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THAT
WONDERFUL
NAME



Personally from Billy



This issue we take a look at the name that is precious to millions JESUS CHRIST. We hope that you will be moved to put your trust in the One who is the only way to the Father and to eternal life. If you are not a Christian, may we encourage you to believe and obey Jesus, He loves you and wants to see you share life forever with Him.

Also this issue we look at an interesting parable Jesus told with some lessons for us.

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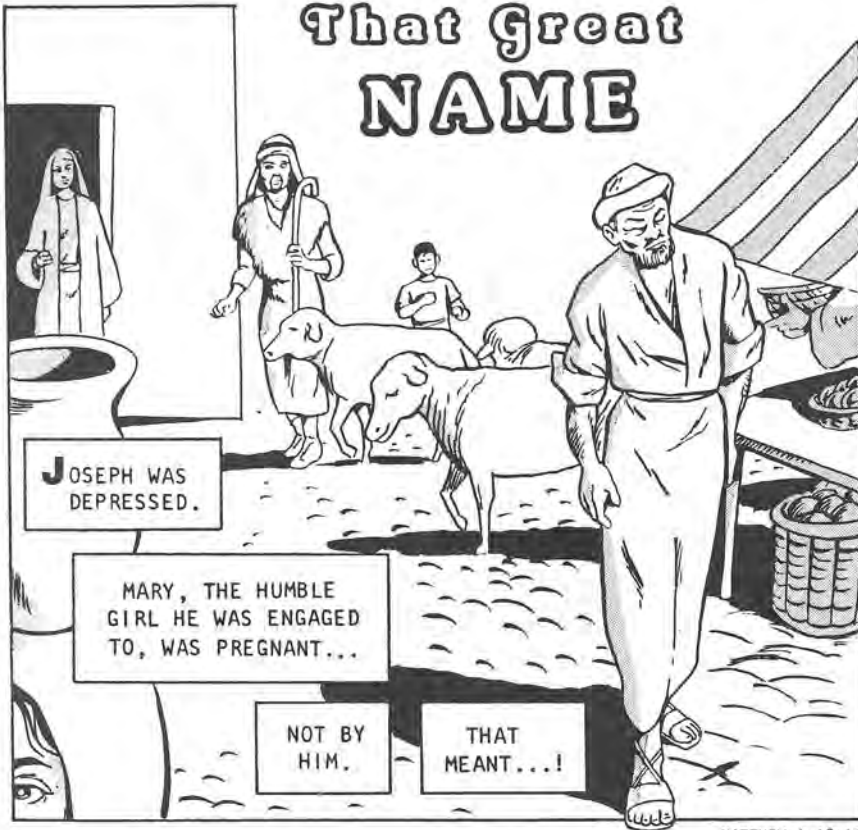
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That Great NAME



JOSEPH WAS
DEPRESSED.

MARY, THE HUMBLE
GIRL HE WAS ENGAGED
TO, WAS PREGNANT...

NOT BY
HIM.

THAT
MEANT...!

MATTHEW 1:18-19

MOSES' LAW
REQUIRED THAT
IF A PERSON
WAS GUILTY OF
ADULTERY, THEN
THAT PERSON
MUST BE
STONED TO
DEATH.

LEVITICUS 20:10

BUT JOSEPH
WAS A GOOD
MAN.

NO, HE WOULDN'T
HARM MARY.

HE WOULD JUST BREAK UP
THE ENGAGEMENT...
QUIETLY.

WHILE JOSEPH CONTINUED TO THINK ON THESE THINGS--

THE LORD'S ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM IN A DREAM!

JOSEPH, SON OF DAVID, DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE MARY AS YOUR WIFE.

MATTHEW 1:20-21

THE BABY IN MARY'S WOMB WAS BEGUN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

MARY WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A SON.

AND YOU WILL CALL HIS NAME **JESUS**...

BECAUSE HE WILL SAVE PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.

So JOSEPH DID TAKE MARY TO BE HIS WIFE...

AND MARY DID GIVE BIRTH TO JESUS.

MATTHEW 1:24-25

BUT WE'RE INTERESTED IN THE NAME JESUS.

THE ANGEL TOLD JOSEPH TO NAME THE BABY "JESUS" BECAUSE HE WOULD SAVE PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.

Jesus

THE NAME "JESUS" MEANS "THE LORD GOD IS SALVATION".

PETER TOLD THE JEWS THAT ONLY IN JESUS' NAME THERE IS SALVATION!

ACTS 4:12



JESUS SAID--



I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. NO MAN COMES TO THE FATHER BUT BY ME.

