



Journey to the Cross Part 1: Gentle and Lowly

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(Un)Qualified

Notes:

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? Romans 2:4 NLT

28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 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." Matthew 11:28-30 ESV

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"Indeed, one of the most remarkable things about Jesus is his affection for and gentleness toward not the righteous, but sinners; not the healthy, but the sick; not those who have their act together, but those who are falling apart; not those who are clean, but those who are damaged and dirty. "This man welcomes sinners," the scribes and Pharisees charged, "and eats with them" (Luke 15:2 NIV). To the accusation of offering a gentle answer to sinners, Jesus was and is guilty as charged. When Jesus encountered people who recognized their own spiritual bankruptcy, he did not shame or belittle them—though he had every right to do so. Instead, he had a way of making them feel like the most significant, esteemed, and beloved people in the world."

Scott Sauls, *A Gentle Answer*

The One Qualifier for Access to Jesus

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Yoked with Him

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Matthew 11:29-30 ESV

First, the yoke teaches that we are inadequate.

18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;
he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. Psalm 34:18 NLT

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:11 ESV

Second, the yoke teaches that Jesus is adequate.

Third, the yoke teaches that we can measure up With Him.

Repentance