

Come Sit at the Table — Week 2 Message Title: The Table Jesus Built

SERMON OVERVIEW

Jesus didn't build a throne. He built a table—low, long, and wide enough for the broken, the burdened, and the barely hanging on.

Today, we ask: **Who was missing at His table?** **Who's missing at ours?**

I. 🙌 The People Jesus Sat With

What kind of people did Jesus pull out chairs for?

1. **They Were Desperate**
(*Luke 8:43–48, Mark 10:46–52*)
 - Desperation doesn't ask permission. It pushes through.
 - ☐ Who in your life is quietly desperate?
2. **They Were Overlooked or Rejected**
(*Luke 19:1–10, John 4:1–42*)
 - Jesus didn't just accept outsiders—He went after them.
 - ☐ Who are we unintentionally excluding?
3. **They Were Hungry for Truth**
(*John 3, John 6*)
 - Hungry people will move when they smell real bread.
 - ☐ Are we feeding faith or entertaining crowds?
4. **They Were Broken But Willing**
(*Luke 7:36–50, Matthew 9:9*)
 - Jesus never required polish—only surrender.
 - ☐ Are we making room for weeping, kneeling, repentance?

II. 🌍 The Places Jesus Ministered

Where did Jesus pull out chairs?

1. **Ordinary & "Unholy" Places**
(*Matthew 9:10, Mark 2:15–17*)
 - Holiness showed up where religion stayed away.
 - ☐ What "unholy" space is God calling you into?
2. **Uncomfortable or Inconvenient Places**
(*Mark 5, John 4*)
 - Ministry isn't always strategic—it's sacrificial.
 - ☐ Where would Jesus walk that we avoid?
3. **Hungry Grounds, Not Holy Grounds**
(*Luke 9:10–17, Matthew 14*)
 - The side of a hill became a sanctuary.
 - ☐ Are we feeding the full... or feeding the hungry?
4. **Private Before Public**
(*John 3, Luke 10:38–42*)

- If it's not personal, it's not powerful.
☐ Are you building discipleship around your dinner table?

III. 💡 What This Reveals About Jesus

He wasn't **platform**-obsessed—He was **people**-focused.
He didn't **sanitize** the moment—He **sanctified** it.
He didn't **fear** mess—He **met** people in it.

QUICK LIST — PEOPLE JESUS TOUCHED

Person	Their Story	What Changed
Bleeding Woman	Unclean & Unseen	Healed & Affirmed
Zacchaeus	Corrupt Tax Collector	Restored & Generous
Mary Magdalene	Demon-Possessed	Delivered & Devoted
Peter	Impulsive Fisherman	Pastor & Preacher
Nicodemus	Religious Leader	Born Again
Samaritan Woman	Isolated & Immoral	Evangelist to Her City
Bartimaeus	Blind Beggar	Saw & Followed Jesus
The Gerasene Demoniac	Violent, Shackled	Clothed & Testifying

Reflection: The Empty Chair

There's an empty chair at the table of Jesus... Maybe it's for a friend you gave up on. A neighbor you've ignored. A prodigal child. A version of *you* that thinks you don't belong.

Your Response Today

1. 🗑️ **Who's Your One?**

Name someone Jesus would invite that you've overlooked:

2. 🪑 **Will You Pull Out the Chair?**

How can you invite them not just to church, but into your life?

3. ❤️ **Do You Need That Chair?**

If you've been on the outside—Jesus made space for you. Today's your day.

- ☐ I'm coming back.
- ☐ I'm ready to sit at the table.
- ☐ I'm ready to invite others.

“Jesus didn't build a temple—He built a table. And we're the ones setting it.”