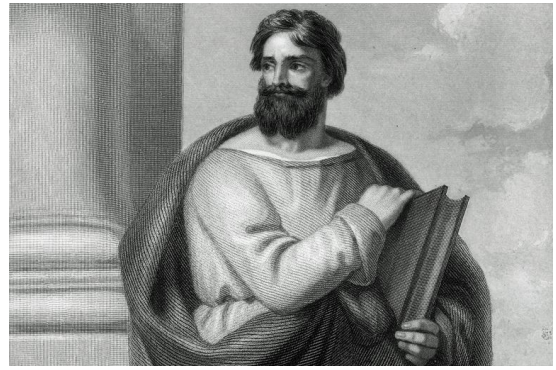


THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE



LUKE 14

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?
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- 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 out 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?