



IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS (Part 2)

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Acts 4:12 NIV
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***Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.
- Acts 4:12 NIV***

Jesus often used meals to engage with people and teach important lessons. Jesus' example provides an opportunity to invite friends, outcasts and even enemies to know God's story of love and salvation.

- Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked. He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there." They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." - Luke 22:7-16 NIV

A TRUTH AND A CHALLENGE RE: THE TABLE:

1. TRUTH : JESUS MADE ROOM FOR ME AT HIS TABLE

- "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." - John 15:13-15

People often like to say, "I like to think of Jesus as my friend, not my master." But he's all the things Scripture reveals him to be, including judge, father, friend, and master. His attributes aren't a smorgasbord for finicky Christians to choose what they want and leave the rest untouched."
- Randy Alcorn

- "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." - Luke 22:15 NIV

2. CHALLENGE : I WILL MAKE ROOM FOR OTHERS AT MY TABLE

- "We love because he first loved us." - 1 John 1:4
- "He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there." They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover... And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." - Luke 22: 12-13,15 NIV

Check your motives.

Leverage whatever you have to come alongside people and build friendship.

- "You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness, and he was called God's friend." - James 2:22-23 NIV

Question: Name one practical way that I can make room at my table for someone else TODAY.