

**Series: What Did Jesus Do**  
**Message: The Great Invitation**  
**Text: Matthew 11:28-30 (AM 2/18/07)**

Most believers are familiar with the Great Commission – *go and make disciples of the nations* and the Great Commandment – *love God with all your heart and love others from the heart*. But few are aware of Jesus' Great Communiqué (or Invitation) – *Exchange your burdens for my rest*. In today's text Jesus introduces us to the *great exchange*.

**I. His Invitation - *Come*. (28)**

*Before you run – come!*

- Those who are lost – *come unto me all...*
- Those who labor – *you who labor...*
- Those who are laden – *and are heavy laden.*

**II. His Instruction – *Take*. (29a-30)**

*Before you quit - fit!*

- His Yoke is fitted – *easy*
- His Yoke is favorable – *it's light*
- His Yoke is functional – *learn from me*

**III. His Inspiration – *Rest*. (29b)**

*Before you wreck – rest!*

- Those who rest are relieved
- Those who rest are renewed
- Those who rest are ready

**Application to life:** Life alone is tuff. Our faith is meant to be an oasis from the toil. Yet religion can be like an unforgiving taskmaster. Jesus understands. His invitation is personal and His rest practical. Won't you *Come, Take and Rest?*