

# The Grand Banquet

Read Luke 14 v 16-24.



1) In a couple of sentences explain what happened in the parable.....

The certain man doing the inviting was probably the most important man in the region. 2) How would you have expected the guests to react to receiving an invitation from such a man? .....



The first guests were very honoured to be invited. 3) Did they treat this

special invitation seriously? .....

4) How did it make the man who had invited them feel? .....

The guests who came. 5) Describe what kind of people these were .....

6) Would you invite this sort of people to your house? .....



Jesus' parables always have a message for us.

7) Who do you think the 'certain man' represents? .....

8) What invitation does He give us? .....

9) Why do people refuse to come to Jesus? .....

10) What kind of people do accept His invitation to come? .....

*Do you know you have a need to be saved? Are you longing to hear and receive the Gospel?  
Are you ready to respond to the invitation of the Gospel?*

### Excuses, Excuses ...

*Excuses are a cover-up for what we are really thinking, a kind of lying. The excuses the three men offered were all weak. Look at the list of suggestions of what they were really thinking. Match them up with the excuse you think they fit best (draw a line). Add any ideas of your own too.*

Excuse 1: I have bought some ground:  
I need to see it (*in the dark?!)*



Excuse 2: I need to test my new oxen  
(*hadn't he done that before he bought*)



Excuse 3: I have just married a wife  
(*why couldn't she go too?*)



THEY WERE REALLY THINKING...

*I am more interested in my possessions*

*My business is more important than your feast*

*I'm using someone else as an excuse*

What excuses do people (or you!) make today for not coming to the Lord?

