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How can we find Rest in Jesus?

(Romans 5:1-2) Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

(Romans 8:5-6) For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

(Philippians 4:6-7,9) Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. . . . Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

(Colossians 1:20 KJV) And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

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A Study of Matthew

Matthew 11:1-30

Lesson 9

Assignment for next Week — Read Matthew 12:1-50

Memory Verse — Matthew 11:28-29

Have you ever stopped to think about Christ's words, when he said that the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than John the Baptist. How wonderful it is to be a Child of God, and to be a part of his Kingdom.

In Matthew the 11th chapter we see John sending his disciples to Jesus to ask if he is the one to come or if they should look for another. John, now in prison, may have been discouraged or may have had some doubts — if he was looking for an earthly Kingdom. Jesus reply to John's disciples was for them to tell John that the Blind See, the lame walk, the deaf hear and the dead are raised. Truly Jesus' works showed that he was the one to come. John did a great work and was a great man, but in Christ we have a better life. Christ's words to those following him were, "Blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me." Many may have been looking for their kind of Christ and not the one God sent. Many of the Jews were looking for an earthly King for a Messiah, but this is not what God had in mind. We too must be careful that we are not looking for "our own Christ", so that we will "not be offended" by Christ.

It is important that we seek to follow Christ. Christ upbraided the cities of Chorazin and Bethsaida because they had not repent after all the works that Christ had done in them. Those who have seen the love of God should accepted it. The more God gives us, the more he expects from us. Each us of should seek to grow in God's word and should then act upon that word that we

might live as God would have us to. Because Chorazin and Bethsaida did not repent Christ said that it would be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon, two evil gentile cities, than for Chorazin and Bethsaida in the Judgement.

Christ next reveals that only through him can we come to a better knowledge of the Father. In Christ we see God in the flesh and from his example we can learn much about God and his nature.

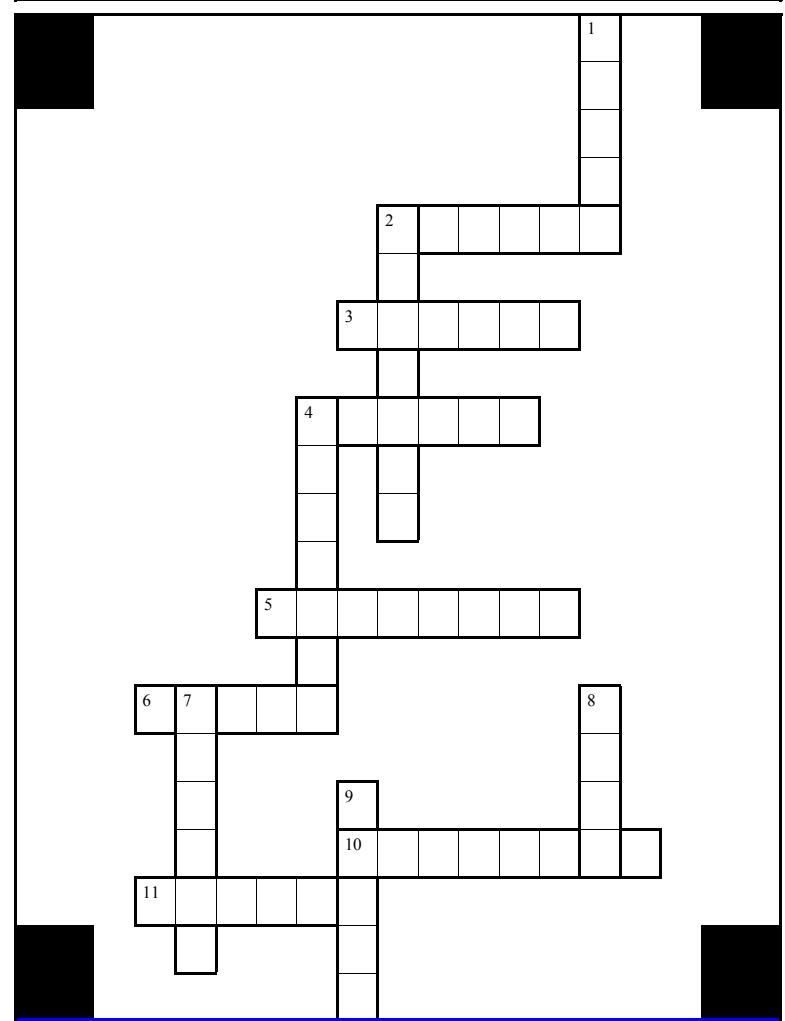
The Chapter closes with Christ telling all that if they would come unto him, they would find rest. Truly in Christ we can find rest for our souls. Life may be difficult, we may have many struggles and challenges, but with the peace of knowing that we have Christ we can endure the worst circumstances. Christ said that if we would take his yoke and learn of him, we would find rest for our souls. This suggests that we must both do and learn. As Christians we should daily bear our yoke for Christ and seek to learn more of him so that we can live more like him. If we do and learn, Christ has said that his yoke is easy and his burden is light. This does not mean that life will always be easy, but it does mean that we will be able to find the strength to endure and will endure better with Christ.

