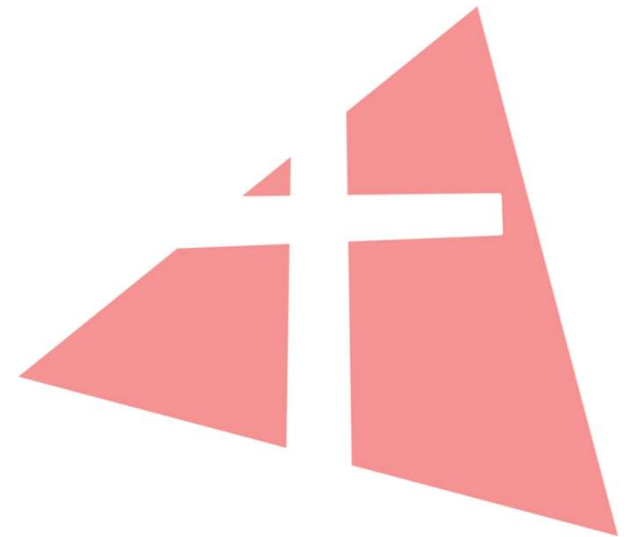


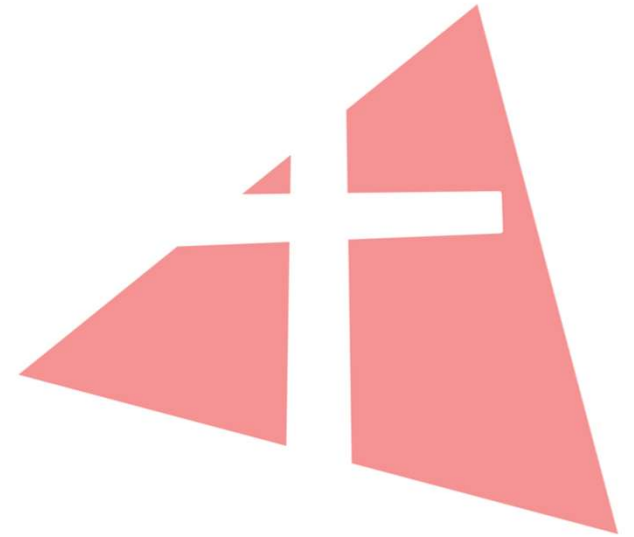
# **THE GREAT WEDDING FEAST**

**July 21<sup>st</sup> 2019**



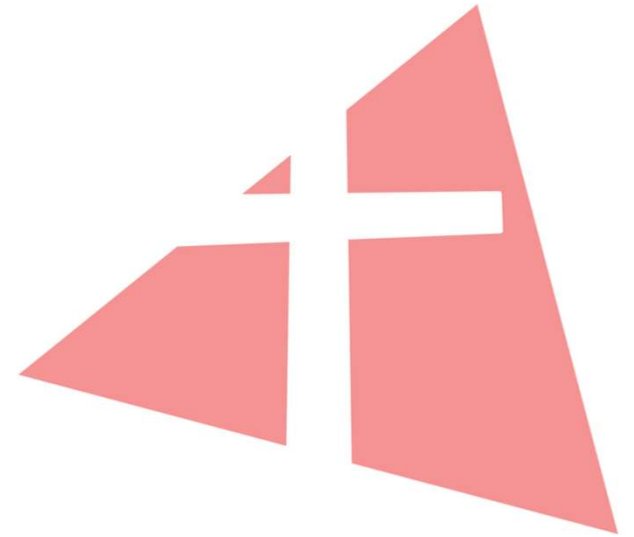
# OUR SERIES

- **Jesus**
  - His life, character, etc.
  - Our response to Jesus
- **Topics so far**
  - Jesus, our friend
  - Jesus pursuing us



