

# **Adult Mid-Week Bible Study**

**Parables of Jesus -  
The Invitation to Christ  
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## An Invitation Rejected – Matthew 22:1-2

**1** Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying,  
**2** “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who held  
a wedding feast for his son.

## An Invitation Rejected – Matthew 22:3-4

<sup>3</sup> And he sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come.

<sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened cattle are *all* butchered and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast!”’

## An Invitation Rejected – Matthew 22:5

<sup>5</sup> But they paid no attention and went their *separate* ways, one to his own farm, another to his business,

## An Invitation Rejected – Matthew 22:6

<sup>6</sup> and the rest seized his slaves and treated them abusively, and *then* killed them.



## **An Invitation Rejected – Matthew 22:7**

<sup>7</sup> Now the king was angry, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire.



## An Invitation Accepted– Matthew 22:8-9

<sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.

<sup>9</sup> So go to the main roads, and invite whomever you find *there* to the wedding feast.’

## **An Invitation Accepted– Matthew 22:10**

<sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests.

## A Requirement Neglected – Matthew 22:11

11 “But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes,

## A Requirement Neglected – Matthew 22:12

<sup>12</sup> and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ And the man was speechless.



## A Requirement Neglected – Matthew 22:13

<sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the servants, ‘Tie his hands and feet, and throw him into the outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth in that place.’

## A Requirement Neglected – Matthew 22:14

<sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few *are* chosen.”