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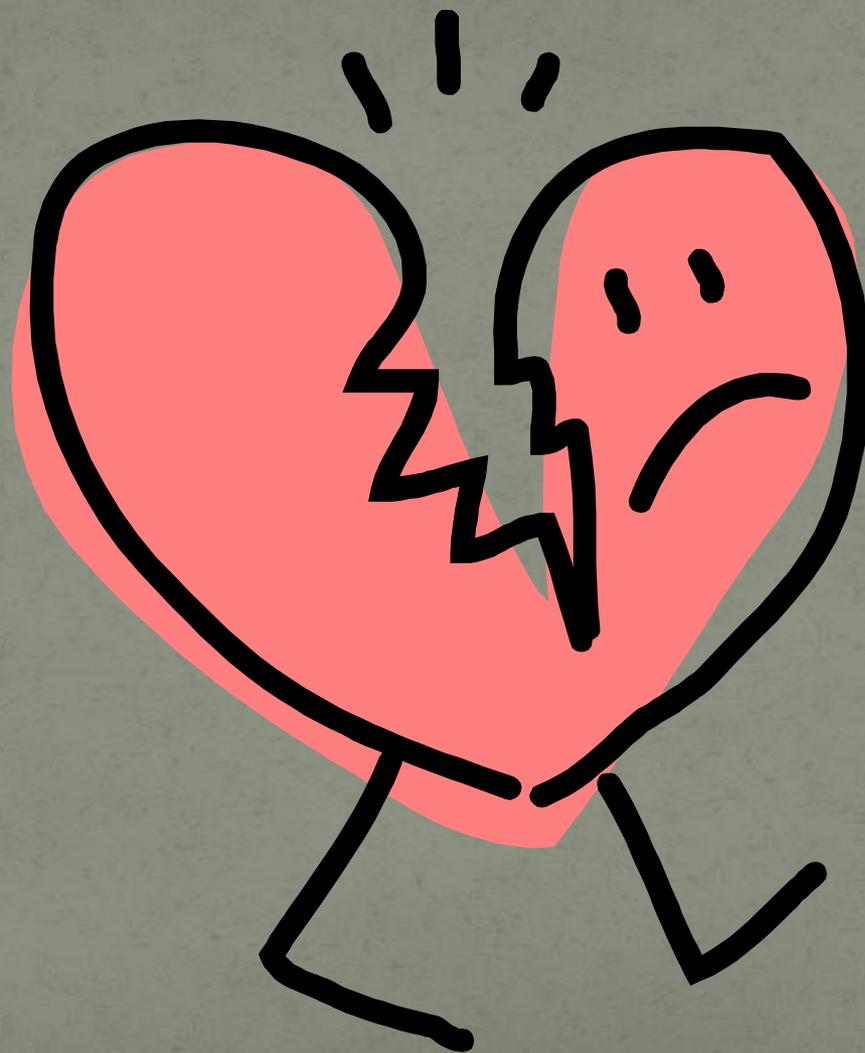
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So would you say

you

had a hard week?

Consider Jesus.

Matthew Chapter 11

Verse 1- After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.

He finished instructing his twelve disciples

He went on... to teach and preach...

Verse 4- Go back and report to John what you hear and see.

He instructs John's disciples.

Verse 5- The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and good news is preached to the poor.

He called the twelve disciples to him and *gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.*

(ch.10:1 speaks of the source of such power)

Verse 7- As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John:
What did you go out into the desert to see?
A reed swayed by the wind?

As the day goes on He instructs to a larger audience- a crowd.

Verse 11-I tell you the truth; Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

He defends His faithful servant, John the Baptist...

Yet He dictates where John the Baptist will sit relative to others in heaven.

Verse 19- The Son of Man came eating and drinking , and they say, Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.

But wisdom is proved right by her actions.

He corrects and espouses His authority
showing the difference of knowing Him
and denying Him.

Verse 20- Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles had been performed, because they did not repent.

Not enough to chastise some small rural communities, *He denounces the cities He had previously performed miracles* in, *to illustrate His Omnipotence*, yet they failed to be influenced.

Verse 21- Woe to you, Korizin! Woe to you, Bethsaida!

And

Verse 23- And you Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths.

Not Enough to denounce these cities in general, He actually names them and lays a “woe” upon them, disgraces them and foretells of their judgement to come.

After all that Jesus has done in this one short
period...

By Himself (in human terms)

Willingly

To lead

To lead by example

To educate

To correct

To advise

To instruct

To defend

To define a choice for everyone

If you were in His place, you might have one or more
of these symptoms.

Fear

Anxiety

Despair

Unappreciated

Uncertainty

Lack of Commitment

Doubt

Unworthiness

Unfaithfulness

Humility

And that was a
comparable time in
the life of our
Saviour Jesus Christ.



And
You've
got a
headache?

And the second aspect
I see?

Not only is Christ doing all
the work, He is still has
time to be the
Protector of our Soul.

The final three verses read:

“At that time Jesus prayed this prayer:

**O Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
thank you for hiding these things from
those who think themselves wise and
clever, and for revealing them to the
childlike. Yes Father, it pleased you to
do it this way!**

**My Father has entrusted everything
to me,
No one truly knows the Son
except the Father,
and no one truly knows the Father
except the Son
and those whom the Son has chosen
to reveal Him.**

Then He said,

**Come to me, all of you who are weary
and carry a heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.**

Take my yoke upon you.

**Let me teach you,
because I am humble and gentle
at heart,**

and you will find rest for your souls.

**For my yoke is easy to bear, and the
burden I give you is light.”**

Matthew 11

So I ask you once again;

Why are you so glum, tired and
frustrated?

Jesus is doing all the
work!