



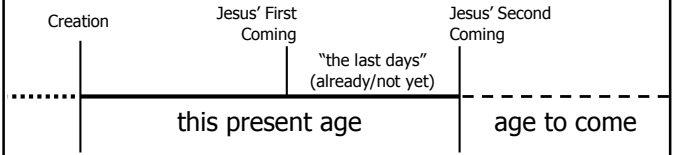
## The Gospel of Matthew

*"Being Ready for His Return"*  
(part two)

Matthew 25:1-13



## Redemptive History



## Matthew 24:36 – 25:46

### Overview

- the unexpected and unpredictable coming of the Son of Man calls for a constant readiness lest you be caught unprepared

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom.

And five of them were foolish, and five were prudent.

For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps.

Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep.

But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

Then those virgins rose, and trimmed their lamps.

And the foolish said to the prudent, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

But the prudent answered, saying, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

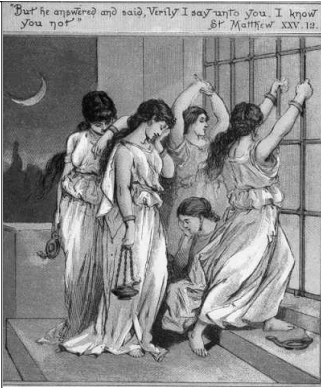
And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.

And later the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.'

But he answered and said, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.'

Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day or the hour."

Matthew 25:1-13



## Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

## Being Ready for His Return

### Parable of the Bridesmaids

1. The nature His coming
  - His coming is delayed
  - the timing of His coming is unknown
  - His coming will be sudden and unexpected

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### Parable of the Bridesmaids

2. The need for a constant readiness
  - the folly of counting on last minute preparations
  - spiritual preparedness is not something others can provide for you

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### Parable of the Bridesmaids

3. The final division His coming brings
  - His coming ends the day of opportunity
  - His coming will forever separate mere professors of Christ from faithful disciples of Christ

## Being Ready for His Return

### Are you ready?

- Are you neglecting the day of opportunity and counting on future preparations?
- Are you manifesting a present, obedient faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior?