

## Deacon's Beacons

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“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

Unique to Matthew, this presents an image that was familiar to Jesus' followers but foreign to us. Unless you would happen to be a farmer, you probably do not know that the yoke is a very clear image of suitability and dependence. The yoke had to be carved specifically for an animal, sort of custom made if you will. That way it fit the animal and did not cause discomfort as long as the animal was doing what it was supposed to do. The yoke is also a shared device, never carried by one animal. So it requires another participant to pull it. In this case, the other One to carry the yoke with us is Jesus. It also reinforces that Jesus will not ask of us anything that He Himself will not carry. See in the image the Savior Who will walk along side of you and help you with your load.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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