

E - Enter into the story!

S - Seek God & His character.

characters / characterization

Y - yearn for a heart
Change & deeper intimacy
w/ Jesus.

A - Assess the main idea

↳ what's repeated / the central theme?

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answering John's question by alluding to the OT

Isa. 29: 18-19 & 35: 4-6

* Blessed is the one who accepts Christ - His way & His works

3x

Jesus quoting

John pointed to Jesus and honored Him

OT prophecy

Great in God's Kingdom are those who are humble & LEAST in His Kingdom.

John was GREAT b/c he set his life aside for God's glory. SELFLESS

humility = willing to accept CHRIST.

STUBBORN

HARD HEARTS

A PRIDEFUL GENERATION

a childish prideful generation

John wondering if Christ is the messiah

Jesus speaking to the crowds concerning John

previous context

What?

Where?

Woe to Unrepentant Cities

Jesus
denounces
unrepentant
cities

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PRIDE
authority
to speak about
the day of
judgment!

judgement
pity + sorrow
where Jesus did
most of his
ministry

speaking a HARD TRUTH.

BOLD.

unafraid.

It's as easy as setting ourselves aside and simply coming to him. He offers rest and to trade our heavy burden for His light one by coming under His yoke.

25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and

Theme of
Pride &
humility

earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and

understanding and revealed them to little children; 26 yes, Father, for

such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me

by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one

knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son

weighty
messianic
statement

chooses to reveal him. 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

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takes
humility to
come to
Christ and
take his
yoke upon us

Jesus
revealing
his
heart

Humility

The only
place in all
the gospels/
NT that
defines Jesus'
heart

gentle &
LOWLY

Jesus'
Yoke is
easy. His
burden is
light.

He is
humble.
Free.

humble

Submitted
to
the
FATHER

invitation

To who? All who labor & are heavy laden

Kopiao

feel fatigued phortizo burdened

grow weary

tired

exhausted

- w/ toils, burdens, grief

- work hard

- load

- rites/unwanted

precepts

- ceremony

- spiritual anxiety

- Luke 11: 46

Labor & toil of
the SOUL.

occasion

Jesus giving rest

But he asks us to...

come
Rather than
"do"

- come to him

- Take his yoke upon us

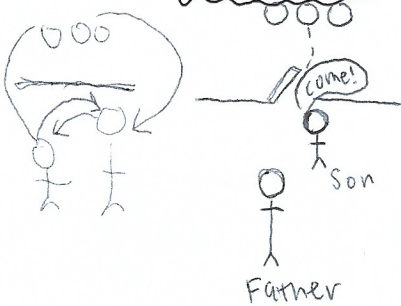
- Learn from his heart

↳ process

become his
disciple

Theme:

humbling
& submitting.



- [Green box] = Characters / Characterization
- [Purple box] = Kingdom of Heaven
- [Blue box] = God the Father, Son, & HS
- [Green box] = theme of humility
- [Yellow box] = Jesus' Teaching

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Answering his question not directly

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John's job: prepare a way for Jesus!

Asks this rhetorical question 3x

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What? Where?

Lives in wilderness

Jesus quoting scripture fulfilling OT prophecy

Jesus sees John as GREAT

IN GODS Kingdom LEAST = GREAT

Woe to Unrepentant Cities

theme pride

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Judgement,
Pity, & Sorrow

Jesus being
BOLD +
speaking
TRUTH.

where
Jesus
did most
of his
ministry

YAHWEH

theme: pride & humility

Jesus publicly talking to his Father.

Unity of the Father

inviting All to come to Him

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BOLD Messianic Statement

Christ himself - his very heart is humble.

No one come to the Father except through Jesus

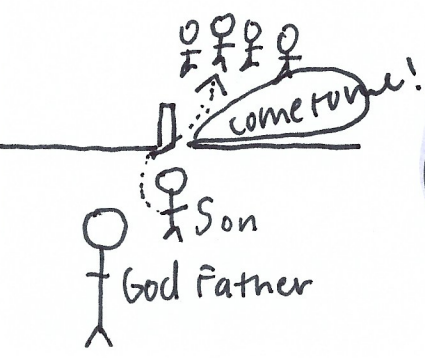
His yoke is easy and light. He is selfless. Humble & FREE to follow

He offers REST to those who are WILLING to

His fathers will.

all require humility and Submission

- come to Him
- take up his yoke
- Learn from him



The only place in scripture where Jesus reveals His heart

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