



COME TO ME – PART 2 SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020
COME, EVERYTHING IS READY
INCLUDED BY JESUS – LUKE 14

A KEY TO UNDERSTANDING: Verse 24

“I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.”

This is not part of the story. This is Jesus addressing his dinner companions.

INVITED TO A GREAT BANQUET

LUKE 14:15-17

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁶ Jesus replied: “**A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.** ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’”

BAD EXCUSES

LUKE 14:18-20

¹⁸ “**But they all alike began to make excuses.** The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’”

¹⁹ “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’”

²⁰ “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’”

UNEXPECTEDLY INCLUDED

LUKE 14:21-23

“The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then **the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’**”

²² “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’”

²³ “Then the master told his servant, **‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.’**”

ISAIAH 25:6-8

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food **for all peoples**, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud **that enfolds all peoples**, the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will **wipe away the tears from all faces**;

he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

Israel rejected Isaiah’s inclusive vision and narrowed God’s invitation.

Jesus insists that His invitation extends to all people.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ **This is good, and pleases God our Savior,** ⁴ **who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.**

CATCHING THE MASTER’S VISION

LUKE 14:22

²² “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but **there is still room.**’”

The banquet is ready.

We’re all invited.

We’re all included.

Don’t make excuses.

Come and bring along anyone who will accept the invitation.