

GETTING READY FOR
THE END
OF THE WORLD

Part 5: A Match Made in Heaven

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Review From Last Week

Rapture = Release

Tribulation = Reaction

Judgment Seat of Christ = Reward

Marriage Supper of the Lamb = Relationship

Great White Throne Judgment = Reality

The Bible begins and ends with a wedding.

"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here comes the bridegroom! Come out and meet him!'" – *Matthew 25:6*

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clear, was given to her to wear."

Then the angel said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb." – *Revelation 19:7-9*

Five Stages of a Jewish Wedding

1. The Betrothal
2. The Acceptance
3. The Wedding Chamber
4. The Wedding
5. The Wedding Supper

Jesus as Bridegroom

Jesus has proposed (*John 1:12*)

Jesus has prepared (*John 14:1-3*)

Jesus has promised (*John 14:1-3*)

Jesus has paid (*Matthew 26:28*)

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The Key Questions

Have we accepted?

Are we off the market?

*As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you;
As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.*

– Isaiah 62:5

Next Steps

If you've never accepted Jesus' proposal to become part of his bride (the Body of Believers), you can believe in him today and be guaranteed a place in the greatest wedding of all time! Romans 10:9 puts it this simply: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Today, if you are ready to accept Jesus' proposal, come forward after the service and talk to any member of our After Service Prayer Team. They will be happy to pray with you and help you begin a new relationship with Jesus Christ.

Small Group Questions



- 1) What's your favorite part of a wedding? What's your least favorite part?
- 2) Does anyone in the group have a great proposal story? It could be your own or someone you know. Feel free to share!
- 3) The key to any great human relationship is a foundational relationship with Christ. How does your relationship with Jesus affect your human relationships?
- 4) Everyone wants to be loved and desired. What is your honest response to the fact that Jesus has proposed, prepared, promised and paid for the relationship he wants to have with you?
- 5) Have you accepted the marriage proposal of God?
- 6) How can we pray for you today?