

# BEHOLD THE KING

MATTHEW

# Baptism Service



April 20



Kid's class (2nd - 6th grade)  
Teen and adult class



Why do we not RSVP?

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sovereign = God has absolute authority  
over all creation

"I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed."

John 17:4-5

“For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.”

John 17:8

“But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”

John 17:13

“The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.” John 17:22-23

Where is this sovereign joy in  
Matthew 11:25-27?

- **gratefulness/pleasure**

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“You will be brought down to Hades.” (23b)

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“gracious will” = good pleasure,  
delight

- gratefulness/pleasure
- **hiding/revealing**

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“Yes, Father, for such was your gracious will”  
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little children = those who know they don't know

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“He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’

“And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.’”

Matthew 16:15-17

“as it is written:

‘None is righteous, no, not one;  
no one understands;  
no one seeks for God.’”

Romans 3:10-11

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**“Come to me**, all who labor and are heavy laden, and **I** will give you rest.” (28)

- Who is invited?

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“**all** who labor and are heavy laden” (28)

“Our time-saving devices, technological conveniences, and cheap mobility have seemingly made life much easier and interconnected.

“As a result, we have more information at our fingertips than anyone in history. Yet with all this progress, we are ominously dissatisfied.

“In bowing at these sacred altars of hyperactivity, progress, and technological compulsivity, our souls increasingly pant for meaning and value and truth as they wither away, exhausted, frazzled, displeased, ever on edge....

“Our bodies wear ragged. Our spirits thirst.  
We have an inability to simply sit still and be.  
As we drown ourselves in a 24/7 living, we  
seem to be able to do anything but quench  
our true thirst for the life of God....

“The result ... is that we have become perhaps the most emotionally exhausted, psychologically overworked, spiritually malnourished people in history.”

A. J. Swoboda

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- What will he give us?

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“and you will find rest for your souls.” (29b)

“Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;”

Isaiah 53:4a

“All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned — every one — to his  
own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.”

Isaiah 53:6

“So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.”

Hebrews 4:9-10

- Who is invited?
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- What will he do?

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“Take my yoke upon you,  
and **learn from me,**” (29a)

What is this yoke?



“They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear,  
and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they  
themselves are not willing to move them  
with their finger.”

Matthew 23:4

“Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?

“But we believe that we will be saved  
through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as  
they will.”

Acts 15:10-11

“Jesus realizes that the most restful gift he can give the tired is a new way to carry life, a fresh way to bear responsibilities....

“Realism sees that life is a succession of burdens; we cannot get away from them; thus, instead of offering escape, Jesus offers equipment.”

Frederick Dale Bruner

“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.”

