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Today's Message

11-28-2021



Title: What is the Kingdom of God?
a parable of the wedding banquet

Scripture: Matthew 22:1--14



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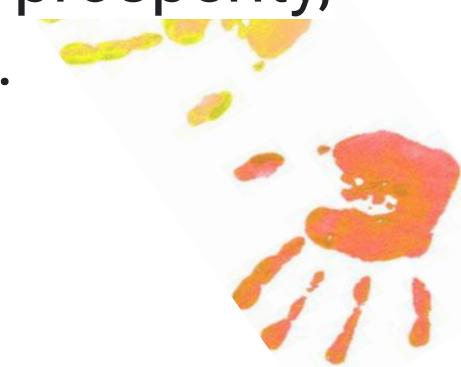
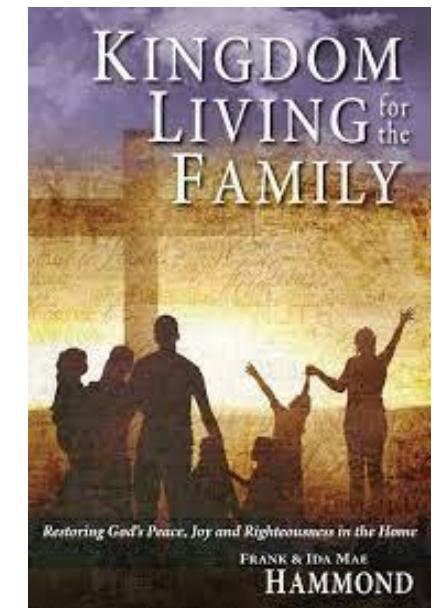


Kingdom

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Kingdoms of Egypt

(3000 BC-100 AD)



The Kingdom of Mali (1235-1670)

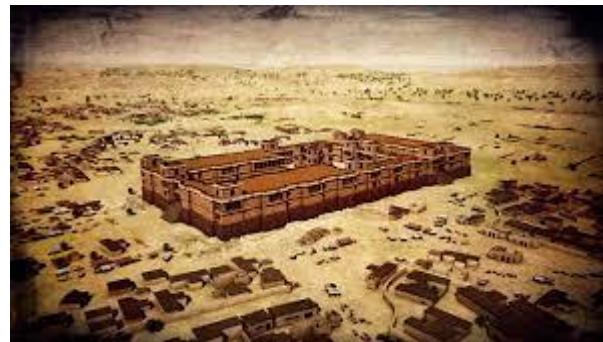


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But do you know the Kingdom of God that Jesus prepared for us?



Kingdoms of Rome



Kingdoms of China

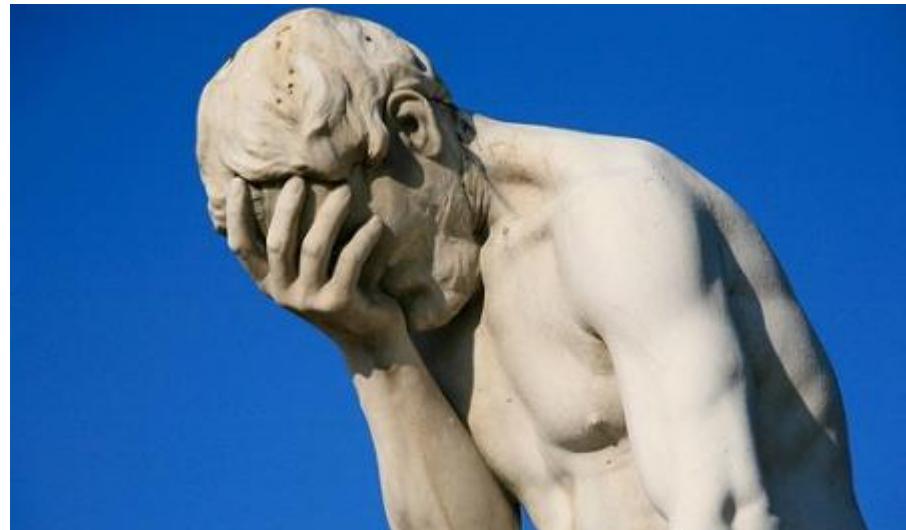


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Agenda

Today we are going to read a parable of great wedding feast told by Jesus
in Matthew 22:1--14



We will think:

