

The Wedding Feast

Matthew 22: 1-14
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REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Monday: Read Matthew 21:1–46. What are the events that lead up to Jesus’ telling of the parable in chapter 22? How are the crowds responding to Jesus? The Jewish leaders? Jesus’ disciples? Why are the priests, elders, and Pharisees seeking to seize Jesus (Matt 21:46)?

Tuesday: Read the entire parable in Matt 22:1–14. Based on v. 1 (and Matt 22:46), who is the primary audience of Jesus’ parable? What similarities do you notice between this parable and the one He told just before it (Matt 21:22–44)? What end does Jesus promise for the leaders who have killed His servants and who refuse to repent and worship Him as Messiah?

Wednesday: When Jesus first told this parable, God had already promised a banquet for His people in Isaiah 25:6–12. He would repeat the promise again through John in Revelation 19:7–18. What do these three passages of Scripture have in common? What is the ultimate purpose of this banquet? Who will be included?

Thursday: Reread Matt 22:1–14. Based on the parable, what is required for entrance into God’s kingdom if it isn’t being good (see v. 10)? The king’s treatment of the improperly dressed man might seem harsh. First, notice the man’s response. How do passages like Genesis 3:7, 20–21; Isa 61:10; Zechariah 3:1–6; Galatians 3:27; and Rev 7:9–14; 19:8,14; 22:14 help us make sense of this man’s ultimate problem?

Friday: Reread Matt 22:1–14. What are all of the different responses to the king’s wedding invitation in Jesus’ parable (which represent an invitation to His kingdom)? What is the result for each of these responses? What is your personal response to God’s invitation and how might others know your specific response?

Saturday: If you have accepted God’s invitation into His heavenly kingdom through repentant faith in Christ, you now have the wonderful privilege of inviting “as many as you find” (v. 9). Whom has God placed in your life that you might be used to invite them into the kingdom?