

SITTING AT THE FEET OF JESUS

Trying to Trap the Teacher Matthew 22:1-46

"...and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions." Matthew 22:46

Day 1: Read Matthew 22:1-14.

1. To whom is Jesus telling the parable of the wedding banquet? (Mt. 21:45) Which characters are they in the parable?
2. How do those who receive the King's first invitation respond? (vv. 3, 5-6)
3. When the many who were invited do not come, the king invites unthinkable guests for such an important royal feast. Who are they?
4. The king singles out one of the guests.
 - a. How has this man shown disrespect to the king and to this important celebration?
 - b. Jesus has invited you to a grand banquet. What clothes do you need to enter the king's banquet? (Gal.3:26-27; Isa. 61:10; Rev. 19:8 *📖 Zech. 3:3-5 and Rev. 3:4-5)

Day 2: Read Matthew 22:15-22.

5. What compliments do the disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians give Jesus?

What does Jesus reveal about their true intent?

6. Those questioning Jesus represent political and religious powers. Why would Jesus be in trouble if he answers "No" to the question?

Why would he be in trouble if he answers "Yes"?

7. Roman coins bore Caesar's image and therefore belonged to him; whose image do we bear and therefore to whom do we belong? (Gen. 1:26-27)
8. What does it mean then to give "to God what is God's?"

* The 📖 symbol identifies verses for further study.

Day 3: Read Matthew 22:23-33.

9. The Sadducees are wrong in their thinking about the resurrection because they don't know two things. What are they? (v. 29)
10. Think of something that you're struggling with; what difference does knowing the scriptures and the power of God make?
11. Jesus quotes Ex. 3:6; how does this verse reveal that there is life after death?

How has the power of the resurrection already been displayed to the disciples? (17:1-4)

Day 4: Read Matthew 22:34-40.

12. The legal expert tests Jesus by asking, what is the greatest commandment. How does Jesus answer this?
13. How does fulfilling these two commandments, fulfill all the others? (Consider the ten commandments Ex. 20:1-17.)
14. What does it look like to love God with all your heart? Soul? Mind?

Since this is the greatest commandment, how should it affect your life priorities?

Day 5: Read Matthew 22:1-46.

15. In verse 41 Jesus asks his own question about the identity of the Messiah.
 - a. What is the answer the Pharisees give to His question? (v. 42)
 - b. What title did the Spirit-led David ascribe to the Messiah in Ps. 110:1? (v. 44)
 - c. How does Peter respond in his statement of faith? (Mt. 16:15-17)
16. What is Jesus' point in asking the Pharisees why David called the Christ "Lord"? (Rom. 1:3-4)
17. The Pharisees, Herodians, Sadducees, and crowds who heard Jesus in this chapter have responded in various ways. What are those responses? Consider your own response to Jesus. Pray for the Spirit to enable you to hear and respond *in faith* to the words of Jesus.