JOHN 14:6

WHY DID JESUS COME TO THE WORLD?

TO SAVE SINNERS!

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

THIS IS WHAT GOD PLANNED-- SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST!

JESUS SAVES ALL WHO OBEY HIM.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:9

HEBREWS 5:9

THAT MEANS
JESUS IS
THE SAVIOR
OF THE
WORLD.

JOHN 4:42
1 JOHN 4:14



BUT GOD HAS
A PLAN WE
MUST FOLLOW.

FIRST, HE
REQUIRES
WE
BELIEVE.

ACTS 16:31

BUT YOUR BELIEF MUST
BE THE **RIGHT** KIND.

WHEN JESUS
WAS ON THE
EARTH,
THERE WERE
MANY WHO
BELIEVED
HIM, BUT
THEY REFUSED
TO ADMIT IT--
THEY WANTED
THE PRAISE
OF **MEN**, NOT
GOD!

JOHN 12:42-43

THAT IS WHY THE
BIBLE TEACHES YOU
MUST NOT ONLY
BELIEVE, BUT ALSO
SHOW YOUR FAITH.

JAMES 2:18-20

HOW?



BY **CONFESSING**
YOUR FAITH IN
CHRIST...

ROMANS 10:9-10

SIN
EVIL DOING
LIES



CHANGING
(REPENTING)...

LUKE 13:3


RIGHT LIVING



AND BEING **BAPTIZED**.

ACTS 2:38

WHAT WILL HAPPEN THEN?




YOU WILL HAVE **PUT ON**
CHRIST, AND YOU WILL
BE **IN** CHRIST.

GALATIANS 3:26-27
ROMANS 6:3




CHRIST WILL
HAVE **WASHED**
AWAY YOUR
SINS!

ACTS 22:16



STAY FAITHFUL TO CHRIST
FROM NOW ON!

MATTHEW 24:13
HEBREWS 3:14



JESUS WILL COME BACK TO
THIS EARTH TO TAKE US
WITH HIM TO HIS HOME IN
HEAVEN. SO DON'T LOSE
YOUR PRECIOUS SALVATION.
JESUS IS THE ONLY NAME
YOU CAN BE SAVED BY!



PHILIPPIANS 3:20

THE POWER OF CHRIST'S NAME

God made the name of Christ greater than every other name. God did this because He wants every person to bow for the name of Jesus. Every person in heaven, on the earth, and under the earth will bow.

Philippians 2:9,10

His name is the only power that has been given to save people!

Acts 4:12

Every person who believes (trusts) in Jesus will be forgiven. God will forgive the sins of that person through the name of Jesus.

Acts 10:43

There is only one God. And there is only one way that people can reach God. That way is through Jesus Christ, who is also a man. Jesus gave Himself to pay for the sins of all people.

1 Timothy 2:5,6

And you were made right with God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11

Change your hearts and lives! And each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then God will forgive your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38

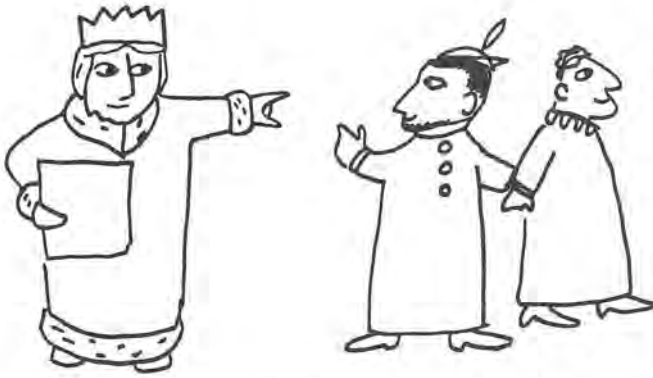
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The Marriage Feast of the King's Son

A Parable by Jesus
Matthew 22:1-13



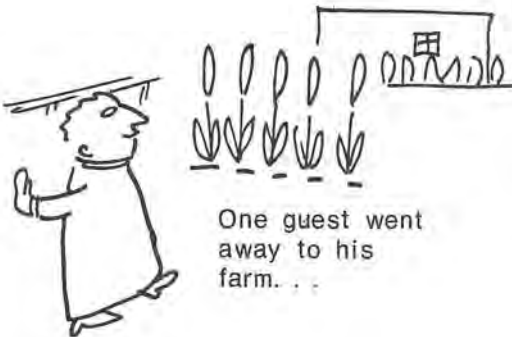
A king made a marriage feast for his son.



