

# “Get a Taste of the Banquet”

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## INVITED GUEST

Jesus uses the ordinary situation of a banquet to teach extraordinary truth.

The Kingdom of God in this passage means that Jesus, the Messiah, has brought the beginning of the kingdom of God into the present for those who follow Him now through His birth, life, death, and resurrection. We can experience heaven on earth and taste the Great Banquet now.

<i>Meaning of</i>	<i>Who brings?</i>	<i>Who goes?</i>
<i>Kingdom of God</i>		
For the Pharisees	Messiah	godly Jews
In the New Testament	Jesus=Messiah	followers of Jesus
Jesus in this passage	Jesus=Messiah	followers of Jesus

Passage

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You get a taste of the Great Banquet by

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<i>Meaning</i>	<i>When?</i>	<i>Where?</i>	<i>What?</i>
Pharisees	future	kingdom of Israel	feast
New Testament	future	heaven	feast
Jesus	now	heaven on earth	taste

**Have you accepted His invitation?**

Talk it over...with your friends, family,  
or Growth Group.

*Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.*

- Have you accepted His invitation?
- How can you get a taste of the Great Banquet this week?
- How can you...
  - serve others?
  - pray for each other?
  - worship together?
  - share stories of God working?
  - read God's Word?
  - receive Biblical training?
  - unite in Christian community?

