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While here on earth the Lord Jesus went to many different surroundings, here He is at a feast. It was a casual and social setting but He was not there to be relaxed. The Lord Jesus brought the conversation round to the “[resurrection of the just](#)” - what did He mean by it? The dead are going to be raised from the grave. There is a life beyond death. People like to think death is the end but they will be resurrected.

“[just](#)” - those who died trusting in the Lord Jesus and ready for heaven.

Is that true of you? On what do you base your hopes of heaven? Sinners who are saved are the only people who will be in heaven.

The converse of this is the resurrection of the unjust. Those raised not having had their sins dealt with, they will go into eternal damnation.

Do you think everybody will get to heaven? It will be wonderful to be in heaven where God is. Some say we will all be there and we do not need to worry about just and unjust. This is not what the Bible teaches. No one will ever drift into heaven.

When Noah built the ark, the world had a population of thousands, but most of them were outside the ark.

It all hinges on God's invitation to come and there are conditions.

The Lord had infinite knowledge and wisdom and told the gospel simply. He told of a rich man who decided to share his riches with others. To do this he decides to hold a great feast and invites the people to come. This is a picture of God who wants to share all. He offers forgiveness of sins. Are your sins forgiven?

How do we partake of what God offers? We need to heed His invitation, we cannot get it any other way.

“[Come for all things are now ready](#)” You are invited to come to the Lord Jesus. Are you going to come?

We may make excuses for not coming. We may say we are so bad, who am I to think God wants me. Some people think they need to do something to deserve the invitation, you need to do nothing. God has done it all in the Lord Jesus and we can add nothing.

We may say we believe it all but don't think its urgent. God says now and all invitations have a deadline. Some want to take their time and think God will wait on them forever. There is coming a day when God will shut the door. Can't guarantee tomorrow. If you were gone tomorrow, where would you be?

The people made excuses, there was no sin in what they were doing but their priorities were wrong, as opposed to coming to God they put self first.

“[What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?](#)”

The problem was the people wouldn't change. To be a christian you need to change your whole life.
“Let wicked forsake his ways”

Are you happy with your life? Christ can change you.

He goes out to the most unlikely people. The poor and maimed and lame and blind. Those who needed to be brought in. we were all there once and you still there if you are not a christian. Heaven will be filled with people like that.

If you despise the invitation you will not be in heaven.