The king told his servants to tell his guests to come to his son's marriage feast.



But when the servants met the guests and told them the feast was ready, the guests laughed.



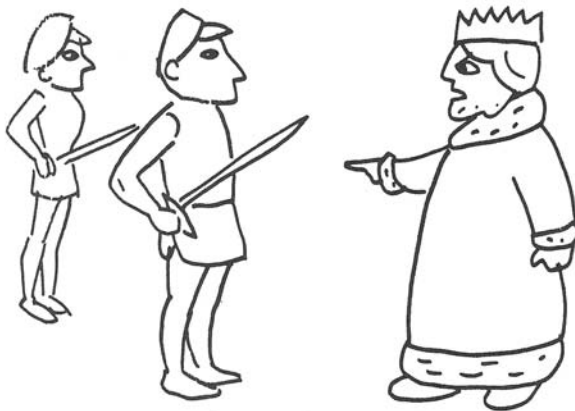
One guest went away to his farm. . .



Another guest went to his store. . .

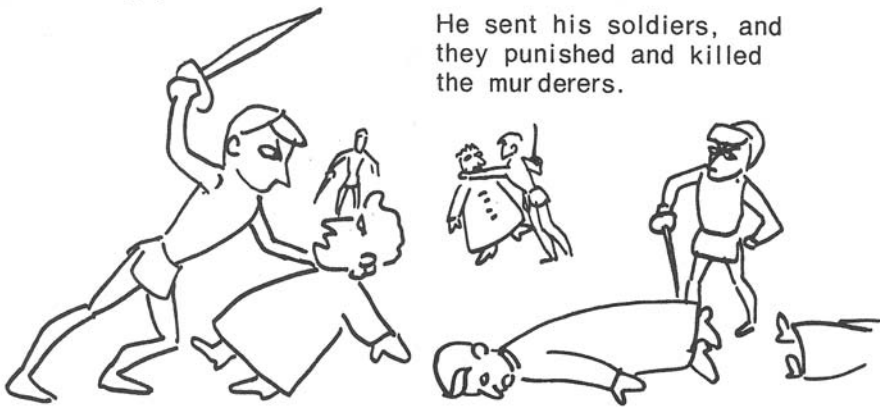


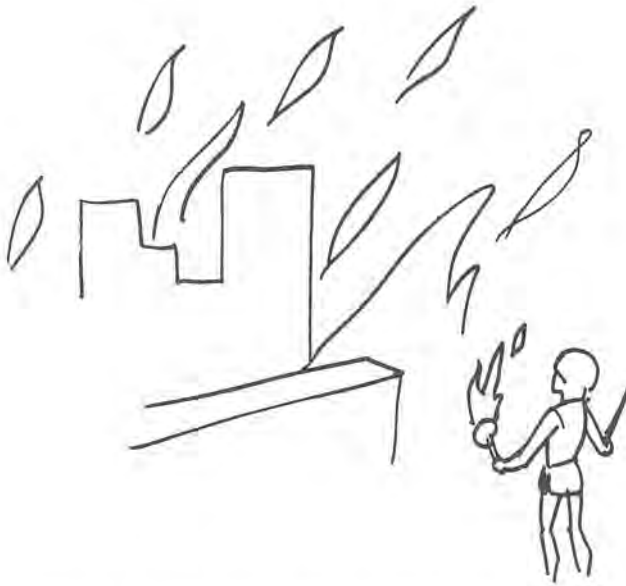
But the other guests killed the king's servants.



When the king heard what happened, he was angry.

He sent his soldiers, and they punished and killed the murderers.





The soldiers burned the city of the evil people.



Then the king told his servants to invite all the people in the highway to the feast.



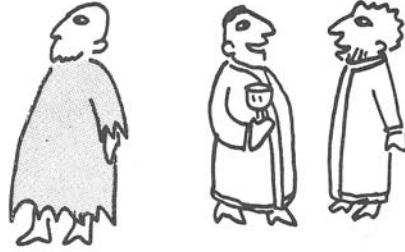
The king's servants met many people and invited them to the feast, both bad and good.



When each guest came in for the feast, they were given a wedding robe to wear.

