

## **Sermon Outline**

# **“Come and Find Rest,” Matthew: The Life and Words of Jesus, Part 46 – Matthew 11:25-30 – Mark Mitchell – April 21, 2013**

### **Introduction**

1. In Matthew 11:20-24 Jesus rebukes the people of Chorazin and Bethsaida for failing to repent and recognize his Messianic identity. The kingdom of heaven didn't come as many had expected.
2. It's shockingly possible to miss the magnificence, even when it's standing right in front of you. How do we keep from missing the kingdom of heaven when it is right in front of us?

### **Point #1 – The Gracious Revelation of the Father (11:25-26)**

1. The Father hides and reveals according to his sovereign will. (Psalm 115:3, 135:6, Daniel 4:34-35)
2. The Father hides as an act of his judgment and reveals as an act of his grace. He hides from those who are proud and self-reliant and reveals to those who are humble like little children. (Matthew 5:3, 18:3)
3. The Father hides and reveals according to the values of his kingdom. (1 Corinthians 1:19-21, 27-29)

### **Point #2 – The Exclusive Agency of the Son**

1. Salvation is exclusively through Jesus alone. He is the Father's only agent or means of salvation. Jesus is the only way to be saved, come to the Father, and enter the kingdom of heaven.
2. The only way we can know the Father is if Jesus chooses to reveal him to us. If you trust in Jesus, he has already revealed himself to you. His love for you precedes your love for him. If you haven't trusted in Jesus, don't preoccupy yourself with whether or not you are chosen; preoccupy yourself with his gracious invitation.

### **Point #3 – His Sincere Invitation to the Weary**

1. Jesus invites all who are weary to come to him and find rest. He gives forgiveness to those languishing under the burden of sin. He grants grace to the performance driven. He gives strength the tired.

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2. Jesus is a gentle and humble savior. He knows all that you've done. He knows all that's been done to you. "A bruised reed he will not break and a faintly burning wick he will not quench" (Isaiah 42:3).
3. Jesus has absolute authority to give rest. He has the authority to heal, save, forgive, and bring us to the Father. "Thus says the Lord, 'Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls'" (Jeremiah 6:16).

## **Conclusion**

1. The king has come and his name is Jesus. The Kingdom of Heaven is here.
2. We receive his kingdom through the gracious revelation of the Father, the exclusive agency of the Son, and his sincere invitation to the weary.

## **Fellowship Starters**

1. Take time as a Care Group to read Matthew 11:25-30
2. "It is shockingly possible to miss the magnificent, even when it is standing right in front of us." How did the people of Jesus' day miss the conspicuous magnificent? How is it easy for us to do the same?
3. To whom does the Father delight to reveal the Son? Why?
4. We can know the Father only if the Son chooses to reveal him to us. How does this challenge/encourage your heart?
5. The Son of God offers a matchless invitation to rest in him. Are you weary? What would keep you from going to him?