

# **Bad News – God’s Invitation is Rejected**

**Matthew 22: 1-14**

**May 7, 2023**

# 70 Weeks...

have been decreed for Your  
people and Your holy city

Daniel 9:24

1. To finish the transgression
2. To make an end of sin
3. To make atonement for iniquity
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness
5. To seal up vision and prophecy and
6. To anoint the most holy place.

Verse 1 - 3

**The marriage of the Son**

**The invitation goes out to every and all**

The first offer is to Israel - **Romans 1: 16**

**Christ's offer of betrothal has eternal consequences**

The union, once accepted, is an eternal union, once for all

**If rejected, also has eternal consequences - separation from God forever - *hell***

## Verse 3 - 6

**Servants are sent out; some are ignored,  
and some are killed**

**The second offer** - God would send other servants, the disciples and the 70 in [Luke 10: 1](#)

**Some ignored the invitation, some were persecuted and killed for bringing the invitation**

**Many today reject Jesus** – He does not perform for them or do what they expect Him to do

# GOD CARES!!

Think of words that describe how God  
is

- **Immanent**  
(close to us)

eg loving

- **Transcendent**  
(completely different  
from us)

eg all-holy

## Verse 7

**Rejection results in judgment**



God sees all and does not wink at the persecution of His bride, the Church

*“ . . . he was furious. He sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city”*

Your city will be destroyed – **in 70 AD Rome came and Rome destroyed!**

**Jesus told them plainly why!**

<sup>43</sup> For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, <sup>44</sup> and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

Luke 19:43-44 (NKJV)

**We should know that what Jesus says is coming!**

***“Have you not read?”***

**God holds us responsible for what is written in His Word!**

Verse 8 - 10

**God's invitation to all**

The call is universal, *every and all*, are invited

Romans 10: 13 tells us plainly and unmistakably

*“Whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord will be saved”*

God desires that you be part of His family

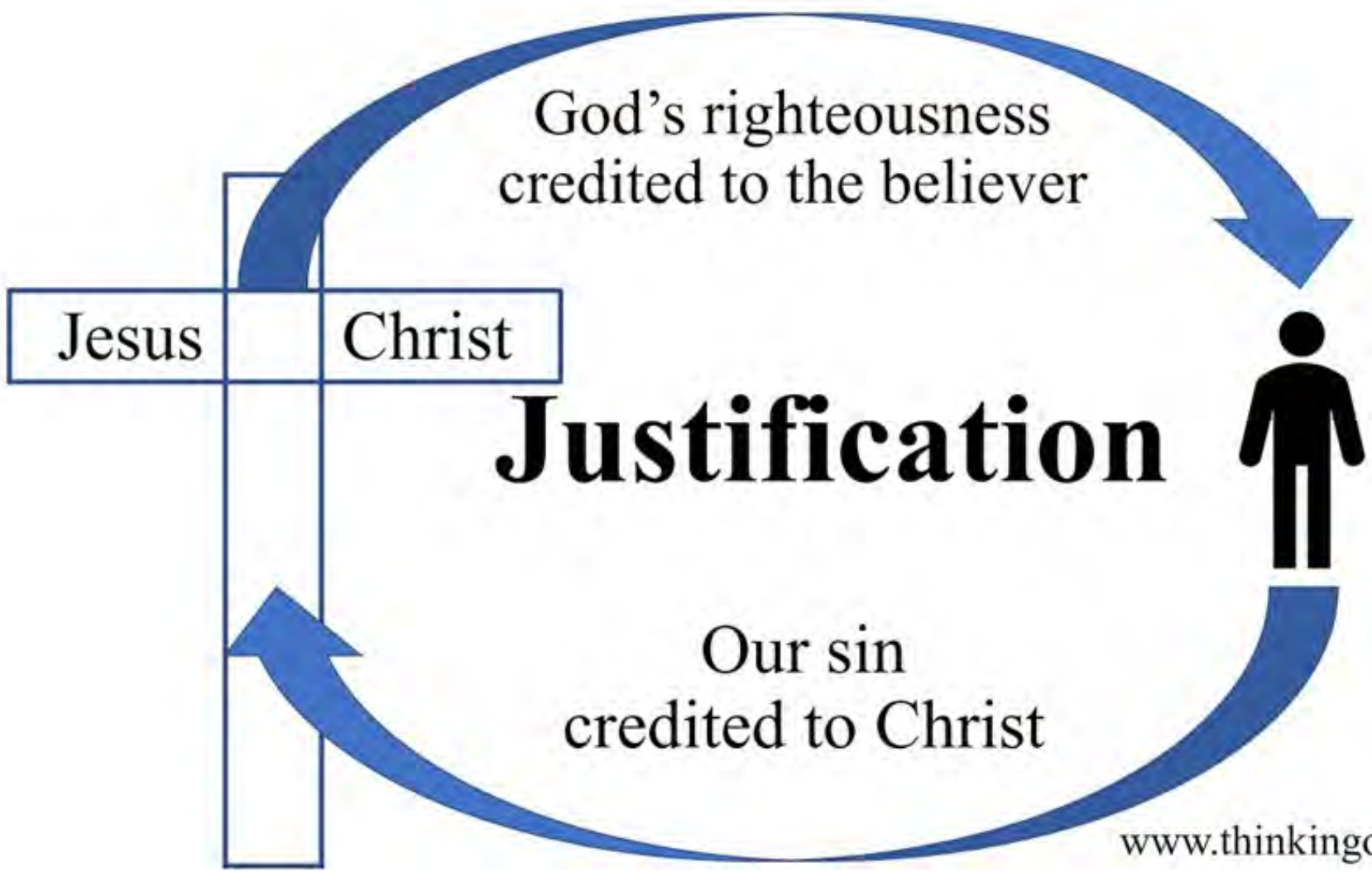
*BUT . . .* one must receive the wedding invitation, believe and receive the gift of salvation

