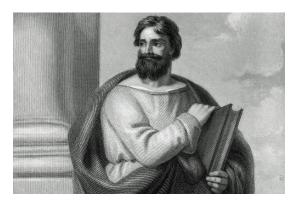
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO





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HEALING ON A SABBATH (VV. 1-6)

- To whose house was Jesus invited as a guest?
 - What organization was this man part of?
 - Do we know anyone in the Bible who fits this description?
- What was everyone at the dinner doing regarding Jesus?
 - Why?
- What question did Jesus ask this gathering of dinner guests?
 - What answer did He expect?
 - What answer did they give Him?
 - What is dropsy?
- What was Jesus' explanation for healing on the Sabbath?
 - How did the Pharisee's dinner party answer Jesus' explanation?

TEACHINGS ON HUMILITY (VV. 7-11)

- At this same dinner party, what did Jesus observe?
 - Why did these men do this?
 - What was Jesus' advice?

- Do people still try to self-promote?
 - In what ways do people try to exalt themselves (in religious contexts and secular ones)?
 - What are good ways of being humble like Jesus is talking about?
 - How do you think the guests of the Pharisee's dinner party took Jesus' teachings?

KINDNESSES FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT RECIPROCATE (VV. 12-15)

- What is the point of foregoing giving invitations to those who could reciprocate and giving them to those who cannot reciprocate?
 - What does Jesus mean that we will be repaid at the resurrection, if we invite the poor, etc.?

PARABLE OF THE UNGRATEFUL GUESTS (VV. 16-24)

- An interesting connection: Matthew 22:2ff tells a very similar parable (perhaps the same one) while Jesus was actually in Jerusalem. Luke's telling of the parable may be the same parable, but told at a different time; but since we know that He was close to Jerusalem in Luke 13:31-35, it could be that this invitation to dinner at a leading Pharisee's house in Luke 14 might be the same event.
- If you were going to give a big feast, when would you invite your guests, early or last-minute?
 - How specific (date-wise) would invitations be?
 - Could we safely assume, then, that the guests had plenty of notice and a specific date?
 - Are feasts expensive or cheap?
 - How would a host feel if his invited guests backed our of the feast at the last minute?
- Was there anything wrong with the excuses that the invited guests gave?

- Could their so-called reasons have been foreseen or rescheduled?
- How does the host of the feast feel?
- Who is the host of the feast?
 - What is the feast itself?
 - Who are the invited guests?
 - Who are the servants?
 - Who are the poor, etc.?
 - Who are those in the highways and hedges?
 - What is the point of the parable? What does it teach?
 - Do you think that the Pharisees saw themselves as invited guests of Heaven's great feast who were offering unacceptable excuses?
- What is the parable's meaning for us today?
 - Is there a modern equivalent to the invited guests (the Pharisees, Jews, etc.) who are rejecting the invitation of Heaven with unacceptable excuses?
 - Is there a modern equivalent to the poor, blind, etc.?
 - Is there a modern equivalent to the folks in the highways and hedges?

TEACHINGS ABOUT DISCIPLESHIP (VV. 25-35)

- Why is it important to "hate" father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, and his own life to be Jesus' disciple?
 - Explain hate in this context...
- What does Jesus mean, when He said that we must carry our own cross and come after Him?
- What is the point of the parable of man building a tower?
- What is the point of the parable of the king calculating his army's ability to defeat his enemy on the battlefield or sue for peace?
- Interesting word in v. 33 "So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up (Greek word is αποτασσομαι apotassomai— "say goodbye or bid farewell to") all his own possessions."
 - What does this mean?
- What is Jesus saying about discipleship here, when He talks about tasteless salt?
 - What is the "taste" in this parable?