



**Jesus is...Party Guest**  
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Jesus asked a lot of questions of people and often answered people's questions with a question of His own. One particular question He asked His own disciples was, "Who do you say that I am?" So let's start there, who do you say that Jesus is?

- Lessons at a dinner party - 14:1-14
- Parable of the party - 14:15-24
- Party over finding one lost sheep - 15:1-7
- Party at finding one lost coin - 15:8-10
- Party at the return of a son - 15:11-32

**Jesus is a party animal.**

**What did Jesus actually think He was doing in these parties?**

**1. Look at who He partied with.**

*Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."* Luke 15:1-2 (NIV)

**2. Look at why He partied.**

Something lost was found!

The Lost Sheep

*When found, you can be sure you would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and neighbors, saying, "Celebrate with me! I've found my lost sheep!" Count on it—there's more joy in heaven over one sinner's*

*rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.* Luke 15:4-7 (MSG)

The Lost Coin

*And when she finds it you can be sure she'll call her friends and neighbors: "Celebrate with me! I found my lost coin!" Count on it—that's the kind of party God's angels throw every time one lost soul turns to God.* Luke 15:8-10 (MSG)

The Lost Son

*"My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."* Luke 15:31 (NIV)

**3. Look at how He partied.**

*They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets.* Luke 20:46 (NIV)

*On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."* Matthew 9:12-13 (NIV)

**Challenge:**

- Who do you party with?
- Only people Like you?
- Only those that believe the same things as you do?
- Do you like them?
- Do they like you?

*"We were never commissioned to demand that secular culture reflect biblical principles. We were commissioned to reflect biblical principles in the middle of secular culture, pointing to God's redemptive story." ~Cara Joyner*

What did Jesus actually think He was doing in these parties?

Maybe that's what we should be doing.