

Text: Matthew 22:1-46

Topics: The Heart, Lord, Love, Kingdom, Resurrection

Series: The Promised King

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## Who Can I Believe?

### I. The Invitation Question (1-14)

How have I responded to the invitation to God's Kingdom?

### II. The Interrogation Questions (15-40)

Where's my heart?

Am I living for the resurrection?

How does my life show love for God and others?

### III. The Identity Question (41-46)

Have I submitted to Jesus as Lord?

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. In the parable of The King's Dinner (Matthew 22:1-14) what are the 3 reasons people rejected the invitation to the dinner? If you're going to stumble in one of these ways, which is most likely to be the one? Why?

Have you accepted God's invitation to His kingdom? If so, briefly describe the circumstances. If not, what's holding you back? Are you proclaiming this invitation to others? What are your experiences?

2. In Matthew 22:15-22 Israel's leaders tried to trick Jesus with a question on paying taxes. He brought the application back to where our hearts are. What are some of the things that vie for our hearts?

In what way(s) are you most tempted to give your heart to something other than the Lord? What helps you turn your heart to the Lord?

3. In Matthew 22:23-33, Jesus corrects Israel's leaders who try to trap Him with a Bible difficulty on the reality of a resurrection. How does, or how can, belief in the resurrection affect your response to the variety of circumstances you face in life? Give some examples.

4. How did Jesus answer the test question on the greatest commandment in Matthew 22:34-40? How well are you keeping the greatest commandments? What are your challenges? How are you most encouraged to continue to try?

5. Jesus confounded the religious leaders in Matthew 22:41-46 with a question that showed the Messiah also had to be Lord. What does, or what should, it look like for Jesus to be Lord of your life?

6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon for you?

## **Gospel of Matthew The Promised King**

### **I. His Presentation (1-4)**

- A. His Background (1)
- B. His Boyhood (2)
- C. His Baptism (3)
- D. His Beginnings (4)

### **II. His Preaching (5-7)**

- A. Laws of His Kingdom
- B. Disciplines of His Kingdom
- C. Priorities of His Kingdom

### **III. His Power (8-9)**

- A. His Power on Earth (8)
  
- B. His Power Over the Spiritual Realm (9)

### **IV. His Program (10-14)**

- A. His Sending Out (10)
  
- B. His Speech for John, Cities, Stress (11)
- C. His Sabbath & Sign (12)
- D. His Seeds & Kingdom Parables (13)
- E. His Sadness, Serving & Storm (14)

### **V. His Prescriptions (15-20)**

- A. For Clean Hands, a Canaanite, a Crowd's Hunger (15)
- B. Concerning Leven, a Leader's Confession, & Losing one's life (16)
- C. Concerning His Transfiguration, a Troubled Father, & Taxes (17)
- D. Concerning Childlike Greatness, Church Discipline, & Complete Forgiveness (18)
- E. Concerning Remarriage, a Rich Ruler, & Reward (19)
- F. Concerning Kingdom Gratitude & Greatness (20)

### **VI. His Provoking (21-23)**

- A. The Temple, Tree, & Vineyard Talks
- B. The Wedding Parable & Wisdom When Tested
- C. The Woes given Religious Leaders