**Invited!**

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Text: Rev. 19:7-9

# Intro

1. Rev. 19:7-9: “The marriage of the Lamb has come.”
   1. “His bride has made herself ready” – Eph. 5:25-27, 32; II Cor. 11:2: The church is the bride!
   2. “Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb!”
   3. Who are invited? (An honor to receive invitations to events)
2. Mt. 22:1-14:Jesus told the parable of the Marriage Feast: “All things are ready” (NKJ: 22:4)
   1. Those who were invited were not prepared and made excuses not to come and mistreated and killed the servants sent to fetch them *(Jews – Acts 2:22-23, 36).*
   2. The king destroyed the murderers and sent his servants to fetch any and all to his son’s marriage feast *(AD 70 – Destruction of Jerusalem, Lk. 21:20; Gentiles into church, Jn. 10:16 [Is. 2:1-2]; Acts 10-11; 13:46; Eph. 2:13-16; 3:4-6).*
   3. A man showed up unprepared and not dressed for the occasion and was also destroyed *(Unbelievers and the unfaithful – II Thess. 1:7-9) –* Rev. 19:8: Righteous acts of the saints are the “bright and clean” garments required!!
   4. “Many are called, but few are chosen!” (Mt. 22:14)
3. The angel said, “Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb!”
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5. What: The Marriage of the Lamb to the church
   1. Rev. 19:7-9; Mt. 22:1-4; Eph. 5:25-27, 32; II Cor. 11:2: An eternal celebration!
6. Who: All Mankind
   1. Jn. 3:16; Mt. 11:28-30: Mt. 22:9-10: Christ’s blood was shed for all mankind! The invitation is extended to all who will come! (Rom. 1:16; Rev. 22:17)
7. When: When Christ is ready for Judgment Day – Only God knows when *(Mt. 24:36)*
   1. Mt. 24:36; 25:13; I Thess. 4:16-18; II Pet. 3:9-12: The “when” will be like a “thief in the night” *(I Thess. 5:2)* – so saints are to be ready and watching!
8. Where: Heaven
   1. Mt. 25:31-34, 46; Rev. 19:5, 11; 20:11-15: The Judgment Day and Marriage of the Lamb appear to happen before the throne of God in Heaven! *(I Pet. 1:4: Reserved in Heaven!)*
9. Attire: (Required) Fine, Bright (KJV: “White”) and Clean Linen *(NAS: “Bright”: G2986: “Radiant”) – Eph. 4:24 (Put on New Self); Col. 3:12-14 (Put on compassion & love); Rom. 13:14 (Put on Christ!)*
   1. Eph. 5:26-27; Rev. 19:8: Holy & blameless conduct (Phil. 2:15: Lights; II Pet. 3:11: Holy & Godly), “Righteous acts of the saints” (Gal. 3:26-27: Clothed with Christ; Titus 2:11-14: Live sensibly, righteously & godly)
10. RSVP: Reserve place at table through obedience to the gospel! (Gal. 3:26-27)
    1. Eph. 5:23: Must be in the church (body) to be saved! (Heb. 5:9: Jesus saves those who obey Him – be the few that are chosen – *Mt. 7:13-14; 22:14!)*
    2. An eternity of joy with our Master will commence! – Mt. 25:21, 23
11. God has made preparation: “All things are ready! Come to the Feast!”

**Conclusion**

1. If not a Christian, you will be found unprepared and left out of the “marriage feast” and instead will be eternally separated from the Lord *(II Thess. 1:7-9).* Repent & be baptized today!
2. If a Christian who has not prepared, will you be found appropriately attired? Are you ready for that day? If not, need to be, repent and be on the alert!
3. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!