“The Parable of the Wedding Feast”
MATTHEW 22:1-14
How about this for preaching a sermon on God’s wrath?
How about this for a trip to the beach?
How about going out in public looking like this?
KEY POINT:

To enter **heaven** you must be **wearing** the Son.
1. The Parable of the **2 Sons** (Matthew 21:28-32)

2. The Parable of the **Tenants** (Matthew 21:33-44)

3. The Parable of the **Wedding Feast** (Matthew 22:1-14)

3 Parables for the Religious Leaders
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When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.

Matthew 21:45
A Few Notes About Weddings During This Time

• Feast and ceremony were inseparable
• Continued for a week; royal weddings for several weeks
• Some guests housed with bridal family.
• Refusing to come was dishonoring.
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He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

John 1:11
3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, Not wishing that any should perish, But that all should reach repentance.

II Peter 3:9
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II. SCENE 2 – Those who rejected the invitations are **punished** (vs. 7-8).

Outline of Matthew 22:1-14
• He destroyed them.
• He burned their city.
• He called the original invitees unworthy to be present at the wedding.

The King’s Measurable Displeasure
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III. SCENE 3 – New **guests** are invited to the wedding (vs. 9-10).

Outline of Matthew 22:1-14
Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
...God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

I Corinthians 6:9-11
God has saved...

- Blasphemers like Paul (I Timothy 1:13-15)
- Thief on the cross (Luke 23:42-43) – deathbed conversions
- Fishermen who would deny him like Peter
- Tax collectors like Matthew who financially abused his own people
- Slave traders like John Newton
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IV. SCENE 4 – An **intruder** is expelled (vs. 11-14).

**Outline of Matthew 22:1-14**
KEY POINT:

To enter **heaven** you must be **wearing** the Son.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Matthew 5:8
You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:48
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

II Corinthians 5:21
“...the Father treated Him as if He were a sinner by charging to His account the sins of everyone who would ever believe...God credits believers’ sin to Christ’s account, and His righteousness to theirs.”

John MacArthur
• Scripture: II Corinthians 5:21

Jesus became our pardon for our sin; we became His righteousness for our salvation.

• Isaiah 61:10 – “…for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,…”
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“There are thousands of hearers of the Gospel who derive from it no benefit whatever. They listen to it Sunday after Sunday, and year after year, and do not believe to the saving of the soul. ...

J.C. Ryle
“... They feel no special need of the Gospel; they see no special beauty in it; they do not perhaps hate it, or oppose it, or scoff at it, but they do not receive it into their hearts. They like other things far better. ...
“...Their money, their land, their business, or their pleasures, are all far more interesting subjects to them than their souls. It is an awful state of mind to be in, but awfully common. ...
“... Let us search our own hearts, and take heed that it is not our own. Open sin may kill its thousands; but indifference and neglect of the Gospel kill their tens of thousands. ...
“... Multitudes will find themselves in hell, not so much because they openly broke the ten commandments, as because they made light of the truth. Christ died for them on the cross, but they neglected Him.”