

The Call To Rest In Jesus - Matthew 11:7-30 Text: V28

1. If believer LJC(主耶稣基督), always need gospel. Trust Christ crucified central believe live. If know not saved, not sure, gospel precisely need hear act upon. Gospel words Jesus mat. 11:28 "Come to Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (凡劳苦担重担人到我这里来, 我必使你们得安息。) Text, call rest Jesus. First, command obey, second promised blessing receive.

2. First, command obey. Begins "Come to me." ? What mean how done? Since heaven human body, not saying travel particular place. Not physical things; rather, spiritual. John 6 spoke self, ministry comparison bread. V. 33. "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." v. 35 understand coming. "And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." Come Jesus another way say believe Jesus. Another example John 5:24, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." (John5: 24 “我实实在在地告诉你们, 那听我话, 又信差我来者的, 就有永生, 不至于定罪, 是已经出死入生了。”) In v 40 complains unbelief religious leaders, "and you are not willing to come to Me, that you might have life." Know coming believe same; ? what mean believe? Not mean know saved sins. Assurance (得救的确据); wonderful gift every believer diligent receive. Believe Jesus trust, depend only salvation. means persuaded able willing. Remember realization saved different act believing. Point crucial question, young old. ? you obeyed Jesus' command? Responded invitation come Jesus faith? Have come Jesus?

3. Maybe says, ? "Don't know faith gift God gives? Don't know HS (圣灵) needs give make active my heart if believe?" How tell need believe?" Yes know faith God's gift, work HS indispensable (不可或缺的) if anyone believe LJC salvation. However, also know confuse God's perspective man's perspective salvation, no end of trouble. Let's consider salvation terms human experience. ?what see human experience gospel preached? Take information Acts read 14:1, "Now it happened in Iconium that they went together to the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke that a great multitude both of the Jews and of the Greeks believed." That's happened human perspective. Gospel preached sinners believe LJC, saved. Never history God told "I have ordained you to eternal life; already given you true saving faith HS activated faith in your soul; therefore, you may believe in Jesus Christ for salvation." Please understand, congr, all told god's work salvation so God's people marvel rejoice, praise God for grace us. If believer LJC, took electing love God Father, life death JC, apply work HS bring. ! what reason humble praise beginning life, extending eternity! If unconverted, truths spoken about leave cold, indifferent, hard, thing need concerned command Jesus; gracious invitation come Him, believe. Reason enough command Jesus believe gospel. Any response other belief LJC, no matter skillfully disguised (巧妙地伪装), pious orthodox sound (看似正统敬虔的) continuing disobedience command. Every second continue live unconverted declaration "I will not believe LJC, think God liar not worthy trusted." ! O think message life, result thinking cease unbelief, flee Jesus be saved today! Unbelief wicked wicked thing never think too harshly.

4. Maybe someone says, "I do care about the condition of my soul. I am beginning to see that it is all very badly wrong, and that Jesus is the only one who can make it right. But I don't know if my faith in Jesus is genuine (真实的) or not. I don't want to be found out with a counterfeit (假的). I don't want to be deceived. I want to believe, but I'm not sure if I have or not." These are good questions to ask yourself. Every believer ought to ask these kinds of questions. What did these questions cause you to do? Did you stay in your sin and despair and say, "It's not for me."? Or did your doubts, questions, and uncertainties drive you to Jesus for faith and assurance?

5. amazing reality Jesus directs gracious offer unbelieving people. Think back salvation, bas Lord, what reason amazement wonder consider all needed God do overcome deadness, natural unwillingness believe. One way Xians (基督徒) respond preaching gospel.

6. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that labor and are heavy laden..." Two related pictures passage. First working hard hours. If physical, seating, panting, tired exhaustion. Not only tired because work, also heavy laden (担重担). Very heavy load carry, can't get rid. Imagine someone nearly exhausted using remaining strength carry burden. All do carry load, and move. Load tied body such way can't untie knots. Perhaps minds go opening Pilgrim's progress (天路历程) see Xian burden back. Bunyan wrote 1600 years after Jesus said words. Instead focusing picture, let remind words Jesus.

7. call "Come to me" directed several kinds people. People laboring terrible misunderstanding Law God. God never intended earn salvation keeping. God knows wickedness nature, remaining sins people. Never intention anyone *try* earn salvation keeping law. This Pharisees disciples trying. ! What labor must been! ! What labor is here trying earn heaven or cooperate salvation trying keep! ! what burden law! If saved keeping law, perfectly no sin ever. Means not think do say anything forbids 24/7; must think do say commands moment day. Kind life impossible! More, doesn't deal debt original sin. ! what labor keep! ! what labor! Wearisome, exhausting toil! ! (精疲力竭之劳苦) What burden demands everyone doesn't JC Savior. To you trying keep vain hope impressing or contributing, listen words Jesus, "Come to Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

8. Invitation laboring burdened also seek particular experience. Maybe joy know gospel then say believe. Maybe godly person family respect; want feel. Two cautions (劝诫) lives god's people. Experimental old English equivalent, Latin test; all experience tested Scripture. Second, anything keeps anyone believing gospel way laboring heavy laden, no matter how precious memories associated. ! what sad state think don't experience this that, may not believe gospel. Already seen biblical part Xian exp believe LJC salvation.

