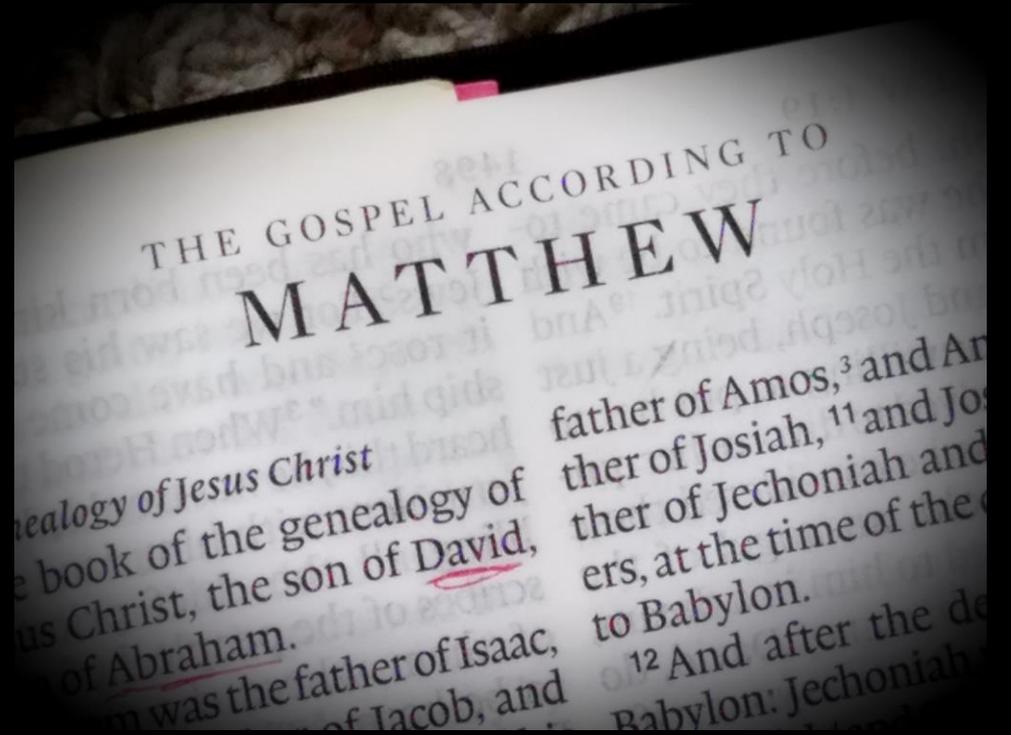


Verse by Verse

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- Jesus is in Jerusalem during the week leading up to the crucifixion.
- Today he will start with a parable, continuing the series that he began in **Matthew 21**.
- Several people will challenge Jesus with questions.
- His answers challenge them in return.
- In the end they decide to back off.

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- Matthew 22:19-22 (ESV)

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- 22:1-6 The king represents God, his son is the Messiah.
- The invited guests are the nation of Israel up to this time.
- Not only are they apathetic regarding the royal wedding, they go so far as to disrespect the servants of the king.

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- 22:7-10 The king now takes out his anger on the original group that he invited, destroying their city.
- Instead he invites anyone who will come.

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- 22:11-14 In the ancient world, there were examples of kings who handed out special clothing to their guests.
- This way everyone was on the same level, no pride for the wealthy and stylish, no shame for those who were poor.
- All of them were honored guests of the king.

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- 22:11-14 One man was wearing his own clothes, apparently thinking they were good enough.
- He has no answer for the king when he is confronted.

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Lessons to learn:

1. Not all those raised with a religious background accept God's invitation to the royal wedding of his Son.
2. Many of the Jews in OT times or the time of Jesus refused.
3. Many raised in the church today do the same, ignoring the invitation and belittling God's messengers.
4. Even if we say yes, we must remember that we are allowed in only on God's terms not on our own.

