

Study #10 - Matthew 11.20-30

Q1 - What does it say?

Tyre, Sidon, and Sodom are Gentile cities associated with sin and idolatry. Chorazin and Bethsaida were around the size of Capernaum, and were in Galilee.

Q2 - What does it mean?

Immediate context:

- Matt 11.20 "...because they did not repent." Repentance was the central component of John's ministry, which Jesus just spoke on in vv.7-18.
- The lightness of Jesus' yoke in v.29 is immediately contrasted with an object lesson in Matt 12 on the heavy burden of the law.

In Matthew:

- Matt 11.25 "You have hidden these things...and revealed them." See also Matt 13.10-16. To whom have the ways of God been hidden and revealed?
- "...little children." See Matt 19 for Jesus' teaching on little children. Who are the little children? (see also Matt 9.22).
- Matt 11.27 "All things have been handed over..."; Matt 28.18.
- Matt 11.28 "All who labour..." See Matt 23.1-12 for more on this image.

Review: Jesus' ministry began with teaching, proclaiming, and healing in Matt 4.23. Why has Jesus been performing miracles in Matt 8-9, and teaching in Matt 10-11? What has been the result so far?

Q3 - What has been revealed about Jesus through this passage?

What is the relationship between Jesus' wrath and compassion?

What does it mean that "No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son, and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him"?

How does this passage close? Why is this invitation so important, especially in light of what Jesus just revealed in v.27?

Q4 - How will I respond? What will I pray?

In light of your encounter with Christ: How is the Holy Spirit confronting your sin? How is the Spirit encouraging your growth? To what is the Spirit exhorting you?