

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 14:12-24

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

BE HOSPITABLE

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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Hospitality, Heaven, Grace, Kindness

CHAPTER 14 OPENS UP LIKE A BROADWAY PLAY...

IT ALL BEGAN WITH A DINNER INVITATION

Luke 14:1-6

Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. :2 And behold, there were a certain man before Him who had dropsy. :3 And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" :4 But they kept silent. And He took *him* and healed him and let him go. :5 Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" :6 And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

THE OPENING SCENE GOES JUST AS PLANNED...

watch hard to catch Jesus doing something good

BEING HUMBLE & BEING HOSPITABLE

Luke 14:7-11

So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: :8 "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; :9 and he who invited you and him come and say to you, "Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. :10 But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes, he may say to you, "Friend, go up higher.'

Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. :11 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

This Mornings Text:

Luke 14:12-24

Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, don't ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. :13 But when you give a feast, invite *the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.* (*Can someone see me after service about this*) :14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just." :15-21a Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!" :16 Then Jesus said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, :17 and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, "Come, for all things are now ready.' :18 But they all with one *accord* began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' :19 And another said, "I have bought five yokes of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' :20 Still another said, "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' (*Finally, a legitimate excuse*) :21a So that servant came and reported these things to his master. :21b-24 Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here *the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.*' :22 And the servant said, "Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' (*Sad that there's room still in heaven*) :23 Then the master said to the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. :24 For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper."

BE HOSPITABLE

1.) Our God of the Bible reaches out to all vs.12-14

1a.) He reaches out desiring nothing in return vs.12

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Webster's 1828 Defines Hospitable.

The receiving and entertaining of strangers with kindness and without reward; manifesting generosity. The inviting to strangers.

"Strangers, we are all"

Why? – Because nothing expands or grows without the receiving of strangers.
everyone in your life today began as a stranger!

God, in Christ, Reaches Out Expecting
Nothing in Return.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

Ephesians 2:19

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

OUR GOD REACHES OUT TO ALL

1b.) He reaches out desiring that all should come vs. 13

But when you give a feast, invite *the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.*
(Can someone see me after service about this)

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

??? What About the Poor and the Homeless???

NLT 2 Corinthians 5:16

We have stopped evaluating others by what the world thinks about them. Once I mistakenly thought of Christ that way, as though he were a mere human being. How differently I think about him now!

Who's More Likely to Listen to the Message of Christ?

1c.) He reaches out desiring our happiness vs. 14

And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you.
for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

There's a Day coming
when all that we have done for the Lord will be "Presented" – "Laid Out"

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which translates into a true happiness

BE HOSPITABLE

2.) Our God of the Bible excludes none vs. 15-21a

2a.) He excludes none based upon His generosity. vs. 15-16

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Jesus begins to answer just "who" those blessed ones will be

The Culture of the 1st Century was This.

The more *Grand* and *Fantastic* the Banquet to Be Held,
the farther out the invitation would be. allowing time for
preparations and decorations.

He excludes none based upon His generosity

The Primary Invitation was Issued,
Then The Final Announcement would be Made.

the first invitation was done by letter or note. the last invitation
was done by a messenger. or heralder

Hebrews 1:1-3

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, :2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; :3 who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

"A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,

OUR GOD EXCLUDES NONE

2b.) He excludes none based upon His provision

and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited,
'Come, for all things are now ready.'

It's Not Long Until We Begin to See That Jesus is Talking About
the coming of the Kingdom of God and Eternity.

Remember: The more *Grand* and *Fantastic* the Banquet to Be Held,
the farther out the invitation would be. allowing time for
preparations and decorations.

John 14:2-4

In My Father's house are many mansions; *if it were not so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. :4 And where I go you know, and the way you know."

where - It's The Place...

"I am going to the place of *Grand* and *Fantastic* celebration

the way - It's The Plan...

"It's the plan of *Great* and marvelous *Expense*

Acts 20:28

"Shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

1 Thessalonians. 4:16-17

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord.

OUR GOD EXCLUDES NONE

2c.) He excludes none based upon His actions vs. 18-21a

:18 But they all with one *accord* began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' :19 And another said, "I have bought five yokes of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' :20 Still another said, "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' (*Finally, a legitimate excuse*) :21a So that servant came and reported these things to his master.

The Bible is One Great "Unfolding" Invitation to Heaven!
heaven is God's idea, not ours. it was His initiative, not mine.

Preoccupied by and distracted by: **A Desire to Have**

:18 But they all with one *accord* began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'

this man is impetuous, spontaneous, careless...
and has disposable income.

if the things, (the stuff) that you and I have causes us to create excuses as to why we can't get closer to Jesus – then we're in great peril!!!

"Jesus, here's my reason for Refusing Your Invitation, Ready?
"I didn't like the way people treated me in life..."
I didn't appreciate what the Bible had to say about some things...
I didn't think you treated me right...

Matthew 5:45

For the Father in heaven, for He makes His sun to rise on evil people and on good people and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift are from above, and comes down from the father

Preoccupied by and distracted by: **An Excess of Things**

:19 And another said, "I have bought five yokes of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused."

I have a more "pressing" thing to take care of than Eternity...

Mark 4:18-19

Now these are the ones sown among thorns; *they are* the ones who hear the word, :19 and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

Preoccupied by and distracted by: **A Self-Centered Life**

:20 Still another said, "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

Marriage should never decree the Christian involvement in service to God.
The Lord doesn't bring a couple together so they can avoid Christian service,
He brings them together so that more can be done for the kingdom!

