

Let them Dine with Jesus

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and will dine with him, and he with Me.”

Revelation 3:20 (NASB)

We have walked to many villages and usually have been welcomed warmly. Most Muslims serve us a meal out of respect, although they do not eat with us due to a religious prohibition against eating with Christians. Eating together implies a close relationship.

One of our visits was to a man considered by villagers to be sinless and spiritually powerful. There is a belief among the Fulbe (FULL-bay) that God cannot refuse the prayer of such a man. He had heard about us before our arrival and knew who we were. About 25 of his students of the Koran stayed close-by so as not to miss the approaching conflict. We all sat down under a mango tree. Part of me yearned to tell him, tell them all, about Jesus; and the other part, I admit, was fear. This man was not sinless, and I knew that I could not allow this mistaken belief to intimidate me.

The leader avoided religious discussions and preferred to ask us about our homeland. At one point he criticized America, but we quietly reminded ourselves that we were here to tell people of Christ instead of getting involved in political debates. He served us a meal but did not eat with us. Toward the end of our visit, we presented him with Scripture, which he reluctantly accepted.

I have thought often of this greatly respected and feared man. He leads many astray, yet God wants all men to know Him. We desire to see Muslims dine with Jesus and to be free from false doctrine.

—ROBERT AND RHONDA, WEST AFRICA

Fulber, THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING ME TO YOUR BANQUETING TABLE. I PRAY THAT MUSLIMS IN WEST AFRICA AND ACROSS THE WORLD WOULD CHOOSE TO SIT AT YOUR TABLE AS WELL. *Amen.*