

**Sunday Message Meditation**  
***November 16, 2014***

**Message Meditation:**

1. Jesus can really change the dynamics of a party!
  - a. Jesus turns water into wine and saves a couple from immense social embarrassment and potential marital disaster. (John 2) In blessing the wedding reception, Jesus reveals His glory and His disciples believe in Him.
  - b. Jesus heals a man with “dropsy” and sends him on his way with renewed health. (Luke 14) Jesus reveals His compassion and power. For Jesus, mercy is more important than maintaining religious tradition.
  - c. Jesus shines the light of truth onto the hearts of the party host and guest, revealing their lack of compassion, lack of humility, indifference in serving the disadvantaged and disinterest in the Kingdom of God. (Luke 14) This is grace to them. Jesus both provides the diagnosis of their heart condition, and is the remedy for their illness.
2. Jesus is the gospel! He is the King who heals the sick, forgives the sinner, gives grace to the humble, and serves those who cannot repay Him.

**Questions for thought & application:**

1. Would you like to take Jesus along to the parties you attend...or would you rather leave Him at home?
2. Is Jesus at the table of your life, or have you relegated Him to the position of an unwanted salesman - on the porch, knocking at your door.  
How do you know when Jesus is at the table of your life... or when He has been removed from the table by your indifference or rebellion?
3. What grace enables you to see your impoverished spiritual condition?  
How do you acquire what you need (gold, white clothes and eye salve) when you are impoverished? (See Revelation 4:14-22)