THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST
Luke 14:1-14

MAIN THOUGHT  While the Pharisees were LOOKING to indict Jesus, He was LOOKING to instruct them.

INDICTMENT OF JESUS (1-6).

JESUS – THE FRIEND OF SINNERS (1).
• Jesus was the friend of sinners (5:29; 7:34; 15:2).
• Jesus knew what was in the heart of man (John 2:24-25). They wanted to pass judgment upon Jesus, but Jesus passed judgment upon them.

JESUS – THE HEALER OF THE SICK (2-4).
• As bait, a sick person with DROPSY (GK=hydro – water, optipkos – appear) or edema (GK=oidema – swelling) was put in front of Jesus.
• Without hesitation he healed him even on the Sabbath leaving them SPEECHLESS (20:26; Hab. 2:20; Rom. 3:19-20; 1 Pet. 2:15).

JESUS – THE TEACHER OF SCRIPTURE (5-6).
• To explain his own actions, he appealed to mercy (13:15; Ex. 23:4-5; Hos. 6:6).
• Jesus taught in cases where there were moral dilemmas that LOVE (Matt. 22:36-38) and MERCY (Mic. 6:8) should prevail (1 Cor. 13:13) as with the Hebrew midwives (Ex. 1:15-20), Rahab (Josh. 2:4-6), and Samuel (1 Sam. 16:1-3).

INSTRUCTION OF JESUS (7-14).

JESUS – THE OBSERVATION (7). Jesus notices our lives. He watches over me (Psa. 33:14; 121:3-5).

JESUS – THE INSTRUCTION (8-11).
• WHAT NOT TO DO (8-9). When invited to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor. You may be asked to give up your seat to another and move down and humiliate yourself (Prov. 25:6-7).
• WHAT TO DO (10-11). Take the lowest seat and then be invited to take a higher seat and so be honored in the presence of all (Prov. 27:1; James 2:1-4).

“Try not to become a man of success, but try to become a man of value.” ALBERT EINSTEIN

JESUS – THE APPLICATION (12-14).
• Do not help people in order to make them indebted. “You can’t get your reward twice” (Giving – Matt. 6:1-4; PRAYING – Matt. 6:5-6; FASTING – Matt. 6:16-18).
• Do invite the poor, crippled, lame, and the blind for you will be repaid at the resurrection (Matt. 19:27-30).
• The first will be last and the last will be first (Matt. 13:30).