

Apply The Word

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Message Info

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Invincible King

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Scriptures:

Matthew 22:1–33

Theme: Live for the King and you will gain eternal life.

Introduction: Ever since Jesus entered Jerusalem, his conflict with the Jewish leaders has been rising steadily. While the crowds warmly welcome him, his interactions with the religious rulers have been nothing short of intense and bombastic. In this passage, Jesus faces three challenges from three different groups. He confronts the chief priests and Pharisees, the disciples of the Pharisees, and then the Sadducees. Jesus is not surprised by the encounters; much rather, he is in full and total control.

Jesus's kingship is on display in Matt. 22:1–33 as he teaches three profound truths:

1. Live as the King's chosen (1–14)

- **Truth #1: "For many are called but few are chosen."**
- In Jesus's encounter with the chief priests and Pharisees, he tells a parable of a son's wedding (Jesus) in which the original guests (Israel) refuse the invitation (the gospel), so the invitation goes out to those on the outskirts (Gentiles).
- The parable concludes with one man who is unfit to be at the wedding because of his attire, so the Master (God) casts him out (to hell).
- To be chosen is to be both chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:3–6) and also set apart to do good works.

2. Live for the King above all (15–22)

- **Truth #2: "Render...to God the things that are God's."**
- After Jesus's condemning parable, the Pharisees send their disciples to question and trap Jesus, conspiring with the Roman Herodians to do so.
- They ask Jesus a question about paying taxes, and Jesus's response is to render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.
- Jesus accomplishes four things with his answer: (1) He establishes the legitimacy of government, (2) he establishes the universal authority of God over all things, (3) he clarifies the subordination of government to God, and (4) he establishes God's ownership rights over mankind.

3. Live for the King forever (23–33)

- **Truth #3: "He is not God of the dead, but of the living."**
- Finally, the Sadducees seek to catch Jesus with a hypothetical question about Levirate marriage, which was the practice of a brother taking his deceased brother's wife.
- Jesus quotes Exodus 3:6, and exposes the Sadducees for not knowing God or his Word well enough to understand the resurrection.

Questions:

1. Consider the state of your soul before God. Are you responding to God's grace well, or are you responding with indifferent detachment?
2. How must you "render to God what is God's"?
3. Which of the above three truths most helpfully orients you to the Lord?