

THE CHOSEN
You Are Established
Luke 14:25-33
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If you have accepted the invitation to place your faith in Jesus you are now established as a believer and follower of Jesus.

And later the slave said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' 23 And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and the hedges and press upon them to come in, so that my house will be filled. 24 For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my dinner.'"

Luke 14:22-24 NAS

We are all invited and there is still room for more.

TO FOLLOW JESUS

Now large crowds were going along with Him, and He turned and said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

Luke 14:25-26 NAS

All the relationships you have in life must come second to the relationship you have with Jesus.

Clip #1: Nicodemus talks with Jesus.

Why do people gravitate to the Law?
Because they want to be able to earn their own salvation.

Why is it so hard to see salvation as a gift?

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Luke 14:27 NAS

To carry your own cross means we live the life God prepared for us to live.

Clip #2: Jesus and Nicodemus continue to talk.

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life."

John 3:16 NAS

Jesus came and gave His life and literally defeated death and Satan to provide a way for us to be reconciled to God.

Clip #3: Jesus calls Matthew away from his tax booth.

Jesus wins the battle, He defeats Satan, holds the power of eternal life but He does not command us to follow. Instead He simple gives us an invitation to follow Him.

Never forget that your salvation is because you looked to Jesus and it is not anything you have done yourself.

Keeping Jesus first in your life is the key to living the life God has called us to.