**Verse 11 - 12**

**How did this guy get in here?**

**This guy was not clothed in the proper garments – *the righteousness of Christ!***

***“But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment”***





Other guests did not notice . . . . .

He looked like, smelled like, acted like a guest, *but was a phony!*

*He was not safe!*

No one is safe because they think they are safe!

One is only safe if *“in Christ”* !

'Course he  
isn't safe.  
But he's  
good. He's  
the King, I  
tell you.'



"THEY TURNED AND SAW THE  
*Lion* HIMSELF,  
SO BRIGHT, AND REAL,  
AND STRONG THAT  
*everything*  
BEGAN TO LOOK  
PALE AND SHADOWY  
COMPARED TO *Hum.*"

## Verse 13

**The phony is rejected and thrown out**

What happens next is tragic!

*“ . . . . cast him into outer darkness;  
there will be weeping and gnashing  
of teeth”*



**Never ending jaw clenching, grating, never relief,  
constant discomfort, *no hope of relief!***

## Verse 14

**Who are the called and chosen?**



Those who receive the call, and respond to the invitation, are the ones who are chosen

Called = “*kletos*” = invited, welcomed, appointed; an invitation

Chosen = “*ekletos*” = to select, choose for oneself; the idea of that which is choice

If you respond to the divine call, you can know that you know that you are chosen!

## CLOSING:

It is truly bad news for all who reject God's invitation for salvation – ***JUDGMENT awaits!***

It truly does not matter if one believes this or not

***What is true is true!***

God is not a liar!

