

# Jesus as a guest (Luke 14)

- ◆ Jesus at a prominent Pharisee's house
- ◆ “Is it lawful to heal on Sabbath?”
- ◆ Heals a man with swelling
- ◆ “If you are at a feast, do not take the place of honor...”
- ◆ “If you give a dinner, invite the ‘poor, crippled, lame, and blind’”
- ◆ **Parable of the Great Banquet**

# Isaiah 25:6, 8

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD Almighty will  
prepare

a feast of rich food for all peoples,  
a banquet of aged wine—  
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

....

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears  
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace  
from all the earth.

# 1 Enoch 62:9, 11, 13, 14

**9 On that day, all the kings, the governors, the high officials, and those who rule the earth shall fall down before him on their faces, and worship and raise their hopes in that Son of Man; they shall beg and plead for mercy at his feet.**

**11 So he will deliver them to the angels for punishments in order that vengeance shall be executed on them...**

**13 The righteous and elect ones shall be saved on that day; and from thenceforth they shall never see the faces of the sinners and the oppressors...**

**14 The Lord of the Spirits will abide over them; they shall eat and rest and rise with that Son of Man forever and ever.**





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# Questions for Reflection

- ◆ What does this parable say about God?
- ◆ Is the focus of the parable on receiving God's invitation or extending the invitation? Or both?
- ◆ What does it look like to accept the invitation or to refuse?
- ◆ Who might God include that we fail to include?