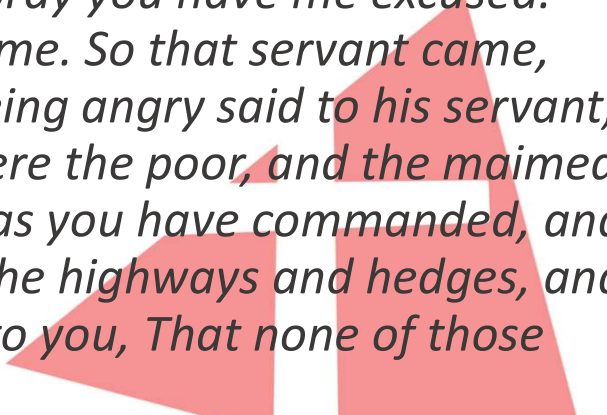
# TODAY'S TOPIC

- **The Great Wedding Feast**
- **The context: Jesus speaking to the Pharisees**



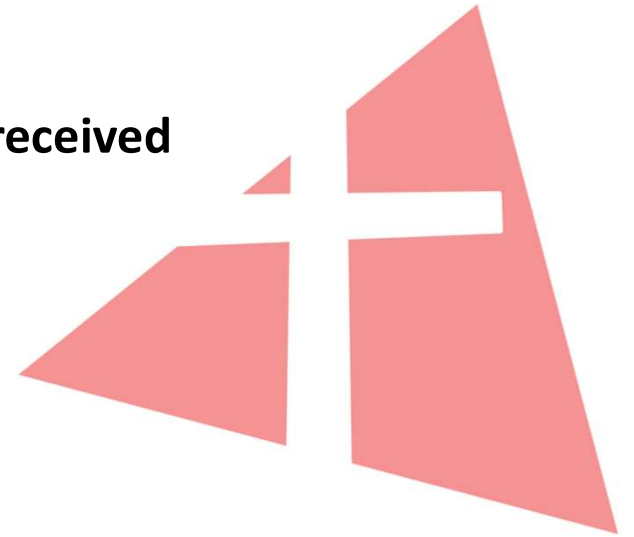
# THE PARABLE

*Luke 14:16-24 Then said he unto him, A certain man gave a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it: I pray you have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them: I pray you have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the Master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, and the maimed, and the lame, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as you have commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men who were bidden shall taste of my supper.*



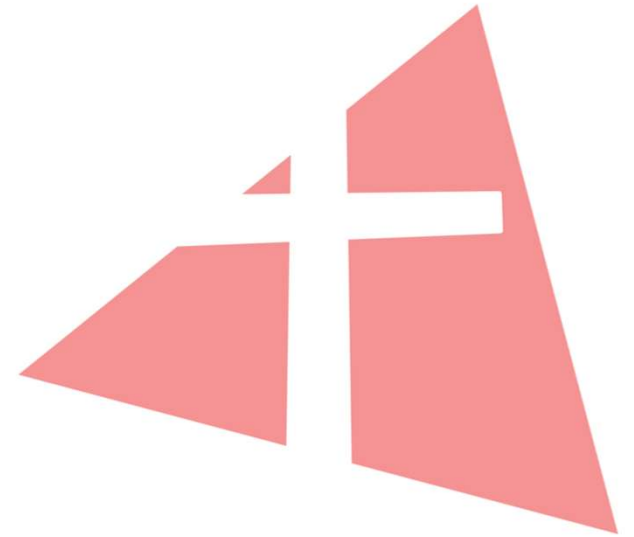
# JEWISH CUSTOM

- A first invitation was sent
- Responses were collected
- Preparations were made according to the responses the host received
- Saying “yes” to the first invitation was a real commitment



# JEWISH HISTORY

- God invited the Jews to be His chosen people
- The Jews said “Yes”
- God took their commitment seriously



# THE PARABLE

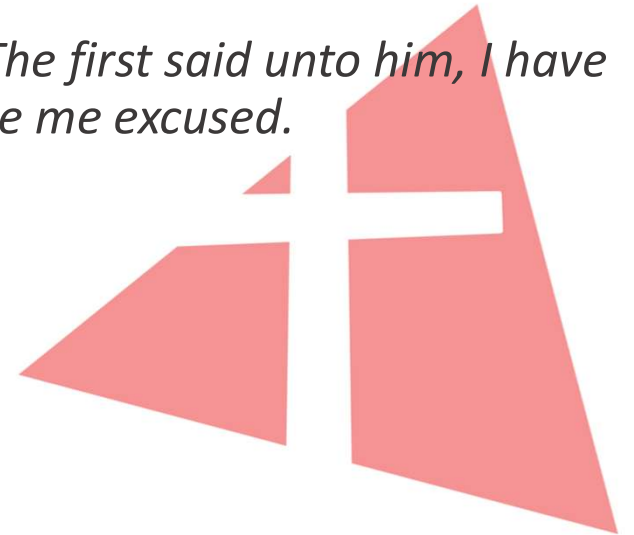
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- **This story is about the 2<sup>nd</sup> invitation, not the 1<sup>st</sup>**



# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EXCUSE

*Luke 14:18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it: I pray you have me excused.*





# THE 2<sup>ND</sup> EXCUSE

*Luke 14:19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them: I pray you have me excused.*



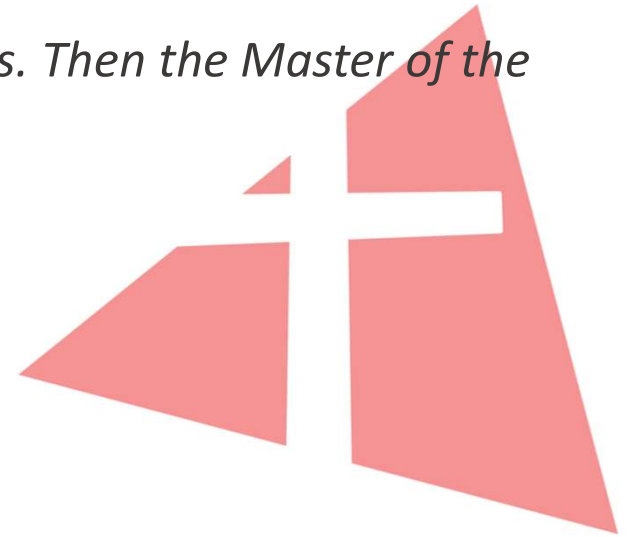
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*Luke 14:20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.*



# THE MASTER'S RESPONSE

*Luke 14:21 So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the Master of the house being angry said to his servant,...*



# THE OPEN INVITATION

*Luke 14:21-23 ... Then the Master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, and the maimed, and the lame, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as you have commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.*



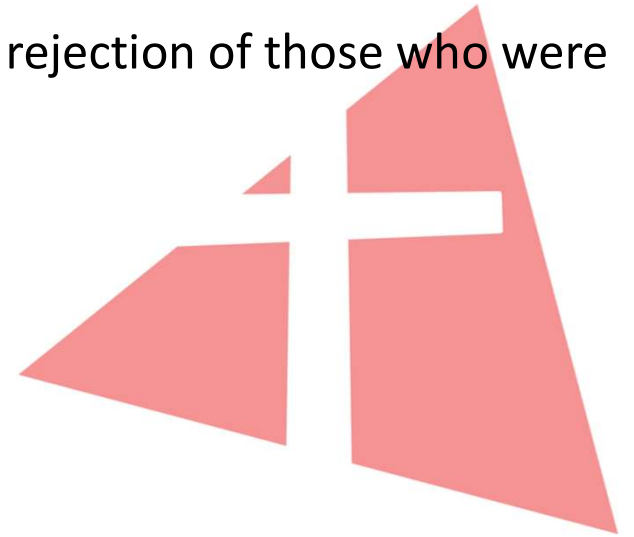
# THE REJECTION

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# THE AUTHOR

- **Luke was addressing the gentiles**
  - He focused more on the invitation for everyone than on the rejection of those who were originally invited
- **Matthew wrote to the Jews**

