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THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

That you may have certainty!

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EXCUSES

“He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.”

Benjamin Franklin

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¹⁸ "But without exception they all began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. I ask you to excuse me.'

¹⁹ "Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm going to try them out. I ask you to excuse me.'

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²¹ "So the servant came back and reported these things to his master. Then in anger, the master of the house told his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the city, and bring in here the poor, maimed, blind, and lame.'

²² "'Master,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, and there's still room.'

²³ "Then the master told the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges and make them come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, not one of those people who were invited will enjoy my banquet.'"

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What things?

Where are they, and what have they heard Jesus say?

Kingdom Characteristics

1. Humility
2. Generosity

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Who is the "man" and to what banquet is Jesus referring?

The Host is God and the meal pictures entry into salvation's ultimate benefits.

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Who is the servant the Host sent to extend the invitation?

For nearly three years Jesus had traveled through Israel and Judah calling all Jews to come.

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How did the invited guests respond?

What does the phrase, "without exception they all" imply?

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A change in plans is required, and it is to be acted on quickly since the meal is ready.

What change of plans does the Host implement?

God does not postpone the banquet or withdraw the meal; He gets a new audience.

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What is the goal of the Master in sending out His servants into the highways and hedges?

2 Peter 3:9

"The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance."

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Who are "those people" of whom Jesus speaks in v24?

Why will they not enjoy the banquet?

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DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP



- Jesus makes it clear that many will miss the opportunity to sit at the banquet table because they have priorities higher than responding to His offer.
- One can accept or reject the invitation, but in either case, the party is coming, and it will not be rescheduled or postponed.
- Don't miss the celebration – Répondez s'il vous plait, make sure your RSVP has been recorded in heaven!
- If you can't say without a doubt that it has been, then please don't leave this room today without fixing that!