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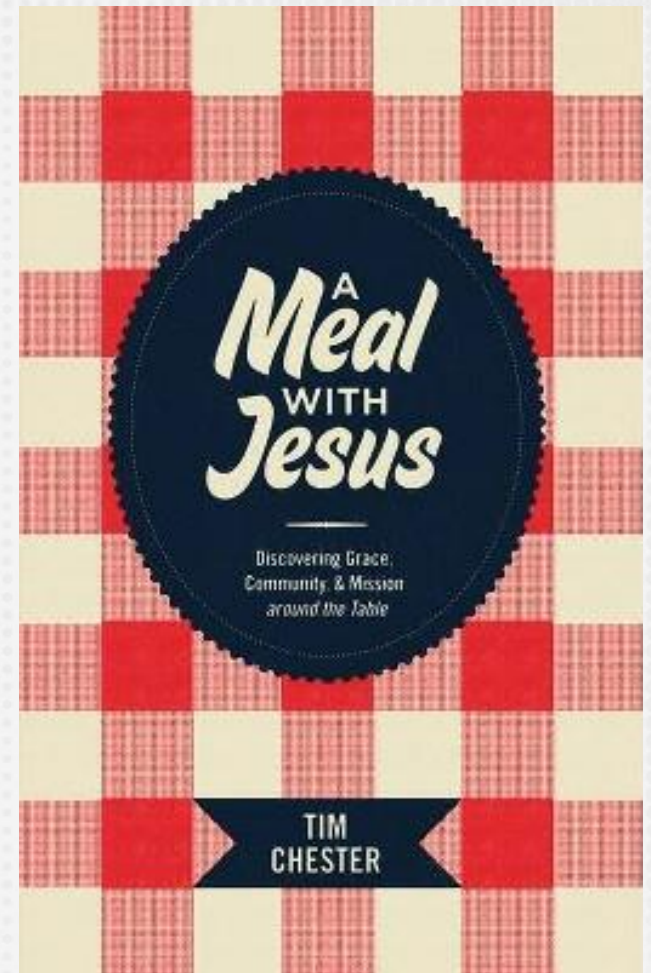
OF JESUS

THE WHY & HOW OF SHARING OUR FAITH

1. “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

2. “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

3. “The Son of Man has come eating and drinking,” Luke 7:34a



How can we be like Jesus – a friend of sinners?

Luke 7:34 “The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’”



As a friend of sinners, eating and drinking, Jesus demonstrates:

- 1. Humility**
- 2. Compassion**
- 3. Sacrifice**



Humility:

“True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.” –C.S. Lewis *Mere Christianity*

Philippians 2:3-8

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Compassion:

Matthew 9:35-36

“And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”



Compassion:

Matthew 9:9-13

“As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. 10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 12 But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Sacrifice:



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John 2:18-22

“the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?”¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”²⁰ The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?”²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body.²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.”

How did Jesus come?

1. Humility by putting on human flesh.
2. Compassion by meeting the needs of poor sinners.
3. Sacrifice by dying for our sins.

Matthew 26:28

“for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

