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Matthew 22:1-14

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:
2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who
gave a wedding banquet for his son. **3** He sent his slaves to
call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet,
but they would not come. **4** Again he sent other slaves,
saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have
prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been
slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding
banquet.' **5** But they made light of it and went away, one to
his farm, another to his business, **6** while the rest seized his
slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. **7** The king was
enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers,
and burned their city. **8** Then he said to his slaves, 'The
wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. **9** Go
therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find
to the wedding banquet.' **10** Those slaves went out into the
streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and
bad, so 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 a wedding robe, **12** and he
said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a
wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. **13** Then the king said
to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him
into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.’ **14** For many are called, but few are
chosen.”