

# “Burdened by Life; Freed by Christ”

Matthew 17:14-27

*The Gospel of Matthew*

## **Outline:**

- I. Everybody is burdened.
  - A. Difficulties
  - B. Disappointments
- II. Our burdens are impossible for us to carry on our own.
  - A. We try to by counting on others, but that doesn't always work.
  - B. We try to by counting on ourselves, but that doesn't always work.
- III. Jesus came to free us from the burdens of our lives.
  - A. By setting aside his glory in order to carry the burdens we couldn't.
  - B. By paying the price our inability to carry our burdens required.

## **Conclusion:**

Because God has sent Jesus to make provision for those who trust in him...to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves...we can trust Jesus by listening to Jesus.

## **Application:**

- I. If you're not a Christian here today, ask yourself how long do you think Jesus will put up with your unbelief...and how long do you think you can deal with the difficulties of life and the next on your own?
- II. If you are a Christian, keep listening to Jesus even though his path leads thru difficulty and disappointments.
- III. Again this one is for fellow Christians: Keep turning back to Jesus not if but when you find yourself failing to listen to him.