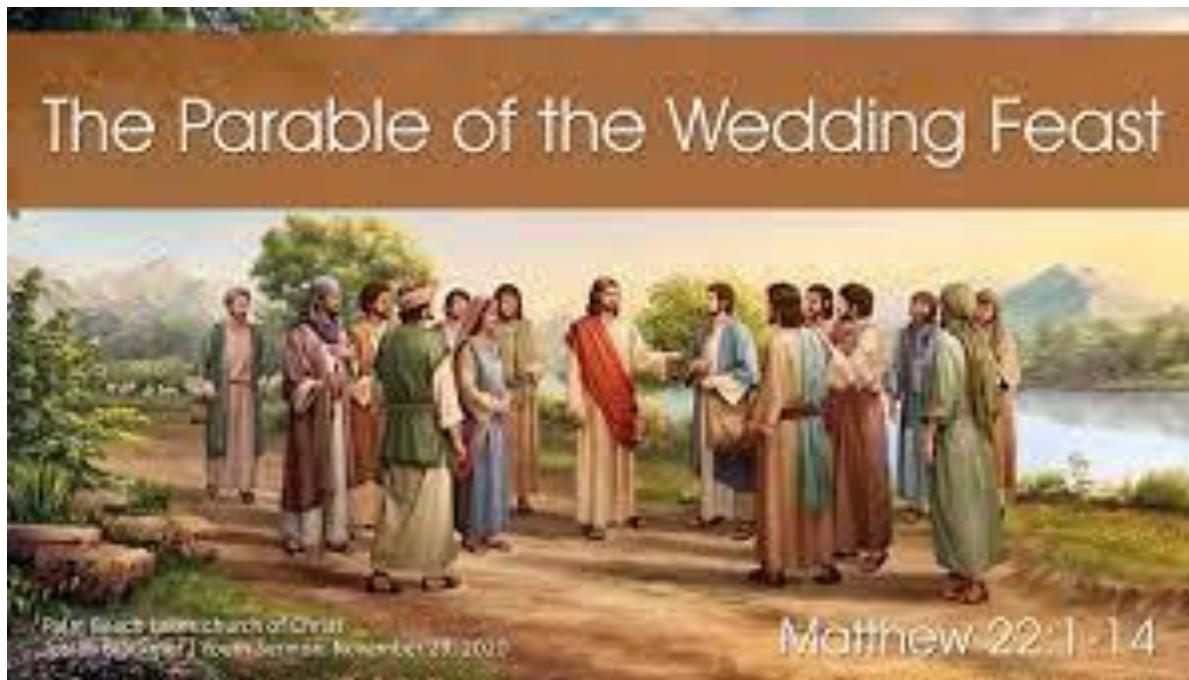
- What is the Kingdom of God?
- How different it is from any human kingdom on earth?



Matthew 22:1



Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying:



Matthew 22:2



The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.



The kingdom of heaven
may be likened to a king
who gave a wedding feast*
for his son. – Jesus
(Matthew 22:2)



Matthew 22:3

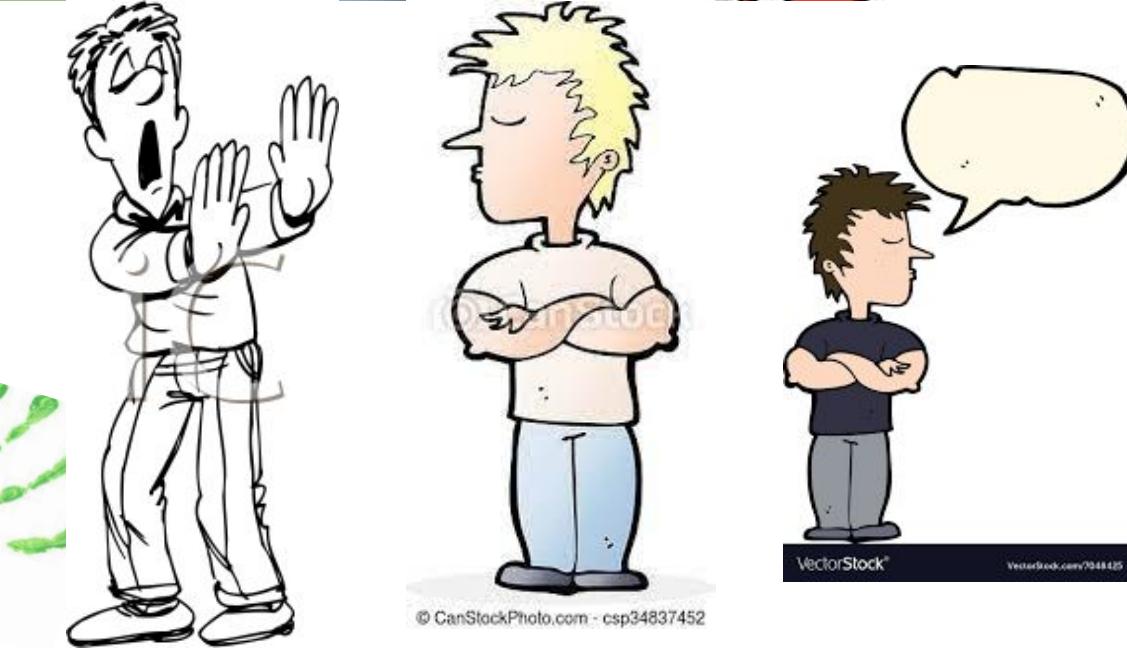
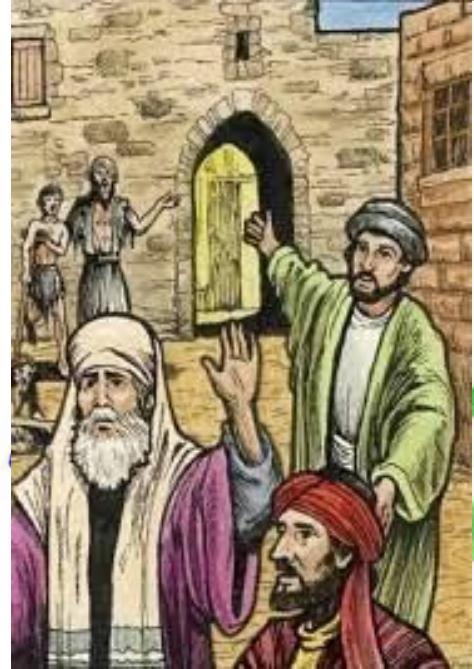


