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- God does not call us **to watch people too closely!** (1 Th 4:11)
- Especially true in marriage, parenting, friendships, church.



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- There is also a lesson here in **standing up to scrutiny!**
- Jesus does not crumble! **What would someone find** in you?

**THE MORE YOU ARE LIKE JESUS,
THE MORE YOU WILL FIND
YOURSELF UNDER A MICROSCOPE.**



**SOMEONE IS
GOING TO
HAVE A NEED**

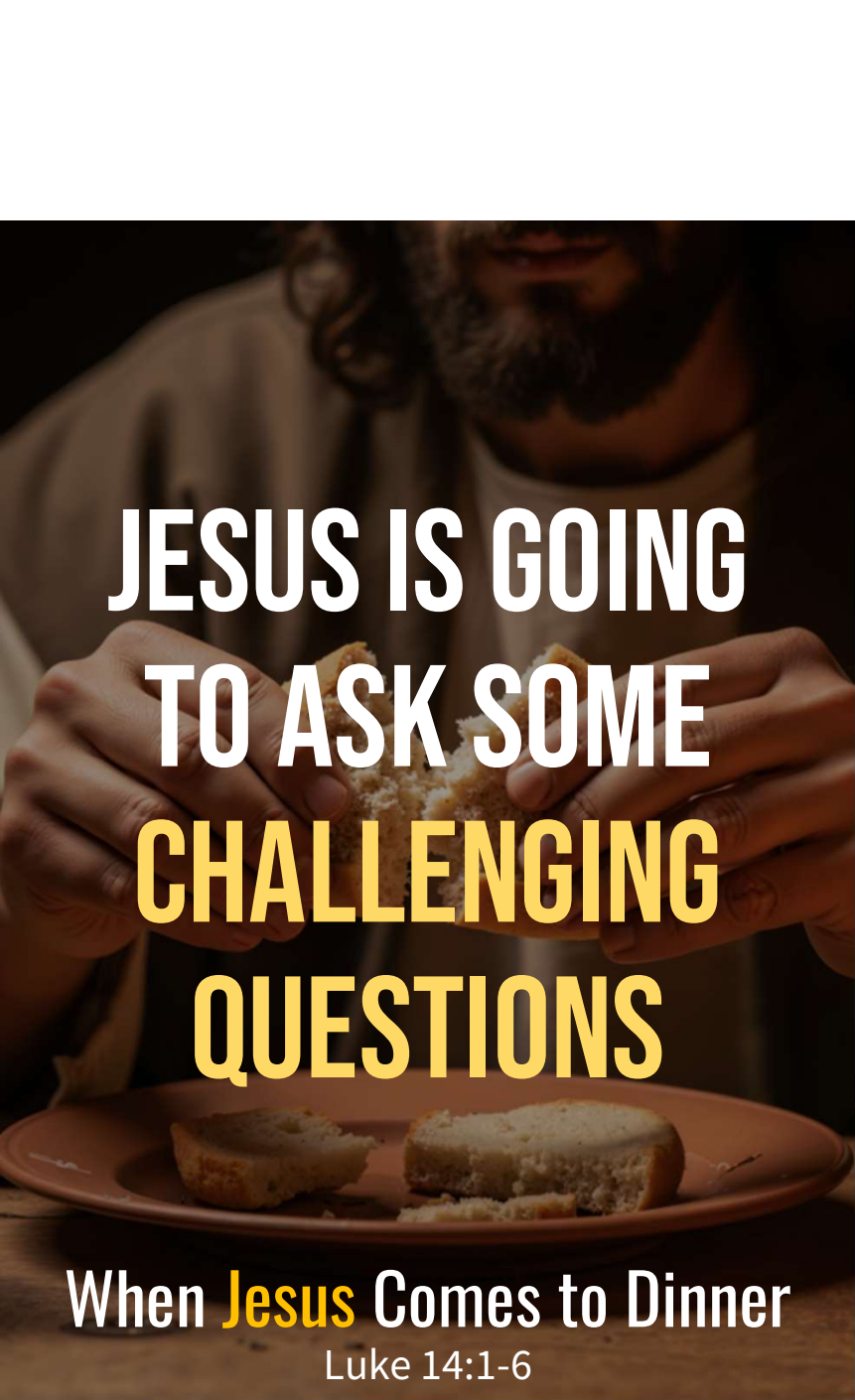
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- A **suffering man** with dropsy.
- Accumulation of liquid in the body... a symptom of possible heart or kidney failure.
- Rarely do we find Jesus **without someone close by that has a real need.**
- Jesus never seemed to **run a quart low on compassion!**

**THEY ONLY ASKED US TO
REMEMBER THE POOR—THE VERY
THING I ALSO WAS EAGER TO DO.**

Galatians 2:10



JESUS IS GOING TO ASK SOME CHALLENGING QUESTIONS

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- **Is it lawful** to heal on the Sabbath? Why is this hard?
- Jesus **shows courage** and asks this question to **the most educated ones present.**
- They ***kept silent***... why?
- Where is the **usual confidence?**

IT TAKES **COURAGE** TO ASK
CHALLENGING QUESTIONS.

IT TAKES **COURAGE** TO ANSWER
CHALLENGING QUESTIONS.

**IT TAKES EVEN MORE COURAGE TO
ANSWER A CHALLENGING QUESTION
WHEN JESUS IS THE ONE ASKING!**

The question in Luke 14 was **easy!**

**THINK OF SOMETHING THAT YOU
ARE CONFIDENT IS WRONG AND
IMAGINE JESUS ASKING YOU
PUBLICLY, IS IT LAWFUL?**

IS IT LAWFUL...

**TO USE FUNDS FROM THE CHURCH
TREASURY TO HELP A WOMEN'S SHELTER
FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?**

IS IT LAWFUL...

**TO SING SONGS OF PRAISE ABOUT
THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER?**

IS IT LAWFUL...

**TO WORSHIP GOD WITH
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS?**

**WASN'T TEACHING ABOUT
THE SABBATH CLEAR?**

**IS THERE CLARITY ON
THESE OTHER TOPICS?**

Let me tell you what is crystal clear...

**“FOR THE WHOLE LAW IS FULFILLED IN ONE
WORD, IN THE STATEMENT, “YOU SHALL
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”**

Galatians 5:14

Let me tell you what is also crystal clear...

**JESUS FOCUSED ON GIVING, HELPING,
SERVING, & HEALING PEOPLE.**

MY **POINT** IS THIS...

I THINK WE MAY **TOO EASILY**
ASSUME THAT WE ARE NOT LIKE THE
PHARISEES, WHEN **MAYBE WE ARE.**

You might be thinking...

Pharisees thinking...

WHO INVITED HIM?



JESUS HEALS AND HELPS

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- This is **who Jesus is!**
- This is His **mission!**
- Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:18-19
- And Jesus calls us **to do the same.** Luke 6:30-31
- You don't have to be a miracle worker **to be a miracle worker!**
Luke 10:34-35



JESUS PREACHES A WHOLE SERMON IN ABOUT 20 SECONDS!

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- Jesus asks **another challenging question!** (v 5)
- **Why** did Jesus do this?
- Jesus **highlights...**
 - **misplaced priorities**
 - **glaring inconsistencies**
- Jesus had a special way of making **big people look** small.



**SOMETIMES, I THINK
OUR FAITH CAN BE
LIKE SWISS CHEESE,
BUT WITH **MORE**
HOLES THAN CHEESE!**