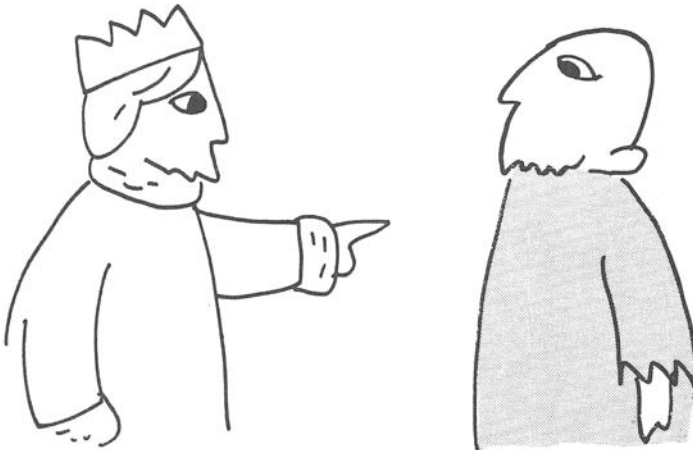


The king came in
to see his guests.

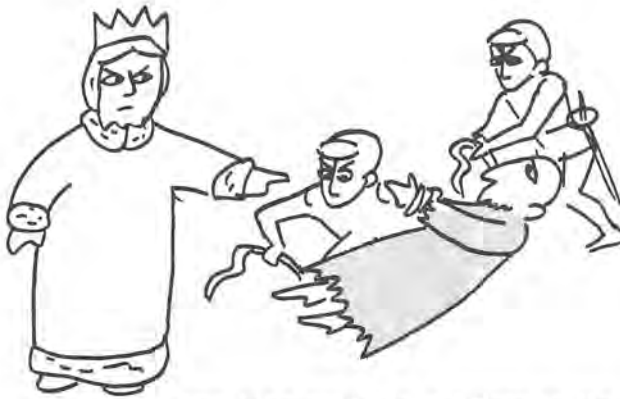


He saw one with
no wedding robe
on.

The king said, "Friend,
how did you come in
without a wedding robe?"



But the guest
said nothing.



The king told his soldiers to tie the guest hand and foot, and throw him out in the darkness.

The MEANING of the Parable

Now that you have read Jesus' parable of the Marriage feast of the king's son, it is time to dig out the meaning of the story. (Parables are stories that have a meaning to them.)

What does this one parable mean?

First, the king means God Himself.

And of course the son is Jesus, God's Son.

Who is the "bride"? God's people.

When the apostle John wrote the book of Revelation, a voice told him, "Write, 'Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" (Revelation 19:9)

All people are called, but not all will go into the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 20: 16)

First, God called the Jews. But they refused to obey God. So God took the kingdom from them and gave it to a "nation" which in this case means the church. (Matthew 21: 43)

You remember how cruel the guests were to the king's servants in Jesus' parable. In the same way evil people have been cruel to the servants of Jesus who spread the Good News (gospel). These evil people will be punished one day. In fact this world will burn up someday! (2 Peter 3: 10)

And remember all kinds of people were invited to the

feast. All are invited to a wonderful home with Christ in heaven. (Acts 15: 7 9, Ephesians 3:6) But all must have on a "wedding robe". Paul tells us that we "put" on Christ when we believe on Christ and are baptized. (Galatians 3:26,27) If we do not put on Christ, we are "naked". (Revelation 16: 15) When we try to put on our own "clothes" (righteousness), they are like filthy, smelly rags in front of God. (Isaiah 64:4)

Only Jesus' blood can cleanse us from our sins. (Revelation 1:5, 1 John 1:17 and Colossians 1: 14)

This happens when we believe in Jesus and obey Him. (Acts 16:31, Hebrews 5:9)

The Bridegroom (CHRIST)



The Bride (THE CHURCH)

Wilmer Kingsley

1921 - 1986



We were sorry to hear of Wilmer Kingsley's recent death on December 12, 1986. Brother Kingsley was one of our earliest readers. I met him personally when I went to Wichita, Kansas, where he lived, back in 1978, and again in 1984 at the National Workshop for the Deaf, held at Overland Park Church of Christ in Overland Park, Kansas. He has a deaf daughter, Jenean, and a deaf grandson, Lane. Below is a reprint from the bulletin for Cleveland Avenue Church of Christ where Brother Kingsley had his membership. Our thanks to Lance Forshay for this article.

Since 1960 Wilmer and his family have been connected with this congregation. There are many ways he contributed to this church and God's kingdom. serving as a deacon and elder; teaching in home Bible studies; signing our worship services for the deaf; teaching sign language classes; teaching over 1,100 students through World Bible School; serving unselfishly in other areas. There are a number of ways Wilmer will be remembered, but perhaps more than anything else his evangelistic spirit stands out as a powerful testimony to those of us who knew him. Wilmer's efforts in making disciples provided an example that will not soon be forgotten. With his death on December 12, Wilmer is now enjoying what he has encouraged so many others to consider: eternal life with God and His Son, Jesus Christ.



