

Week 27  
March 22, 2009

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?**  
**The Parable of the Banquet**  
Matthew 22:1-14

**A king prepares a wedding banquet**

The celebration is for his son  
How is the kingdom of heaven like this?

*Psalm 23:5-6, Matthew 26:29, Luke 14:15, Revelation 19:9*

**The king sends out invitations**

The obvious invitees refuse  
The king sends lavish enticements  
They mistreat the messengers  
The king's response  
How is the kingdom of heaven like this?

*Deuteronomy 1:32-36, Jeremiah 8:8-12, Matthew 24:30-31*

**The next list of invitees**

Takin' it to the streets  
Good and bad together  
The wedding hall fills up  
How is the kingdom of heaven like this?

*Matthew 7:21-23, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 7:9-10*

**The one who wasn't ready**

Didn't have a thing to wear!  
The awful question  
The king responds again  
How is the kingdom of heaven like this?

*Psalm 32:1, Matthew 7:15, Romans 4:7 and 13:14,  
Colossians 3:12, 1 Peter 5:5*

**The aftermath**

For many are invited but few are chosen.

*Revelation 3:20*