

Sermon Notes for June 22nd, 2025

Series: “Doing Things Jesus’s Way”

Message: “Dressed for the King, by the King”

Sermon Text: **Matthew 22:1-14**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 34:1-10**; New Testament Text: **Revelation 19:6-9**. Read **Matthew 22:1-14 (below)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

Matthew 22:1-14: And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

1. On how many levels does a parable operate?

What are those levels?

2. To what did Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?
3. How do we define the *kingdom of heaven*?
4. How did the people react to the king’s first invitation to his son’s wedding feast?
5. How did they react to the king’s next invitation?
6. What are the events described in **Matt. 22:6** intended to symbolize?
7. What do many commentators believe the events described in **Matt. 22:7** are referring to?

8. What do **vv. 8-10** tell us about God's invitation to join Jesus in heaven for the wedding banquet?
9. Why was the man who was thrown out of the banquet hall completely without excuse?
10. What does the wedding garment represent on the higher level?
11. Are you properly dressed for the wedding banquet?
12. How do you know for sure?
13. What will you remember most from this message?