

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

#5 The parable of the ten virgins

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MATT. 25:1-13

1“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.



MATT. 25:1-13

5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'



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9But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.



MATT. 25:1-13

11Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.



THE BIG IDEA

- It is all about being ready for Jesus' second coming
- The virgins represent the believers, the church this time (not the bride)
- Jesus is painting the picture of a Jewish wedding



MATT. 25:1-4

- 5 wise and 5 foolish virgins
- Lamps = profession of faith
- Oil = a type of the Holy Spirit
- The wise took their job seriously, the foolish didn't



MATT. 25:5-10

- The bridegroom will come!
- Last minute patching up is not going to work
- You have to be ready and prepared!
- The real difference is in being born again or not



MATT. 25:5-10

- John 3:3, 5 'unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God'
- The foolish ones liked their position but carrying lamps without oil, flashlights without batteries, candles without a wick is pointless



NOW IS THE TIME

In other words: now is the time to choose, to make up your mind, to come to Him, to get ready! NOW.



MATT. 25:11-13

- Lord, Lord, please let us in also..
- 'I do not know you'
- Watch therefore!



THE CONTEXT OF CHAPTER 24!

To watch is to be spiritually alert. All 10 virgins fell asleep so therefore watching cannot mean to gaze into the sky at all times.



- Are you sure you are born again?
- Are you ready for His second coming?
- Are you prepared for His coming?