He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come.,.



Matthew 22:3

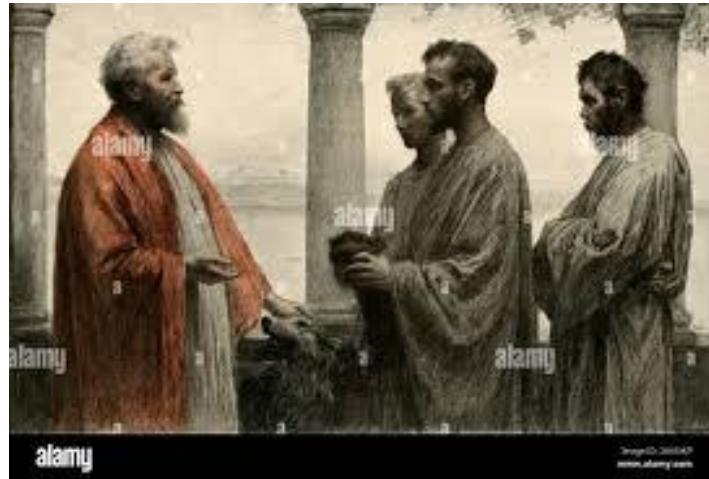
but they refused to come.



Matthew 22:4



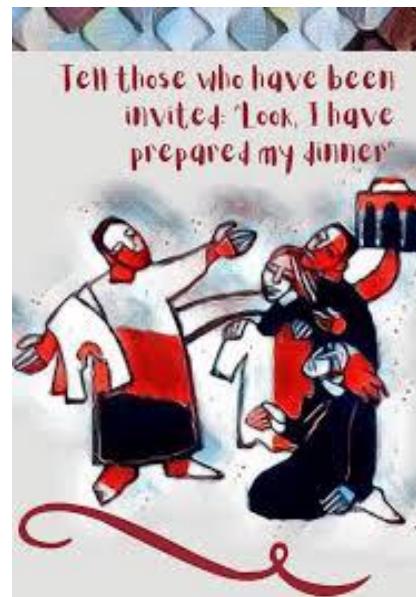
Then he sent some more servants



Matthew 22:4



and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner:



Matthew 22:4



My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready.



Matthew 22:4

Come to the wedding banquet.'



Matthew 22:5

But they paid no attention



Matthew 22:5

and went off



Matthew 22:5



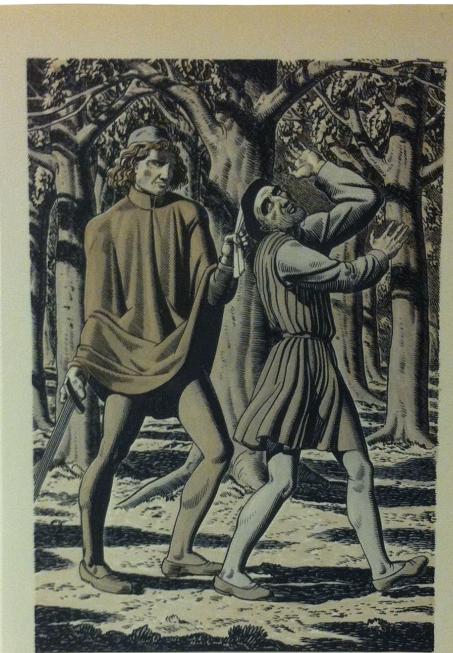
one to his field, another to his business.



