



## I. INTRO

### A. Lunch with Jesus

**Luke 19:10 (NLT) For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."**

**Luke 7:34 (NLT) The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!'**

- Each meal was more than food—it was **revelation**
- Parable, a truth hidden in a story – **see yourself, victim, villain, bystander**

### B. The Dessert Course

- Dessert is special, it's a sweet finish to a meal and a time to savor the richness of God's presence and power

### C. Lessons learned

- **Matthew the tax collector:** (Luke 5) No one is beyond the reach of God's mercy. But grace always leads to transformation
- **Pharisee's house:** (Luke 7 & 14) Truth must confront pride and religion, and mercy gave way to an overflow of extravagant worship
- **Feeding of the 5,000:** (Luke 9) What we place in His hands is never too small
- **Mary and Martha:** (Luke 10) Jesus wants our attention more than or performance
- **The road to Emmaus and the upper room:** (Luke 24) The table is where Jesus opens our eyes and ignites our hearts.
- **Every meal was an invitation**

## II. THE TABLE

### A. The Lord IS!

**Psalm 23:1 (NKJV) The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

- **"The eternal, self-existent, covenant-keeping God—Yahweh—is my Shepherd. Because of who He is, I will lack nothing."**

### B. He's prepared a table...

**Psalm 23:5 (NKJV) You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.**

### C. He's prepared a table ... for you

- In middle eastern culture, hosting someone at a table was a way of publicly honoring them
- In Hebrew culture the table wasn't just about food, it represented fellowship



**Psalm 23:1-6 (NKJV)** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me. Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

### III. THE INVITATION

A. Answer the door!

**Revelation 3:20 (NIV)** Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

- **The table is an invitation**
  - Jesus isn't barging in – he's knocking
- **The table is a place of access**
  - He wants to sit at the table with you and remind you who He is—your Shepherd, Provider, Healer, Peace, and Righteousness
- **The table is a place of victory**

**Revelation 3:21 (NIV)** To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

- **The table will open your eyes**

**Revelation 3:22 (NIV)** Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”