

Stories of Celebration:

A Party and a Wedding

A Party

“The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.” Matthew 11:19

“Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. ‘Follow me,’ Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.” Luke 5:27-28

“Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, ‘Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?’” Luke 5:29-30

“It’s not those who think they’re healthy that need a doctor. But those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Luke 5:31-32

Perhaps the most spiritual thing we can do is to open up your heart, your life, your home to people who don’t know Jesus (and) let them get to know some people who do.

When Jesus shows up at a party He brings the joy.

A Wedding

“When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.” John 2:3

In Jewish culture wine was a symbol of joy.

“Why do you involve me?” John 2:4

“Do whatever he tells you.” John 2:5

“Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water’; so they filled them to the brim.” John 2:6-7

Jesus brings the joy to this party.

Make sure Jesus is invited to your party.