"God made her for me" or "He's my reason for living"

"I Can't Live Without You"

(Not a good thing to hear in a relationship – there's no trust in God)

There's no meaning to life if God is removed.
only humanism, secularism & godlessness

Each of Them Suffered from Spiritual A.D.D.

whenever an invitation would come to them to consider spiritual issues, deeper things,
they would "think up" an excuse as to why they couldn't go.

"Let's do something" or "I've got new golf clubs" or "there's a "today only" sale"

Perhaps, The Most Famous Excuse in Our Western World,

“We Don’t Discuss Politics or Religion in This House.”

Romans 1:20-22

For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, :21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. :22 Professing (*to claim or to see themselves as a superior*) to be wise, they became fools,

It's a Dangerous Thing

to Become Educated Beyond Your Intelligence

- Jesus, I can't get involved, I don't have the time.
- Lord, the money's tight I can't give back to you.
 - God, I can't pray now, I've so much to do.

BE HOSPITABLE

3.) Our God of the Bible wants you there vs. 21b-24

3a.) He wants you there with a great passion vs. 21b

Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, “Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here *the* poor and *the* maimed and *the* lame and *the* blind.’

Then the master of the house, being **Angry**, said to his servant,

Psalm 7:11

God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day.

“Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city”

1st Century Understanding – those who are wanderers, outcasts, those not knowing where they will eat or sleep next.

Verse 21b

and bring in here *the* poor and *the* maimed and *the* lame and *the* blind.

This is a collection of the worlds rejects.

It's a human **Freak Show**
But Wait, who are These People?

Who are the Poor, The Maimed, The Lame and the Blind?

Verse 21b

and bring in here *the poor (the cringing beggar) and the maimed (the one born or made cripple) and the lame (those with deformities) and the blind. (Cloudy in vision, or slow of mind or weak emotionally)*

Where are the beautiful people of this world?

Where are the rich people of this world?

Where are the powerful people of this world?

There Are None – it's a show, a mask, a manmade kingdom of never-ending dreams and broken promises and empty destinations. – *it's the lost*

Jesus says “bring em’ in here”

I will make them rich there, I will make them whole there,
I will make them healthy there, I will make them see there...

Lady Liberty, New York

"Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning
to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost
to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Isaiah 61:1-2 & Luke 4:18

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings
to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the
opening of the prison to *those who are bound*; :2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,

OUR GOD WANTS YOU THERE

3b.) He wants you there for a great reason vs. 22-23

And the servant said, "Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' (*sad that there's room still in heaven*) :23 Then the master said to the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

“Heaven” is a Good Enough Reason to Want to Go There.
everybody's looking for it, everybody's talking about it, everybody's desiring it

People Act Like You're Not Allowed to Talk About

Perfect peace, *Perfect* joy, perfect love, *Perfect* thoughts, *Perfect* sound,
Perfect sights, and apparently *Perfect* food...

2 Corinthians 12:4

The Apostle Paul, speaking about himself and said that he saw heaven, the Paradise of God and heard things that human words cannot communicate, it wouldn't even be lawful for a man to attempt it.

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

THE *House* OF GOD

He wants it filled up with humans, people.... like.
your uncle, the mailman, the cashier, your sister, the mayor

Amplified Version of 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not being slow about fulfilling his promise to return, as some people think. Rather, He is being patient for your sake. He does not desire anyone to perish, so He waits for others to change their minds about Him.

Verse 23a

Then the master said to the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges
remote and distant places. places off the beaten path.

(The calling of the gentile world to Christ)

Verse 23b

compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

compel *ajnagka*ꞵꞵꞵ anagkazo, an-ang-kad'-zo
to necessitate, to cause or to give argument, to challenge them,
to distress them of their opinion, to get them to consider.

convince them that they were welcome

Apologetics / To Argue Your Case

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the LORD,

From NLT – 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

As God’s co-workers, we beg you not to reject this marvelous message of God’s great kindness. :2 For God says, “At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you.” Indeed, God is ready to help you right now. Today is the day of salvation.

Beg, Beseech, parakale÷w parakaleo, *par-ak-al-eh´-o;*
the call, to call them near, invite, to desire them, to intreat them, to beg of them.

Please Come, please!

Acts 17:2-4

Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, :3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying*, “This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.” :4 And some of them were persuaded.

OUR GOD WANTS YOU THERE

3c.) He wants you there at a great expense vs. 24

For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.”

“supper” here is a banquet or feast
this is not a snack; it’s not having a couple over...

this is the master’s desire,
and it’s his plan, his joy, his gift

Revelation 22:16-17

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” :17 And the Holy Spirit and the bride, the church says, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come! Whoever desires, let him take of the water of life freely.

**The Fountain of Life, the Water of Life is Free to You.
But It Wasn’t Cheap.**

*(it cost me everything, it cost me peace – I came to earth.
it cost me my throne – I became a man. it costs me my blood – I emptied myself out upon the cross.)*

Hebrew 2:3

how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation...

Romans 5:6-8

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. :7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. :8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

let me ask you something.

who's to blame if they're not there in heaven for this banquet?

Isaiah 55:1

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

The Currency is of The Heart

**Well, O.K. Fine. Jack,
But What Am I Supposed to Do with All This?**

"Come, for all things are now ready.'
But Are You Ready?

End of Study