

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY...

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INTRO.:

A. Text: **Matt. 11:28**.

B. Regarding the text:

1. "I heard the voice of Jesus Say" was written by Horatius Bonar, of Scotland (1808-1889). It was first published in 1846 in his hymnal. It was originally written as a children's hymn.
2. The hymn is a call for us to listen to the voice of Jesus.

I. VS. 1 – "COME UNTO ME..."

A. *"I heard the voice of Jesus say" (we must Heed His voice).*

1. The command from heaven – **Matthew 17:5; Luke 6:46**.
2. Today, He speaks to us through His word: **Hebrews 1:1-2**. "
3. **Hebrews 2:3**.
4. This song challenges us to open our Bibles and obey His voice!

B. *"Come unto Me and rest. Lay down, thou weary one, lay down, thy head upon My breast."*

1. **Matthew 11:28-30** Jesus is calling for men to turn to Him with their spiritual troubles, whatever they may be. He gives us rest.
2. His reference to putting our head on His breast demonstrates dependency and trust.

C. *I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad...*

1. "As I was" I came to Him a sinner and received forgiveness (**Ephesians 2:1**). Jesus extended the invitation to all who would come (**Matthew 11:28**).
2. Be reminded, While you come to Him, "Just as I am" you cannot remain that way (**Acts 2:38** "...repent and be baptized..." become a new man (**Ephesians 4:24**).

D. *I found in Him a resting place...*

1. **2 Thessalonians 1:7** - One day we will find the ultimate rest.
2. Finding real peace: **Philippians 4:6-7**. **John 14:27** Jesus spoke of leaving peace with His disciples.
 - 1) **Hebrews 4:9** "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."
 - 2) **Revelation 14:13** "... they may rest from their labors..."
3. This is that relief we feel when we learn to let go and let God (**1 Peter 5:7**).

E. *And He has made me glad...* (**Acts 8:30** The eunuch "went on his way rejoicing.")

II. VS. 2 – LIVING WATERS...

A. *"Behold I freely give" a gift available for all men (Rom. 6:23).*

B. *"The living water, thirsty one, Stoop down and drink and live."*

1. **John 4:14**.
2. **Revelation 21:6** He promised to "give the water of life freely" to him who thirsts.

C. *I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream (John 7:37).*

D. *My thirst was quenched (Matthew 5:6).*

E. *And now I live in Him (Galatians 3:27).*

III. VS. 3 – LIGHT IN THIS WORLD...

A. *"I am this dark world's light" (John 9:5 "I am the light of the world.")*

1. **John 1:4-5**.
2. **1 John 1:5**.

B. *"Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright" (John 1:4; 8:12).*

C. *"I came to Jesus and I found in Him my Star, my sun." Both describe Jesus: my star (2 Peter 1:19) my Sun (Malachi 4:2).*

D. **“And in the light of life I’ll walk til traveling days are done” (1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Tim. 1:12; 4:6-8).**

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. Listen very carefully, because Jesus is calling us to salvation.

B. The question is, will we heed His calling?

C. His calling involves the PLAN of SALVATION.

1. Hear the gospel (**Acts 2:37, 4:4; Romans 10:17**).
2. Believe the gospel (**Romans 1:16; Mark 16:16**).
3. Repent of one’s sins (**Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38**).
4. Confess the deity of Christ (**Romans 10:9-10**).
5. Be baptized for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21**).
6. Remain faithful unto death (**1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Timothy 4:6; Revelation 2:10**).

D. It is only a step between being saved and lost. It is up to us to take the step from sin to salvation.