

# JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke: What's Your Excuse?

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A.M. Sermon Notes

“JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke:  
What's Your Excuse?  
(Luke 14:15-24)

Introduction

Every Sunday of 2022, our Bible studies focus on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sunday we study and apply God's Word. This morning Jesus invites us to dine with him at a feast. We can choose to join him or we can make excuses as to why we can't. What will you choose?

Study God's Word - Luke 14:15-24

1. First Guest List (vs. 16-17)
  - a. Excuse 1: My stuff is more important (vs. 18)
  - b. Excuse 2: My work is more important (vs. 19)
  - c. Excuse 3: My family is more important (vs. 20)
2. Second Guest List (vs. 21-23)

Apply God's Word

1. Put God First
2. Make No Excuses
3. Go Invite Others to the Banquet

Conclusion

Jesus has laid out a great banquet. He has invited all to come. Accept

his invitation without excuse. And when you have, then remember the words from the Hymn, "There's Room at the Cross" - "though millions have come, there's still room for one, yes there's room at the cross for you.

### Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

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1. Reread Luke 14:15-24. What is something new you learned about this passage this week?
2. Why do you think those on the first guest list made excuses?
3. What excuse(s) are keeping you from following God completely? Who will you have help you begin to quit using those excuses?
4. Why do you think it was so easy for those on the second guest list to attend? What does that reveal about following Jesus?
5. What steps do you need to take this week to make sure that God is #1 in your life?
6. Who will you invite to the banquet with you? Pray for opportunities to invite them!

VERSE OF THE WEEK: Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV84) - 37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"