



MATTHEW

The Prophecy Fulfilled

Jesus promised...



- 11:28 – 30

- Come to Me: weary, burdened – I give rest!

- Take my yoke – walk with Me willingly...

- Learn from me – gentle, humble – rest for your souls

- Yoke is easy, burden light

- Come, Take, Learn – imperative...

Sabbath Issues



- One of the “Big 3” for the Pharisees!
 - Picking grain, not for saving or sale, but for eating...
 - Wheat or barley... rubbing in the hand = work?
- Is the sabbath important??? **YES!!!**
 - It is not a **DAY**, but a person... rest in **JESUS**
 - Hebrew 4...

Have you not read...



- Stinging statement... you should know better!
 - David and his men ate priestly food 1 Samuel 21:4-6
 - Priestly duties had to be performed on Sabbath (5)
 - Something greater than the Temple!!! I AM
 - Temple was *symbolic*, Jesus is the REAL!
 - Vs.7 – Jesus again uses this thought... (Matthew 9:13)
 - 1 Samuel 15:22; Isaiah 1:11ff; Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:6-8

Jesus is LORD



- Of the Sabbath!
 - He redefines and makes holy all we do!
 - He is the ‘rest’ of the Lord...
 - Not abolished but fulfilled in Christ
- Do we ‘enter the rest’ Christ has provided?
 - Mark 2:27

In the Synagogue



- Christ takes it a step further:
 - Healing and doing good... withered hand
 - They questioned Him! “Is it lawful...” to accuse!
 - Heal = *therapeuo*
 - Do you take care of your animals on the Sabbath?
 - How much **MORE** value are people!!! (birds, flowers)

Jesus at WORK



- *said - Stretch out your hand... so all could see...
 - It was restored! To its former state!
 - Pharisee response? DESTROY Him!
- And Jesus? He leaves and continues to heal! (15)
 - Jesus never let religious people stop His work
 - He answered His critics with His actions - healing!