1. The Wedding Feast 22:1-14

- Isaiah 64:6 (ESV)

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

1. The Wedding Feast 22:1-14

- Revelation 7:13-14 (ESV)

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

2. Paying Taxes to Caesar 22:15-22

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- The **Pharisees**, along with most of the people, hated the Roman government and the taxes they had to pay.
- The **Herodians** were loyal to Rome and would have been happy to report Jesus if he publicly spoke against taxes.

2. Paying Taxes to Caesar 22:15-22

- The face on the coin was Caesar's.
- The inscription said, "Tiberius Caesar, Augustus, son of the divine Augustus, chief priest" ¹
- For average Jews, both the likeness and inscription on the coin seemed idolatrous.

2. Paying Taxes to Caesar 22:15-22

- Jesus does not side with extremists like the zealots, who disrespected Rome and sometimes rebelled.
- He was willing to give Caesar tax money, but not worship.
- Caesar wanted both.
- Christians should be the most law-abiding citizens any nation can have, but we do that out of a primary obedience to God.

3. The Resurrection 22:23-33

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- 22:23-28 As it says, the Sadducees “say that there is no resurrection” – that is, the soul ends along with the body.
- Like the previous one about taxes, this is probably not an honest question.
- They are trying to show that the doctrine of the resurrection leads to foolish situations.

3. The Resurrection 22:23-33

- 22:29-30 Jesus points out their main problem – they “know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.”
- The Sadducees also did not believe in angels, so Jesus hits them again with his explanation.
- His main point, however, is that marriage is something for this life only.

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We shouldn't think about singleness as a temporary state before marriage. Rather, marriage is the temporary state before eternity.²

– Christopher Yuan (intentionally single), Moody Bible Institute

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- 22:31-32 Strictly speaking, Christ's point about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob only proves immortality, not resurrection.
- A soul living continually without its own physical body was never part of Jewish thought.
- This idea relates more to ancient Greek or Eastern religions.
- The Jews, other than the Sadducees, believed that our bodies would be raised before the final judgment.

4. The Great Commandment 22:34-40

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- The “lawyer” would be an expert in the Jewish law.
- This kind of question would have been common in that day.
- As with the question of taxes, remember that theology and law were almost one and the same for the Jews.

4. The Great Commandment 22:34-40

- Jesus combines **Deuteronomy 6:5** with **Leviticus 19:18**.
- **Put together**, these two commandments make a complete and completely biblical standard to live by.
- **Isolated**, each one is robbed of its meaning and can end up being impossible to define.

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- Now Jesus turns it around.
- He asks the question this time.
- The answer they give, “The Son of David,” is expected.
- Jesus then points them to Psalm 110, a “Psalm of David.”

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- The two words for “Lord” are different in Hebrew, but not in the Greek that we have in the New Testament.
- The first one is written “*Yahweh*,” obviously referring to God.
- God is speaking to “*Adoni*,” my [David’s] Lord or Master.
- How is that possible if this Master is David’s son?

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- Christ's listeners had no answer, but we do.
- We know that Jesus is not only the human **Son of David**, but also the divine **Son of God**.
- His two natures are united in the one Person of the Messiah.

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- To believe that Jesus is merely human is insufficient, not only according to the New Testament, but according to the Old.
- Jesus is not coming right out and saying **he is God**, but only that the **Christ or Messiah** is.
- If we first believe **he is the Christ, the Messiah**, then the belief that he is God automatically follows.

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- The final verse is kind of fun.
- They've had enough of trying to trap Jesus in his words.
- **Matthew 22:46** (ESV)

And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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- Heavenly Father,
- We say yes to your invitation to come to marriage supper of the Lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do, however, we admit that it is only by your grace and his shed blood that we can come.
- It is not on the basis of our own righteousness.
- We then confess our trust in Jesus as both our human Savior and our divine Lord.

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- We acknowledge our belief in the resurrection of the dead, and to that end we cry, “Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus,” as we await his soon return.
- We also pray that you would help us to be model citizens while here on this earth, obeying those in authority and faithfully paying what we owe. At the same time help us to remember that all earthly authority is still subject to you.

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- Finally, we ask your help in doing all that we do in love, first of all in love for you, but also in love for others – a love that no one could deny in both our attitudes and our behavior.
- And we pray all of this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Amen.

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