

# **“All Things are Ready; Come to the Feast!”**

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## Introduction:

A. Luke 14:12-24

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1. The Pharisees were watching Jesus to see if they could find something to trap Him. Instead, He asked them a direct, tough question; they refused to answer Jesus' question about the Sabbath.
2. Jesus taught them a second tough lesson about selflessness and salvation, and someone responded with an evasive, self-righteous answer. Jesus answered with a powerful parable about avoiding salvation and ignoring the Judgment.

## **I. 15-17 - THE INVITATION IS EXTENDED**

- A. Customs regarding large feasts: An announcement would be made weeks, even months in advance. Those invited were expected to respond accepting or declining the invitation. Then, when the day of the feast arrived, and the feast was prepared, servants were sent to personally invite those who said they would come to begin making their way to the feast.
- B. The invitation is simple – “Come”
  1. Isa. 1:18; Matt. 11:28; Rev. 22:17
- C. The invitation is solid – “All things are now ready”
  1. 1Peter 1:2; 2Thes. 2:13-14
- D. The invitation is serious – “Now”
  1. 2Cor. 6:2; Prov. 27:1, 29:1; Isa. 55:6

## **II. 18-20 - THE INVITATION IS EVADED**

- A. “With one accord” sounds as if they got together and planned to avoid the feast, or it will be the instinctive response of most people to make excuses.
- B. Excuses examined
  1. They sound reasonable; they are not lazy, irresponsible, or obsessed; these are excuses most good people can identify with
  2. They are good excuses; they address important matters in the quality and security of the person's life
  3. They are time tested excuses; they have always been used and continue to be used by sinner and Christian alike
- C. Excuses exposed – While they appear reasonable on the surface; in truth, they are absolutely trivial relative to the critical matter of salvation
  1. Matt. 16:26; Psalm 49:7-9

## **III. 21-24 - THE INVITATION IS EXPANDED**

- A. The feast will go on without you, even if you refuse to attend
  1. “I show them; I just won't go to services!” Who's punishing who?
    - a. I'll show that doctor; I'll refuse to take the medicine. I'm offended, so I'm gonna stand out here in the rain

