

“The Response of Sinners to Jesus” (Matthew 11:20–30)

- I. Jesus pronounces woe upon impenitent sinners. (verses 20–24)
 - a. Religious sinners can be more hardened than ignorant pagans.

Ezekiel 26:1–2, 19–21; 28:20–24
 - b. Christ-rejecting sinners merit worse punishment than ignorant sinners.
 - c. Self-righteous sinners are destined for hell just like flagrant sinners.

Genesis 18:20–21; 19:23–28; 2 Peter 2:4–10a; Jude 7
- II. Jesus gives thanks to his sovereign Father. (verses 25–27)
 - a. The Father chooses to hide gospel truth from the naturally wise.

Jeremiah 9:23–24; Romans 1:18; Isaiah 6:8–10; Luke 8:9–10; 1 Corinthians 2:6–14; Romans 9:14–18
 - b. The Father chooses to reveal gospel truth to the simple.

1 Corinthians 1:18–31
 - c. The Father entrusts all things to the Son.
 - d. The Son can only be fully known by the Father.
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John 1:18
 - f. Only the Son can reveal the Father to people.

John 14:6–9
 - g. Only those chosen by the Son know the Father.

John 17:1–3, 6–7, 9, 11–12, 20–21, 25–26; John 6:35–40
- III. Jesus extends welcome to burdened souls. (verses 28–30)

a. He can and will relieve you of your heavy load.

b. He will care for you with gentle compassion.

1 Chronicles 22:6–10; 2 Chronicles 10:13–14; Zephaniah 3:9–12

c. Freedom and rest are found as his obedient disciple.

Conclusion

A Warning: Jeremiah 6:16

A Welcome: Isaiah 65:2–3, 6–7