Light on



Please look at page 15 of the July/August/September 1986 issue. You say Hebrews 12:43 teaches people's names are written in the Book of Life. The Bible has 29 verses in the 12th chapter of Hebrews. I can't find Hebrews 12:43. Please find out about it.

--P.S., Tennessee

Our faces are red! We made a mistake on that. You are right, Hebrews 12 only has 29 verses. Try Hebrews 12:23. Thank you for writing!

Praise the Lord cuz I find the magazine of LIGHT FOR THE DEAF thru the Holy Scriptures a real glow for the darkness. Wow! Please put my friends' name and my name on your mailing list. Wonder if you can mail me whenever the magazine was started so I can understand more clear?

--D.F.M., New York

Thank you for the names and addresses of your friends. It is a pleasure to add you and your friends to our mailing list. But I must explain that because my schedule is full, and because our back issues are in a difficult-to-reach area of our office, we are not able to fulfill your request right away for these back issues. It will take some time before we can get to mailing these back issues to you. Also, we are completely out of some issues so cannot supply you with every issue.

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--I.H., California

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Good interest was shown in our question and answer page last issue. This issue we bring more questions from the same letter that we used last issue.

If a person has done sexual sin before marriage, can he have sex with his wife after he marries?

Yes. Sex before marriage is a sin, but like any other sin it can be forgiven if the person repents. The word "**repent**" means to change your heart and life. It means to decide never to do the sin again. (See Acts 3:19)

If the person had sex with many people, it may be wise for him never to marry, because he may have received disease in his body. He would spread this disease to his wife if he later marries. This is the **cost** of sin no matter if you are forgiven, the scars of sin can continue all one's life on earth. Better to listen to God's teaching and save your body for your future wife or husband than to be sorry!

Please explain 1 Corinthians 7:25-28.

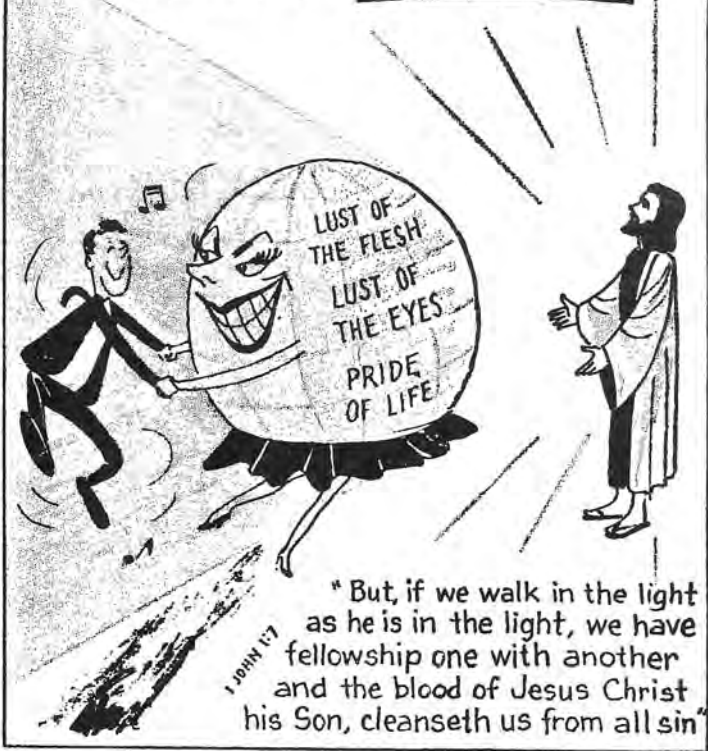
Let's look at the background first. The people in the church wrote Paul a letter and asked Paul if it was all right

for people to get married. (See verse 1). That is why in verse 1 Paul said, "It is not good for a man to marry."

Some people misunderstand Paul and think he was against marriage. No, Paul was not against marriage. It just was a bad time. It was near the time for the Roman government to persecute (do bad things to) the Christians. At another time or in another country, marriage would be fine, but not in Corinth at that time. That is what Paul talked about. But if a person was already married, then he shouldn't divorce his wife just to avoid the trouble from the government. (Verse 27) He should stay married. But if a person still wanted to marry, then he should go ahead and marry, it is not a sin for him. (Verse 28) If he is hungry for sex, it is better for him to go ahead and marry. Then he can be free to have sex with his wife. (Verse 9)

I believe that all the above will correctly explain the passage that is puzzling you so.

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