

The Great Banquet: Parable of the Ambitious Guest (Luke 14:7-14) #1

It was a set up all the way. This dinner took place on the Sabbath day.

Jesus had reportedly violated the Sabbath on three separate occasions:

- i. Cast out demons & healed Peter's mother (Luke 4:31-41)
- ii. Healed a man with a withered hand (6:6-11)
- iii. Healed a bent over woman (13:10-17)

Furthermore, most conveniently, there was a man with dropsy at the meal

Religious leaders set a trap to for Jesus, but Jesus confounded them (3)

Jesus exposes their lovelessness & their thirst for position & power (4-6)

I. Parable of the Ambitious Guest: How to Be a Dinner Guest (14:7-11)

- a. Don't seat yourself
- b. How to seat yourself

II. The Unchanging Truth of the Kingdom (14:11)

For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (v. 11)

Luke 1:52; 14:11; 18:9-14; Matthew 23:12, 13; 1 Peter 5:5, 6

III. How to Be a Dinner Host (vv. 12-14)

- a. Who not to invite (v.12)
- b. Who to invite (v.13,14)