

COME DINE WITH ME

Scene. A very posh restaurant. Alex and Jay are seated for dinner.

Alex: This is a nice restaurant, Jay

Jay: Well, it's your birthday Alex, I thought we'd go somewhere special.

Alex: What are these things on the table?

Jay: They're called knives and forks. You really should spend less time eating at McDonalds.

Alex: And this?

Jay: It's a spoon. Stop staring at it, you're going to attract attention.

(Waiter approaches table)

Waiter: Good evening. Could I get you something to drink?

Alex: A banana milkshake please.

Waiter: I'm sorry, we don't actually serve milkshakes.

Alex: Why not?

Waiter: Possibly because this is two---Michelin star restaurant. And we don't have a children's menu or any chicken nuggets either, just in case you were considering enquiring about that. I'll give you a moment to have a little think, then I'll return.

Jay: Thank you

(Waiter moves away)

Alex: How rude!

Jay: Honestly Alex, I think you've got a burger for a brain.

Alex: Mmmmmm, burger. I don't suppose they do those either?

Jay: They have something called a steak. It's like a burger but before it had the horrible accident.

(Waiter returns)

Waiter: I'm sorry to disturb you, but the gentleman at the table in the corner wonder whether you would care to join him?

Alex: The guy with the Rolex drinking champagne?

Waiter: No, the other corner.

Jay: The guy with the beard and sandals?

Waiter: That is correct.

Alex: Why does he want us to join him?

Waiter: He didn't divulge that information I'm afraid.

Jay: He's smiling and waving us over.

Alex: I don't know, seems a bit weird. Who wears sandals to a posh restaurant?

Jay: Who wears a baseball cap and track suit bottoms. Oh. You do.

Waiter: He did say that dinner would be on him.

Alex: Tell him we're on our way!

(Waiter moves away)

Jay: Do you know who that guy in the corner reminds me of?

Alex: Someone with very strange dress sense?

Jay: No, Jesus.

Alex: What is it about his beard and sandals that makes you say that?

Jay: Well, I'm sure he was drinking a glass of water a minute ago and now he's drinking wine

Alex: No way. We're going to have dinner with Jesus!

(Waiter returns)

Waiter: May I escort you to his table?

Alex: Hang on, hang on, I'm not sure that I'm good enough to have dinner with Jesus.

Waiter: Don't worry, no one is.

Jay: I can't believe this is happening.

Waiter: *(to Alex)* There's no need to take the spoon with you sir. We have some of those on the other table but would you like to leave your lovely hat with me?

Alex: You're sure he said dinner was on him?

Waiter: Quite sure. In fact, the bill has already been paid.

QUESTIONS

1. Ask the group what their response would have been to Jesus' invitation if they had been in Alex & Jay's situation? Would they have been excited, nervous, scared?
2. What is special about sharing a meal with someone?
3. Do you think Alex and Jay would have left the restaurant the same people that came in?