

# God's Wedding Feast

*Matthew 22:1-14*

The events in this account from Matthew 22 take place on the Monday or Tuesday of Holy Week. Jesus has been speaking in parables about the kingdom of God for a while now. This parable is in that same vein.

**Read Matthew 22:1-14.**

*Who's been to a wedding reception in the last few years? Was it joyous?*

*Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son (v. 2-3). Did those who were invited the first time come? What about the second time (v. 4-6)? Why or why not?*

*In the original context of this parable, who is Jesus speaking to?*

*How does the king in the parable react to the rejection (v. 7-10)?*

*What's the significance of inviting "both bad & good"? What makes the invitees worthy?*

*What is proper wedding attire in the parable? Today?*

*Does the man the king sees in v. 11 seem like he should be there? Why or why not?*

**Parable meaning today**

The king (God) continues to invite (call) people into His family to join the wedding feast of His Son (Jesus). It is God who furnishes everything & makes all the preparations. He invites us with a personalized invitation. He invites again & again when we don't come. He insists that His house be filled with guests – “for God will have all people to be saved & come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).

Even today, people reject God's gracious invitation.

*What are some things we make to be more important than God's invitation?*

*Who is invited to God's Wedding Feast?*

*When does the wedding feast for the Son (Jesus) begin? See Revelation 19:6-10.*

*What can we do while we wait?*