**1 – Come To Me**

Matthew 11:28-30

2 - **Why Do We Need To Come To Jesus?**

**We needed reconciliation!** (Isaiah 59:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

**We were lost!** (Luke 19:10)

**We were diseased!** (1 Peter 2:24)

**We were in debt!** (Matthew 18:23)

**Warning about drifting**! (Hebrews 2:1-4)

3 - **How Do We Come To Jesus?**

**On His terms and not mine!**

1. **Willingly** (Matthew 22:3; John 5:40; Revelation 22:17)
2. **Humbly & trusting** (Mark 10:13-15)
3. **Listening** (Isaiah 55:3; Luke 15:1)
4. **Needfully** (John 7:37; Luke 5:31; Matthew 5:6)

4 - **How Do We Come To Jesus?**

**On His terms and not mine!**

1. **Sacrificially** (Matthew 16:24)
2. **Detached** (Matthew 19:21)
3. **Ready to act by faith** (Luke 6:46-47)
4. **Prepared** (Matthew 22:12)

5 - **“Come to Me”**

Come to the One who is…

1. Gentle… (not weak but, “not occupied with self…”; Matthew 5:5; 1 Timothy 6:11)
2. Humble in heart… (selfless; Philippians 2:3-5)

6 - **“Come to Me”**

**Who can come**?

1. ***“All”*** (Acts 10:34-35; Acts 2:21)
2. ***“Who are”*** - there are conditions (note Jesus’ use of “if”; Matthew 16:24; 19:21)
3. ***“Weary”*** - (Jeremiah 31:25; Psalms 107:9; John 7:37)
4. ***“Heavy-laden”*** - (Galatians 6:1)

7 - **“Come to Me”**

**What is required?**

1. *“****Take My Yoke Upon You****”*
* “Serving to **couple two things together**” (Vine)
* **A symbol of servitude** - one who has **yielded control** to another. (Leviticus 26:13; Deuteronomy 28:48; Galatians 5:1)

8 - **“Come to Me”**

**What is required?**

1. ***“And learn from Me”*** -
* Not just facts but practice. “To learn by use and practice… to be in **the habit of**, accustomed to” (Thayer)
* Learn from **what He did**! (John 13:15; Ephesians 4:20)
* Learn from **what He taught**! (John 6:44-45; Eph. 5:10)
* Learn from **those whom He commissioned**!
(John 14:26; 16:13)

9 - **“Come to Me”**

**What He doesn’t offer**… No problems, “health and wealth”, happiness.

**What He does offer**..

* *“****I will give you rest****…* ***rest for your souls****”*.
* What kind of ***“rest”***? (cf., Matthew 5:10-12; 10:34; w/ John 14:27; 16:33; Revelation 6:11; 14:13)
* **Continued diligence required**. (Hebrews 4:1-11)

10 - **“Come to Me”**

**Jesus offers rest from…**

* **Weight of sin and guilt**. A debt we cannot pay.
(Matthew 18:24; Leviticus 5:1; Ezra 9:6-7, 15)
* **Slavery of the Law and man-made traditions**.
(Matthew 23:4; Luke 11:46; cf., 2 Thess. 2:15; 3:6)
* **Worries and troubles of this life**. (Luke 21:34)
* Ultimately, **from all things temporal**. (2 Cor. 5:1-4)