9. Sense description laboring heavy laden true everyone. World, everyone not Xian, continues live conceived born. Focused physical things no concern soul (只看重物质, 却不关注灵魂.) Something profoundly wrong life. Most important needs, souls not addressed. Dissatisfied lives don't know joy God's people. Best do gain pleasure physical, food, drink, relationships, vacations, whatever worldly thing appeals most time. Live impossible quest gaining ultimate fulfillment physical. Perhaps think achieve happiness, continue pursue. Maybe realize not gain happiness, instead turning Lord, live sullen despair (愁苦的绝望), until die. ! What burdensome life labor! ? Do live among? ? Are you person? Maybe say, "I'm not world! True, not saved, member church." If unsaved church member, yours esp burdensome life. Minimal level morality expected. Either feel ought live do, or weight others; no spiritual change life (没有属灵生命的改变). Trying live Xian, know not Xian, miserable life indeed.

10. More reality laboring heavy laden life, work HS produces conviction sin (定罪, 证明有罪). Conviction differ temperaments (品性, 气质), wise not make exp standard all measured. HS causes conscience (良知) speak bring particular sins mind (负罪感). Compared conscience barking dog won't stop, or someone follows wherever shouting ugly, foul, sinful thought said done. Your one hears voice, guilty ashamed. When conviction Lord, mwbg stops making excuses; trying justify (证明自己是正确的). Significant actual are, greater cause sorrow sinful nature work produce actual sins. Much greater grief. Think David, conviction Psalm 51 forgiven blood guiltiness, Murder Uriah. Even confesses grieves particular sin, also confesses conceived sin brought forth iniquity. Grieved original sin even considered horrible sins murder adultery. People grown up church spared great sin, reason conviction sin impacts everything; yes even acts good. Have though means unbeliever church?

Must read Bible, pray, attend worship service, God no pleasure things come from you. All sees sin, some greater smaller, everything not done glory sin. ! What dreadful position in! What weariness be! What burden!
11. Friend if exp any kinds conviction, Jesus knows, comes you right are labor, trouble, custom-made invitation just you. Says "Come to me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." This promised blessing receive. If respond invitation, if obey command Jesus keep promise gives Word. If believe give rest. Live world many make promises many broken. Many don't do say. Politicians answer broken promises, we answer ours. But JC Son God makes promise; another thing. Speaks God cannot lie. When says give rest come faith, surest thing world. Wants know. As willing be give rest. Come Him this very moment, burdened weary one receive. Save. Give rest. Rest marvelous word describe means saved, promised blessing all believers receive,

13. Rest marvelous word highlight parts salvation. Rest Jesus guilt sin. Jesus suffered sin all life earth esp last two days life before crucified. Gethsemane sweat drops blood considered suffer wrath God sin people. While hung cross suffered equivalent hell compressed space six hours everyone comes Him spared dreadful punishment (免于可怕的刑罚). Suffered punishment sin people, lived holy sinless life place people. Reason justice requires forgiveness every sinner comes Jesus; god's heart delights forgive everyone believes. David exclaim, "O happinesses blessednesses of he whose transgression forgiven, whose sin is covered. O the happinesses, the blessednesses of the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit." (得赦免其过、遮盖其罪的, 这人是有福的。凡心里没有诡诈, 耶和华不算为有罪的, 这人是有福的。)
Forgiveness all sins; past present future tremendous reason rest Jesus.

14. Rest in Jesus means gives rest task trying save self. ! work earn salvation done! Jesus done all everyone comes Him, rests Him.

15. Rest condemning voice law all Jesus. Relationship law entirely different, no longer under law, under grace. Paul says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus." (如今那些在耶稣基督里的, 就不定罪了。) Through perfect life, atoning death Jesus law changed condemning burden into way joyful service. Guide living glory God. Jesus alludes Mat. 11:29-30, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** "For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light." (29 我心里柔和谦卑, 你们当负我的轭, 学我的样式; 这样, 你们心里就必得享安息。30 因为我的轭是容易的, 我的担子是轻省的。)
If you come Jesus rest, power radically transform. He is *the Lord*, Jesus Christ. Jesus, not sin, Satan, self, new master. This way Paul describes new orientation, new direction believers. "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for you are not under law, but under grace." (罪必不能作你们的主; 因你们不在律法之下, 乃在恩典之下。)
Rest service Jesus. Promises help live way. Earned every necessary gift need live glory. If come Jesus, rest Him sent HS live within, grant everything need godly living. That's reason service Jesus way rest.

16. Bas Lord, those rest Jesus, unique position see restlessness people world. Earlier said trying fill spiritual void physical things, can't satisfy. Laboring heavy laden, never rest long apart Jesus. Need hear call rest Jesus. Need know why feel profoundly dissatisfied. Need know why no lasting deep, genuine joy, no matter what do. Need know how freed burden, how rest labor. ? Who going tell?

17. Call rest already received rest Him. Though Jesus broken power sin lives people; not freed presence sin life. Reality learn longer live God's people. Though come so far short high noble things calls; though sin mixed good do; promise Jesus still stands. "come to me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Bas Lord, even see weaknesses inabilities, natural unwillingness do Jesus calls, remedy still available. Offers you, draw thousandth, ten thousandth. Come Him receive whatever rest need. Rest from trouble, rest in continuing trial, rest in forgiving love, rest from guilt sin, rest from voice conscience. All yours asking Jesus. Come Him again, Xian; come Him today Christless one, and he will give you rest.