



DIGGING DEEPER

Mt 22v1-14 – The Wedding Banquet

PLEASE READ – Matthew 22v1-14

GETTING STARTED

Glance back through chapter 21 to get an idea of who Jesus is addressing in this parable (which is actually the third of 3 parables that Jesus teaches at this time)

1) A LAVISH BANQUET (v1-2)

Why do you think Jesus uses this picture to help us understand the Kingdom of Heaven? What are the main things we learn?

2) A GENEROUS INVITATION (v3-4)

How many invitations were sent out? (keep that in mind for when you think about the refusal)

When Jesus says ‘everything is now ready’ what do you think he means?

3) A PAINFUL REFUSAL (v5-7)

What do you notice about the different responses to the invitation in v5-6? How do those responses show themselves today?

How does God feel about the rejection? (see v7)

4) A GRACIOUS GOD (v8-10)

How does God respond to the rejection in v8-10?

Talk about the 'street corners', and the type of guests that will be present...

5) A TIMELY WARNING (v11-13)

What do you think the 'wedding clothes' represent in v11?

Where do you feel the challenge most from the teaching of Jesus?

Meditate on the words of the apostle Jesus below...

Mt 22v3: He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.