

**Passion Week—Parable of the King's Wedding Banquet (Tuesday, March 31, 33)**

Matthew 22:1–14

- 1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying,
- 2 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.
- 3 And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come.
- 4 Again he sent out other slaves saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are *all* butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast.”’
- 5 But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business,
- 6 and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them.
- 7 But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire.
- 8 Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.
- 9 Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find *there*, invite to the wedding feast.’
- 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests.
- 11 “But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes,
- 12 and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?’ And the man was speechless.
- 13 Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’
- 14 For many are called, but few *are* chosen.”

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