

Summary

Jesus surprises everyone with His parable that teaches that the kingdom of God is like a lavish feast – an amazing, epic banquet. But the biggest surprise is who gets invited to the king's party!

Read Matthew 22:1-14

1 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, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again 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.”’ 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ 10 And 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. 12 And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. 13 Then 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.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Getting to Know Each Other

1. What are some of the most memorable weddings you've been to? What made them stand out?

Getting into the Bible

2. What can we learn about this King and His Son from this parable?
 - a. What point was Jesus trying to make to his original hearers?
3. What qualifies these people to be at the King's banquet? How does that translate to us as we look forward to God's banquet feast in heaven?

Application

4. What does this passage call us to in our relationship with others? Who has God laid on your heart? Is there someone you are burdened for that they would be in God's Kingdom?
5. What struck you about this Sunday's emphasis on missions? How might God be calling you to live this out practically in your life?