

The Yoke of Jesus
Matthew 11:25-30

Review:

1. The Lord's Supper reminds us and the Father of Jesus' saving work
2. The Lord's Supper reminds us that Jesus is one with all who trust in Him
3. Those who come to Jesus take on His Yoke, receiving and obeying His Word

Reflect:

1. What do you find most meaningful about the Lord's Supper? How does it nourish your faith?
2. What part of Jesus' yoke do you find most difficult? How does meditating on His promises and His work for you make that yoke easier to bear?

Go Further: Read Matthew 16:13-27

1. According to verses 13 and 14, who did many people think Jesus was?
2. According to verse 16, what conclusion did Simon Peter reach about Jesus' identity?
3. According to verse 17, Who revealed this great truth to Simon?
4. According to verse 18, what name did Jesus give to Simon?
5. What promise did Jesus make about His Church?
6. What did Jesus promise to give to Peter in verse 19? What two abilities did Jesus say Peter would have?
7. According to verse 20, what did Jesus tell His disciples to keep secret?
8. According to verse 21, what three things did Jesus say would happen to Him in Jerusalem?
9. According to verse 22, what was Peter's reaction to Jesus' predictions?
10. In verse 23, what did Jesus call Peter? Who did He say Peter was acting like?
11. On whose interests did Jesus say Peter was focused?
12. According to verse 24, what must all followers of Jesus do?
13. What does Jesus say will happen to the someone who tries to protect his own life? What will happen to someone who gives up his life for the sake of Christ and His Kingdom?
14. Look at the two questions Jesus asks in verse 26. What does Jesus consider to be of greatest importance to anyone?
15. In verse 27, how does Jesus describe His second coming? On what basis will He reward people on that day?

Summary and Application:

1. In verse 18, Jesus says He will build His Church on a rock. Roman Catholics believe this rock is Peter Himself, in his capacity as the first Pope of Rome. Protestants believe that the rock is Peter's confession of faith in Christ. Why is this disagreement so important?
2. Why would Peter's advice in verse 22 have tempted Jesus to stumble? Have you ever been tempted to seek your own safety instead of obeying the Lord? What choice did you make?
3. What would it mean for you to take on the Yoke of Jesus today? What is He calling you to give up or what difficult task is He calling you to undertake? How will you respond to His call on your life?