

Finding Rest in Jesus

Matthew 11:1-30

Main Point:

Jesus worked for your salvation so you don't have to; therefore, come to Him and find rest for your soul.

1. Jesus is the Savior who was said to come. (vv. 1-14)

2. Not all respond to Him as the Savior. (vv. 15-20)

3. Rejecting the Savior has dire and eternal consequences. (vv. 21-24)

4. Come to Jesus and find rest for your soul. (vv. 25-30)

Quotations and Cross-References

John 1:29 ²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (NKJV)

Isaiah 61:1-2 ¹ "The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God ... (NKJV)

Isaiah 35:5-6 ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶ Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. (NKJV)

Malachi 4:5-6 ⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. ⁶ And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse." (NKJV)

James Montgomery Boice "Accepting John as Elijah would have meant accepting him as the forerunner of the Messiah and thus accepting Jesus as the Messiah ..."

Luke 16:16 ¹⁶ "The law and the prophets *were* until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it. (NKJV)

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 ⁶ God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷ and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. ⁸ He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. [by repenting and believing] ⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power. (NIV)

Luke 12:47-48 ⁴⁷ "And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*. ⁴⁸ "But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more. (NKJV)

R.C. Sproul "Just imagine standing before the judgment of Christ and hearing Him say to you: 'I know about your life. You have the light. You had the Bible preached to you week in and week out. But you never repented. Therefore, your punishment will be worse than what I poured out upon Sodom.' What an awful thing it would be to hear such a condemnation."

Matthew 23:4 ⁴ "For they [the Pharisees] bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay *them* on men's shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers. (NKJV)

Galatians 5:1 ¹ Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. (NKJV)

1 John 5:3 ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. (NKJV)