**CHAPTER 22**

*The parable of the marriage feast: Christ orders tribute to be paid to Caesar: he confutes the Sadducees: shews which is the first commandment in the law, and puzzles the Pharisees.*

**1** And Jesus answering, spoke again in parables to them, saying:

**2** The kingdom of heaven is likened to a king, who made a marriage for his son.

**3** And he sent his servants, to call them that were invited to the marriage; and they would not come.

**4** Again he sent other servants, saying: Tell them that were invited, Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my beeves and fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come ye to the marriage.

**5** But they neglected, and went their ways, one to his farm, and another to his merchandise.

**6** And the rest laid hands on his servants, and having treated them contumeliously, put them to death.

**7** But when the king had heard of it, he was angry: and sending his armies, he destroyed those murderers, and burnt their city.

**8** Then he saith to his servants: The marriage indeed is ready; but they that were invited were not worthy.

**9** Go ye therefore into the highways; and as many as you shall find, call to the marriage.

**10** And his servants going forth into the ways, gathered together all that they found, both bad and good: and the marriage was filled with guests.

**11** And the king went in to see the guests: and he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment.

**12** And he saith to him: Friend, how camest thou in hither not having on a wedding garment? But he was silent.

**13** Then the king said to the waiters: Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the exterior darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**14** For many are called, but few are chosen.

**15** Then the Pharisees going, consulted among themselves how to insnare him in his speech.

**16** And they sent to him their disciples with the Herodians, saying: Master, we know that thou art a true speaker, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou dost not regard the person of men.

**17** Tell us therefore what dost thou think, is it lawful to give tribute to Cæsar, or not?

**18** But Jesus knowing their wickedness, said: Why do you tempt me, ye hypocrites?

**19** Shew me the coin of the tribute. And they offered him a penny.

**20** And Jesus saith to them: Whose image and inscription is this?

**21** They say to him: Cæsar’s. Then he saith to them: Render therefore to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar’s; and to God, the things that are God’s.

**22** And hearing this they wondered, and leaving him, went their ways.

**23** That day there came to him the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection; and asked him,

**24** Saying: Master, Moses said: If a man die having no son, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up issue to his brother.

**25** Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first having married a wife, died; and not having issue, left his wife to his brother.

**26** In like manner the second, and the third, and so on to the seventh.

**27** And last of all the woman died also.

**28** At the resurrection therefore whose wife of the seven shall she be? for they all had her.

**29** And Jesus answering, said to them: You err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God.

**30** For in the resurrection they shall neither marry nor be married; but shall be as the angels of God in heaven.

**31** And concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken by God, saying to you:

**32** I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

**33** And the multitudes hearing it, were in admiration at his doctrine.

**34** But the Pharisees hearing that he had silenced the Sadducees, came together.

**35** And one of them, a doctor of the law, asked him, tempting him:

**36** Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

**37** Jesus said to him: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind.

**38** This is the greatest and the first commandment.

**39** And the second is like to this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

**40** On these two commandments dependeth the whole law and the prophets.

**41** And the Pharisees being gathered together, Jesus asked them,

**42** Saying: What think you of Christ? Whose son is he? They say to him: David’s.

**43** He saith to them: How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying:

**44** The Lord said to my Lord, Sit on my right hand, until I make thy enemies thy footstool?

**45** If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?

**46** And no man was able to answer him a word; neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.