

Digging Deeper Study
God's Kingdom Come – Kingdom Attire
Week of May 31st, 2026

<p>Kingdom Attire Matthew 22:1-22</p> <p>Matthew 22:1-22</p> <p>22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had</p>	<p>“In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1) in all things, charity.” (John 13:34)</p> <p>Sermon QUOTE Statement: God is hosting a feast, and there is one requirement to enter in. Do you have what it takes?</p> <p>Opening Question:</p> <p>What is a preference that you prefer, that maybe Jesus wouldn't agree with. (Favorite - Sports Team, Food, etc..)</p> <p>I. Read Matthew 22:1-7</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does the wedding banquet imagery fit with where we are at right now in waiting for Jesus' return? 2. How does the wedding banquet imagery fit with Israel like the guests who refused to come to the feast? 3. Why were these people ultimately rejected in the story?
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been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴“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.’

⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come.

⁹So go to the street corners and

4. We are given to dangerous responses to the king: Apathy and Hostility. Which one pulls at your heart more? How do you see both at play and how do you guard against it?

II. Read Matthew 22:8-14

- 1. Why did the initial guests not deserve to come in? How does this terminology mess with our thinking of who is invited or not?**
- 2. What does Jesus mean when He mentions gathering good and bad people? How does this resonate with us? (Matthew 19:16-17)**

invite to the banquet anyone you find.’¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words.

- 3. How can v14 be confusing? What does it make you think on its own?**
- 4. In this context.. What was the reason for the king having the man thrown out of the feast?**
- 5. How does chosen terminology resonate with the Jewish people?**
- 6. Why is it seamless for chosen terminology to now apply to those who are in Christ?**
- 7. Since this story represents what heaven will be like.. what does the description of what happens to the man who was not properly dressed allude too? What is this place like?**
- 8. Since the king would have provided the wedding garments to his guests – how is this a picture of what God provides for us in Christ?**
- 9. Romans 3 highlights our righteousness vs God’s gift of righteousness. How can we find peace in knowing God provides all we need to enter into His feast?**

III. Read Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax ^w to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, ²⁰and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

²¹“Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

- 1. The Pharisees and Herodians come to Jesus with a bunch of half true statements. Why is it important to identify and recognize half truths?**
- 2. Why are Jesus’ attributes of integrity and not being swayed by others because of status something we can seek to exemplify? Which area could you grow more in, growing more in integrity – or growing in not being swayed by others with status?**
- 3. Why is this a simple answer for Jesus to respond to?**
- 4. What is Jesus concerned with here?**
- 5. Do you find you get caught up in things beyond your control? Why does that become a detriment to us?**
- 6. Why is it important to know that God’s concern is how we, personally, are living for Him?**
- 7. What is the best way we can live for God?**

Take Prayer requests
And close in Prayer

<p>²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.</p>	
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