

Overview

1-V1 Jesus tells stories to illustrate what the _____ of heaven is like. The message of both John the Baptist and the Lord was *“Turn from your sins and turn to God, because the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”* Matthew 3:2 The Lord has established the first fruits of the Kingdom on earth. Signs and wonders can be done. The Lord is King.

2-V2-6 He speaks of the Kingdom of Heaven as being like a _____ (Perhaps the happiest celebration in our life on earth). Implied is that the king who extends the invitation is Father God -- the son is Jesus-- and the guests are perhaps not only guests but also the bride. However, the guests _____ to come, they _____ the invitation—treated the messengers _____ and _____ some of them.

3-V7-10 The king is furious and sends armies to _____ the murderers. He then tells his servants to invite anyone who is willing to come, even people on _____ corners. The _____ and _____ alike (from the world’s viewpoint).

4-V11-14 _____ were required to attend a wedding banquet. They were customarily provided free at the door by the host. One man had neglected to put his on. He had no excuse, so the king said, *“Bind him _____ and _____ and throw him out into the outer _____ where there is _____ and gnashing of teeth.”* We cannot enter God’s holy presence as we are. It requires the robe of Christ’s righteousness.

5-V15-22 The pastor’s of Israel tried to _____ Jesus into saying something that would get him in trouble with either the people - who hated paying taxes to the Romans - or the Romans. They asked *“Is it _____ to pay _____ to the Roman government or not?”* Jesus looking at a Roman coin with the face of the Roman emperor _____ on it said, *“Give to _____ what belongs to him. But everything that belongs to God must be given to God.”*

6-V23-30 Another group of the movers and shakers of Israel, the _____ (the religious liberals) who did not believe in _____ after death, had a clever question for him based on the requirement of the Kinsman Redeemer in God’s law to marry his brother’s widow and father a son who would become the legal son of the widow’s first husband. It was - If 7 brothers married the woman because each died one after another, *“whose _____ would she be in the resurrection?”* Jesus answered that there will be no marriage in _____. But as for the resurrection, God said, *“I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”* They still live. The power of God can do anything.

7-V34-40 A theologian of Israel (an expert in Jewish _____) tried to make a fool of Jesus with the question, *“Which is the most important _____ in the law of Moses?”* Jesus quoting Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18 says *“Love _____ and love your _____ as yourself.”* *“All the _____ commandments and all the demands of the _____ are _____ on these two commandments.”*

8-V41 Jesus asks them a question which relates to the Messiah being fathered by the Holy Spirit and being born of a virgin. How can the Messiah, who is called *“the son of David,”* be the _____ of David and yet David calls Him _____? The answer is because the father of the Messiah is the Holy Spirit although the Messiah was descended biologically from David through his mother.

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1.V.1 _____ The Vineyard views the Kingdom of Heaven as “now present in the world” and as “not yet.” The Holy Spirit gifts the people of the Lord’s church with the powers of the Kingdom (spiritual gifts - I Corinthians 12:1-7) to war against and undo the “works of Satan.” (1 John 3:8) Jesus compares the Kingdom of heaven to a continual marriage feast – the happiest celebration of human life. The underlying reality is that the king is the Father God, Jesus is the king’s son, and the guests are not only guests but also the bride. The great issue implied in this story is that coming to the wedding feast of the Kingdom is coming to the Father’s House, coming to Christ is our righteousness, and being saved. Jesus’ first audience was the Jews who practiced human religion but refused to come into a relationship with the Lord – an intimacy compared to marriage.

2.V7 _____ Historically this happened. Less than 30 years after the Jews murdered Christ, the Roman armies under Titus completely destroyed Jerusalem, tore down the temple and scattered the Jews over the face of the earth...which lasted for nearly 2,000 years. The Jews started back to Israel in the 1940s after World War II. Jerusalem was burned down earlier in 587 BC by the Babylonians for the same reasons.

3.V10 _____ The qualification for coming into the Kingdom and becoming the family of God is not moral rectitude but willingness. The moral and ethical qualifications are imparted to us by Christ. *“No one is righteous, no not one.”* Romans 3:21

4.V12 _____ This man chose to come into the wedding party without putting on the wedding garment. Typically the wedding garment was provided by the bridal families so there was no excuse for not having one except not taking the occasion seriously. The wedding garment of the Christian is Christ’s righteousness-- a gift. No person can live in God’s presence without receiving Christ as their Lord and Savior. *“Yes, everything is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Jesus Christ, my Lord... I no longer count on my own goodness or ability to obey God’s law, but I trust Christ to save me.”* Philippians 3:8-9 Luther said that Jesus meets us at the door and says give me your rags to wear and I’ll give you my robe of righteousness.

5.V21 _____ Jesus’ answer is the wisdom (word of wisdom - I Corinthians 12:8) that comes from the Holy Spirit. No one can stand against His truth. • Related to Christians. We are citizens of both the world ruled by human governments and citizens of heaven. We have the responsibility to be good citizens both of our human government and the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Romans 13:1-7 Philippians 3:21

6. V24 _____ Marrying a brother’s widow. Deuteronomy 25:5-10. It is called the LEVIRATE law. (Latin meaning “brother in law.) Its purpose was to provide heirs for the dead brother so that his land would go to his descendants...and secondly to provide for widows. Onan, the son of Judah, was unwilling and was struck dead. Genesis 38:8-10 Boaz as the “kinsman redeemer” was glad to take Ruth as his wife. Ruth 4:5-5

7. V32 _____ Jesus shows the Sadducees a scripture from Deuteronomy 25:5-6 where God says that He is PRESENTLY the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They have not perished but live on. The Sadducees’ reason for not believing in resurrection like the Pharisees was that they didn’t see resurrection in the books of Moses, that is Genesis through Deuteronomy, which they accepted as authoritative. Resurrection is Biblical.

8. V42 _____ Jesus turns now to the Pharisees who were also in the crowd and asks them about a scripture, Psalm 110:1, which must have always puzzled them. It was to the effect of “How could a son of David be David’s lord?” The answer is of course that Jesus was David’s son descended biologically, but it was God the Son who lived in the body of Jesus of Nazareth.

What does this Scripture say to you? _____