

COME AND DINE

Nothing brings a family together better than food! For me, Sunday dinner is the most important meal of the week. When I was a kid, it was usually at one of my grandmothers' houses. It was a special time to be with the family I loved. Everyone worked together to set up the tables and prepare the dishes...the food was extra special and there was always a home-made desert. I remember the children's table with my cousins, where we laughed more than we ate. Through the generations, Sunday dinner has been an important tradition. Whether Sunday is the last day of your week or the beginning; Sunday dinner is a place where you can feel comforted and welcome. There you will find peace and rest.



The Bible speaks of many feasts and suppers which were followed by important events in scripture. Here are some stories that you may want to look up:

- Abraham entertains three visitors — Genesis 18
- Joseph serves his brothers — Genesis 43
- Passover — Exodus 12
- Manna from Heaven — Exodus 16:4
- Esther prepares a banquet for King Xerxes and Haman — Esther 5:8
- Elijah fed by ravens — 1 Kings 17
- Elijah fed by an angel — 1 Kings 19:5-9
- Elisha feeds a hundred — 2 Kings 4:42-44

When it comes to stories of Jesus, here are just a few which include food:

- Jesus feeds 5,000 — Matt 14:13-21
- Dinner at Zacchaeus' house — Luke 19
- Dinner with Mary and Martha — Luke 10:38
- The Parable of the Great Banquet — Luke 14:15-23
- The Lord's Supper — Matt 26:17-30
- Jesus fixes breakfast — John 21:9-12
- The Wedding Supper of the Lamb — Rev. 19

When you're invited to Sunday dinner, it means you are being included as a member of the family. It is there that we find renewed family relationships, appreciation and thankfulness for our family.

God calls us to come and dine at his table. When we partake of Communion, it is much more than supper. It is a reminder of how our Lord and Savior gives his body and blood by dying on the cross, to save us, his family. He forgave us and gave us eternal life (Matt. 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20). One loaf, One body, One family (1 Cor. 10:16-17).

God is great, God is good; let us thank him for our food.
Amen.



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"Come and dine," the Master calleth, "Come dine";
You may feast at Jesus' table all the time;
He Who fed the multitude, turned the water into wine,
To the hungry calleth now,
"Come and dine."