

Chapter 22

1. Given the context and what immediately precedes chapter 22, in the parable of the wedding banquet, to whom do these terms refer?
 “those I invited” –
 “anyone you find” –
2. According to the NIV commentary, it may have been customary to provide your guests with proper wedding clothes. In that case, what do you think the wedding clothes represent in this parable?
3. Why do you think the man without wedding clothes was treated so severely by the king in the parable?
4. How would you explain vs. 14?
5. Typically, the Pharisees, who took great pride in their Jewish heritage and Law-abiding reputation, would never associate with the Herodians, who supported Roman rule in Israel. What did they have in common? (vs. 15-22)
6. How is their interaction with Jesus an illustration of the previous parable?
7. Roman Caesars typically claimed to be divine. How does Jesus refute that in his answer? (vs. 21)
8. **Personal Sharing:** In what ways do you think people “will be like the angels in heaven” at the resurrection? (See Heb. 1:14)
9. What is the outcome of all three of the “tests” from the religious leaders?

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10. What are the “heavy loads” Jesus refers to in vs. 4?
11. **Personal Sharing:** While none of us would be overt in our love of honor, is there a twinge of conviction for you when you read vs. 5-7? If so, in what specific area is the Spirit convicting you?
12. Identify the behavior or attitude in each section for which Jesus says, “Woe to you!”
 - 13-14:
 - 15:
 - 16-22:
 - 23-24:
 - 25-26:
 - 27-28:
 - 29-32: (see Luke 11:47-48)
13. In vs. 39, Jesus refers to Psalm 118, which was part of a liturgy of songs sung at Jewish festivals like Passover. It was a celebration of victory by God’s mighty hand, and an anticipation of the final victory through the Messiah. What do you think Jesus means to communicate in vs. 39?

Sermon Notes

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