



Matthew 22v1-14

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**21v45-46:** When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. <sup>46</sup> They looked for a way to arrest him...

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*“A feast of fat things!”*

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**V3:** He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

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V4: “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’



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**V14:** “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

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**Hostility**

**REJECTED**

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**V7:** The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.



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**Romans 1v16:** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

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**V10:** So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.



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