

Matthew 22:1-23:12 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. Using Matt 22:15-18 who tried to trap Jesus (v15-16)? What was their set up (v16) and their question (v17)? How did Jesus reply (v18) and what does this show?	
5. Read Matt 22:19-22. How did Jesus evade their trap (v19-20, 21) and what was the result (v22)? What principle is Jesus teaching and how should we apply it?	
6. Looking at Matt 22:23-28 describe who tried to trap Jesus next (v23). What scenario did they pose (v24-27) and why did this seem to be a dilemma (v28)?	
7. From Matt 22:29-33 how did Jesus expose the Sadducees (v29)? Explain the two things that they misunderstood (v30, 31-32). What was the result (v33)?	
8. Using Matt 22:34-40 what third group tried to trap Jesus (v34) and what was their question (v35-36)? How did Jesus answer (v37-40) and why was this right?	
9. In Matt 22:41-47 how did Jesus turn the tables (v41) and what did He ask (v42-45)? Why was this a crucial question (v45)? What was the result of all these questions (v46)?	
10. Based on Matt 23:1-12 what was the real problem of the Pharisees (v5) and what examples did Jesus give (v2-3, 4, 5, 6-7)? When are titles wrong (v8, 9, 10) and why (v11-12)?	
11. Summarize how Jesus exposed the Jewish leaders in the parable of the wedding feast, in their question and answer encounters, and in their hypocritical practices. Why did He not simply go along with them?	

Scripture to Remember

“And do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is Christ. But the greatest among you shall be your servant.”

Matthew 23:10-11 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—On Your Mark (Acts 1:1-8)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with the group the thing that you remember having to wait for the longest. Why is waiting so difficult? When is it truly rewarding?
2. Read Acts 1:1-8. Summarize what Jesus did between the resurrection and His ascension. What was His promise (v5, 8) and why is this significant?
3. Discuss how to personally experience the Holy Spirit in terms of His presence in our lives, the perception that He gives us, and the presentation He leads us to make.
4. What does it mean that the Christian faith is to be lived in community? How did the disciples show this (Acts 1:4, 6, 9, 12, 14; 2:42)? How can we show it?
5. Read John 13:34-35. What is the “mark of the disciple”? How does this relate to the picture of the church as a Body?
6. Using Acts 1:8 what is the church here for? What does it mean to be a witness and where are we to do this? Where does this apply in your life—be specific?
7. How does being a witness challenge you personally, how does it challenge your prejudice, and how does it challenge your local/global perspective?



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Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

Political correctness (PC) is promoted as the ideal in many quarters of the world today. Nothing may be said to ruffle anyone's feathers without severe social sanctions. Often, though, the truth is not exactly PC, and so in this week's study, as Jesus answered His critics questions, He didn't avoid the controversial truth. In the first section Jesus dealt with the Jews' rejection of Him by telling a parable of a wedding feast. When God extended the invitation to the wedding of His Son those who made excuses instead of coming were destroyed by the King. He then sent out invitations to whomever would come, but those who got in without wedding clothes were cast into outer darkness. Jesus' point was that the Jews, who thought they would "get in" would actually be rejected

by God. In the next section Jesus experienced a grueling investigation by various Jewish sects. First, the Herodians, allies of Rome, tried to trap Jesus into either rebelling against Rome or defying God by asking if it was lawful to pay taxes. His answer was to render to Caesar that which is his and to God that which is His. The next group, the liberal Sadducees, used the law of Levirate marriage to pose a question of a woman's relationship to her multiple husbands in heaven. Jesus exposed their unbelief in the power of God and the Scriptures to overturn that trap. The third group, the Pharisees, asked which commandment was the greatest, and Jesus correctly said that to love God with all of one's being summed up all of them. Jesus then turned the tables

and asked them about a Psalm that would have led them to accept Jesus as God's Son. Finally, Jesus exposed their real issue: they loved the approval men more than God. They laid heavy burdens on people that they couldn't keep, they made pretentious, outward show of their position, and loved titles of honor such as Teacher, Rabbi, or Leader. Jesus told them that these titles all belonged to God alone, and that the greatest of them would be the servant of all, humbling themselves so that God could exalt them. Overall, Jesus wasn't exactly PC; He told the truth.

Study Questions for Matthew 22:1-23:12

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Read Matt 22:1-7. In this story what did the King do (v2, 3, 4) and how did the invitees respond (v3, 5, 6)? What did this indicate and what was the result (v7)? What do the King, the Son, the invitees and the wedding feast represent?</p>	
<p>2. In Matt 22:8-10 what was the King's next step (v8-9) and what was the result (v10)? To whom does this next group correspond?</p>	
<p>3. From Matt 22:11-14 what was discovered (v11) and what was the result (v12-13)? What does this mean for us and what does it illustrate (v14)? To summarize, what excludes us from heaven (v3, 12)?</p>	

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