

Won't You Dine With Me?

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God's desire to be close to us is demonstrated in the custom of eating together with people. Throughout the Bible, there are many instances of God fellowshiping with us. Immanuel, God With Us, invites us to go beyond just listening to Him to allowing Him into our daily lives as a very present friend. The Immanuel Approach gives us the opportunity to be healed of wounds, lies and sin which keep Him at arms' length. He comes to take out the things in our hearts that block intimacy with Him.

Studies included in this article are: Meals With Jesus; Ate And Drank With Jesus; Eating in the Kingdom of God; Last Supper (Passover); Communion; Agape Meal (Christian Love Feast); Jesus, The Bread of God; Feasts; Meal before Communion; Dine With (Metaphor for Deep Fellowship); Meals With God; Banquet; Banqueting; Supper; Marriage Feast of the Lamb; Example of Undeserved Invitation: David and Mephibosheth

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Meals With Jesus

The Wedding At Cana John 2:1-11

Tax Collector Matthew's Banquet With Jesus and Disciples Matthew 9:10-13; Mark 2:15-17; Luke 5:29-32

Feeding the Five Thousand Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:31-44; Luke 9:11-17; John 6:1-13

Feeding the Four Thousand Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-10

Mary Anoints Jesus For Burial In Bethany Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 12:2-8

Pharisee's Banquet Where Woman Anoints Jesus Luke 7:36-50

Martha and Mary in Bethany Luke 10:40

Meal With Disciples Luke 11:37-42

Zacchaeus' Banquet in Jericho Luke 19:1-10

Post Resurrection Meal With Disciples Without Thomas Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43

Post Resurrection Meal With Disciples and Thomas Mark 16:14; John 20:26-29

Post Resurrection Meal on the Shore With Seven Disciples John 21:1-14

Post Resurrection Meal in Emmaus Mark 16:12-13; Luke 24:30-33

Parable of Son Asking His Father For Bread Luke 11:11

Parable of The Great Supper Luke 14:18-24

Parable of the Marriage of the King's Son Matthew 22:2-14

Ate And Drank With Jesus

Luke 13:26 Then you will begin to say, 'We [ate and drank](#) in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'

Acts 10:41 Not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, *even* to us who [ate and drank](#) with Him after He arose from the dead.

Eating in the Kingdom of God

Luke 14:15 Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed *is* he who shall eat [bread](#) in the kingdom of God!"

Last Supper (Passover)

Matthew 26:20-29; Mark 14:17-21; Luke 22:14-15, 20; John 13:21-22

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-23

Agape Meal (Christian Love Feast)

Acts 2:42, 46 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 2:46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart.

Acts 20:7 Now on the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.

Acts 20:11 Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed.

2 Peter 2:13 *And* will receive the wages of unrighteousness, *as* those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. *They are* spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you.

Jude 12 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots.

Jesus, The Bread of God

John 6:32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the [bread](#) from heaven, but My Father gives you the true [bread](#) from heaven.

John 6:33 For the [bread of God](#) is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

John 6:34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this [bread](#) always."

John 6:35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the [bread of life](#). He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

John 6:41 The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the [bread](#) which came down from heaven."

John 6:48 I am the [bread of life](#).

John 6:50 This is the [bread](#) which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

John 6:51 I am the living [bread](#) which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this [bread](#), he will live forever; and the [bread](#) that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.

John 6:58 This is the [bread](#) which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this [bread](#) will live forever.

Feasts

Exodus 23:14 [Three times](#) you shall keep a feast to Me in the year.

Exodus 23:17 [Three times](#) in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

Exodus 34:23-24 Three times in the year all your men shall appear before the Lord, the LORD God of Israel. For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders; neither will any man covet your land when you go up to appear before the LORD your God three times in the year.

Numbers 10:10 Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

Numbers 29:39 These you shall present to the LORD at your appointed feasts (besides your vowed offerings and your freewill offerings) as your burnt offerings and your grain offerings, as your drink offerings and your peace offerings.

