



Blessed are
the Poor in
Spirit

Matthew 4:23-25

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. ²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.



Matthew 5:1-3

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”



"Blessed are the spiritual zeros—the spiritually bankrupt, deprived and deficient, the spiritual beggars, those without a wisp of ‘religion’"

Dallas Willard



Luke 14:15-23 TPT

¹⁵ When they heard this, one of the dinner guests said to Jesus, “Someday God will have a kingdom feast, and how happy and privileged will be the ones who get to share in that joy!”

¹⁶ Jesus replied with this parable:

“A man invited many to join him in a great feast. ¹⁷ When the day for the feast arrived, the host instructed his servant to notify all the invited guests and tell them, ‘Come, for everything is now ready for you!’

Luke 14:15-23 TPT

¹⁸ But one by one they all made excuses. One said, 'I can't come. I just bought some property and I have to go and look it over.' ¹⁹ Another said, 'Please accept my regrets, for I just purchased five teams of oxen and I need to make sure they can pull the plow.' ²⁰ Another one said, 'I can't come because I just got married.'



Luke 14:15-23 (cont.)

²¹ “The servant reported back to the host and told him of all their excuses. The master became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go at once throughout the city and invite anyone you find—the poor, the blind, the disabled, the hurting, and the lonely. Invite them to my banquet.’

²² “When the servant returned to his master, he said, ‘Sir, I have done what you asked, but there’s still room for more.’



Luke 14:15-23 (cont.)

²³ “So the master told him, ‘All right. Go out again, and this time bring them all back with you. Persuade the beggars on the streets, the outcasts, even the homeless. Insist that they come in and enjoy the feast so that my house will be full.’



Luke 17:11-14 TPT

¹¹ On his way to Jerusalem Jesus passed through the border region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered one village, ten men approached him, but they kept their distance, for they were lepers. ¹³ They shouted to him, “Mighty Lord, our wonderful Master! Won’t you have mercy on us *and heal us?*”

¹⁴ When Jesus stopped to look at them, he spoke these words: “Go to be examined by the Jewish priests.”

They set off, and they were healed while walking along the way

Luke 19:1-7 TPT

On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus had to pass through Jericho. ² There lived a very wealthy man named Zacchaeus, who supervised all the tax collectors. ³ He was very eager to see Jesus and kept trying to get a look at him through the massive crowd. Since Zacchaeus was a short man and couldn't see over the heads of the people, ⁴ he ran on ahead of everyone and climbed up a blossoming fig tree to get a glimpse of Jesus as he passed by.



Luke 19:1-7 (cont.)

⁵ When Jesus got to that place, he looked up into the tree and said, “Zacchaeus, hurry on down, for I must stay at your house today!”

⁶ So he scurried down the tree and found himself face-to-face with Jesus.

⁷ As Jesus left to go with Zacchaeus, many in the crowd complained, “Look at this! Of all the people to have dinner with, he’s going to eat in the house of a crook.”





Belong
Believe
Become

Discussion Questions

- Do you find yourself more often feeling like you belong—or feeling like you don't belong? What makes you feel that way?
- How does Jesus' announcement strike you—that God is on your side?