

### *Jesus Heals on the Sabbath*

14:1 **AND** it came about when He went into the house of one of the <sup>1</sup>leaders of the Pharisees on *the Sabbath* to eat bread, that <sup>a</sup>they were watching Him closely. 2 And <sup>1</sup>there, in front of Him was a certain man suffering from dropsy. 3 And Jesus answered and spoke to the <sup>1</sup>lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “<sup>b</sup>Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” 4 But they kept silent. And He took hold of him, and healed him, and sent him away. 5 And He said to them, “<sup>a</sup>Which one of you shall have a <sup>1</sup>son or an ox fall into a well, and will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?” 6 <sup>a</sup>And they could make no reply to this.

### *Parable of the Guests*

7 And He *began* speaking a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how <sup>a</sup>they had been picking out the places of honor *at the table*; saying to them, 8 “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, <sup>a</sup>do not <sup>1</sup>take the place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him, 9 and he who invited you both shall come and say to you, ‘Give place to this man,’ and then <sup>a</sup>in disgrace you <sup>1</sup>proceed to occupy the last place. 10 “But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, <sup>a</sup>move up higher’; then you will have honor in the sight of all who <sup>1</sup>are at the table with you. 11 “<sup>a</sup>For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted.”

12 And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and repayment come to you. 13 “But when you give a <sup>1</sup>reception, invite *the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,* 14 and you will be <sup>1</sup>blessed, since they <sup>2</sup>do not have *the means* to repay you; for you will be repaid at <sup>a</sup>the resurrection of the righteous.”

15 And when one of those who were reclining *at the table* with Him heard this, he said to Him, “<sup>a</sup>Blessed is everyone who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

### *Parable of the Dinner*

16 But He said to him, “<sup>a</sup>A certain man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many; 17 and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ 18 “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, ‘I have bought a <sup>1</sup>piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; <sup>2</sup>please consider me excused.’ 19 “And another one said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; <sup>1</sup>please consider me excused.’ 20 “And another one said, ‘<sup>a</sup>I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.’ 21 “And the slave came *back* and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ 22 “And the slave said, ‘Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ 23 “And the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 ‘For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.’”

## Discipleship Tested

25 Now great multitudes were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them, 26 “If anyone comes to Me, and does not <sup>1</sup>hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. 27 “Whoever does not <sup>a</sup>carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. 28 “For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it? 29 “Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 “Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and take <sup>a</sup>counsel whether he is strong enough with ten thousand *men* to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 “Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends <sup>1</sup>a delegation and asks terms of peace. 33 “So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who <sup>a</sup>does not give up all his own possessions. 34 “Therefore, salt is good; but <sup>a</sup>if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned? 35 “It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; <sup>1</sup>it is thrown out. <sup>a</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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<sup>1</sup> I.e., members of the Sanhedrin

<sup>a</sup> Mark 3:2

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *behold*

<sup>1</sup> I.e., experts in Mosaic Law

<sup>a</sup> Matt. 22:35

<sup>b</sup> Matt. 12:2; Luke 13:14

<sup>a</sup> Matt. 12:11; Luke 13:15

<sup>1</sup> Some ancient mss. read *donkey*

<sup>a</sup> Matt. 22:46; Luke 20:40

<sup>a</sup> Matt. 23:6

<sup>a</sup> Prov. 25:6, 7

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *recline at*

<sup>a</sup> Luke 3:8

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *begin*

<sup>a</sup> Prov. 25:6, 7

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *recline at the table*

<sup>a</sup> 2 Sam. 22:28; Prov. 29:23; Matt. 23:12; Luke 1:52; 18:14; James 4:10

<sup>1</sup> Or, *banquet*

<sup>1</sup> Or, *happy*

<sup>2</sup> Or, *are unable to*

<sup>a</sup> John 5:29; Acts 24:15; Rev. 20:4, 5

<sup>a</sup> Rev. 19:9

<sup>a</sup> Matt. 22:2-14; Luke 14:16-24

<sup>1</sup> Or, *field*

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *I request you*

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *I request you*

<sup>a</sup> Deut. 24:5; 1 Cor. 7:33

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<sup>a</sup> Matt. 10:37

<sup>1</sup> I.e., by comparison of his love for Me

<sup>a</sup> Matt. 10:38; 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23

<sup>a</sup> Prov. 20:18

<sup>1</sup> Or, *an embassy*

<sup>a</sup> Phil. 3:7; Heb. 11:26

<sup>a</sup> Matt. 5:13; Mark 9:50

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *they throw it out*

<sup>a</sup> Matt. 11:15

<sup>i</sup> *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.