

# “Jesus at the Table – The Gift of Grace”

Sermon • *Luke 14:1–24*

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- 1) Jesus **meets** us **where** we are at, but he isn't content to **leave** us there.

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully... *(Luke 14:1)*

- 2) **Who** is **welcome** at the table? **Earning** our place or **receiving** His grace?

a) **The Sinful Man?**

<sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” *(Luke 14:2–3)*

b) **The Proud Man?**

<sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor... <sup>10</sup>but go and sit in the lowest place... <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” *(Luke 14:8, 10–11)*

c) **The Inviting God**

The master of the house said to his servant, ‘Go out to the streets and lanes of the city, bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ . . . ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.’ *(Luke 14:21–23)*

- 3) **What** are we to **do** with our table? The **generosity** of the Gospel.

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. *(Luke 14:12–14)*