

**John 21:9-14**  
**Invitations From Christ**

**Introduction:**

When it comes to the post-Resurrection appearances of our Lord Jesus He is no longer the Suffering Servant. He is the risen Lord, yet Someone who still serves His brethren. Jesus loves His own forever and He so often demonstrates that caring love for His sheep. In this text before us we see Jesus manifesting His loving hospitality. It's time to eat! Come and dine. This aspect of our Lord's ministry is so often emulated in the life of the believer. (Rom. 12:13; I Tim.5:10; Heb.13:2; I Pet.4:19)

**I. COME TO LEARN – MATTHEW 11:28-29**

**A. Use your mind – “Learn of Me”**

1. Heavy laden with sin – Release that weight upon Christ
2. Our sin – Imputed upon Christ
3. Our righteousness – Imputed by Christ – Turn To: Romans 4:1-8; 5:8-10

**B. Learning**

4. Does not mean you must be an intellectual – Psa. 119:99
5. God hides his truth to those so called wise – Matt.11:25-26
6. Discernment comprises learning – I Cor.2:14
7. Ill. Patch Adams – learning is more than facts! Psa.31:9

**II. COME TO REST – MARK 6:30,31**

**A. We all need a vacation**

1. “If I don't do it who else will” – Jonah 2:9
2. No excuse for Christian laziness – (Donald Grey Barnhouse)

**III. COME TO DINE – JOHN 21:9-14**

**A. The groans of the human stomach**

1. Astounding truth – v.9

**B. What does this invitation involve?**

1. Fellowship – koinonia translated – (fellowship and Communion) Psa. 55:14)
2. Examples of fellowship:
  - a. It meant breaking bread – Acts 2:42
  - b. It did not fellowship with non-believers – II Cor. 6:14
  - c. It meant new Elders ordained – Gal.2:9
  - d. It meant Communion with Christ – Phil. 3:10;

**Turn To: I John 1:3-7**

**C. The Miraculous Work of Christ**

1. Reaffirmation that Jesus is the Sovereign Lord over their ministries – Acts 2:22
2. The purpose and design of miracles – II Cor. 12:12; Heb.2:4
3. “Third time” – v.14

**Conclusion:**

1. *If you are not a Christian, you need to respond to Jesus' first invitation. Jesus only can give you rest for your soul - Matt.11:28*
2. *If you are a Christian, listen carefully to Jesus' last invitation: "Come ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"  
Matt.25:34*

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