



Meals with Jesus



The Messianic Banquet



Luke 9:7-20 NRSV

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On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. Then, taking them along, he slipped quietly into a city called Bethsaida. When the crowds found out about it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God and healed those who needed to be cured.

- Luke 9:7-20

¹² *The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside to lodge and get provisions, for we are here in a deserted place.” But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” They did so and had them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled, and what was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.*

- Luke 9:7-20

¹⁸ Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” They answered, “John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.” Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “The Messiah of God.”

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*On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food
filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast
over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe
away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God;
we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."*

- Isaiah 25:6-9

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- Luke 9:18-19

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- Luke 9:20

*Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!*

*Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.*

*Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?*

*Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.*

- Isaiah 55:1-2

“In this desolate place as a group of needy people
gather together and share food,
with Jesus at the center and with Jesus as the provider,
we see God’s coming world glimpsed right here, right now.”

- Tim Chester, A Meal with Jesus

*They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.*

- Revelation 7:16-17