



MEALS WITH MESSIAH IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Part 6

# When Jesus Burns The Meal

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Jesus had more conflicts with the legalists of his day than any other group.

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Jesus confronted legalism as sin.**

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## Luke 11:37-54

Legalism is an attempt to earn favor with God (or to impress other people) by doing certain things—or avoiding certain things—often without regard to the condition of our hearts before God.

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**Luke 11:37-54**

**Jesus rails against legalism because it doesn't deal with the condition of our hearts before God.**

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**Why? The needs of our own heart get ignored, as do the needs of the disadvantaged.**

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**Why? We become spiritually smug while neglecting to show justice and love.**

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**Jesus gets STEAMED when we're driven more by the praise of others than by the praise of God. (43)**

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**Why? God's evaluation of our lives is the only one that matters in the end.**

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**Why? We alienate people and multiply our spiritual errors instead of correcting them.**

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**Why? We destroy all hope and possibility that a person could ever please God.**

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**Why? We demonstrate our hypocrisy and deceive ourselves into thinking that God is on our side.**

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**Why? We are obstacles to others coming to know God personally.**

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**Jesus’s blood is greater than the blood of all other prophets; it is the blood of God himself (Acts 20:28).**

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