Matthew 22:6



The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them.



... seized him by the hand ... (page 500.)



Matthew 22:7

The king was enraged.



Matthew 22:7



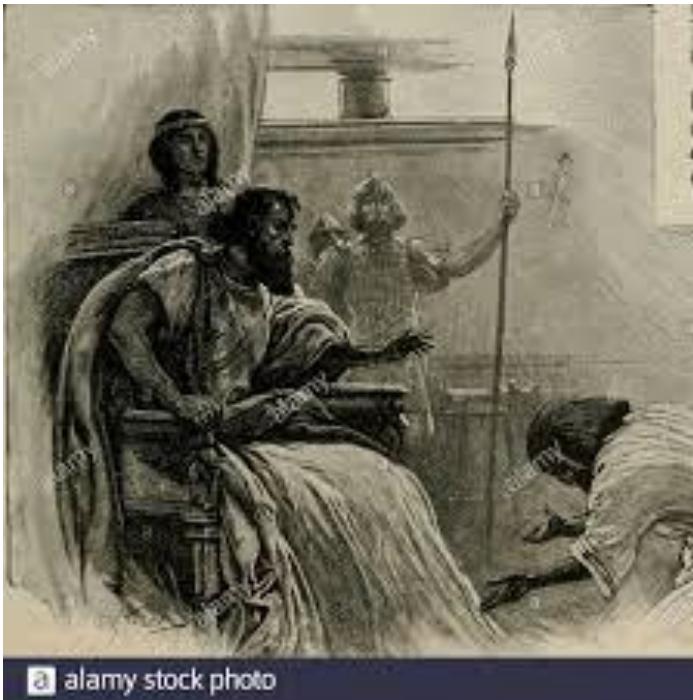
He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.



Matthew 22:8



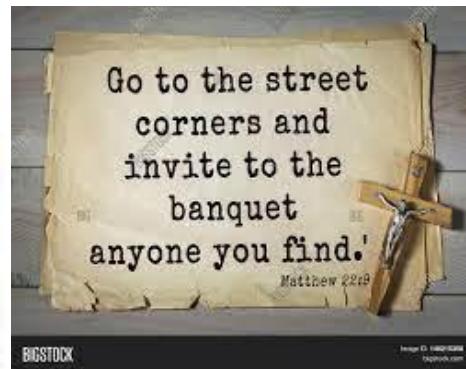
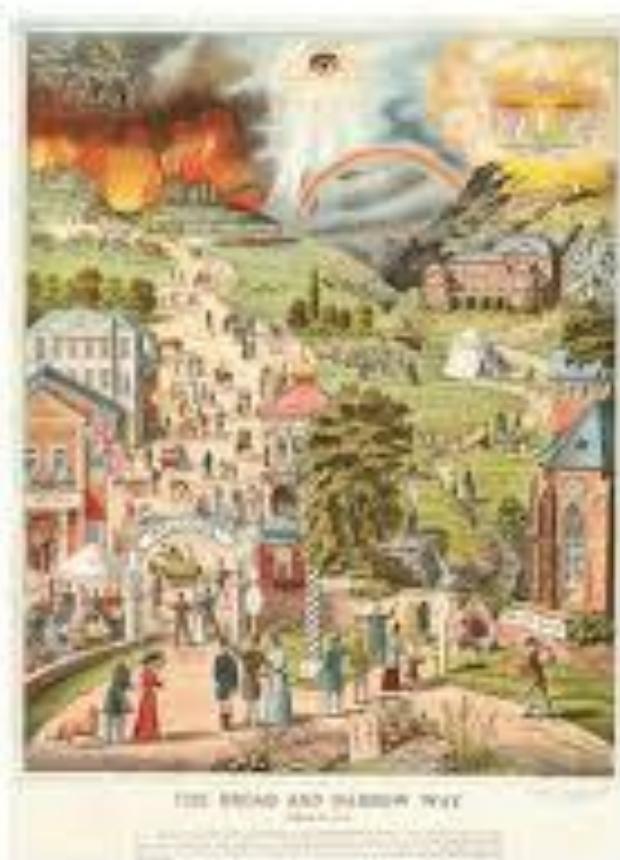
Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come.'



