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## When you hold a banquet

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On a sabbath Jesus went to dine  
at the home of one of the leading Pharisees.  
He said to the host who invited him,  
"When you hold a lunch or a dinner,  
do not invite your friends or your brothers or sisters  
or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors,  
in case they may invite you back and you have repayment.  
Rather, when you hold a banquet,  
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind;  
blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.  
For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."  
(Lk 14:12-14)