

“The House Guest”

Mark 2:1-12

Introduction

- I. Have you ever had a special guest stay with you?
- II. What would it be like to have Jesus as a “house guest”?

Discussion

- I. Word will get around.
 - A. People will learn that Jesus is in your life (Mark 2:1-2).
 - B. Our faithfulness cannot be a secret (John 19:38).
 - C. The public should have easy knowledge that Jesus is welcome in our homes (Matt. 10:32).
- II. Needy people may show up.
 - A. Those in need will want to come to where Jesus is (Mark 2:3).
 - B. This may mean that you will have a lot of benevolence requests (Gal. 6:10; cf. Mark 2:17; Matt. 11:5).
 - C. These people may not be very well clothed or clean (James 2:1-9).
- III. You may have to pay some hefty costs.
 - A. Some may destroy or abuse your possessions (Mark 2:4).
 - B. It might mean that you take on the financial responsibility (Luke 10:33-35).
 - C. Allowing Jesus into your life can be extremely costly (Mark 8:34).
- IV. The positives will far outweigh the negatives.
 - A. Blessings will overflow (Mark 2:5-12; Psm. 23:1-6).
 - B. We will not be able to be thankful enough for all that He will give (Rom. 8:35-39).
 - C. Above all else will be the spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3).

Conclusion

- I. Would you want Jesus to be a guest in your home?
- II. It will not always be easy, but it will always be worth it!