Matthew 22:9



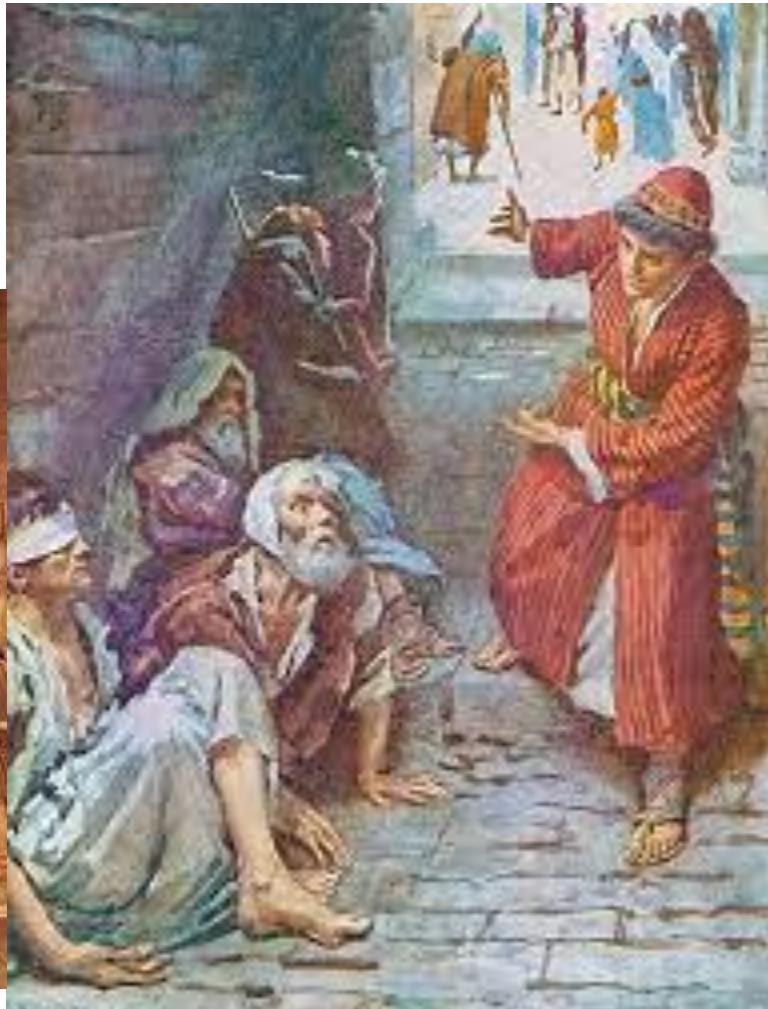
Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.



Matthew 22:10



So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad,



Matthew 22:10



, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.



Matthew 22:11



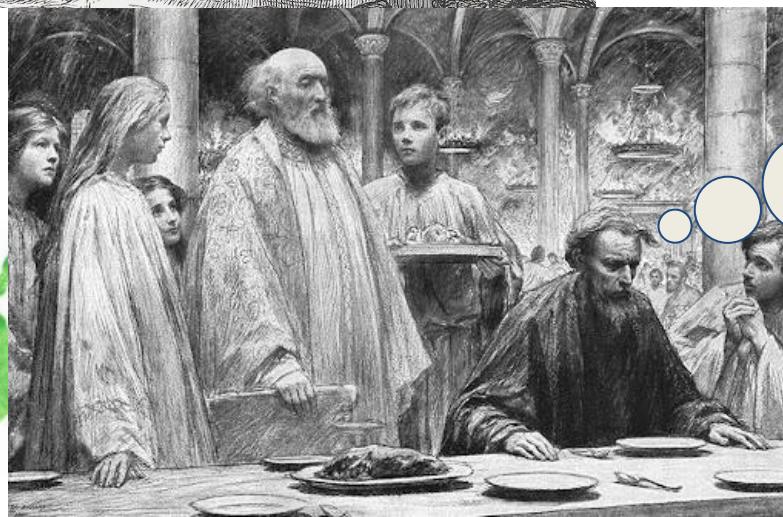
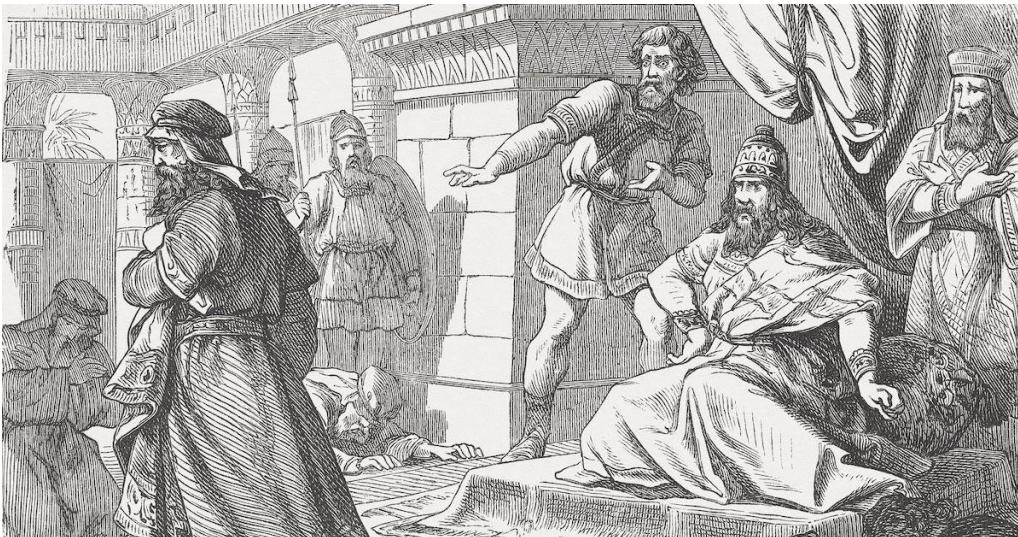
But when the king came in to see the guests,



