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## *The Wedding Feast*

*Matthew 22:1-14*

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1. Often, the context of a parable helps us to understand the purpose and the meaning of the parable. Read Matthew 21:23-27 and determine the context and the audience for this parable.

Context:

Audience:

2. Read Matthew 21:45. What does this tell us about the context or the application of these parables?
3. Sometimes it is difficult, or dangerous, to try to identify the characters represented in a parable, however sometimes it helps to understand them. Identify (as best we can) the representations of the following characters or events in the parable of the wedding feast.

The king:

The wedding feast:

The invited guests who do not come:

The good and bad guests that arrived:

The one without the wedding garment:

4. Somebody once said that the people who Jesus had the most difficulty with in His earthly ministry were those who's doctrine was most like His. How does this parable illustrate the resistance of the invited guest's resistance to Jesus' salvation message?
5. What is the meaning of this parable? Is there only one meaning or purpose of this parable? Is the parable relevant to us today?
6. Explain Matthew 22:11- 14, Who is this person that is thrown out of the wedding feast, and what is the wedding garment that he is missing?