



Free Shovels

Nearly a century ago an alert businessman placed this ad in the newspaper: "250 free shovels to the owners of coal furnaces. No strings attached." The supply was gone in minutes.

When the receiver of the shovel used it, he found the following words printed on the handle: "If you owned one of our modern oil furnaces, you'd be upstairs now instead of shoveling coal."

Well maybe, there is no such thing as a totally free lunch. A wise man once said if something sounds too good to be true, then it probably is. But Jesus makes an incredible offer to anyone who will listen. He says, "Bring me your burdens and your cares, and you will find rest for your soul."

It does sound too good to be true, but it really is true! Christ came to get our lives turned around, and on track to our destiny!

Remember, *Life Matters*, and so do you.

Matthew 12:15-21 NLT

But Jesus knew what they were planning. He left that area, and many people followed him. He healed all the sick among them, but he warned them not to say who he was.

This fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah concerning him:

"Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, and I am very pleased with him. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

He will not fight or shout; he will not raise his voice in public.

He will not crush those who are weak, or quench the smallest hope, until he brings full justice with his final victory.

And his name will be the hope of all the world."