Matthew 22:11



he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes.

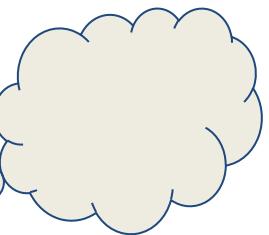


Matthew 22:12



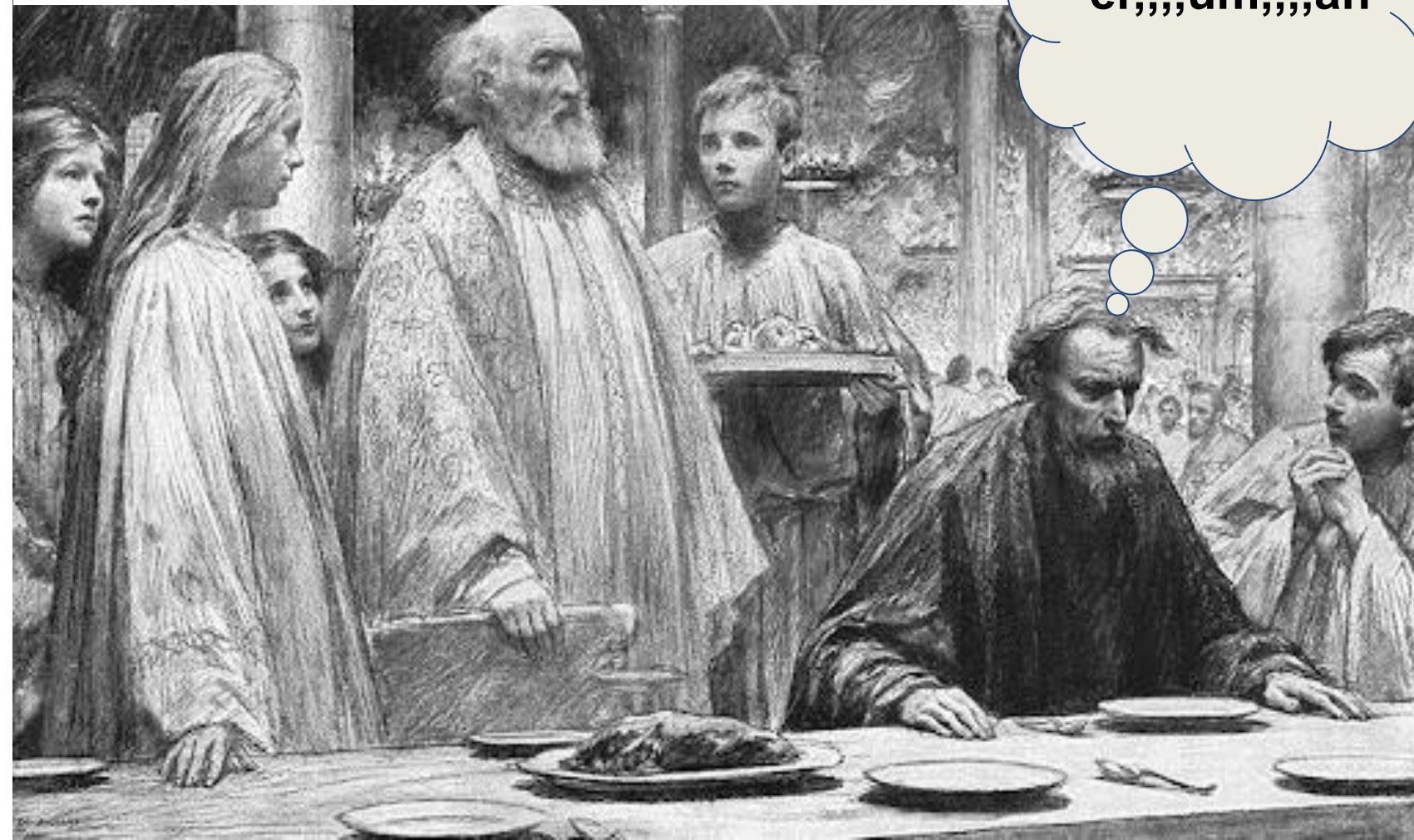
'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?'