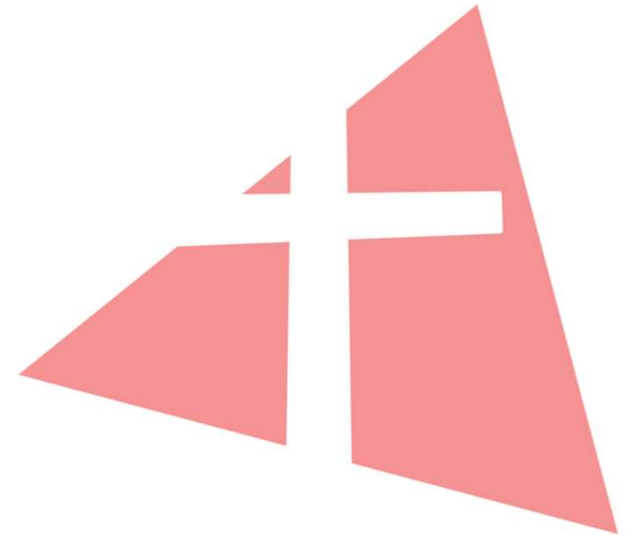


# MATTHEW'S VERSION

*Matthew 22:2-10 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, who made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them who are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and treated them shamefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was angry: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then said he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they who were bidden were not worthy. Go you therefore into the highways, and as many as you shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.*

# THE DIFFERENCES?

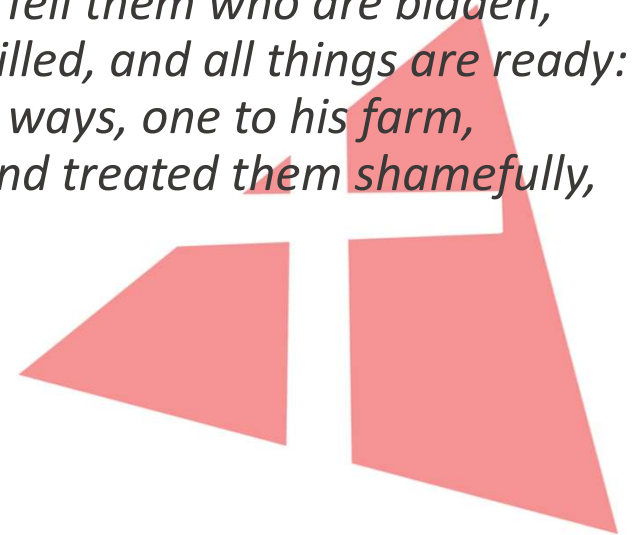
- **Matthew describes the evil acts in much more detail**
- **Matthew describes the punishment in much more detail**





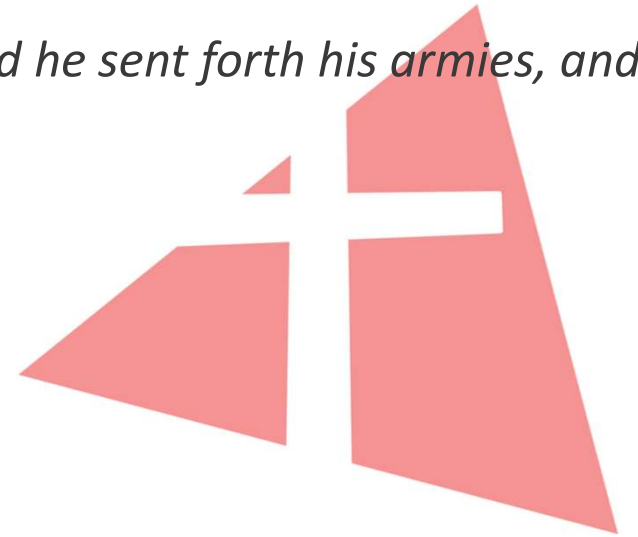
# THE EVIL ACTS

*Matthew 22:3-6 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them who are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and treated them shamefully, and slew them.*



# THE PUNISHMENT

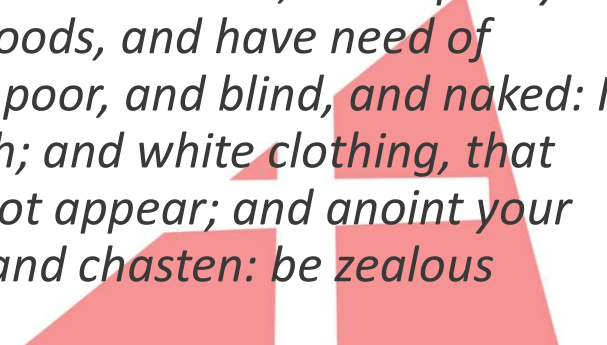
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# GOD'S MESSAGE