Match The Scripture to the Incident

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| a. 11:2-3 | b. 11:11 | c. 11:12-14 |
| d. 11:18-19 | e. 11:21-22 | f. 11:25 |
| g. 11:27 | h. 11:28-30 | |

- _____ 1. Christ Said that he that is least in the Kingdom is greater than John the Baptist.
- _____ 2. Jesus told the people that John was the Elijah that was promised to come.
- _____ 3. John's disciples come and ask Jesus if he is the one to come or if there is another.

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Cross Word Fun for Learning

Across

2. Where John was when he sent a question to Jesus by his disciples?(11:2)
3. Jesus said his _____ was light.(11:30)
4. Jesus told his disciples to do this in their cities.(11:1)
5. Woe unto this city because they had not repented after all the miracles done in it.(11:21)
6. Jesus said that those who were _____ in the Kingdom were greater than John the Baptist.(11:11)
10. Jesus said blessed was he who was not _____ because of him.(11:6)
11. Jesus said that only he and those to whom he reveals can know the _____.(11:27)

Down

1. Jesus said it would be more tolerable for this Gentiles city along with Tyre.(11:21)
2. Jesus thanked the Father that heavenly things had been hidden from the wise and _____(11:25)
4. Jesus said that John was more than this.(11:9)
7. Jesus said that John was this prophet who was prophesied to come?(11:14)
8. Jesus said if we would take this and learn of him we would find rest for our souls.(11:29)
9. Jesus rebuked the cities where most of his mighty _____ were done because they did not repent.(11:20)

Lesson 8 - Across - 3.Gentiles, 5.Peace, 6.Samaritans, 9. Heal, 10.Town, 12.Depart, 13.Dust, 15.Shoes - Down-

1. Coats, 2.Gold, 3.Gomorrhah, 4.Serpents, 6.Sheep, 7. Twelve, 8. Sodom, 11. Worthy, 12. Doves, 14.Wolves

- _____ 4. Jesus was displeased with the people because John came and they said he had a devil and when Christ came they said he was a glutton and a friend of publicans and sinners.
- _____ 5. Christ said that no man knoweth the Father except the Son and whosoever the son reveals him too.
- _____ 6. Christ said it would be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the Judgement than for Bethsaida and Chorazin because they had not repented after seeing his works.
- _____ 7. Christ said, if we would come and learn of him we would find rest for our souls.
- _____ 8. Christ thanked the Father that the Heavenly things were hid from the wise and prudent and had been revealed to the spiritually weak.

Questions

1. Why might John have asked if Jesus was the Coming one or should he expect another?
2. Who did Christ say John was?
3. Why was Christ upset with this generation?
4. Why did Jesus Rebuke Chorazin and Bethsaida?
5. Why would it be more tolerable for Sodom in the Judgement than Capernaum?

6. How do we come to know the Father?
7. How can we find rest for our soul?
8. How did Jesus describe his yoke?
9. Does this mean that things will always be easy?
10. What did Christ thank his Father for?

Review

1. What does it mean to tempt God?(Matthew 4)
2. Who is to be glorified by us doing good works? (Matthew 5)
3. What are the beatitudes?(Matthew 5)
4. How should we give?(Matthew 5-7)
5. Where should are treasure be?(Matthew 6)
6. When a centurion came to Jesus and asked him to heal his servant what was Christ amazed at?(Matthew 8-9)
7. What has Christ promised us if we will acknowledge him before men?(Matthew 10)
8. What does it mean that a disciples is not better than his teacher?(Matthew 10)