



# Matthew

## Lesson 22

*Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was a major event with much excitement and anticipation. So many were hoping, many even expecting Jesus to take over the Romans and bring the kingdom of Messiah to realization. But the thrill and expectation seem to stop almost immediately for there is no record of events that took place once He came into the city. Maybe the fact that Jesus immediately went to the Temple and caused a major disturbance among the*

*religious leaders and the events taking place there put a damper on the enthusiasm. Jesus was supposed to be opposing the Romans not His own people during a major celebration event. But once again His followers are learning that what they expected and what Jesus had warned them of what was actually going to happen were two very different things.*

### READ CHAPTER 22



*The events of Chapter 22-25 took place somewhere between Tuesday and the evening of Thursday. Though Jesus was trying to keep a low profile until "His time," the Sanhedrin and others of the religious leadership were continuously attempting to set traps for Him so they could arrest Him. Many of the parables during this time address the blindness of the leadership, the spiritual state of Israel, and Christ's response to their rejection of Him as Messiah.*

1. Give your assessment of the spiritual equivalents for physical details of the parable in Matthew 22:1-14.

*The King (or man) vs. 2 -*

*Wedding Feast-*

*Son-*

*Slaves-*

*Those invited-*

*Those who reject the invitation-*

*Those from highways-*

*Wedding clothes-*

*One cast out-*

2. *What do you think Jesus is saying to them through this parable?*



*Historians are not sure who the Herodians (vs. 16) were, but the assumption is that they were a sect of the Jews, more political than religious, who approved of and were concerned about maintaining Herods' dynasty. At this time, they collaborated with the Pharisees in seeking to trap Jesus in some way*

3. *If the statements about the Herodians are true, why would Jesus be a threat to them?*

4. *What question did the Pharisees and the Herodians ask Jesus? Explain His response to them in vs. 18-21. How could this truth apply to you?*

5. *The next group that attempts to trap Jesus is the Sadducees. From past lessons and lectures, what have you learned about the Sadducees that would explain their motivation for asking the question in vs. 24-28?*

6. *How does vs. 32 answer their inquiry?*

7. *Because Jesus has frustrated their attempts to trap Him, they now send a Scribe, an expert in the Law, to see if he can confound Jesus. How do you think his question to Jesus in vs. 35 would have been a test (the word “test” means “to put to the test to ascertain the character, views, or feelings of someone)?*

8. *What was Jesus’ question to them in vs. 43, and how did this reverse the tables in the efforts of the religious leaders to test Him?*

***Prayer requests:***

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***Group time notes:***

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