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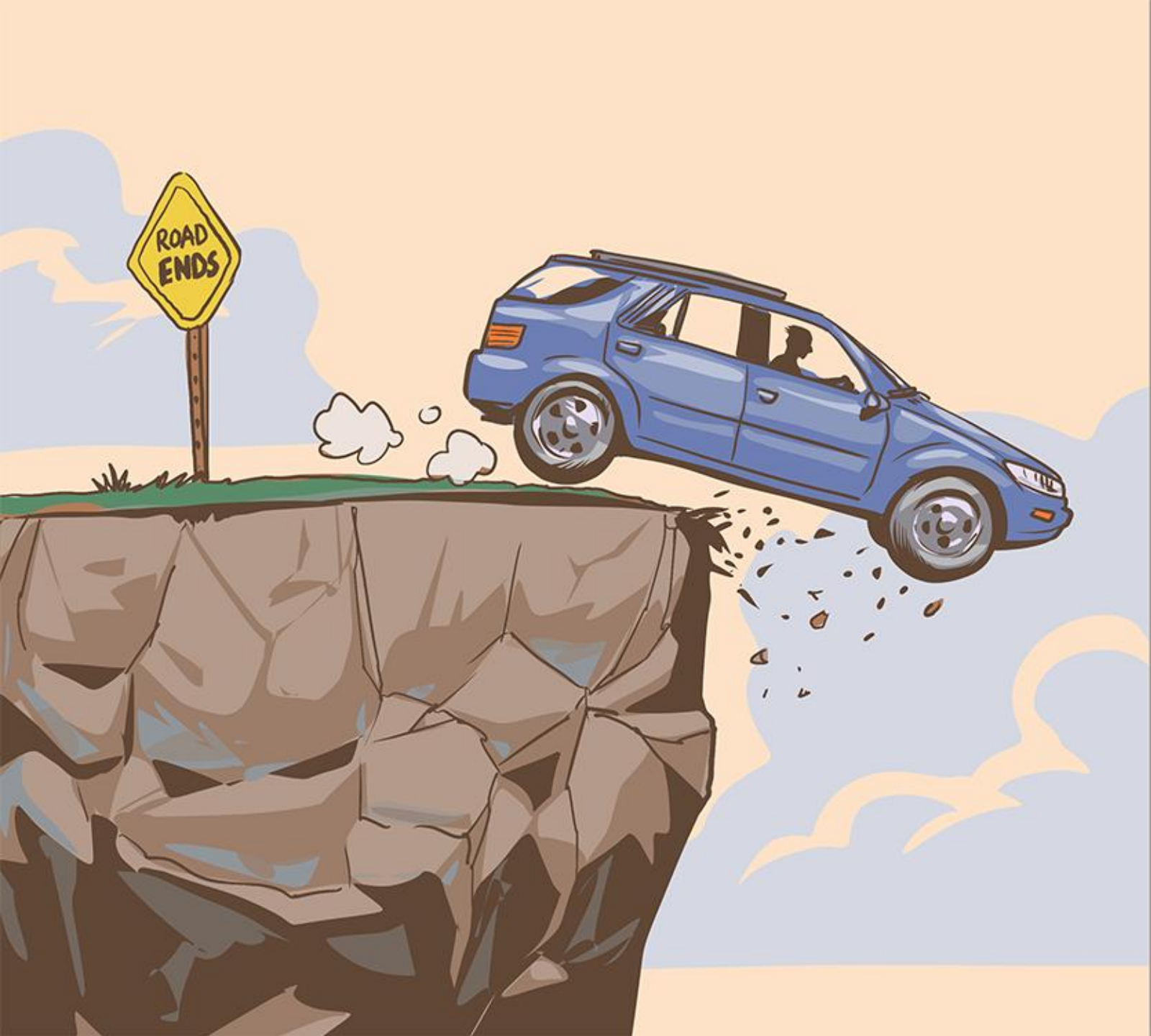
Chapter 22:1-14

**An Invitation from the
King**

¹ Jesus also told them other parables. He said,
²“The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by
the story of a king who prepared a great
wedding feast for his son. ³ When the banquet
was ready, he sent his servants to notify those
who were invited. But they all refused to come!

4 “So he sent other servants to tell them, ‘The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!’⁵ But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business.

⁶ Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them. ⁷ “The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town.



There are
CONSEQUENCES
FOR REJECTING
GOD'S
kingdom

⁸ And he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren’t worthy of the honor. ⁹ Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.’ ¹⁰ So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests.

**In GOD'S
KINGDOM,
the outcasts
ARE INVITED IN**



¹¹ “But when the king came in to meet the guests, he noticed a man who wasn’t wearing the proper clothes for a wedding. ¹² ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how is it that you are here without wedding clothes?’ But the man had no reply. ¹³ Then the king said to his aides, ‘Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ “For many are called, but few are chosen.”



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