

30 DAYS IN THE BIBLE

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Key Verse – Matthew 22:2-3

Have you ever had an argument with someone, only to realize that they aren't really interested in what you have to say – they just enjoy arguing? It's frustrating to realize that no matter how you state your point, they're not going to get it. From Jesus' many conversations and confrontations with the Jewish religious leaders, two things stand out – they really like to argue, and they seem determined to miss the point: they're talking to the Messiah!

Throughout all of the interactions in this chapter, it's obvious that the religious leaders are really not interested in what Jesus has to say, only in trying to make Him look bad. At this point, we're used to seeing this kind of behavior from them. If you think about it, how sad is this? The religious leaders had dedicated their lives to following and serving God, but now that He's right in front of them, they can't see it. What went wrong? They were so wrapped up in their own ideas of how the Messiah should look and act, that they couldn't see Him when He showed up. They flat out refuse to even consider that Jesus might be the Messiah. In Jesus' parable about the wedding feast, He makes it clear that if they aren't interested in His invitation to build God's kingdom, He'll find people who are.



It's easy to see the religious leaders as the "bad guys" and wonder why they couldn't see what Jesus was doing and who He really was, but there's a cautionary tale here for all of us. Just like them, we are capable of being so distracted by our own agendas and the way we think God should show up that we miss what He's actually doing. And if you refuse the invitation to participate in what God's doing because you're too busy doing your own thing, He will invite someone else. Ask Him today to open your eyes to what He is doing, and your ears to His voice. Let's listen and respond with obedience and faith, because I don't know about you, but I don't want to miss a single thing!

What Scripture can I meditate on today?

What did God speak to me today?

How can I respond in obedience?

How can I pray?