

Listen carefully to the Bible reading
from Matthew 22 verses 1 to 14

In these verses there is another of Jesus' special stories.
These are special because they teach a very important
lesson. What do we call one of these stories? Rearrange the
letters to find the answer. (Clue: look at verse 1 if you need a clue!)

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(A A E L B P R)

This parable teaches something important about King Jesus:

We know King Jesus is
GOOD in the way he
forgives people who
repent and believe in him

But he is also **GOOD** in the
way he **punishes** people
who do not repent and
believe in him

This is called Jesus' holy
JUDGEMENT

This is what today's parable is about: judgement

What kind of king do we see in verses 2 and 3? Cross out
the wrong answers

- he's a selfish king
- he is kind to invite people
- he loves his son
- he has no time for his son

Look at verses 2 and 3 (or listen to what is said about this story Jesus told). Put a ✓ or a ✗ in the ☐ for each of these sentences to show if they are right or wrong.

The king gave a wedding feast for his son ☐

The king did not want anyone to come to the wedding feast ☐

All the people invited were happy to come to the wedding feast ☐

What different things did the people do when the king sent servants to invite them to the feast? (verses 4 to 6)

1. _____

2. _____

Read verse 7. How did the king feel?

The king did not let them get away with it. He sent his soldiers to destroy those murderers and burn their city.

But now there is no-one to come to the wedding feast!
Did the king and his son eat all by themselves? Yes / No

Look carefully at verse 10. What kind of people did the king's servants bring to the wedding feast?

Now we have looked at Jesus' parable, can you match the people in the story to who Jesus was really talking about?

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| The king • | • Jesus |
| The people who did go to the feast • | • People who do repent and believe |
| The people who did not want to go to the feast • | • God the Father |
| The son • | • People who do not repent and believe |

This story is about how God has invited **so many people** to come into his kingdom.

It is a parable about judgement. It has a **very serious warning** for people who ignore the invitation and who don't want to repent and believe.

It tells us they will face God's **judgement**.

But - did you notice something else in Jesus' story?
Look at verses 11 to 12. Why did the king throw this man out of the party? Circle the correct answer.

He was
too noisy

He was
late

He was not
wearing the
right clothes

He ate
too much

The man with the wrong clothes is like people who pretend they are following Jesus. They don't really love him and they are not really sorry in their hearts.

But they can't trick God. He knows everything, so people like this will also face God's judgement.

Use the words in the box to complete these sentences.

wrong

feast

sorry

great news

Jesus' story is also like the kingdom of heaven because

there is going to be a big wedding _____ for Jesus!

It is _____ because God has invited us, even if we

have done _____. If we are _____ and believe in his son

Jesus, we can be in his kingdom and go to the wedding feast!