

CrossRoads Community Church
Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of February 13, 2022
“LIVING WITH HIS PRESENCE...A Study of Additional “I Am’ Sayings of Jesus”
Part 5: Living with His Extension,” Matthew 11: 25-30

INTRODUCTION: The discussion of the “I Am” statements of Jesus usually center on the seven major truths Jesus shares in the Gospel of John. However, He makes other “I Am” statements that give us additional insights into Himself. **Today we will look at “I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11: 29**

KEY WORD:

YOKE: zugos - original Word: ζυγός

- properly, a wooden bar placed over the neck of a pair of animals so they can pull together; (figuratively) what unites (joins) two people to move (work) together as one.

1. HE EXTENDS HIS AUTHORITY AS CREATOR

“All things have been delivered to Me by My Father,...” Matthew 11:27

- ***Lord as Son – John 10:30***
- ***Lord of Salvation / Sanctification – Luke 6:40***
- ***Lord of the Sabbath – Matthew 12:8***

2. HE EXTENDS HIS ARM OF COOPERATION

“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,...” Matt. 11: 29

- ***Yoke of Grace vs. Yoke of Legalism – Galatians 2:16***
- ***Yoke of Guidance and Love – 1 John 5:3***

CHARACTERISTICS OF GOOD “OXEN”:

- ***TEMPER:* A calm temperament is important. They must have a willingness to obey and work hard.**
- ***TRAINING:* Working oxen are normally trained as calves by yoking them to an experienced one. They must learn verbal commands.**
- ***TASKING:* Oxen are slower than horses, but pull heavier loads. They are used where endurance is more valued than speed.**

3. HE EXTENDS HIS AIM TO CALM

“I will give you rest...you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11: 28b, 29b

- ***Eternal Rest, through grace by faith– Ephesians 2: 8-9, Hebrews 4: 9-11***
- ***Experiencing Rest (abundant life), through the grace of faithfulness – Ephesians 2:10***

CONCLUSION

Our very purpose as a church reflects “Living with Christ’s Extension”:

“Glorifying God” – understanding that He alone deserves our praise and He is to be first in all that we do.

“by connecting people to Jesus Christ and His family” – yoked to Jesus as He guides and loves us

“and leading them to become His fully devoted followers.” – learning (growing as Jesus’ disciples) to reflect Him in His humility and obedience, finding rest for our souls.