



THE GOSPEL OF  
MATTHEW



# The Wedding Feast

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[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...



...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."  
(ESV)



## **The Wonderful**

The Kingdom of Heaven is a party,  
a feast, a celebration put on by the  
mightiest and highest King and we  
have an invitation.

## **The Scandalous**

We are so blinded by SIN and  
enraptured with our own  
wickedness we refuse the Invitation.



## **The Sad Truth**

Any kingdom with you seated above all would be an unmitigated disaster.

Yet we still choose to crown ourselves Kings and Queens





**Punishment for Treason**



## Is the Lord harsh?

Job 38:4

[4] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Job 40:8

[8] Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?



## **Remember what we've been invited to...**

[2] ...a wedding feast ...See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'" (ESV)

You are not being invited into a Kingdom of this World.





## **Remember their response...**

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## The Good News

[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.** (ESV)



## The Good News

[9] ... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. [11] For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

- Romans 10:9–11 (ESV)



## The Good News

Despite us running our own petty Kingdoms, directly revolting against God's divine authority, we only need to accept His invitation, and we can be admitted into His presence in the Kingdom of Heaven.



## **The Wedding Garments**

The Wedding Garments are a metaphor for Jesus.

This is not the elimination of Standards. It is God himself meeting the standard at a far higher cost to himself.

You cannot come in as you are, but I will clothe you, so you meet the standard.





## The Wedding Garments

[27] For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have **put on Christ**. [28] There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. [29] And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

- Galatians 3:27-29 (ESV)



## Application

- Do not ignore the invitation of the King.
- God's calling you into His Grace and Mercy via His invitation.
- When God sends an invitation you come.



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