***God always tells the truth!!***



**One can ignore God and pretend that God does not exist**

**One can make God in their own image, pretend they are okay – *SAFE!***

**One can believe they are good enough to enter the wedding – *they are not!***

***It is truly all about believing and receiving the gift of salvation!!***

## **Ephesians 2:8-9**

**“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast”**

**(NKJV)**

**Today, many people are running from God  
when they should be running to God!**

**This question must be asked as your world  
changes:**

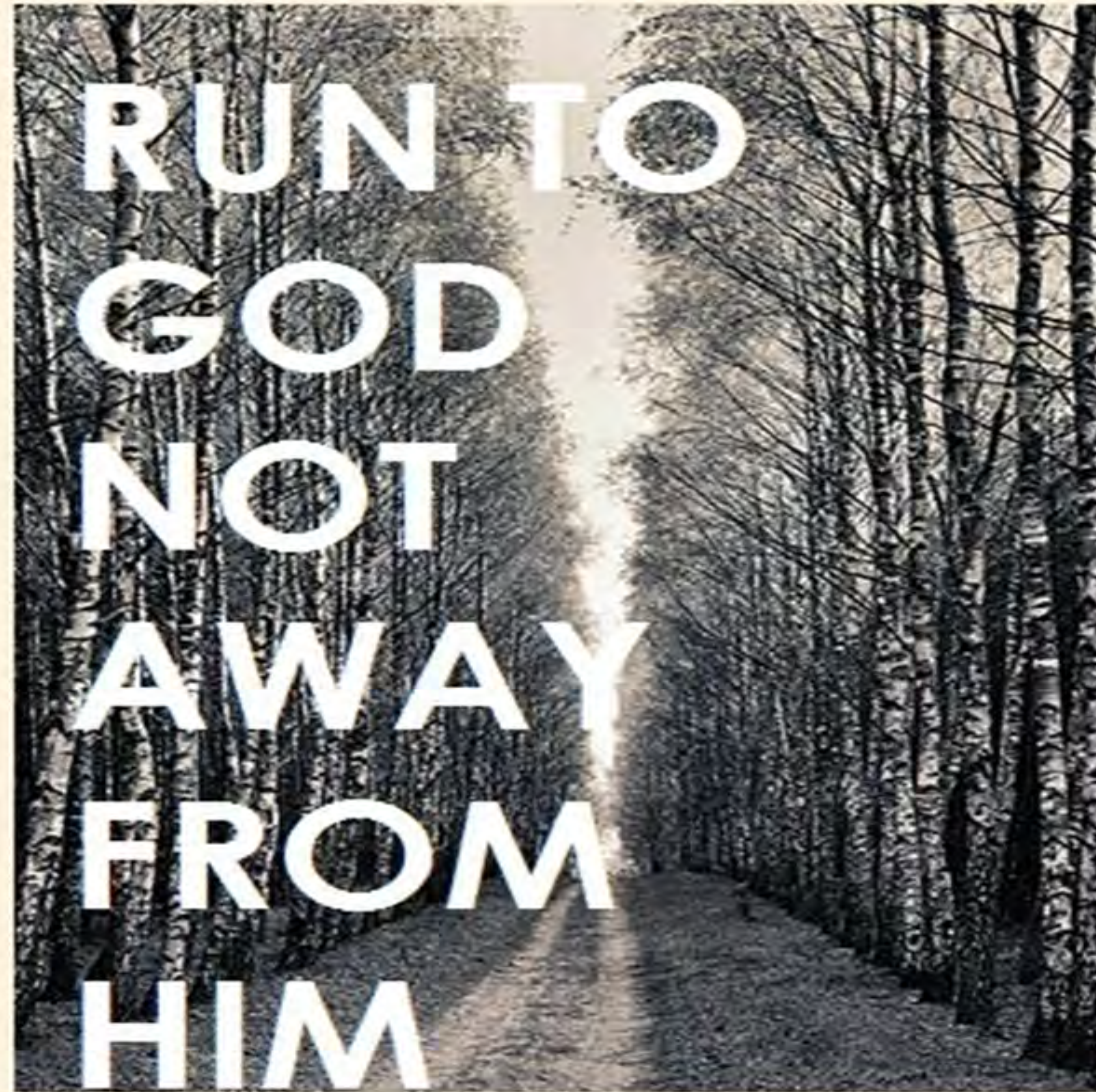
Are You  
*Running Away*  
from God  
*or to Him?*



**Run to God!!**

**He is your only **safe place** in this  
changing world!!!**





**RUN TO  
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NOT  
AWAY  
FROM  
HIM**



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THE RIGHTEOUS

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TO IT AND ARE SAFE.

Proverbs 18:10

**No one** is safe because they **think** they are safe!

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**Calling all responders:**

**Do Not Doodle!**

**Do Not Walk!!**

***RUN TO GOD!!!!***





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