Matthew 11:29

Our **yoke-mate**

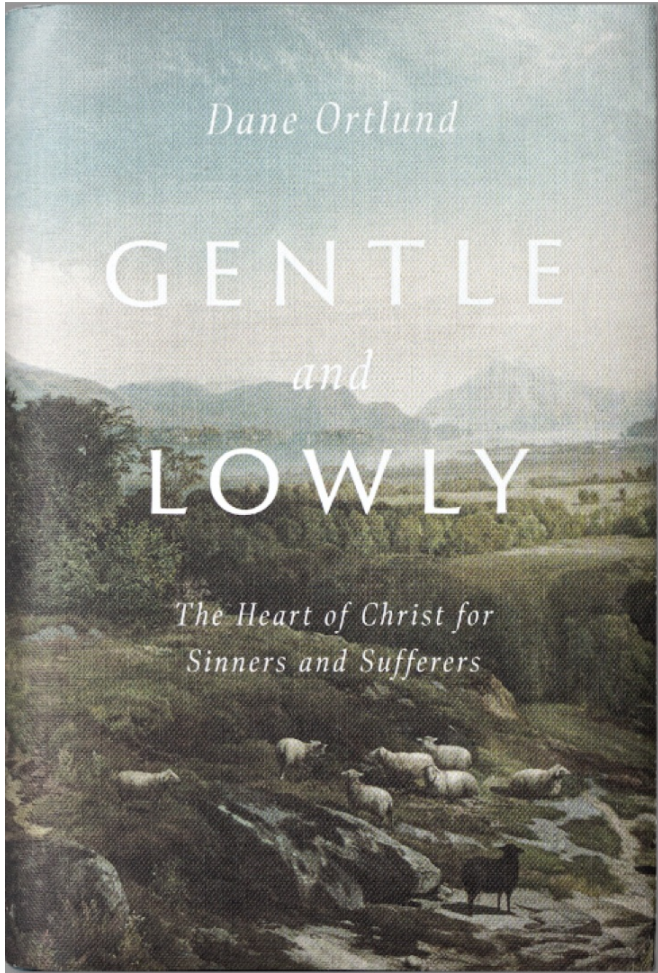
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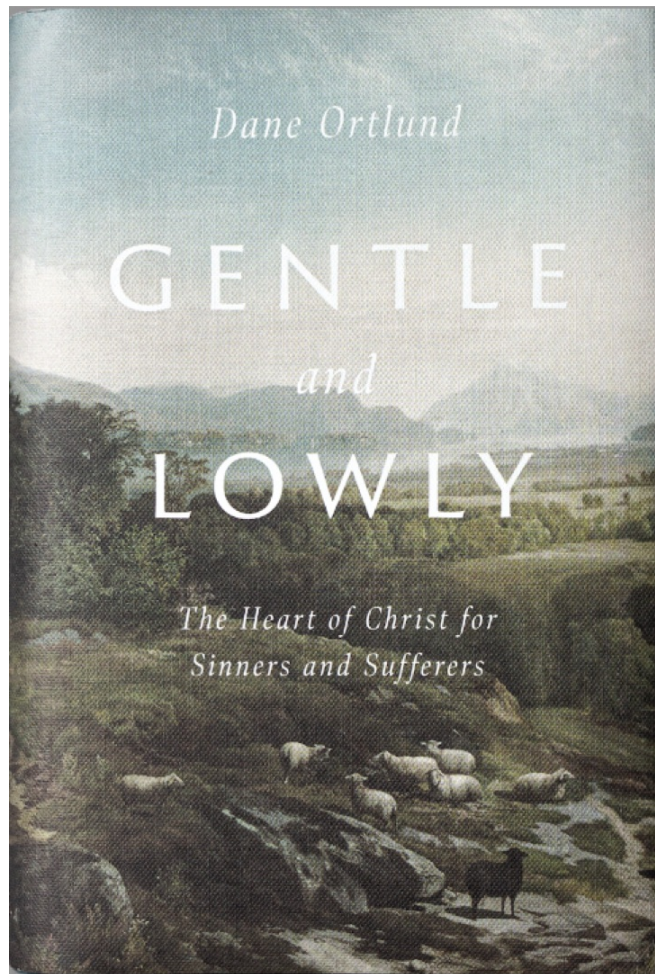
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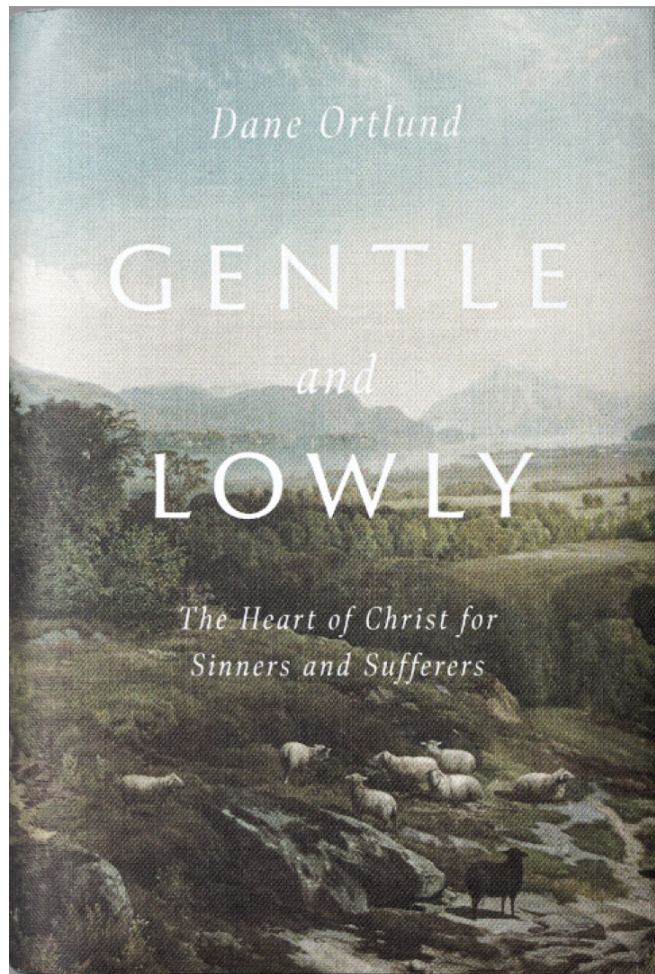
# GENTLE *and* LOWLY

*The Heart of Christ for  
Sinners and Sufferers*





“Jesus is not trigger-happy, not harsh, reactionary, easily exasperated. He is the most understanding person in the universe.



“The posture most natural to him is not a pointed finger but open arms.”

Dane Ortlund

## Our **yoke-mate**

- gentle = meek, humble
- lowly in heart = “socially unimpressive”

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“For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:30

“That which keeps men off is, that they know not Christ’s mind and heart.... The truth is, he is more glad of us than we can be of him.

“O therefore, come in unto him. If you knew his heart, you would.”

Thomas Goodwin