



BEHOLD THE KING

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“Take my yoke ... and you will find rest for your souls.”

How do we know Jesus can give real rest?

Jesus, through **divine authority**, expresses **divine mercy** with humility to the needy.

Introduction #2 –

Sabbath, a picture of **real rest**

“Everyone who profanes it [Sabbath] shall
be put to death.”

Exodus 31:14b

Dependence - God's people rest because God provides.

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“See! The LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days.”

Exodus 16:29a

“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...”

Deuteronomy 5:12a

“but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the
LORD your God. On it you shall not do any
work.”

Exodus 20:10

Obedience - God's people rest because God commands it.

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“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”

Exodus 20:8

Omnipotence - Rest because God possesses all the power.

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“For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

Exodus 20:11

Evidence - They could rest because God chose Israel.

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“Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you.” Exodus 31:13

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“You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty and an outstretched arm.

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“Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.”

Deuteronomy 5:14-15

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Pharisees - Influential Jewish religious leaders hyper committed and self appointed to guard their view of God's law and how to obey God's law.

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“But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?’

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“Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our father,” for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.” Matthew 3:7-9

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“The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.” Luke 16:14

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money and status

“Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.” Luke 11:43

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“For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness.”

Matthew 23:23a

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the
cup and the plate, but inside they are full of
greed and self-indulgence.

“You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.”

Matthew 23:25-26

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- misplaced **authority**

“And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, ‘Never was anything like this seen in Israel.’ But the Pharisees said, ‘He casts out demons by the prince of demons.’”

Matthew 9:33-34

What do the Pharisees know about Jesus?

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- Crowds **follow Jesus**.

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“At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

“But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, ‘Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.’

“He said to them, ‘Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?

“Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.

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Matthew 12:1-8

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“Have you not read?” Matthew 12:3

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Scenario #2 - the **priests**

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God “looks down on his frustrated,
inconsistently Torah abiding children, He says
in effect, ‘How could you ever think that that
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Matthew 12:8

“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

“And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

Daniel 7:13

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Deliverance - God's people rest because God rescues slaves.

“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.”

Colossians 2:8

“For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells
bodily,”

Colossians 2:9

“and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.”

Colossians 2:10

“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him [Jesus], having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

“This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He [God] disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him [Jesus].”

Colossians 2:13-15

“Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.”

Colossians 2:16-17

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