

Parable of the 10 virgins

Matthew 25:1-13

- (1) “Then 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) Those who were foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them,
- (4) but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
- (5) Now while the bridegroom delayed, they all slumbered and slept.
- (6) But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Behold! The bridegroom is coming! Come out to meet him!’
- (7) Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
- (8) The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’
- (9) But the wise answered, saying, ‘What if there isn’t enough for us and you? You go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’
- (10) While they went away to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.
- (11) Afterward the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us.’
- (12) But he answered, ‘Most certainly I tell you, I don’t know you.’
- (13) Watch therefore, for you don’t know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.