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<u>Matthew 11:19</u> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at Him! A glutton & a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

<u>Matthew 9:34</u> But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

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<u>Deut. 21:18</u> "If a man has a stubborn & rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, &, though they discipline him, will not listen to them, [19] then his father & his mother shall take hold of him & bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives, [20] & they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' [21] Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, & all Israel shall hear, & fear.

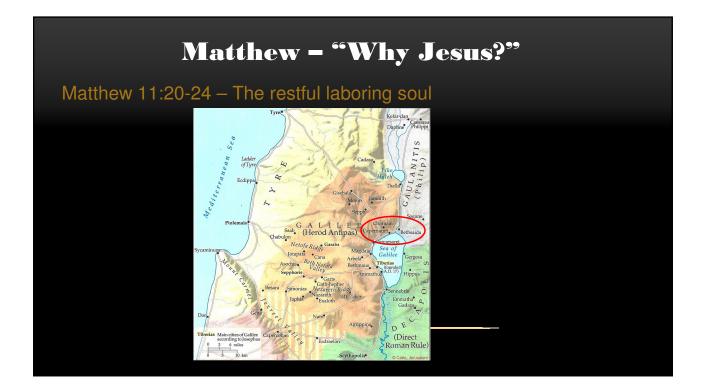
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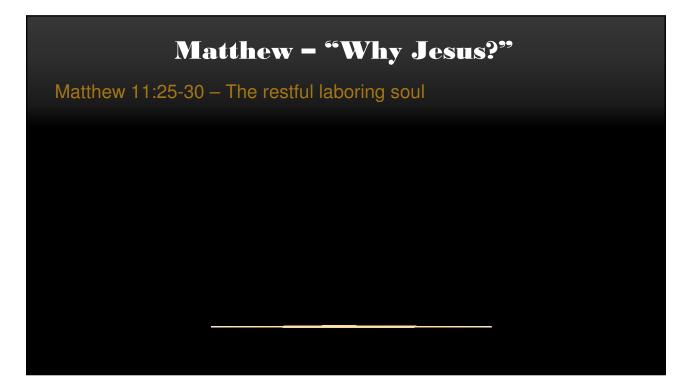
#### Well what came before it that brought this on?

Jesus all along so far has been saying, I am your answer: > Let Me offload you

Let Me live the life you cannot & I will simply hand it to you

- > I will restore you to God the Father because you are incapable
- > And I will walk WITH YOU forever





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Horace (Roman poet) – "No one lives content"

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Jesus says this is a crushing burden...Why?

- ➢ You are alone in it
- > There is no deep meaning or purpose or lasting result
- > Deep down we KNOW it isn't working

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Two ways to read this:

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> The better question is not how to not be yoked, but rather to what or WHO?

➤ And what does your yoke produce?

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Ex. 33:14 And He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

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<u>Matt. 18:3</u> and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. [4] Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

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What are kids like at their most basic level? > They know they are helpless

> They break & ask for help