

The Gospel Feast
Matthew 22:1-14

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I. Jesus using parables. **Matthew 22:1**

Jesus used parables to illustrate a truth. A parable could be described as an _____ story with a _____ meaning.

- All of Jesus' parables were given to convey a valuable _____.

II. Invitations Declined. **Matthew 22:2-8**

"The wedding of a prince would be a spectacular event, and an _____ would normally be prized." – David Guzik

Matthew 22:5 (NASB) - But they paid no _____...

- They are indifferent to the invitation, just as some are indifferent to the call of the _____.

III. Who is everybody?

- The King is God
- His Son is Jesus
- The invitation is the Gospel
- But Israel declined

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the _____ first and also for the Greek.

IV. Will there be guests? **Matthew 22:9-10**

Israel had rejected, so the Gospel went out to the _____.

- You have to _____ the invitation yourself.

V. The proper clothing. **Matthew 22:11-14**

"I do not think I am so bad. I do not need a Savior; I am good enough as I am." – Henry Ironside

Isa 64:6 But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags...

Isa 61:10 ...He has covered me with the _____ of righteousness...

VI. Will you be there?

"When sinners come in repentance, trusting in Christ, then He clothes them with the garment of salvation, with the robe of righteousness. This is the wedding garment that makes one presentable at the marriage supper." – Henry Ironside

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Matthew 22:1**. Why were parables used by Jesus as a method of teaching? **Matthew 13:10-17**
2. Read **Matthew 22:2-8**. Discuss how not making a decision is actually making a decision. How is not responding to the Gospel actually a response?
3. Do people have more than one chance to accept the Gospel? If we share it once, should we share it again? What about when people are opposed to hearing? **Romans 10:14-15,17; Matthew 9:36-38, 2 Timothy 4:1-5, 2 Corinthians 5:20**
4. Read **Matthew 22:11-14**. The man tries to get into the wedding feast without having accepted the wedding garment. Discuss how we try to do the same thing. Are we trusting in our own "clothing," or are we trusting in something else? **Isaiah 64:6, Isaiah 61:10, Romans 3:21-23, Philipians 3:9**
5. Discuss the question asked in the message, "What can sinful man do to be worthy in the eyes of a Holy God?" **2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 10:9-13, Romans 4:22-25**
6. We were encouraged to go out and share the Good News. What hinders us from doing this? Who are the people in your life specifically that need to hear the Gospel?