

Confrontation with the Leaders of Israel Matthew 22

I. Rejecting God's Invitation – 22:1-14

1. Parable of Marriage Feast – 1-3
Kingdom is likened to a Wedding Feast
King invites people to marriage of his son
Sends servants to get those invited
2. Those invited will not come – 3-6
Sends other servants – everything is ready
They refuse to come – various excuses
Some made light of invitation – killed servants
3. The King's response – 7
In anger He brought judgment upon them
4. King invites others to the feast – 8-10
Those first invited are not worthy – (leaders)
Others were invited to come – good & bad
5. King checks His guests – 11-14
One was found not properly clothed
King may have supplied garments
He is cast out into eternal judgment
6. Point of the parable
Israel & leaders rejected God's invitation
God's judgment will come upon them
Both good and bad are invited
But only those properly clothed enter kingdom
Must be clothed in the righteousness of Christ

II. Confrontation with Herodians – 15-22

1. Leaders seek charge against Jesus - 15
Pharisees try to entangle Him in what He says
2. They send some Herodians – 16
Jews supporting Rome for political gain
3. Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar – 16-17
Should Jews pay tribute to Rome
4. Jesus knew their intent – 18
They were not seeking wisdom – testing Him
5. Jesus' answer stunned them – 19-22
Give Rome what is due & Give God His due

III. Confrontation with Sadducees -23-34

1. Liberal theology – no resurrection – 23
Try to make resurrection sound foolish
2. Take issue with the Law – 24
Law – man dies with no children
Brother marries widow, has child in brothers name
3. Seven brothers have same wife – 25-28
Each die without children – woman dies
Who will be her husband in resurrection
4. Jesus answers their question – 29-33
You err – Don't know Scripture or God's Power
Scripture teaches resurrection – life after death
God's power – He is able to raise the dead

- You see eternity as extension of present - 30
With present relationships (marriage) continuing
Glorified bodies – no need for reproduction
Don't believe Scripture on resurrection – 31-32
God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob – present tense
He is not God of the dead but the living
5. Crowd who heard were amazed – 33-34
Sadducees were silenced – had no answer

IV. Confrontation with Pharisees - 34-46

1. Pharisees call another meeting – 34
Still looking for charge against Him
2. Expert in the law questions Jesus – 35-36
Which is greatest commandment in the law
3. Jesus answers his question – 37-40
First - You shall love God with all your being
Second – Love your neighbor as yourself
These two sum up the whole law
4. Jesus questions the Pharisees – 41-45
Who do you understand Messiah to be
They answer – son of David – 42
Jesus challenges them with Psalm 110:1
David writes in the Spirit that Messiah is his Lord
He is given a seat on God's right hand
If He is David's Lord can He be only his son
5. Silence – no more questions – 46
Will have to seek a charge another way