
FOLLOW **ME**



Matthew 11:

20 Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent. 21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 "Nevertheless I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in *the* day of judgment than for you. 23 "And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the



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miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day. 24 "Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in *the* day of judgment, than for you."

25 ¶At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.

26 "Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. 27 "All things have been handed over to Me by My



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Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*. 28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, 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."



Sidon

Tyre

Chorazin

Bethsaida

Capernaum

A Change of Perspective

- Why people rejected Jesus...
- Miracles must change us!
- What is repentance?
 - Failed to heed John the Baptist
 - Warnings are sent with purpose...

Warnings

- Galilean Cities rebuked – no faith acts!
- Worse than Sodom?
 - We need to listen to this...!
 - Seeing = responsibility!
 - What should be our response?

Jesus prayed!

- “I praise You, Father...”
 - Hidden from the “knowers”
 - Revealed to babes! As children...
- Wills to reveal – *apokalupto* (25,27)
- His AUTHORITY from Father
 - “handed over to Me”

No one knows....

- Only the Father/Son “know”
- BUT – Jesus came to reveal this!
 - His great desire and purpose...
 - What reveals God best to you?

“Come here!”

- Essential response to revelation...
- ME – not a plan or “purpose” – Person!
 - Weary – *kopiao*, tired, exhausted w/toil, burdens, grief
 - Heavy laden *phortizo*, load of burdens
- Do we have these???

Response of repose

- “I will rejuvenate you”
 - *anapauo* – refresh, recover, collect strength
- God knows what and how much we need
- He is the ONLY source for this rest...
- See Heb 4 – different word, same root...
- Is there a catch?



Way of Rest

- Take the Yoke
 - Yokes - keeps things together
 - Easy? Manageable, gentle, pleasant
 - When Jesus is on the other side... easy
- Learn from/with Me
 - Not the load but the sharing...

