**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

**LESSON 22 - The Parable of the Marriage Feast; More Kingly Answers**

**Matthew 22:1-46**

**DAYS ONE & TWO -** Read Matthew 22:1-14 (The Parable of the Marriage Feast)

1. Briefly describe the parable that tells what *the kingdom of heaven* is like in verses 2-6.

Answer here

2. When the king sent messengers more than once to call the people to the marriage, what attributes of God are shown here from Psalm 86:15?

Answer here

3. As the king was obviously God and the invited guests were His people, Israel, how had they already been called from the time of Abraham? (according to Genesis 12:2-3)

Answer here

4. John the Baptist was rejected and beheaded; Jesus was rejected and crucified; the apostles and prophets were rejected and persecuted. Who are they like in Matthew’s parable here?

Answer here

5. As this *wedding feast* represented God’s promised blessing to Israel thru Messiah’s coming, how did the king react, in verses 7-8, to those who refused his invitation?

Answer here

6. Today, we know God fulfilled this prophecy in 70 AD, when He allowed Rome to destroy Jerusalem, killing over 1 million Jews. What does this tell us about Him in Genesis 6:3a?

Answer here

7. a. *Therefore,* what were the servants to do next, in Matthew 22:9, giving us a picture of the free offer of the gospel to everyone? What does Revelation 22:17 add?

Answer here

b. How does Matthew 22:10 describe these guests who filled the *wedding* hall?

Answer here

8. What tragic thing happened in verses 11-13, when the king *saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment,* when it must have been offered to each guest?

Answer here

9. This man was *speechless*, without excuse, having rejected the free gift*.* How is this covering, that everyone needs to enter the kingdom of heaven, described in Isaiah 61:10?

Answer here

10. What conclusion is reached, in Matthew 22:14, about the supernatural drawing of God that Jesus spoke of in John 6:44?

Answer here

**DAYS THREE & FOUR -** Read Matthew 22:15-33 (Conflicts over Taxes and the Afterlife)

1. As it is still Wednesday of the Passover week, how does John 11:47-53 help us understand the mindset of the Jewish leaders toward Jesus at this point?

Answer here

2. In verses 16-17, how did the Pharisees plot to *entangle Jesus in His talk,* with the help of *the Herodians*: Jews who supported Herod’s dynasty?

Answer here

3. After they questioned Him, and He *perceived their wickedness*, how did He question them in verses 18-20?

Answer here

4. a. What was the bottom-line concerning Jesus’ answer about these taxes in verse 21, that caused them to *marvel* and leave Him alone?

Answer here

b. Read Romans 13:1-7 and tell why believers today should still *pay taxes*.

Answer here

5. Back in Matthew 22:23-28, what happened on that same day, with *the Sadducees,* *who say there is no resurrection*? Briefly relate their scenario, ending with their twisted question.

Answer here

6. What does Paul say in Acts 23:6-8, about the differences between the beliefs of the Pharisees and the Sadducees?

Answer here

7. What did Jesus say about what the Sadducees did not know? (Matthew 22:29)

Answer here

8. Jesus exposed a second false belief, when He explained that no one marries in heaven, comparing people to the angels they did not believe in. How did this ruin their question?

Answer here

9. Back in Matthew 22:31-32, what did Jesus say *concerning the resurrection of the dead*?

Answer here

10. What happened when *the multitudes heard* these things?

Answer here

**DAY FIVE -** Read Matthew 22:34-46 (Greatest Commandment and Son of David)

1. As the Pharisees and the Sadducees *gathered together* in their hatred of Jesus, what did the lawyer among them ask Him, in order to *test Him*?

Answer here

2. How did Jesus answer in verses 37-40?

Answer here

3. What question did Jesus then ask the Pharisees about *the Christ*? How did they answer Him in verse 42, using the most common Messianic title at the time?

Answer here

4. a. What does Psalm 110:1, quoted here, say about how *David in the Spirit called Him Lord*?Was Jesus pointing out that He, Himself was the Messiah, the Son of God?

Answer here

b. When Jesus was tried by the Sanhedrin, how did He confirm this truth in Luke 22:70?

Answer here

5. If David *calls Him Lord, how could He be His son?* How did the leaders respond to this question in Matthew 22:46?

Answer here

**DISCUSSION:** How does Paul summarize the heart of the gospel in 2 Corinthians 5:21?

Answer here