

Hoi Andrew!: Cards

Jesus: Hoi Andrew! (no answer)

Jesus: (louder) Hoi Andrew!

Andrew: Oh, sorry Jesus, I was away with the birds there!

Jesus: Penny for your thoughts, Andrew!

Andrew: Aye, that's probably what they're worth, Jesus!

Jesus: Don't be so hard on yourself, what's up?

Andrew: Well, you ken how I like things to be organised.

Jesus: I do that, Mr Excel Spreadsheet!

Andrew: You what?

Jesus: Ignore me, Andrew, my little futuristic joke! So what you been thinking about this time?

Andrew: Well, I have to be honest, Jesus, the feeding of those thousands of folk on the hillside was a bit chaotic to say the least, me and the other disciples were running around like flies with blue bottoms!

Jesus: Yes, you were all looking a bit ragged (chuckles)...but we got there in the end, didn't we? All were fed and it was a rather special time together sharing that meal.

Andrew: It was that, Jesus, very special. Sharing bread and a wee sip of the wine. It seemed we hardly had anything to go on apart from that wee fella willing to share his bag of goodies, but we all ended up stuffed thanks to you!

Jesus: You had your fill. It was a special time. Did you feel blessed?

Andrew: Blessed indeed, Jesus!

Jesus: So what's your problem?

Andrew: I'm just thinking how we can organise it better for the next big meal.

Jesus: And your idea is?

Andrew: Tokens, Jesus, or at least cards.

Jesus: Luncheon vouchers, you mean?

Andrew: Well, Jesus, in case you haven't noticed, you are pretty popular around here. When you open your mouth, folk stop and listen. You speak with authority. I can feel God awfy close when you're around.

Jesus: Nice of you to say, Andrew, so what's the problem?

Andrew: What if we get even more folk turning up the next time? We need to be prepared, so I thought only those with tokens or cards, previously supplied by all good Co-op stores or licenced street traders would be entitled to get a bit of bread and cup of wine at the next big outdoor picnic you decide to have. Means we'll ken whose to get! It'll make life so much easier for me and the boys, what do you think Jesus?

Jesus: I see, so only card-carrying members can participate?

Andrew: Well, in the main, Jesus; we'll see how much we have left if there are any hangers-on, looking for a freebie.

Jesus: And where did you ever get such an idea, Andrew?

Andrew: Well, to be honest, Jesus, my old Kirk back in Scotland was thinking about introducing cards for a wee shared meal together to think about you. It has the added attraction of chasing up those who didnae come and hand in their card.

Jesus: And what about those with no card?

Andrew: Jesus, there will always be loopholes, but surely we need some organisation or else it will just be chaos?

Jesus: Andrew, in my Kingdom there are no loopholes, all are welcome; and all who want to listen, to share, to seek out the Kingdom, are welcome. There will always be enough, I'll see to that. Do you trust me?

Andrew: Of course, Jesus! Its just life is a little ragged at the edges with you!

Jesus: You can still do a spread sheet if you really want to?

Andrew: Can I?

Jesus: Yip, as long as it comes in the form of a tartan rug for the picnickers!

Andrew: A tartan rug it is, Jesus! Nice touch, Jesus, it may catch on even if my card idea doesn't!

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