

# The Parables of Jesus

## Ten Bridesmaids

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<sup>1</sup> “Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

<sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The five who were foolish didn’t take enough olive oil for their lamps, <sup>4</sup> but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. <sup>5</sup> When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup> “At midnight they were roused by the shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!’ <sup>7</sup> “All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. <sup>8</sup> Then the five foolish ones asked the others, ‘Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> “But the others replied, ‘We don’t have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> “But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. <sup>11</sup> Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, ‘Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!’ <sup>12</sup> “But he called back, ‘Believe me, I don’t know you!’ <sup>13</sup> “So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.

**Matthew 25:1-13 NLT**

### 1. The wedding festivities

- **Waiting for the groom**
- **Five are not prepared**
- **They missed the wedding feast**

### 2. Preparing for Jesus’ return

- **Don’t wait till the last minute to get oil**
- **Be ready now**
- **Faithful living day-by-day**

### Next Steps:

- Commit to spend time with God every day this week: \_\_\_\_\_
- Confess my laziness with spiritual devotion. I will change \_\_\_\_\_
- Re-read today’s parable this week
- Attend the rest of this series (or watch on our Youtube channel)
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