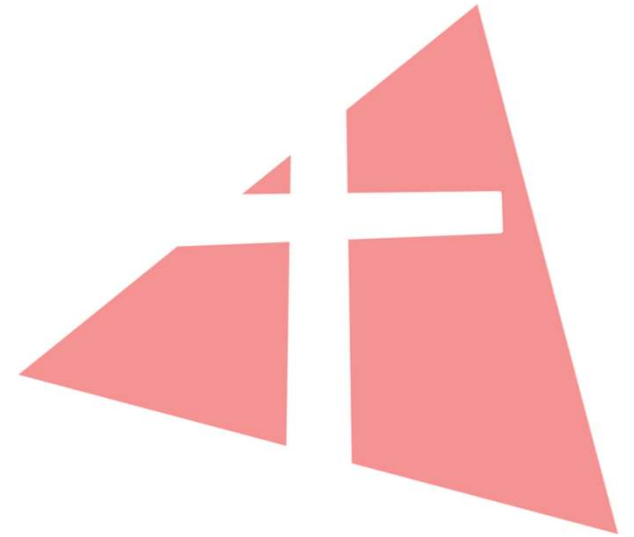
- It's a serious matter to say "Yes" to God and then to not follow-through

*Revelation 3:16-19 So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth. Because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and know not that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel you to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white clothing, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness does not appear; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.*



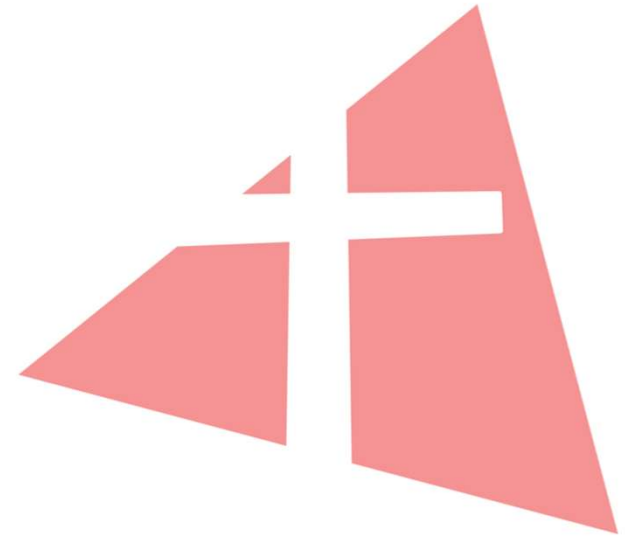
# APPLICATION

- In between “Saying yes” and meeting Jesus in person



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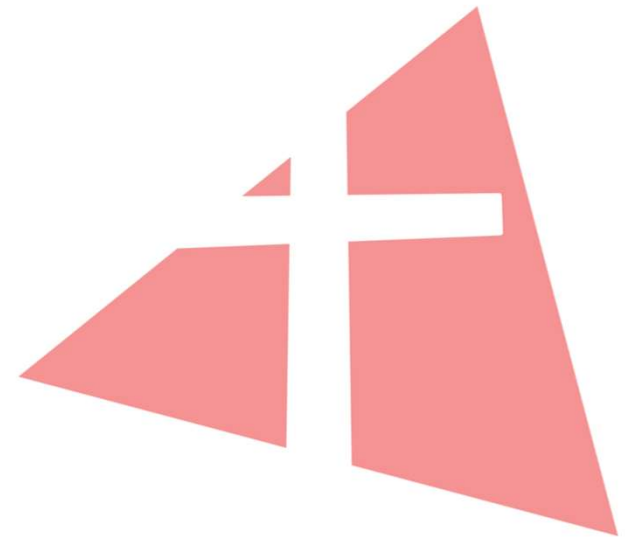
- **The two major idols**
  - Money/Possessions
  - Romance/Sex
  - ...



# APPLICATION

## ○ Follow-through with God

- Our personal relationship with God
- Obedience/Repentance/Holiness
- The calling God has given us
- The promises we made to God
- ...



# IN CONCLUSION

- God gives grace to the humble
- Let's take our commitment to God seriously

