

Learning From Jesus

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“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).

How can we “*learn*” from Jesus? Primarily, the word means “to learn, be taught” by Jesus. So you must enroll in His class, become His disciple, and study His Word.

Secondarily, you “*learn*” by “practice or experience” as you “acquire a custom or habit.” For example, Paul learned *by experience* how to live frugally or abundantly, based upon his outward circumstances, Philippians 4:11. We learn *by experience* how to be patient, longsuffering, enduring, etc. Jesus’ teaching is not just theory but practice.

Thirdly, one can learn by *ascertaining information, becoming informed*. One of the best ways to learn from Jesus is to **ask questions**. Often as a young preacher I would be confronted with a question or a situation that I could not answer or deal with. That led me to ask how to answer that question or how to deal with that situation. Bible study, learning the answer, and recalling it for the next time I needed it was invaluable. That kind of learning sticks with you.

So What? {The Application}

The “**so what?**” of all of this is simple. When you sit in on a sermon or a Bible class, ***come prepared to learn***. Proper hearing involves learning. Sermon-hearing is not a spectator sport! When the teacher or preacher is teaching from the Bible, then God is speaking to **you** at that moment (provided the teacher is speaking the truth). When you read the Bible, that is God speaking to **you**. Take Jesus’ yoke upon you and learn from Him! It will give you rest from a troubled soul, and from a sin-burdened heart.

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