**Matthew 22**

1. **The Parable of the Wedding Banquet (Verses 1- 14)**
   1. This is the 3rd parable used by Jesus in response to the dialogue that started back in chapter 21:23 (when Jesus authority was being questioned).
   2. This parable like the previous 2 parables(Matthew 21) highlights God’s rejection of the Jewish religious leaders and His acceptance of known sinners and outcasts who repent.
2. **“Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” (verses 15-22)**
   1. The Pharisees are trying to find ways to discredit Jesus
   2. They ask a question that they think will harm His reputation with those who follow Him or it will put Him at odds with the Roman government (either way, they feel as if they have entrapped Him).
   3. In verse 21, Jesus forces the Pharisees to see that even those who follow God (who establishes all authorities), benefit from government just like those who do not follow God (Romans 13;1; Matthew 17:27; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-17). We are to obey these authorities as long as they do not contradict the Word of God.
3. **The Sadducees question Jesus (verses 23-33)**
4. **The greatest commandment (verses 34-40)**
   1. Jesus is tested by a lawyer: “Teacher which is the greatest commandment in the law?”
      1. Deuteronomy 6:5
      2. Leviticus 19:18
   2. “On these 2 commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”
5. **Jesus ask a question of the Pharisees (verses 41-46)**
   1. If Christ was the Son of David, why did David refer to Him as “Lord”
   2. He reveals their lack of understanding regarding their scriptures