

The parable of the 10 virgins

Matthew 25: 1-13

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ 7 “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ 9 “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ 10 “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. 11 “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ 12 “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ 13 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Overview of our study. What Jesus was saying to 1st century Jews?

Who is Jesus talking?

- 1) Believers, the people of God.
- 2) Jesus is speaking to us as individuals

What's the issue that Jesus is addressing in this parable?

- 1) Jesus is talking about a future event and being prepared.
- 2) It's possible to not be ready and to miss out when Jesus turns up
- 3) How we live now: being people who live according the Commandments—under the governance—of the Kingdom of God

What can you do about being wise or foolish?

- 1) Need to stock up on extra oil if you want to be wise

Are you shocked by the ending Jesus gave this parable of how He shut the door?

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