



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Luke 14:15-24 (NAS)

Topic: "Having Dinner with Jesus"

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- 15 When one of those who were reclining at the table with Him heard this, he said to Him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"
- 16 But He said to him, "A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many; and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.'
- 18 "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.'
- 19 "Another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.'
- 20 "Another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.'
- 21 "And the slave came back and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'
- 22 "And the slave said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'
- 23 "And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.'
- 24 'For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.'"

### **I. THE FEAST**

- A. Our Worldly Prospects Of An Invitation
- B. We Have An Invitation To The Greatest Banquet *Revelation 19:9*

### **II. THE SETTING FOR THESE TEACHINGS**

- A. The Pharisees Home – Jesus Addressing Their Sins
- B. The Proposed Ice Breaker *Luke 14:15b*

### **III. THE INVITATION TO THE BANQUET**

- A. It Is Not Narrow In Its Focus *Revelation 7:9*
- B. The Invitation Is To Be Extended To All Men
- C. The Gospel We Proclaim Must Not Be Restricted By Our Views

### **IV. HINDRANCES FROM ATTENDING**

- A. It Is Not An Exorbitant Fundraiser
- B. It Is Not A Meal Where Everyone Brings Something
- C. It Is Not Our Faith *Ephesians 2:8,9*
- D. Even Down To What We Are To Wear *Ephesians 3:20,21*
- E. Provisions Are Even Provided Prior To The Banquet *Galatians 5:22,23*

### **V. THE EXCUSES**

- A. They Are Numerous
- B. They Are Flimsy
- C. They Are Worldly

### **VI. THOSE WHO ATTEND HAVE SET ASIDE THEIR EXCUSES**