Deuteronomy 16:16 Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.

1 Chronicles 23:31 And at every presentation of a burnt offering to the LORD on the Sabbaths and on the New Moons and on the set feasts, by number according to the ordinance governing them, regularly before the LORD.

Meal before Communion

1 Corinthians 11:17-22

Dine With (As a metaphor for deep fellowship)

Genesis 43:16 When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, "Take *these* men to my home, and slaughter an animal and make ready; for *these* men will dine with me at noon."

Esther 7:1 So the king and Haman went to dine with Queen Esther.

Luke 11:37 And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat.

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Meals With God

Abraham and the "Three Men" Genesis 18:1-8

Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the Seventy Elders Exodus 24:1, 9-11

Israelites 1 Chronicles 29:22 So they [ate and drank](#) before the LORD with great gladness on that day. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed *him* before the LORD *to be* the leader, and Zadok *to be* priest.

Banquet

Esther 5:4 So Esther answered, "If it pleases the king, let the king and Haman come today to the [banquet](#) that I have prepared for him."

Esther 5:5 Then the king said, "Bring Haman quickly, that he may do as Esther has said." So the king and Haman went to the [banquet](#) that Esther had prepared.

Esther 5:6 At the [banquet](#) of wine the king said to Esther, "What *is* your petition? It shall be granted you. What *is* your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!"

Esther 5:8 If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, then let the king and Haman come to the [banquet](#) which I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said.

Esther 5:12 Moreover Haman said, "Besides, Queen Esther invited no one but me to come in with the king to the [banquet](#) that she prepared; and tomorrow I am again invited by her, along with the king.

Esther 5:14 Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Let a gallows be made, fifty cubits high, and in the morning suggest to the king that Mordecai be hanged on it; then go merrily with the king to the [banquet](#)." And the thing pleased Haman; so he had the gallows made.

Esther 6:14 While they *were* still talking with him, the king's eunuchs came, and hastened to bring Haman to the [banquet](#) which Esther had prepared.

Esther 7:2 And on the second day, at the [banquet](#) of wine, the king again said to Esther, "What *is* your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what *is* your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!"

Esther 7:7 Then the king arose in his wrath from the [banquet](#) of wine *and went* into the palace garden; but Haman stood before Queen Esther, pleading for his life, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king.

Esther 7:8 When the king returned from the palace garden to the place of the [banquet](#) of wine, Haman had fallen across the couch where Esther *was*. Then the king said, "Will he also assault the queen while I *am* in the house?" As the word left the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

Job 41:6 Will *your* companions make a [banquet](#) of him? Will they apportion him among the merchants?

Daniel 5:10 The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came to the [banquet](#) hall. The queen spoke, saying, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance change."

Banqueting

Song of Solomon 2:4 THE SHULAMITE TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM He brought me to the [banqueting](#) house, And his banner over me *was* love.

Supper

Luke 14:12 Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a [supper](#), do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid."

Luke 14:16 Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great [supper](#) and invited many."

Luke 14:17 And sent his servant at [supper](#) time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'

Luke 14:24 'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my [supper](#).'

Luke 17:8 But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my [supper](#), and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink?'

Luke 22:20 Likewise He also *took* the cup after [supper](#), saying, "This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

John 12:2 There they made Him a [supper](#); and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

John 13:2 And [supper](#) being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray Him.

John 13:4 rose from [supper](#) and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

John 21:20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the [supper](#), and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

1 Corinthians 11:20 Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's [Supper](#).

1 Corinthians 11:21 For in eating, each one takes his own [supper](#) ahead of *others*; and one is hungry and another is drunk.

1 Corinthians 11:25 In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after [supper](#), saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

Revelation 19:17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the [supper](#) of the great God,

Marriage Feast of the Lamb

Revelation 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the [marriage](#) of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

Revelation 19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed *are* those who are called to the [marriage](#) supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

Example of Undeserved Invitation: David and Mephibosheth

2 Samuel 9:13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the [king's table](#). And he was lame in both his feet.

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