

Message #1047
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"SOLUTION FOR THE WEARY"
{Matthew 11:28-30}

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"COME TO ME"

"Come to Me"...

...all who hunger to find God!
...all who are seeking answers to life's dilemmas
...all who are lost...going nowhere...aimless
...all whose life is without direction
...without purpose
...all who have no hope of eternal life

"Come to Me"...

...all who are wrestling with being all that God wants you to be
...all who are trapped in vices...addictions...habits that gnaw away at your
conscience and fill you with guilt
...all who are defeated spiritually
...all who feel that your life as a Christian is a total flop
...all who feel your prayers are hitting a brick wall

"Come to Me"...

...all who are depressed
...all who are lonely
...all who feel insecure
...all who are filled with uncertainty
...all who are about to give up
...all who are hurting

"Come to Me"...because...

...I care for YOU

...I love YOU

...I gave My life for YOU

...YOU mean much to me!

THREE KEY WORDS: "COME...TAKE...LEARN"

Jesus issues an invitation to all--

"COME to Me, all you who are weary and burdened..."

With that invitation He gives a promise: "...I will give you rest!" {Matthew 11:28}

Jesus issues this invitation and promise to people who were desperately trying to
find God...

...but they were going about it the wrong way!
...they thought they could/would find God by their deeds
...by keeping laws and ordinances

The Bible says...

"I have plans for you...plans to give you hope and a future. You will call upon Me
and COME and pray to Me, and I WILL listen to you. You will seek Me AND FIND ME
when you seek Me with all your heart. I WILL be found by you!" declares the Lord
God." {Jeremiah 29:11-14a}

That answers the question put forth by the Psalmist...

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul

thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?" {Psalm 42: 1-2}

..."Come to Me"

..."Seek Me"

..."You will find Me!"

..."I will give you rest!"

God is NOT to be found by our deeds...

...NOT by the keeping of the Law

...NOT by following a series of guidelines

God is NOT as difficult to find as the Greeks taught..."It is VERY difficult to find God, and, when you have found Him, it is impossible to tell anyone else about Him!"

Jesus says one can find and know God simply by coming to Him,

...coming as we are

...coming with our burdens

...coming with those things that weigh us down

Is your life empty?

Turn to Jesus...and He will fill you and you will find fulfillment and contentment!

Are you lonely?

Turn to Jesus...He will be with you forever!

Are you directionless?

Come to Jesus...He will show you the way!

Are you uncertain about your future?

Come to Him...He has a plan for you that lasts for all eternity!

Are you wrestling with issues in your life that seem to overwhelm you?

Come to Jesus...He genuinely cares for you--give your cares to Him...He cares for you!

Have you slipped away from Him?

...He's waiting for you to return--He wants to celebrate with you!

"TAKE My yoke upon you and LEARN from Me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. My yoke is easy and My burden is light!"

{11:29-30}

When you come to Jesus you will find a warm welcome...

...He is gentle...not harsh

...He is kind...not stern

...He is forgiving...not vengeful

It has been suggested that Jesus, as a carpenter, specialized in making yokes.

William Barclay suggests that He might have had a sign over the door of the carpenter shop: "My Yokes Fit Well!" "TAKE My yoke upon you...{for}...My yoke is easy!"

...when you come to Me, I will not overburden you

...the task of discipleship will not overwhelm you

...whatever God sends your way will fit with your abilities to perform that task--He will NEVER ask you to do the impossible.

A yoke is what oxen wear when they are pulling a plow for the farmer to plow the field. It is customary for the young oxen to be teamed up with an older and experienced ox so that the older and stronger ox can carry most of the load and the younger ox can LEARN from the experienced ox how to move and turn according to the needs of the farmer.

CONCLUSION

What do you need God to do for you this morning?

...bring it to Jesus

...He's waiting for you

What business do you need to do with God today?

...He invites you to come to Him

...cast your burden, your cares, your life upon Him.

...He cares for you

...He loves you more than you can imagine.

Before you partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion symbolizing His body and His blood...what do you need to bring to Jesus?

I love the words to the song penned by Redd Harper...

Come with your heartache, your sorrow and care,

Come to the Savior today

Jesus will comfort--O why then despair?

He will not turn you away.

Come with your heartache--the Savior will hear,

Come and unburden your soul;

Jesus has promised to dry ev'ry tear--

Hearts--broken hearts He makes whole.

Come with your heartache--the world cannot heal!

Why should you suffer alone?

Only the Savior your heartache can feel--

Jesus still cares for His own.

Come with your heartaches, O come to Him now--

He will not turn you away;

Jesus is waiting your burdens to share--

Come with your heartache today.

He says to you this morning: "Come to Me...!"