



# The Ten Virgins

*Insight on the Return of Christ for the Church*

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**Reference: Matthew 25:1-13 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

<sup>2</sup> Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

<sup>3</sup> Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup> And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'

<sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

<sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'

<sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' <sup>12</sup> But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

<sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

How is the return of Christ central to living righteously today? (hint: Titus 2:12-13)

v1 – What is the purpose of the lamps that the virgins have?

v2-4 – What differences were there between the ten virgins?

v3 – What was the folly of the five foolish virgins?

v4 – What did the oil represent?

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v4 – What was the wisdom of the wise virgins?

Why did the foolish virgins have a false sense of security? (hint: Matthew 24:37)

v5 – What was the common fault of all ten virgins?

v1 – Who do the ten virgins represent?

v1 – What is the role of a bridesmaid?

v1 – What is the theme of this parable?

v1 – What are the virgins to do?

v1 – What should the virgins do until He comes? (hint: Luke 21:36)

v5 – What does the slumber and sleep represent?

v10 – What is significant of the foolish virgins not being able to buy oil?

v6 – What is significant about the Bridegroom coming at midnight?

v10 – When will it become apparent who the believers & nonbelievers are?

How do other biblical midnight events help us understand this?

- God kills firstborn of Egypt, Exodus 11-12
- Israel eats unleavened bread of haste, Ex 12
- Boaz discovers Ruth at his feet, Ruth 3:8
- Paul and Silas delivered from jail, Acts 16

v11 – Why did the foolish virgins think they could be at the wedding after missing the procession?

v11 – What is the significance of the door being shut?  
(hint: Hebrews 9:27)

v12 – Why didn't the bridegroom know the foolish virgins?

V12 – What is the significance of the Groom saying "I do not know you?"  
(hint: Matthew 7:21-23)

v6 – What does the cry accomplish?

v12 – Does this parable make our salvation uncertain until Christ comes?  
(hint: 2 Timothy 13:5)

v6 – Does this cry mean that something must precede the rapture?

v13 – How should we apply not knowing when the Lord is coming?  
(hint: 1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

v7-8 – If the foolish virgins had no oil, why did their lamps light at all?

v8-9 – Why couldn't the wise virgins share their oil?