

At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*. ~Matthew 11:25-27

Knowing Jesus as the Messiah requires childlike faith.

Jesus isn't asking us to be stupid. Faith doesn't cancel knowledge, nor should knowledge cancel faith.

Man's wisdom was looking for a Messiah that would follow all their rules.

Childlike faith saw the Messiah through the mighty works Jesus performed.

²⁸ "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." ~Matthew 11:28-30

A yoke ties two animals so that they can pull a load they couldn't otherwise pull on their own. It is meant to ease the burden.

Israel was "yoked" to the Law, which was God-given and meant for good.

The problem was man's wisdom led religious leaders to add man-made laws to these God-given laws which added undue burden.

They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with *so much as* a finger. Matthew 23:4

The bigger problem is that yoked to law lays the burden solely on our shoulders. It doesn't ease the burden it identifies the burden.

Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. But the law was designed to last only until the coming of the child who was promised. God gave his law through angels to Moses, who was the mediator between God and the people. Galatians 3:19 NLT

The invitation is to the...

Weary – exhausted from striving (physical)

Burdened – weighted down (spiritually)

If you are weighted down by trying to measure up and exhausted from striving come to Jesus.

Jesus is inviting you into a life free from unnecessary burdens. A life where you can find rest.

His yoke is easy.

Jesus calls us to His yoke. It's still a yoke – an easy one.

We get in these places where it seems like we're doing a lot of work and not getting anywhere. We're weary and we feel weighted down and we just want to sit down, and cry or throw our hands up and say, "That's it! I'm done!"

If you are there, Jesus is inviting you, this morning, to come.

Conclusion:

Please stand

Prayer teams come forward.

Story about being thrown into a pool