

Parables of Jesus part 22

Various Scriptures

“For many are invited, but few are chosen.” -Matthew 22:14

What do you like and dislike about weddings?

Likes:

The _____ of the bride.

Dislikes:

Delays

Context: The historical cultural context is the same as last week. This is the _____ week leading up to the crucifixion. Jesus is at the synagogue in Jerusalem still responding to the chief priests and elders who are questioning his authority.

Although it sounds like the parable of the large banquet in Luke 14:15-24, the difference here is a king is throwing a wedding banquet for his son as opposed to a man throwing a banquet for himself. As Jesus tells this parable, it is important to note that weddings were often considered the most significant social event of a person's life. In looking at this, pay close attention to the responses of the people verses the response of the king. How do think God will respond to those who make excuses, reject His invitation, and try to come up with their own way?

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet: Matthew 22:1-14

● The Invitation to the invited: 1-7

In Jesus' day it was customary for people to send out _____ invitations to an event. The first would be to put them on notice, and another would be to sent the day of.

How did the people respond to the first invitation?

When the time came around for the wedding banquet to take place, the king sent another invitation. This time a full _____ was prepared.

How did they respond to the second invitation?

*They paid no _____ and went _____.

*They seized his servants, _____ them and _____ them.

Who do you think the invited guests represent in this parable? Why?

Considering all of the blessings God provides for His people, why do people reject His invitation to be in fellowship with Him?

*Some people don't think they _____ a savior.

*Fear of what _____ think. John 12:42-43

*The world is more appealing than eternity. Matthew 19:16-23

*Some people are _____ the Holy Spirit. Acts 7:51

What was the king's response to their actions?

*The king was _____.

*The king sent out his troops, _____ those responsible and _____ down their city.

Jesus prophesied about this in Matthew 24:1-2, and it happened in AD _____

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● The invitation to the Un-invited: 8-13

After the king was rejected by those he invited and took revenge on those who killed his servants, verse 9 says he sent servants to go where the roads exit the city and invite _____ to the banquet.

The servants did just that gathering both _____ and _____. As a result, the wedding banquet was filled with guests.

Who do you think the Un-invited guest represent? Why?

Some writers believe this is a picture of the millennial reign of Christ referred to in Revelation 20:2-7. This will be a time when Satan will be bound for _____ years and will no longer be able to deceive the nations. The dead in Christ will rise and those who remain alive, both evil and good will be free to come to Christ.

Getting back to the parable, Jesus said, when the king came in to see all of the guest, he saw a man there who was not dressed for a wedding. Some translations say, he did not have on a wedding garment.

Can you imagine someone showing up for your wedding or event in something totally different from what you asked them to wear? How would that make you feel?

To put in perspective, all who attended the wedding banquet, (evil and good) were expected to put on the garments that the king supplied. So when this man showed up without his wedding garments he was _____ the kings request.

What spiritual garments does God require us to put on?

Romans 13:11-14; Ephesians 4:22-24; 6:10-18

How did the king respond to the man who did not have on his wedding clothes?

*He _____ the man.

*Ordered the man to be tied up and thrown into outer darkness where there will be _____ and gnashing of teeth.

What message was Jesus trying to convey to the chief priests and elders by telling them about the man who came without his wedding clothes?

*Salvation is not about our nationality but God requires that we come to Him obediently as _____.

“Every tub sits on its own bottom”

● **Summation of the invitation: 14**

For many are called, but few are chosen.

This call is also known as the _____ or external call. It is a summons to repentance and faith that is inherent in the gospel message.

Isaiah 1:18; Matthew 11:28-29

In other words, many hear the call but few respond, and those who respond to the call are those who are chosen.

What is the other call?

* _____ or internal call. John 6:44

What is one thing you have learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

“When your destiny is calling, answer the call”