

**Sermon Notes**

10-18-15 Ken Carlton

**Main Text:** Matthew 22:1-14

**Providence Community Church**

**Title:** THE ABSOLUTE RSVP

**Sermon Description:** Jesus' teaching of the wedding feast is certainly among His most paradigmatic parables. The animosity of the chief priests and Pharisees (21:45-46) provides occasion for instruction of utmost significance. Major themes of redemptive and revelatory continuity converge in this chapter of Christ's ministry. The compact, yet sweeping scope of truth is notable here as well. Only inspired words from the author of history could circumscribe ages of instruction in one short story! This is one of those moments in scripture where the whole of special revelation can be more tangibly appreciated as we behold many of its key ideas in a didactic nutshell.

**Heading: WEIGHING THE CONTEXT OF THE WEDDING FEAST PARABLE...**

**1. LINGUISTIC SIGNIFICANCE**

- a. Sent and Servants (Mt 10:16-20,28:18-20)    b. False Friends (Heb 2:3,8:9, Mt 26:50)    c. Called/Chosen

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**2. BEFORE AND AFTER**

- a. Feast of Messiah (Is 25:6-9)    b. Ministry inauguration (Jn 2:1-11)    c. Cover to cover (Rev 19:7-9)

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**3. WHO'S WHO**

- a. Who's excluded (Lk 14:18-20)    b. Who's included (Mt 8:11-12)    c. Who's engaged

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Close: Let us be encouraged beyond the obvious application of feast participation and join the servant brigade that calls out with the Gospel summons, praying that God might use us even today to reach His chosen ones.

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday</u></b>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Sent servants	Called and chosen	Messiah banquet	Ministry start	Cover to cover	Who's who
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Mt 22:1-10,Rom 1:1	Mt 22:1-14	Is 25:6-9	Jn 2:1-11	Rev 19:7-9	Mt 8:5-13

**FURTHER STUDY:** see 'Further Study' posted weekly at [providencecrosslake.com](http://providencecrosslake.com)

**NEXT WEEK:** Matthew 22:15-22 *obligations to God and Caesar...*