

A BANQUET OF GRACE

(11/16/2025; Luke 14:1-24; Steve Thiel; Christ Proclamation Church)

Sermon Theme: Jesus, the one true King, extends a gracious invitation to the great banquet of His kingdom, calling us to reject self-righteousness, embrace humility, and urgently respond to His offer of salvation. Therefore, we must come to Christ in humble faith and compel others to do the same!

I. Pride Exposed – Read Luke 14:1-6

- A. Read Luke 14:1-6. What details display the motives of the Pharisees?
- B. What does Jesus' healing on the Sabbath reveal about the difference between God's law and the Pharisees' traditions?
- C. Where do you see religious pride in your life (prioritizing reputation, comfort, tradition, etc.)?

II. Humility Commended – Read Luke 14:7-11

- A. How does seeking the best seats at a feast expose the hearts of the religious leaders?
- B. Read verse 11. How would you interpret Jesus' words? How are they a wonderful summary of the gospel and uncover the fundamental reversal in God's kingdom?
- C. What would it look like for you to intentionally "take the lower seat" this week in your relationships, your workplace, and your home?

III. Generosity Encouraged – Read Luke 14:12-14

- A. Read verses 12-14. How did the Pharisees utilize hospitality?
- B. According to Jesus, what does true generosity look like?
- C. How would you evaluate yourself with regard to generosity? In what ways could you excel still more in being generous toward others?

IV. Grace Rejected – Read Luke 14:15-24

- A. In the parable of the great banquet, who receives the initial invitation, and what excuses do they make for refusing it when everything is ready and it's time to come?
- B. What do the excuses in verses 18-20 reveal about the kinds of things that keep people from responding to God's invitation?
- C. How would you like to grow in urgently and compassionately calling unbelievers to put their faith in the Lord Jesus? What does it look like to "compel them to come"?