

ALL ARE INVITED, BUT ONLY A FEW WILL COME

(Luke 14:15-24)

A. JESUS HEALS A MAN WITH DROPSY (Luke 14:1-6)

B. THE PARABLE REGARDING SEATS AT A WEDDING BANQUET (Luke 14:7-14)

1. Jesus taught the necessity of _____ yourself and not over estimating your own _____. (vv. 7-11)
2. When it comes to inviting guests to dinner, in your _____ consider inviting someone who _____ repay you. (vv. 12-14)

C. ALL PEOPLE ARE INVITED BUT MOST HAVE EXCUSES (Luke 14:15-24)

1. Jesus took this opportunity to remind a fellow guest, and all those eating at the table— through the parable of the great banquet, that people may have the kingdom of God offered to them, but if they deliberately _____ the offer, they will be _____ forever. (vv. 15-24)
2. In Bible times it was customary for a man to send out _____ invitations to a feast; the first to announce the event, and the second to let everyone know the banquet was _____. (vv. 16-17)
3. Jesus sites three examples of people who had originally agreed to come to the banquet, but instead they _____ the host by making _____ that there had been a change of plans. (vv. 18-20)

* How many of these excuses listed were sinful?

* Do people have all kinds of excuses today as to why they will not accept the offer of salvation and a place in heaven?

4. The Pharisees at this dinner were counting on their _____ and their law-keeping to have _____ places for them in the kingdom, but Christ would shatter this preconception in the verses that follow.

5. Understandably, the host became legitimately angry because this rejection constituted as a personal _____ to him after all of his _____ preparations. (v. 21a)

6. Astonishingly the host reprocessed his _____ and immediately turned it into _____. (v. 21b)

7. Apparently, some of the social outcasts (the Gentiles) _____ the invitation, and there was still room, so the servant was sent out again and was told to “_____ (*aor/act/imper*) *them to come in.*” (vv. 22-23)

8. Those who had originally been invited would not only be refused a _____ at the table and a _____ of the amazing food, but they would be entirely rejected _____ into the kingdom. (v. 24)

* Is there anything more important in life than accepting Christ’s invitation to have eternal life?