

Luke 14:1-
Jesus Heals Man
With Dropsy

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1. Introduction

- a. Dropsy from Latin hydrops +
fatalis ("fatal swelling")
- b. Questions
 - legal to heal on Sabbath?
 - will Jesus heal man?
- c. Jesus directly challenges
Pharisees with question
 - Is it lawful (legal) to heal
on Sabbath Day? (14:3)
- d. Pharisees taught that illegal
to work on Sabbath Day
- e. Jesus entered home of ruler
of Pharisee for a meal
 - Jesus saw man with dropsy
 - old word meaning swelling
 - * modern medical word edema
 - * modern causes: heart disease,
kidney &/or liver disease,
malnutrition
 - body lacks ability to get rid
of excess fluid

2. Simple Sabbath Meal

- a. Jesus went into home of ruler
(leader) of the Pharisees
 - he entered the home to eat meal
 - but all the guests & homeowner
closely watched Him
- b. Also among the guests was a man
sick with edema (swollen up with
fluid)
 - * accidental? - a setup?
 - unknown
- c. But interesting how Jesus challenged
all the Pharisees with the question
with point of religious ~~law~~ law
 - Is it legal?
 - But everyone there all kept silent
 - * crowd full of lawyers & Pharisees
- d. Jesus healed the sick man in their
silence
 - Jesus often healed to relieve
suffering

3. Man with Dropsy

- a. Fluid retentions can buildup
 - causing pain
 - adds lots of weight inside body
- b. Jesus healed man in all the presence of the dinner guests

4. Jesus Answers Their Silence

- a. Jesus puts them on their spot about their care of their animals
 - animals fall into a hole?
 - they immediately work on Sabbath to rescue animal
- b. All present could not answer him

5. Convicting Question

a. First step in Jesus questions

- legal vs moral right
- * something may be legal
 - x driving on road (legal)
 - x but snow storm dictates a strong "No"
- * all things lawful but not all things expedient (1 Cor 6:12; 10:23)

b. Second step Jesus tells parable

- Lk 14:7-11 parable of wedding seating
- * Whoever exalts himself will be humbled
- * And whoever humbles himself will be exalted

6. Proudful silence

a. No one answered him

- their silence continues

b. Jesus talks specifically to his host

- Lk 14:12-14

- * when hosting a meal don't invite only those who can return the favor

* But you will be blessed if you invite guests who cannot repay you

* You will be repaid at the last day of judgment in the future

7. Convicting Comparison

a. Jesus often used thought provoking questions to teach

- Jesus used teaching moments

b. God used a question when talking with Cain

- Gen 4:9-10

* Cain murders his brother Abel
* God asks "Where is Abel your brother?"

- What have you done?

c. God contacts Adam & Eve

- Gen 3:8-11

* Adam & Eve sinned in Garden of Eden

* Where are you?

* Who told you that you were naked?

* Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, that you should not eat?

d. One man finally breaks the silence

- Lk 14:15 Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of heaven

e. Jesus answers this one man directly (& also all those present)

- parable of meal guests

- Lk 14:16-24

- man planned a party feast

* but all invited guests made excuses on day of meal & didn't go

* host then ordered employee to go out into the streets to invite the poor, the lame, & the blind

* host then sent employee out to the highways & hedges to compel many more to fill his house (where destitute & homeless live)

- Jesus final comment

* none of these invited shall taste of my supper