

Pastor Ron Case
4/17/11

“Yoked”

*“If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also.
If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.” (John 12:26)*

Jesus Yoked

John 8:29 – “And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”

John 12:12-19 – (12) “The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. (13) So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!’ (14) And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, (15) ‘Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!’ (16) His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. (17) The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. (18) The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. (19) So the Pharisees said to one another, ‘You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.’”

John 12:23-27 – (23) “And Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (24) Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (25) Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (26) If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. (27) ‘Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.’”

Key Point: Stay Yoked to Christ for Life

Response:

(1) Refuse all other Yokes

Numbers 25:3 – “So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.”

Galatians 5:1 – “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.” (KJV)

(2) Provoke others to be Yoked to Jesus

Philippians 4:2-3 – (2) I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. (3) And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel...” (KJV)

Hebrews 10:24 – “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:” (KJV)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I tend to do as I please as a self-led, headstrong person?

(John 21:18)

Can I identify other yokes that I tend to put on instead of the yoke of Christ?

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)