Luke 14 • Coming to Terms with Christ

1. (v.1-6) Christ the **Guest**
   1. There are those who only invite Christ and the Law in as long as they can keep them **on their own terms**.
   2. The quality of our righteousness is betrayed in how we **treat others**.
   3. (v.7-11) There are those who only wrap themselves in spiritual things as long as it keeps the **focus on them**.
   4. The quality of our spirituality can be measured in the proportion to which we give way to **Christ** at the expense of **self**.
   5. (v.12-14) The proof of accepting Christ on His terms will be a decreased **love** for self in direct proportion to a rise in **love** for others.
2. (v.15-24) Christ the **Host**
   1. All the guests had already agreed to come in advance but **backed out**. They knew the feast was **coming**.
   2. The one with the land excuse represents those overtaken by the cares of the world to the point of **covetousness**.
   3. The one with the oxen excuse represents those overtaken by the **deceitfulness** of riches.
   4. The one with the marriage excuse represents those overtaken by the **pleasures** of this life.
   5. None say they do not want to go, they just want to go **on their own terms**.
3. (v.25-33) Christ the **Master**
   1. This chapter is a progressive process of inviting Christ in and ultimately coming into full **submission** to Him alone.
   2. A true disciple is someone who loves **others** more than **themselves** and the things of **Christ** more than the things of t**his world**.
   3. After we “come **in**” and find salvation (v.23), we must “come **to**” Him for our cross (v.26), in order to “come **after**” Him in obedience to His Word.
4. (v.34-35) We must not only **come** to Christ on His terms, but **live** this life on His terms.