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Called to Rest

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The weight of judgment

Jesus denounces some of the cities he's been working in

Matthew 11:25-26 25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

- People don't "figure out" the Kingdom by intelligence or effort
- The Gospel is for all
- Wise & understanding – boast, pride, unrepentant
- Little children – those who accept the gospel

Matthew 11:27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the

Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

- Everything belongs to Jesus
- It reveals the authority that Jesus has
- He has authority over everything because of his relationship with and to the father
- He has shown this with his teaching, healing, casting out demons, calming nature, judging
- Father knows Son – To know and comprehend fully, intimately, and truly
- Son knows Father – different word for “know”. You cannot know him without Jesus
- Access to God is a gift, not a trophy
- Jeremiah 29:13 Seek me and find me when you search for me with your whole heart.

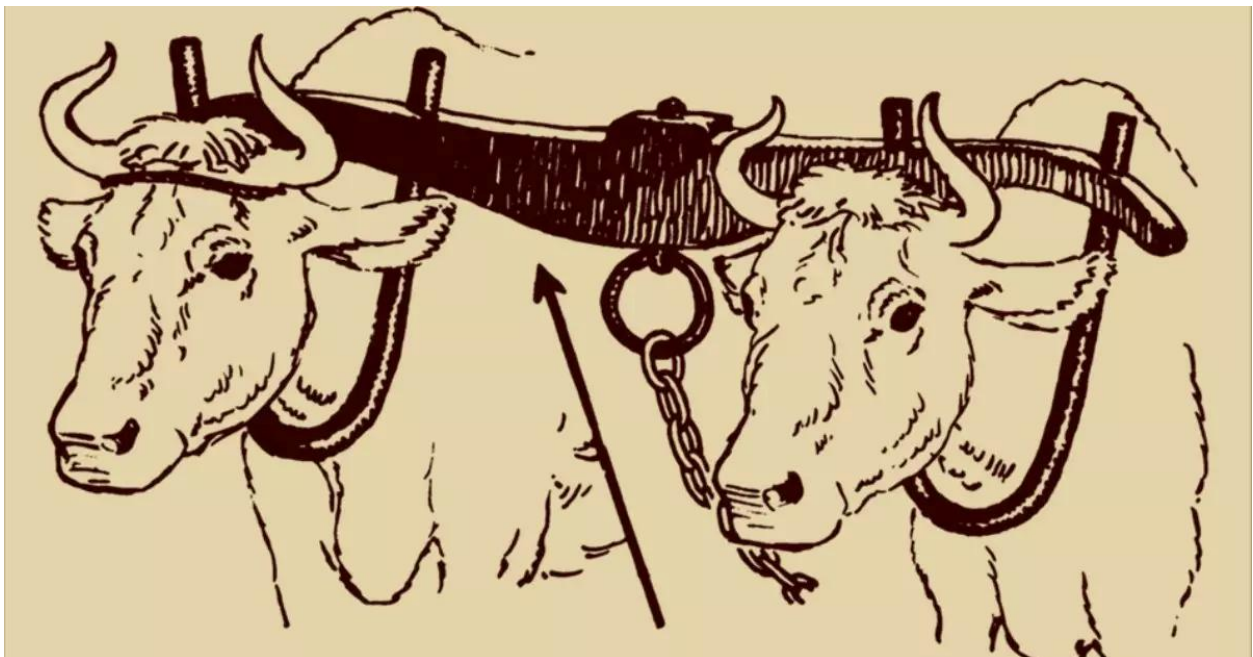
Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

- Invitation
- There was a societal pressure, religious burden, legalism by the scribes and pharisees
- It was impossible.

Matthew 11:29-30 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- Jeremiah 6:16
- Because there are those who understand and feel the weight of this calling of Christ, he does not leave them lost and hopeless though most reject it

A yoke was a wooden bar/frame placed on animals (usually oxen) so they could pull a load.



- Used in many ways but also to describe slavery and oppression.

- Here it represents the commitment of discipleship
- “Rest for your soul” – eternal rest for those who are free in Christ