



**Sermon Outline  
December 13, 2020  
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## **Who's For Dinner?**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**\*Advent is a \_\_\_\_\_ focus on Christ in December to help us remember and prepare our hearts for why we celebrate Christmas.**

**\*One of the hallmarks of Christmas is \_\_\_\_\_: Opening our homes to family and friends. (*Except during COVID*)**

**\*A number of the stories about Jesus' birth feature a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Luke 1:39-41a** - At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb...

**Luke 2:6-7** - While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

**Luke 2:16** - So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

**Matthew 2:11** - On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**\*Jesus became "God with us" so that "us with God" could become a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**John 1:14a** (The Message) - The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood.

**\*Jesus was an equal opportunity \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Luke 14:1** - One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

**Matthew 9:10** - While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and his disciples.

**\*\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was eating with was always more important that \_\_\_\_\_ He was eating.**

**\*Standard religious practice – \_\_\_\_\_ believe, belong.**

**\*Jesus's standard practice – Belong, believe, \_\_\_\_\_.**

**\*Inclusion does not have to equal \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Luke 14:12-14** - Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

**In order for relationships to be built, they have to be \_\_\_\_\_ and cultivated.**

**Take Away: Who will you offer a \_\_\_\_\_ at your table?**