

THE
UNEXPECTED
AN INVITATION TO THE NARROW ROAD

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Matthew 22:1-14

• Judgment

• The ultimate feast,
the ultimate event,
the ultimate joy

• Refusal

• Acceptance

• Invitation

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Getting Started: Who would you like to receive a dinner invitation from? Pick anyone from anytime in history. How would you feel if this person invited you?

Digging in: To whom does Jesus address this parable? Why does the King hold this banquet? How does the image of God inviting us to a wedding feast help you understand a relationship with Him? Why did the first group that was invited not come? What caused their violent reaction? Who makes up the second group the King invited? What is the King's problem with one of the guests (vs 11-12)? What does it mean to be in the presence of the King without proper wedding clothes? How do these verses (Mt 10:42-43; 11:27; Jn 3:36; 14:6; Ac 4:12; Rom 3:23-24; 6:23; Eph 3:1-10; 1 Tim 2:5-6; Titus 3:4-6; 1 Jn 2:23; 1 Jn 5:11-12) insist that someone must be clothed with the righteousness of Jesus to stand in the presence of God?

Living It Out: When did God first call you to His banquet? How did you respond at first? In what ways are you refusing His invitation today? What distracts you from coming to Him? How would you answer the question, "Is Jesus the Only way?" Why is this question so important? How would you respond to someone who says, "Jesus is just one of many ways?" What will you do this week that shows you really believe Jesus is the only way?