

Binding the Strongman & Being Yoked with Christ

Matthew 12:15–37, Matthew 11:28–30

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**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO
BIND THE STRONG MAN?**

Matthew 12:15-21

**Why did the multitudes follow
Jesus?**

The Suffering-Servant

Matthew 12:22–29

The Father entrusted Jesus with the Kingdom

John 11:12, 25–27

- **The Kingdom of Heaven is forcefully, advanced, and the strong take it by force**
- **The Kingdom is powerful, and passionate people take hold of its power**
- **The Kingdom is given to those who become like trusting children**
- **Everything in the Kingdom is entrusted to Jesus**
- **The only way to the father is through the son**

Jesus, Binding the Strong Man

- **Jesus naturally cast out the demon and healed the man**
- **Pharisees were constantly trying to snare Him & to destroy Him**
- **Politicians try to discredit their opponents**
- **They argued against him because He made them look bad**
- **There are two kingdoms, and no neutrality between them.**
- **No kingdom can be sustained if it is divided against itself**
- **The evidence of Jesus, having authority over the devil, was His ability to cast out demons**

Matthew 12: 30–32

Strong Warning from Jesus

- **Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is unforgivable**
- **Sins: forgivable and unforgivable**
- **Blasphemy is attributing, the true authentic nature of Christ, and the work of the Holy Spirit to the devil**
- **The slippery slope**

The people of the lie

The People are “The Lie” (Romans 1:25)

- **People of “the lie” are people who hide who they truly are behind a pretense of goodness and godliness**
- **Insubordination: refusing to submit to authority**
- **Institutional entitlement: making self fulfillment your priority**
- **People who never find freedom**
- **The lie is based on rebellion**
- **Rebellion creates self deception**
- **People who refuse to submit and to obey God’s order will:**
- **walk live in deception, and try to control others**
- **will find themselves re-creating the same self-destructive patterns in their life over and over**
- **The problem is a lack of submission and obedience**

Character: The Fruit of the Tree

Good tree vs bad tree

- **Authority: submission or rebellion?**
- **Sin: justify it, project it, or own it?**
- **People: when you hurt other people, how do you respond?**
- **Division maker or building unity?**
- **Spreading the truth or spreading lies?**
- **Loving or unloving?**

**The Answer: To be Yoked with
Christ**



Learning the Yoke of Christ: The Healing Process

- **Jesus promises to lead us and teach us, to give us rest, to help us carry the burden**
- **Come to Him**
- **Take His yoke upon you, bend your neck**
- **Bind yourself to Him**
- **Learn from Him**
- **The lies will disappear**
- **The strongman has no authority over you if you are yoked to Jesus**

**What was meant for
evil has become
good for me**

Genesis 50:19–21