

**A kindergarten teacher was abserving her classroom of children while they drew**

**She would** occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "but no one knows what God looks like".

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

We get a big kick out of kids' views of what God is like. Here are some examples.

In the first book of the Bible, Guinnesses, God got tired of creating the world, sohe took the Sabbath off.

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.

Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.

The fifth commandment is to humor thy father and mother.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

Solomon, one of David's sons had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.

The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

The epistles were the wife of the apostles.

A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monogamy.

We laugh because kids often mishear things and make silly assumptions based on what they thought they heard.

But how often do we have a concept of God that runs against our preconceptions? Or we base our view of God on wrong or partial information.

### **Matthew 11: 20-30**

When it comes to WHO Jesus is everyone has an opinion!

Some say

**He's the way**

**He's the truth**

**He's the Life**

**He's the ONE who loves everybody**

**He's the ONE that cleansed the temple**

**He's the ONE that died on the cross.**

**He's the ONE that's praying for us.**

**He's the One that is coming again.**

**So often people select the attribute/picture of Christ that appeals to them**

The Liberal theologians/clergy focus on the LOVE & GRACE

The Fundamentalists focus on JUDGMENT

**Christ is a loving Saviour but He will also be a RIGHTEOUS JUDGE**

We need balance....this passage today gives a very balanced look at Jesus.

## **1 The Rebuking Christ**

READ Matthew 11: 20-24

Tyre, Sidon and Sodom were ancient cities with a long standing reputation for wickedness ( Gen. 18; 19; Ezekiel 27: 28.

Each was destroyed by God for its evil.

The people of Bethsadia, Korazin, and Capernaum, saw Jesus firsthand, and yet they stubbornly refused to repent of their sins and believe in Him.

Jesus said that if some of the wickedest cities in the world had seen him, they would have repented.

**Because Bethsadia, Korazin and Capernaum saw Jesus and didn't believe, they would suffer even greater punishment than that of the wicked cities that didn't see Jesus.**

Similarly, nations and cities with churches on every corner and Bibles in every home will have no excuse on judgment day if they do not repent and believe.

**This is a picture of Christ that most people will hardly ever paint.**

We should be thankful that Jesus rebukes.  
Why?

**The word rebuke in the Greek means..." to point out a fault"**

**The word in English is defined as “ To criticize in an effort to turn back”**

That is how we deal with our children....If they are doing something wrong we rebuke them before we judge them

Jesus will rebuke now....because one day He will be our Judge.

Why has Jesus been SO UPSET?

Because of a spirit if INDIFFERENCE!

## **2 The Rejoicing Christ**

READ Matthew 11: 25

The Gospel of Luke tells this same story in Ch 10:21

**“ At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “ I praised you father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes Father, for this was your good pleasure.”**

What is Jesus excited about?

**See Luke 10:19**

**“ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”**

### **3 The Revealing Christ**

READ Matthew 11:27

**Here Jesus is claiming to be God and the only revelation of God.**

He is the only way to know God!

**This revelation discounts every other religion and makes Christianity the only valid way to be saved.**

**The push is today and has always been, that there is one God, and many ways to Him.**

If you believe that that then you totally discount the Bible.

If Buddha is the way....Christ is not a way

If Mohammad is a way....then Christ is not a way.

If Confucius is a way....then Christ in not a way..

For Us, Christ is the WAY

Jesus is the peerless Saviour.

## 4 The Redeeming Christ

READ Matthew 11: 28

Three important words here in this text

### 1 Invitation.

Come unto me ...this speaks of the bondage and burden of SIN!

**Those without Christ are caught in this bondage and there is NO REST.**

BUT, if they would come to Christ...find rest there.

### 2 Obligation.....Take my yoke upon you

Two things that come into play

- (a) Relationship
- (b) Responsibility

### 3 Education.....and learn of Me

This lesson is not intrinsic knowledge or acquired from the world's educational institutions, your own parents can teach you this....

Why? Because it must be learned from experience

What will we learn from experiencing Christ?

**That He is gentle and humble**

**That His yoke is not a binding element but rather a liberating element!**

Question Has each of us taken on the “ yoke of God?

A yoke is a heavy wooden harness that fits over the shoulders of an ox or oxen.

It is attached to a piece of equipment the oxen are to pull.

A person may be carrying heavy burdens of

- (i) sin
- (ii) excessive demands of religious leaders (23:4; Acts 15:10)
- (iii) oppression and persecution
- (iv) weariness in the search for God.

Jesus frees people from all these burdens

The rest that Jesus promises is love, healing, and peace with God,  
Not the end of all labour.

**A relationship with God changes meaningless, wearisome toil into spiritual productivity and purpose.**

**Altar call**