

“Come To Me...”

Matthew 11:1-30

Key Verse: 11:28

“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.”

1. Read 11:1. What did Jesus continue to do? What was the common message of Jesus, his disciples and John? (Mt 3:2;4:7, 23; 10:7) Into what kind of world were they going? (10:16) What shadow of violence fell and would fall on the kingdom work? (11:2a; 14:4-10; 11:12)

2. Read 11:2-3. Why did John send his disciples to Jesus? Why might John and/or his disciples entertain doubts about Jesus' Messiahship? What was Jesus' answer to their question? Read verses 4-6. Why did he say: **“blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me”**?

3. Read verses 7-8. After John's disciples left, what did Jesus say to the crowd about their false expectations? Read verses 9-15. How did Jesus regard John? (Isa 40:3 Mal 3:1; Mal 4:5) Why was John so great? Why is he who is least in the kingdom greater than John?

4. Read verses 16-19. How does he describe the response of the people of his generation to Jesus and to John? What reveals wisdom and exposes childishness? (19b) Read verses 20-24. Which towns heard the proclamation of the kingdom of heaven? What should have been their response? (What is the contrast in the cities mentioned here?)

5. Read verses 25-27. For what did Jesus praise and thank his Father God? What was his source of joy? To whom does Jesus reveal the secrets of the kingdom? What does it mean to know the Father and the Son? (Jn 17:2, 3)

6. Read verses 28-30. What is Jesus' invitation? What do these verses tell us about Jesus? How can we know him? What does it mean to take his yoke? What does Jesus promise? In what way is this the good news of the kingdom?