The Greatest Invitation
Easter! April 9, 2023

Intro: Invitations are not always inviting!
Each of us have been invited by Jesus into something amazing.

Luke 24:1-2 The Greatest Day

1. An invitation to *come* to Jesus as Savior – Matt 11:28

- Jesus says, "Come."
- The Pharisees (religion) said "Do!"

Isaiah 55:1

- Isaiah 53:4–9
- Both spiritual redemption and physical deliverance are intended in Is.
- To come means to trust and rely upon God for salvation

People have tried to find satisfaction through many things other than God. Name a few:

Jesus said Come and I'll give you Rest.
Jesus said He came to deal with our weakness, our failures, our shame, and our sin.

- Rom 3:23; 5:8

2. An invitation to *follow* Jesus as Lord. Matt 11:29-30

Living the Christian life is being yoked together with Christ. He leads.

- If your burden is heavy, if your being yanked hard on the yoke, you're probably not yoked to Jesus.
- Be intentional. Say, "Today Lord Jesus, I yield myself to You. I know you have saved me and I don't want to disobey any longer. I don't want to run and hide and do the "Christian life" my own way, I surrender to You. Lead me.

3. An invitation at the cross Luke 23:39-43

Criminal #1: He sarcastically calls out Jesus as the Christ to save 'himself and us'.
Criminal #2: "How can you begin to challenge Him. We're the guilty. Fear God. Remember me".
"The man on the middle cross said I can come."

Applications:

- Have you come to Jesus as Savior?
- Have you come to Jesus as Lord?
- Make time to thank God for the gift of the Cross and the Empty Tomb!