

Matthew: First among equals

“Judgment & Rest”

Matthew 11:20-30

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Jesus:

1. Promised Messiah

from the past vv1-19

(remember last week)

2. Coming Judge of the future

vv20-24

3. Gracious Saviour in the

present vv25-30

5 things to notice:

- i. God the Father conceals and reveals according to his will.
- ii. Jesus claims to be the exact representation of the Father
- iii. Only the Father fully understands Jesus. It takes God to know God. Only God the Father knows God the Son.
- iv. Only Jesus fully understands the Father. v27 “No-one knows the Father except the Son”
- v. Because Jesus shares the Father’s nature as well as ours, he alone can reveal the Father to us.

cf. John 14:6 & 9 “I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.”& “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father’.

That is the claim. That is what makes Christianity so distinct. **We must choose how we will respond to such a claim.**

Jesus...the most wonderful, warm invitation to all who recognise their need of rescue by God. vv28-29.