

# The GREAT BANQUET

"For many are invited, but few are chosen."

MATTHEW 22:14

LUKE 14:1-24



## 1. COMPASSION BEFORE TRADITION

LUKE 14:1-6

Jesus healed a man suffering from edema on the Sabbath while the Pharisees watched. Instead of protecting their traditions, Jesus demonstrated God's compassion.

### KEY LESSON

- Mercy is greater than legalism.
- Jesus values people over religious traditions.



## 2. HUMILITY HONORS GOD

LUKE 14:7-11

Jesus noticed guests seeking the best seats at the banquet. He taught that God's Kingdom operates differently.

*"Those who exalt themselves will be humbled,  
and those who humble themselves will be exalted."*

### APPLICATION

- Pride seeks recognition.
- Humility trusts God for honor.



## 3. GOD'S STANDARD

MICAH 6:8

God desires hearts that:

- ♥ Act justly
- ♥ Love mercy
- ♥ Walk humbly with Him



## 4. THE DOORWAY INTO THE KINGDOM

MATTHEW 5:3-4

Jesus said the poor in spirit inherit the Kingdom because they recognize their need for God.

**TRUTH:** Humility is the first step toward salvation.



## 5. GOD'S KIND OF BANQUET

LUKE 14:12-15

Jesus challenged the host to invite the poor, crippled, blind, and lame—those unable to repay kindness.

**LESSON:** Love and serve without expecting anything in return.  
God rewards generosity motivated by love instead of personal gain.



## 6. JESUS CAME FOR THE LOST

MATTHEW 9:10-13

Jesus ate with sinners because He came to rescue those who know they need a Savior.

*"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I desire mercy, not sacrifice."*



## 7. THE GREAT INVITATION

LUKE 14:16-17

The banquet was prepared.  
Everything was ready.  
The invitation was simple:

*“Come, for everything  
is now ready.”*

**TRUTH:** God has already provided  
salvation through Jesus Christ.



## 8. EXCUSES KEEP PEOPLE AWAY

LUKE 14:18-20

The invited guests all made excuses.

- Possessions
- Work
- Relationships

None were sinful—but each became more  
important than God.

**LESSON:** The greatest obstacle to following Jesus  
is often misplaced priorities.



## 9. GOD'S INVITATION EXPANDS

LUKE 14:21-24

When the invited guests refused, the master invited:



The poor



The crippled



The blind



The lame

There was still room, so the invitation went even farther.

### KEY TRUTHS

- God's invitation is for everyone.
- No one is beyond His grace.
- Rejecting God's invitation has eternal consequences.



## 10. SALVATION IS FOUND ONLY IN JESUS

ACTS 4:12

*“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name  
under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”*

Jesus is not one way among many.  
He is the only way to eternal life.



## 11. LIFE APPLICATION

- ✓ Have I accepted God's invitation?
- ✓ Am I allowing priorities or excuses to keep me from Jesus?
- ✓ Am I showing God's compassion to others?
- ✓ Am I walking in humility?

### MEMORY VERSE

LUKE 14:23

*“...Go out to the roads and  
country lanes and compel  
them to come in, so that  
my house will be full.”*

### FILL IN THE BLANK

1.

“For all those who \_\_\_\_\_  
themselves will be humbled,  
and those who \_\_\_\_\_  
themselves will be exalted.”

### FILL IN THE BLANK

2.

The servant announced,  
“Come, for everything  
is now \_\_\_\_\_.”

### CHALLENGE QUESTION

3.

The guests in Jesus' parable were  
invited but chose other priorities  
instead. What things in our lives  
today can become excuses that  
keep us from fully following Christ,  
and how can we intentionally keep  
Jesus as our highest priority?