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Matthew 11:28. Festo Kivengere. Tape C-120 #2.

*John 1:1, 1:12 - Jesus came as a man
- " came all the way*

In one town there was a king, and the king had a mother, and the king had a country which had very strong rules and laws, and in that country the king was the judge. There are many countries where the king is the judge. One day, the mother broke the law of the country, and the mother was a very difficult woman, and the son warned her about the law of the country. The king was the son of this mother, so the mother knew the law of the country and yet she was very rebellious and she broke the law purposely and the son had the right to arrest the mother, and he gave the orders for her arrest.

*A mother
broke the law
arrested by
son*

The mother was arrested and brought to court, and the judge was the son and the prosecutors of the country were standing there, and the son had to judge his own mother because that was the law of that country. The law of the country was his law, he could not break it because he would break his kingdom, so he sat on the judgement seat and the mother stood there and told what she did. The son asked her whether she knew the law or not. She said, "I knew." The son then asked, "Why did you break it?"

So the son had to pass his judgement with tears running down his cheeks, because that was his mother. He loved his mother, but the mother had broken the law of the country and she was now condemned to death. So the son stood up wearing the robes of a judge, and he pronounced judgement and condemnation. So the mother was now finished. The policeman was going to take her away when the king said, "Wait a minute." So the king stood from his throne and quietly walked down to his mother. Then he took off the robes of a king, and he put them back there and he came and stood by his mother and he asked the court to let his mother free, and he took the law of the land upon himself, and the mother walked away and the king stood in her place, willing to die for his mother.

Jesus Christ is the king of heaven, the Lord of life. Your life is in his hands because you were created through him, you were created for him, you were created by him, you are who you are because of him.

And now he stood as the king of heaven and earth, and because you turned your back against God, and you turned away from life, you turned away from light, you became a confused human being and the king was going to judge you. But now Jesus stands and the LORD of life, the eternal king, the king of kings, the one who holds death and life, turns and says, "Come to me all of you who are tired, who are burdened, and I will give you rest." How can he say that? Is there any reason why he should say "Come to me,"? Yes, there is a reason, because he came first.

St. John says, "The word became a human being. The word became man. And he came full of grace and truth. And he came to his own people because he created them. He came to them but his people did not receive him." Have you received him? He came to help, to you. That's why he says, "Come to me."

Jesus became man

In St. Luke's Gospel it says the son of God, the son of man, God in human form, came for one reason; to seek and to rescue that which is lost. He came to seek and rescue those who are hiding. Oh, Jesus came. Jesus came first. He came like the king in the story. When I was standing as a criminal, my sins accusing me, my heart saying yes, yes, God in heaven knew that I was a sinner, and a sinner is a condemned person because God is a consuming fire and we sinners cannot come anywhere near. Oh, when I was standing like that with no where to turn, afraid of God, afraid of the king, afraid of death because of my sins which have wounded the heart of God.

My friend you have not only broken the law of the king, you have broken the heart of God because you were created by him in his image. The multitudes of sins which you have done they have broken his heart. The king is angry because of sin, oh how wonderful that Jesus came, the king came from his throne, and he came down he became man, he became a servant, he died on the cross like a criminal. He kept coming and coming. Coming down to where you are, and then he stood by your side and he made you his friend even when you did not like him. He said, "You don't like me but I created you. You rebel against me but I love you. You are sinner, but I love

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you and I have come to be your friend."

So, Jesus the Lord took his place alongside the guilty and he said, "Come to me, because I came to you, and in coming to you I have prepared a way so that you may be able to come to me. Come to me if you are tired, come to me if you are guilty, some of you are carrying big burdens, you are carrying big loads of sin. Some of you have forgotten to sleep. When you go to bed you can't sleep, your thoughts go up and down. Come to me. Some of you are always afraid. Come to me those who fear. Sin causes shame. When you see me you become ashamed. You can come to me those of you who are ashamed."

Do you know how Jesus did it? He came all the way. He did not come half-way. He came all the way to the cross, and there he had nails put into his hands, and a spear in his side, and they pierced his heart. He had a broken heart, wounded hands, yet these became healing hands they became the medicine because he died, he touched all those who came to him. He shed his blood so that those of you who are afraid, those of you who are guilty, those of you who are ashamed, may come, and the blood of Jesus Christ which means his love, which he sacrificed on the cross, it is enough for you. It was enough for me, it has been enough for me for the past 33 years. I have seen murderers in Africa coming to Jesus. People who are guilty, criminals, coming to Jesus because he came, and because he came, anyone can come. The guilty can come, the tired can come, the burdened can come, the sorrowful can come, the sin-ful can come, and the Lord is Jesus because he said, "I am the way."

Step on tonight. What do you want? Jesus said, "Come to me and I will give. I want you to put in what you want, I will give you. What do you want? Do you want rest? I will give you rest. Do you want forgiveness? I will give you forgiveness. Do you want peace? I will give you peace. Do you want Hope? I will give you hope.

What do you want tonight? Come to Jesus, he will give you whatever it is. He doesn't tell lies, so trust him because he died for you. He loves you, if anyone died for you then you can trust him. He can never tell lies. He is also powerful. He has

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all authority, he can do for you anything you want. He is not like a man because men are limited. They can promise you and fail to carry out that business. Jesus has power, he can give you. Finally, he is full of wisdom, he is the all wise God. He knows how to help you, he knows how to take your sin away, he knows how to take away your burdens so you can trust him because he loves you, because he is able to do it, because he knows what to do.

Jesus stands there with his wounded hands and every wound is bleeding for you. The judge is your friend, the judge is your brother, Jesus is your friend and now he just came to me and all of you. No one is out. Old, young, Church people, baptized people, unbaptized people, any human being, go to Jesus.

Those of you who have not yet been in a church, and those of you who have been in a church for a long time, and those of you who were born in the church, and those of you who came to the stadium, Jesus is standing there tonight. Have heard his voice? Are you tired? Do you have a burden? Are you guilty? Are you afraid? Jesus has come to you tonight.

As we close I would like to extend an invitation to those of you who have heard that voice of Jesus saying, "Come to me. I love you. I am your friend. I know you are a sinner, come to me."