



Luke 14:16-23 (GW)

Jesus said, "A man gave a large banquet and invited many people. ¹⁷ When it was time for the banquet, he sent his servant to tell those who were invited, 'Come! Everything is ready now.' ¹⁸ "Everyone asked to be excused. The first said to him, 'I bought a field, and I need to see it. Please excuse me.' ¹⁹ Another said, 'I bought five pairs of oxen, and I'm on my way to see how well they plow. Please excuse me.' ²⁰ Still another said, 'I recently got married, and that's why I can't come.' ²¹ "The servant went back to report this to his master. Then the master of the house became angry. He told his servant, 'Run to every street and alley in the city! Bring back the poor, the handicapped, the blind, and the lame.' ²² "The servant said, 'Sir, what you've ordered has been done. But there is still room for more people.' ²³ "Then the master told his servant, 'Go to the roads and paths! Urge the people to come to my house. I want it to be full.

THE BIG QUESTIONS

Jesus told a story of preparing a great banquet for his friends, but when the time came for the party to begin everyone began making excuses.

Have you ever wondered why the church is so resistible?

What is "the church" about?

Definition of the Church:

A community of people
that follow the teaching of a man
sent from God to explain God
and to clear the path to God

The Teaching of Jesus:

Love _____

Love _____

Love your _____

That is what the church is to be about.

If you take the teaching seriously and become a follower of Jesus –

**Your life will be better
And you will be better at life.**

The Question ... Again

Why has the church become so resistible?

The Temple Model

Sacred _____

Sacred _____

Sacred _____

Sincere _____

What is different?

The arrival of Jesus signaled
the end of the **Temple Model**
and the beginning of something
entirely _____.

What that means is ...

No more **sacred places**
No more **sacred people**
The **sacred text** (Old Testament) was fulfilled in Jesus

What Jesus did was start a _____ movement.

How do we know that?

*And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this **rock**
I will build my **church** ...* Matthew 16:18 (NIV)

ἐκκλησία -- ekklésia
gathering, assembly, congregation

Jesus was not establishing an institution, or another sacred place,
run by sacred men to interpret sacred text.

It was to be a new movement.

We have the right message – Love God, Love others, Love your enemy.
Will you be a part of extending the hospitality?