







# Jesus Rebukes the Pharisees

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## Lesson Focus

The religious leaders of Jesus' day—the scribes, chief priests, and the Pharisees—had made the traditions and commands of men equal to the commands of God. Jesus showed them the error in their thinking, pointed them back to the Word of God as the authority, and rebuked them for leading others astray.

## Key Passages

**Grades 2–3:** Matthew 22:1–14, 23:27–28

**Grades 4–5:** Matthew 21:23–27, 22:1–14, 23:23–28

## What You Heard in the Word

- ▶ Jesus told the parable of the wedding feast to warn the religious leaders that God will judge those who reject salvation through his Son, Jesus.
- ▶ Jesus rebuked the scribes and Pharisees using “woe to you” statements to point out that their outward righteousness was not pleasing God. He wanted them to repent of their sinful heart attitudes and to stop leading others astray with false teaching.

