

# **Dinner with Jesus: Who Is Invited and Who Makes an Excuse**

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**Luke 14:16-24**

How is the kingdom of God like a celebration?

## **The Great Marriage Supper of the Lamb**

When God draws His glorious work to a conclusion, there will be joy, unending joy!  
(Revelation 19:9; Luke 13:29; 22:16, 30; Isaiah 25:6-9)

## **The Occasion for the Parable**

What is Covenant presumption?

You must come to Me in faith to enjoy this banquet.

## **The First Invited**

The covenant people

How were invitations repeated in that culture?

General Invitations in the Bible (Isaiah 1:18; Matthew 11:28; Revelation 22:17; Isaiah 45:22)

The Gospel is offered freely to all people.

*Excuses - possessions, responsibilities, and relationships.*

## **The Others Invited**

Notice the commitment of God to have His banquet full.

Bring to Me the broken, the rejected, the shamed.

Do you know who rejoices at this invitation? Sounds like Isaiah 61:1-2

Compel them to come in. (2 Corinthians 6:2; Isaiah 55:6; Ezekiel 18:31-32)

## **All things are new ready**

A banquet prepared by God Himself. Just show up hungry.

To accept the invitation is a serious commitment. (Luke 8:19-21; 9:23-24)

It includes obedience and discipleship, hungering for God.

God has made full provision for the salvation of man.