

THE LIFE OF  
**JESUS**

Message 29  
Invitation  
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► **Outline**

Today's Message based on *The Life of Jesus* – Reading 164  
(Matthew 22:1-14)

*"For many are invited, but few are chosen."*

**Matthew 22:14 (HCSB)**

**A King's invitation...**

1. Refused by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matthew 22:1-3. C/R: Genesis 12:2-3; Hosea 11:1; Amos 3:2)

2. Rejected for \_\_\_\_\_ reasons.  
(Matthew 22:4-7. C/R: Luke 9:23)

3. Received by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matthew 22:8-10. C/R: Matthew 28:19;  
Romans 9:25-26; 11:11)

4. Required proper \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matthew 22:11-14. C/R: Isaiah 61:10; Matt. 7:21-23;  
Rom. 10:12-15; 13:14; Heb. 12:14; 2 Pet. 3:9)

**Answers:** 1. many 2. selfish 3. all 4. clothing

**Resource Information:** Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from HCSB version (Holman Christian Standard Bible) of *The Holy Bible*. Our resource book for this series is *The Life of Jesus, A Simplified Harmony of the Gospels*, which is available in the Bookstore. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to help you draw closer to God. Try not to rush through these questions, but take time to learn and grow. Ask God to speak to you in His Word. Find a Small Group at [brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups).

### Conversation Starter

Describe the most extravagant dinner party, wedding celebration or event you've ever attended.

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Matthew 22:1-4](#) (The beginning of Reading #164 in *The Life of Jesus*).

1. How might the kingdom of heaven be like a wedding reception?
2. How did the king feel about this banquet? What specific words and phrases give you this impression? How does this help you understand who God is?

Read [Matthew 22:5-14](#) (continue Reading #164 in *The Life of Jesus*).

3. Who were the people who *paid no attention* ([vs. 5](#))?
4. Why was the king so enraged?
5. Why were those invited *not worthy* ([vs. 8](#))?
6. In ancient times, it was customary for kings to provide fine clothes for their guests to wear at celebrations. In what way does Jesus provide *wedding clothes* for us? How do these verses help you understand what it means to be properly *dressed for the wedding*?

a. [Isaiah 61:10-11](#)

b. [Romans 3:21-24](#)

c. [Galatians 3:26-27](#)

d. [Revelation 7:9-17](#)

7. Why do people refuse God's *invitation to the feast*?
8. What is God inviting you into that you haven't said yes to yet?
9. How might this parable change the way you think about Christianity and how you talk to others about Jesus?
10. What practical application does this parable have for you?

For further study and reflection, compare [Matthew 22:1-14](#) with [Revelation 19:6-10](#). Ask God to flood your heart with hope.

### Soul Training

Ask God who He wants you to invite into the kingdom of heaven. Pray for that person regularly, and talk with them about Jesus.

### Memory Verse

*"Therefore go to where the roads exit the city and invite everyone you find to the banquet."<sup>10</sup> So those slaves went out on the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding banquet was filled with guests.*

[Matthew 22:9-10 \(HCSB\)](#)

### Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
August 7	161		<a href="#">Matthew 21:23-27</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 11:27-33</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 20:1-8</a>
August 8	162		<a href="#">Matthew 21:28-32</a>
August 9	163		<a href="#">Matthew 21:33-46</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 12:1-12</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 20:9-19</a>
August 10	164		<a href="#">Matthew 22:1-14</a>
August 11	165		<a href="#">Matthew 22:15-22</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 12:13-17</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 20:20-26</a>

### Prepare for Next Sunday

On Sunday, August 13, we'll take a closer look at the paralyzing demands of religion as seen in [Matthew 23:1-36](#), [Mark 12:38-40](#) and [Luke 20:45-47](#). These passages are harmonized in Reading #169 in *The Life of Jesus*.



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