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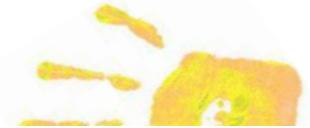


Matthew 22:12

The man was speechless.



Matthew 22:13

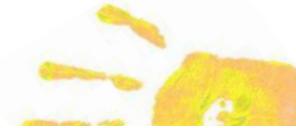


Then the king told the attendants,



Matthew 22:13

'Tie him hand and foot,



The Marriage Feast by The Brothers Dalziel



The Unwelcome Wedding Guest by Matthaeus Merian the Elder



Matthew 22:13

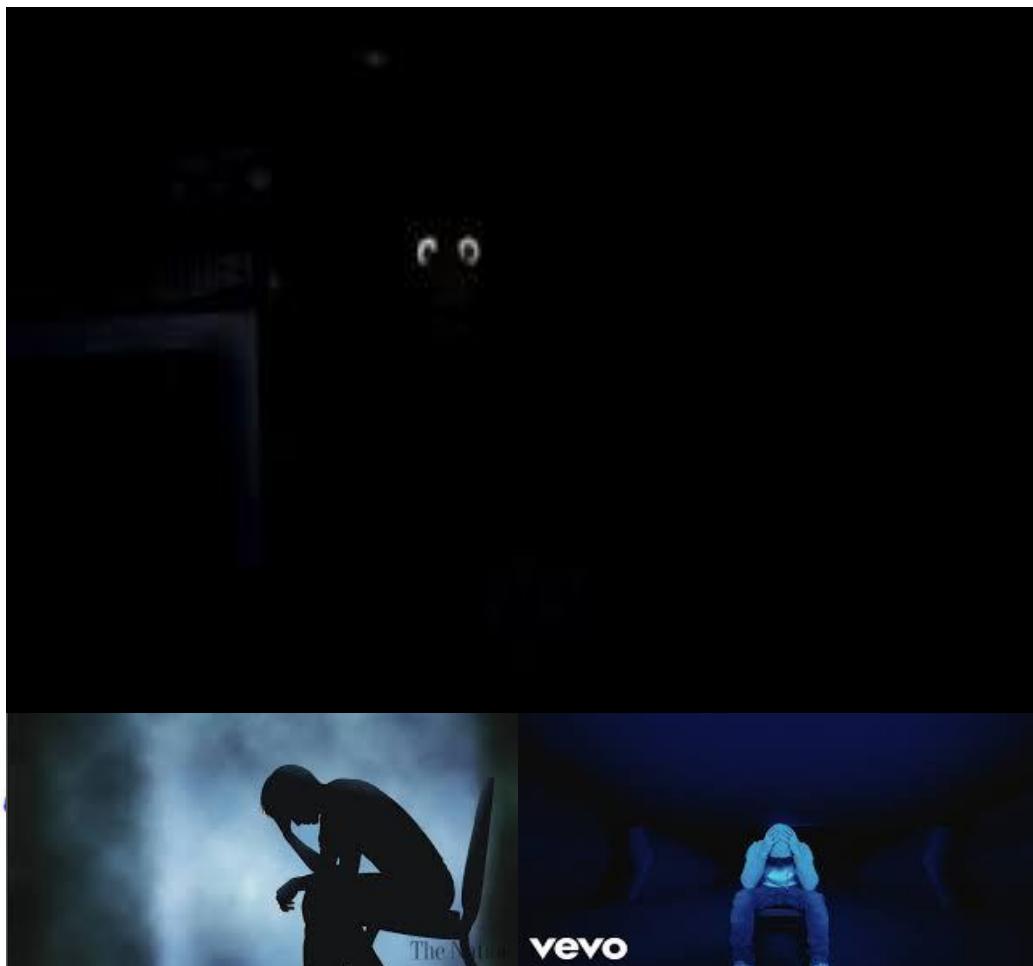
and throw him outside,



Matthew 22:13

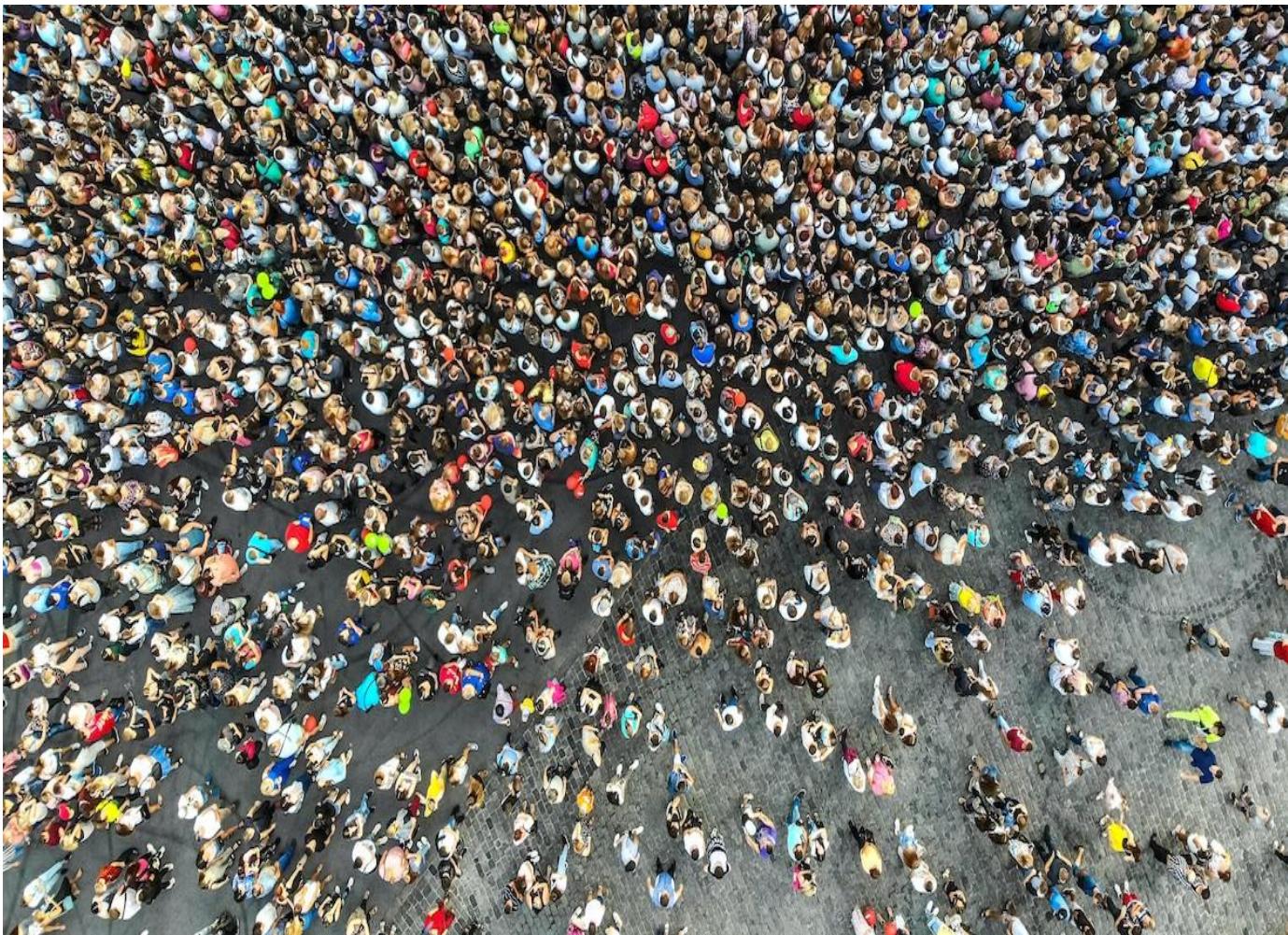


into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth



Matthew 22:14

For many are invited, but few are chosen.



SO THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST, AND THE FIRST LAST:



**FOR MANY BE CALLED,
BUT FEW CHOSEN.**

Matthew 22:14

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What does the parable mean?

1. The king in the parable represent God.
2. The wedding feast for the son of the king represent the union with Jesus Christ.
3. The servants sent to invite people represent the missionaries.



What can we learn from the parable of great wedding banquet?

1. The wedding feast is free to open to everyone both good and bad man, not only Jews. You are invited too.
2. Those who were invited but refuse to come did not deserve it.
3. Those who are invited but insulted/killed the messengers would be punished.
4. Those who pretended to join the banquet will be tossed out.
5. The kingdom of God is not like any kingdom on earth but like a great wedding feast for the Only Son of God.
6. If you feel being invited, don't miss it but attend it with great care.



Let us pray



Heavenly Father,
Thank you for sending your servants to bring
the good news to invite us to union with
Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth and
the life.

We ask you to forgive my sins and stubborn
heart. The wedding feast you prepared for
us is beautiful. I want to attend it. Please fill
me with your holy spirit, and let me know you
more.

Pray in name of Jesus, Amen