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Intro -

Matthew 22:1 - Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,

“A certain king arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding.

The first stage was the Engagement.

The parents of the bride and the groom arranged for their children to be married.

The second stage was the Addition.

During the engagement period, the groom would build an addition onto his parent's house where he and his bride would live.

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The third stage was the Procession.

When the addition was completed, the groom would go get his bride and they'd return to their new home.

The fourth stage was the Wedding.

The king sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they weren't willing to come.

Vs. 4 - Again, he sent out other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, "See, I've prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.""

2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord isn't slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Matthew 11:28 - "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I'll give you rest...rest for your souls."

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John 5:39-40 - “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life. But the Scriptures point to Me! Yet you refuse to come to Me that you may have this life.”

John 6:35-37 - “I’m the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst... and whoever comes to Me I’ll never cast out.”

Vs. 5 - But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.

Acts 24 - A few days later Felix came back with his wife, Drusilla, who was Jewish. Sending for Paul, they listened as he told them about faith in Christ Jesus. As Paul talked about righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I’ll call for you.”

Vs. 6 - Some seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.

Vs. 7 - **When the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.**

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Numbers 14:18 - The LORD is slow to anger and filled with unfailing love, forgiving every kind of sin and rebellion. But He will by no means clear the guilty.

Vs. 8 - Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited weren't worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and *as many as you find*, invite to the wedding.’

Isaiah 64:6 - All of us are unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like *filthy rags...* and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Isaiah 61:10 - I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, my soul will exult in my God; for *He has clothed me with garments of salvation* and wrapped me in a robe of righteousness.

Vs. 13 - Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ “For many are called, but few *are* chosen.”
