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## The Groom is Coming

**Matthew 24:36**  
Now concerning that day and hour no one knows.

**Matthew 24:42**  
Therefore be alert, since you don't know what day your Lord is coming.

**Matthew 24:44**  
You are also to be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**Matthew 25:13**  
Be alert, because you don't know either the day or the hour.

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Matthew 25:1-13

<sup>1</sup> "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> When the foolish took their lamps, they didn't take oil with them; <sup>4</sup> but the wise ones took oil in their flasks with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> When the groom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup> "In the middle of the night there was a shout: 'Here's the groom! Come out to meet him.'

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Matthew 25:1-13

<sup>7</sup> "Then all the virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> "The wise ones answered, 'No, there won't be enough for us and for you. Go instead to those who sell oil, and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup> "When they had gone to buy some, the groom arrived, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Later the rest of the virgins also came and said, 'Master, master, open up for us!' <sup>12</sup> "He replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you!' <sup>13</sup> "Therefore be alert, because you don't know either the day or the hour.

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**Today's Weddings Have Two Phases:**  
The Engagement  
The Wedding Ceremony

**Jewish Weddings Had Three Phases:**  
The Arrangement Stage  
The Betrothal  
The Wedding Feast

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You May Not Be Ready

Matthew 25:1-4

<sup>1</sup> "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> When the foolish took their lamps, they didn't take oil with them; <sup>4</sup> but the wise ones took oil in their flasks with their lamps.

**Oil is a Symbol of the Holy Spirit**

**The 5 Foolish Girls Represent People Who Appear Spiritual**

Going to Church Is Good - Coming to Jesus Is Better  
Being Baptized Is Good - Being Born Again Is Better  
Giving Money Is Good - Giving Your Heart to Jesus Is Better

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### You Cannot Borrow Someone's Faith

Matthew 25:5-9

<sup>5</sup>When the groom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup>"In the middle of the night there was a shout: 'Here's the groom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>"Then all the virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish ones said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>"The wise ones answered, 'No, there won't be enough for us and for you. Go instead to those who sell oil, and buy some for yourselves.'

Matthew 25:3

When the foolish took their lamps, **they didn't take oil with them**, <sup>4</sup> but the wise ones **took oil in their flasks with their lamps**.

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### The Door Will Close One Day

Matthew 25:10

"When they had gone to buy some, the groom arrived, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and **the door was shut**."

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### Don't Deceive Yourself

Matthew 25:11-12

<sup>11</sup> Later the rest of the virgins also came and said, 'Master, master, open up for us!' <sup>12</sup> "He replied, '**Truly I tell you, I don't know you!**'"

Matthew 7:21-23

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup> On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?' <sup>23</sup> Then I will announce to them, '**I never knew you**. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!'

**James 1:22 Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**

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1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, **with the archangel's voice**, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are still alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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