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## **The New Testament!**

### **Matthew 11:16-30**

**"Man's Responsibility, God's Sovereignty,  
and God's Free Invitation to Come to  
Jesus"!**

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##### **Introduction**

Today we will look at the mystery of man's responsibility, God's sovereignty and the open and wide invitation, "come to me"!

***A recap of verses 16-24, and 28-30 and a  
detailed look at 25-27!***

**25 At that time Jesus declared, I thank you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these  
things from the wise and understanding and revealed  
them to little children.**

*Christ alone reveals the truth of all things pertaining  
to God!*

##### **At that time Jesus declared**

Now...Jesus declared (answered)...grace is the  
answer to the guilt and the threat of judgement

##### **I thank you**

That Grace chooses its own

According to the good pleasure of the Father's will  
Jesus is thankful that salvation, God's grace is not  
left in the hands of man

##### **Lord of heaven and earth**

Our Father which art in heaven is the author of  
choosing

**that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children these things**

The mysteries of salvation, awareness of our sins, our guilt, our need for a sacrifice/savior, seeing that Jesus is that sacrifice and the need to come to Jesus Who shall question Him?

**Romans 9:19-21**

Here the babes, (uneducated, young, humble and down trodden) but having an understanding and revelation of spiritual needs

**James 2:5 (ESV) Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?**

The proud and wise and prudent are passed over

**V26, yes, Father, for such was your gracious will**

It seemed good to the Lord to do it this way

Why do we need more explanation?

The choice seemed good to Him who "never" errs

If God wills it, so it ought to be

**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 chooses to reveal him.**

*There is no true knowledge of God, no peace of mind, but in Christ alone!*

**All things have been handed over to me by my Father**

The delivery of these things (the mystery of the gospel) known by the Father and the son, the delivery of these mysteries has been put into the hands of Jesus

Has He not earned it?

**John 3:35, 17:2**

**no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son**

If you "Know" Christ, you know the Father and you know that the Father Himself has chosen you and loves you

**and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him**

The Son loves being the communicator of grace from the Father to those He loves

These are great mysteries, we are to enjoy what is beyond our comprehension

In verse 25 we see the word revealed

**that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children**

In verse 27 we see the word reveal

**and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him**

There is a *natural or general revealing* that all have  
**Romans 1:18-23**

Everyone gets a revealing of certain truths by nature (creation) and observation

**V20, they have been clearly perceived, and so they are without excuse**

**V21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened**

This is always the response of the unregenerate, those dead in their trespasses and sins

They knew God generally but they neither glorified, or acknowledged Him as God or gave thanks to Him

Then there is a *personal or specific revealing* in which those given to the Son by the Father turn from their own ways, turn from sin, and believe and trust in Christ for their salvation

### **these things**

The gospel our spiritual deadness, our sin and Jesus as our substitute and Savior

So it is the Father's pleasure that the Son reveal Him (the Father) to those whom the Son chooses

How could it be any other way?

What a salvation?

Why did God do it this way?

**26 for such was your gracious will**

Then we see the freedom given to the Son

**27 and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.**

### **Summary**

So what can we learn from this?

1. Keep a teachable, humble and childlike frame of mind, the gospel is called a "mystery"
2. Know the greatness and majesty of Jesus Christ, He is the Son of **the Lord of heaven and earth**
3. Know the depth of the gospel message and freeness and the fullness of the invitation  
The responsibility of man to repent and believe  
The sovereignty of God to choose those whom are His

### ***The Invitation to Come to Jesus!***

Would you come to Him in repentance and faith  
Would you because of what He has done make the commitment to become a well-informed responsible follower of Christ