

## **Matthew 11:25-30**

### ***Jesus is Gentle and Lowly***

#### **WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?**

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**Main Idea of the Sermon:** We cannot have God and pride. We cannot have Jesus and weary souls. Come to Jesus as your Atlas.

**Melodic Line of the Book:** "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:18-20).

#### **STRUCTURE/OUTLINE OF THE SERMON**

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- I. Introduction
- II. Jesus is Gentle and Lowly
  - A. Context
  - B. Declaration (vv. 25-27)
    1. Who is God?
    2. God is sometimes hidden.
    3. God is sometimes revealed.
    4. Sum: we cannot have God and pride.
  - C. Invitation (vv. 28-30)
    1. To come.
    2. To take.
    3. To learn.
    4. Sum: we cannot have Jesus and weary souls.
- III. A Gentle and Lowly Savior Taken at His Word
  - A. Gentle and Lowly Gospel
  - B. Come to Jesus as your Atlas, period.
  - C. Come to Jesus as your Atlas in sin.
  - D. Come to Jesus as your Atlas in your weariness and affliction.
- IV. Will the real Jesus please stand up!

#### **GOSPEL CENTRALITY**

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Jesus does not have an easy and light yoke because he asks less than the Scribes and Pharisees. No, he asks far more. So much that only one man can carry such a load. Jesus is the true and better Atlas!!!

## KEY WORDS/THEMES

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1. **Labor** (*kopiaō*) – “[This word can carry] a theological meaning as an antonym for end-time hope; that is, God’s people look forward to a time of rest, when their labors and earthly striving will cease (Rev. 14:13). Jesus calls to himself all those who are ‘weary and burdened,’ to whom he will give rest (Matt. 11:28). In the end, believers will receive an eternal reward for their toil carried out on behalf of God’s kingdom” (Mounce). See also, Matt. 6:28; Phil. 2:16; 1 Tim. 4:10.
2. **Yoke** (*zygos*) – a frame used to control working animals to expedite the bearing of burdens; yoke is generally used in the figurative sense to describe any burden, including the teaching of a rabbi. Used here as a metaphor for the discipline of discipleship. See also, Lk. 14:19; Gal. 5:1; 1 Tim. 6:1.
3. **Gentle** (*praus*) – pertaining to not being overly impressed by a sense of one’s self-importance, gentle, humble, considerate, meek in the older favorable sense. See also, Matt. 5:5; Matt. 21:5; 1 Pet. 3:4.
4. **Lowly** (*tapeinos*) – pertaining to being unpretentious, humble. “Jesus approaches us with a true servant’s gentleness” (Carson). See also, Jas. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5.

## KNOWING AND BEING KNOWN

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- Where have you seen pride creeping into your life? What makes it challenging for you to allow God to be God? What are some ways that you can practice humbling yourself and seeking Him?
- What is causing your soul to be weary in this season? Is it more from external or internal pressures? Where have you been seeking rest for your soul?
- What does godly, Christ-centered striving look like? Who are others that you could ask to strive along with you?

## RESPONDING IN PRAYER

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- Pray for one another – that we would come to Jesus both in our sin and in our weariness and affliction and find rest in Him.
- Pray for those among your family, friends, and community who have not put their trust in Jesus – that they would respond to the gospel and come to Christ.