

THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING BANQUET

Introduction

Why did Jesus teach using parables? Read Matthew 13:10-15

Read Matthew 22:1-17

22:1-7 This parable is a metaphor of Israel's history.

Who do each of the characters and actions in vv 1-7 represent:

1. The King represents-
2. The son represents-
3. The servants represents-
4. The Wedding Banquet represents
5. Those who rejected, persecuted, and murdered the servants represents-
6. The destruction of the city represents -

Read Matthew 22:8-12

- The guests represent -
- The improperly dressed guest represents a false disciple (Read Matthew 7:15-23 to find out more about what a false disciple is and does).

Read Matthew 22:13-14

- What is your understanding of these verses and discuss your response to them.

Subsequent Questions

1. Having interpreted this parable what does this parable teach about entering God's kingdom?
2. what does this parable say about Jesus' identity?
3. What challenges are there for us as hearers and followers of God's Word today?