Luke 14 • Coming to Terms with Christ

1. (v.1-6) Christ the Guest

- a. There are those who only invite Christ and the Law in as long as they can keep them on their own terms.
- b. The quality of our righteousness is betrayed in how we treat others.
- c. (v.7-11) There are those who only wrap themselves in spiritual things as long as it keeps the <u>focus on them</u>.
- d. The quality of our spirituality can be measured in the proportion to which we give way to Christ at the expense of self.
- e. (v.12-14) The proof of accepting Christ on His terms will be a decreased <u>love</u> for self in direct proportion to a rise in <u>love</u> for others.

2. (v.15-24) Christ the Host

- a. All the guests had already agreed to come in advance but backed out. They knew the feast was coming.
- The one with the land excuse represents those overtaken by the cares of the world to the point of <u>covetousness</u>.
- The one with the oxen excuse represents those overtaken by the <u>deceitfulness</u> of riches.
- d. The one with the marriage excuse represents those overtaken by the <u>pleasures</u> of this life.
- e. None say they do not want to go, they just want to go on their own terms.

3. (v.25-33) Christ the Master

- a. This chapter is a progressive process of inviting Christ in and ultimately coming into full <u>submission</u> to Him alone.
- b. A true disciple is someone who loves <u>others</u> more than <u>themselves</u> and the things of <u>Christ</u> more than the things of this world.
- c. 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 <u>come</u> to Christ on His terms, but <u>live</u> this life on His terms.