

**Sunday, June 26, 2022**  
**“Speechless” Pastor Mark Hebebrand**

Our main text is Matthew 22:1-14. We will read this text in a few different translations.

**Matthew 22:1-14 NKJV**  
**The Parable of the Wedding Feast**

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. <sup>4</sup>Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle *are* killed, and all things *are* ready. Come to the wedding.”’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. <sup>6</sup>And the rest seized his servants, treated *them* spitefully, and killed *them*. <sup>7</sup>But when the king heard *about it*, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ <sup>10</sup>So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding *hall* was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

<sup>14</sup>“For many are called, but few *are* chosen.”

Ask yourself this question; has there ever been a time that you were speechless?

This week my goal is to walk the church through this text and for each of us to examine our life to see if we have the righteousness that is found in Christ. Many people believe they’re going to the wedding, but they never put on the right clothes.

**Isaiah 61:10 AMP** says, He gives the garment of salvation and the robe of righteousness.

I will rejoice greatly in the LORD,  
My soul will exult in my God;  
For He has clothed me with garments of salvation,  
He has covered me with a robe of righteousness,  
As a bridegroom puts on a turban,  
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

The Robe is Christ and his salvation is freely given and it's required for us to enter heaven. Pastor Gilbert shared last Sunday from John 14:6 that Jesus is the only way!

**John 14:6 AMP**

Jesus said to him, "I am the [only] Way [to God] and the [real] Truth and the [real] Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

**The King's desire is for all people to join the wedding.**

**Matthew 22:1-3 NKJV**

"And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come."

**People disregard the invitation all the time.**

**Matthew 22:5 AMP**

"But they paid no attention [they disregarded the invitation, treating it with contempt] and went away, one to his farm, another to his business."

**Go and invite everyone that's our mission.**

**Matthew 22:9-10 NKJV**

"Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests."

**The king came to see the guest.**

**Matthew 22:11-12 NKJV**

““But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.”

**Speechless** (All without Christ stay speechless)

**Matthew 22:11-12 AMP**

““But when the king came in to see the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed [appropriately] in wedding clothes, and he said, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without wearing the wedding clothes [that were provided for you]?’ And the man was speechless and without excuse.”

**Our wedding clothes come from Christ.**

**Isaiah 61:10 NKJV**

“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”

**Put the man out (there’s consequences) for not having on Christ.**

**Matthew 22:13 NKJV**

“Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

**Many are called.**

**Matthew 22:14 NKJV**

““For many are called, but few are chosen.””

Let’s close in prayer for people to accept Christ, the unsaved in our small groups and family members.