

# Beware the Two Saddest Words

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 210

Matthew 25:1-13

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<sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of the heavens will be like ten virgins, such as took their own lamps<sup>1</sup> and<sup>2</sup> went out to meet the bridegroom.

<sup>2</sup>“Now, five of them were foolish,<sup>3</sup> and five *were* prudent;

<sup>3</sup>“for the foolish, though they took their lamps, did not take with themselves oil!

<sup>4</sup>“But the prudent did take oil in *their* flasks with their own lamps.

<sup>5</sup>“And, while the bridegroom was taking *his* time, they all got drowsy and began to sleep.

<sup>6</sup>“And in the middle of the night, a shout rang out,<sup>4</sup> ‘Look! The bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

<sup>7</sup>“Then all those virgins got up, and they trimmed<sup>5</sup> their own lamps.

<sup>8</sup>“And the foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us *some* of your oil,

(Matthew 25:1-13

Pastor Phillips’ ad hoc translation of the Greek text)

because our lamps are going out.’<sup>6</sup>

<sup>9</sup>“But the prudent answered, saying, ‘No way would there be enough for us and for you! Instead, you go to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’

<sup>10</sup>“And while they were going off to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready entered in with him into the wedding festivities, and the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup>“But afterwards, the rest of the virgins also come, saying, ‘Lord! Lord! Open for us!’

<sup>12</sup>“But he, in answer, said, ‘Amen I say to you, I do not know you!’

<sup>13</sup>“Therefore, stay on the alert: because you do not know the day nor the hour!

## Introduction:

### I. The Parable of the Ten Virgins \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1)

#### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 2-12)

##### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ wait (vv. 2-5)

###### a. Characters introduced (vv. 2-4)

###### i. Spoiler (v. 2)

###### ii. Expansion (vv. 3-4)

(1) There are only \_\_\_\_\_ kinds

(2) What does the oil represent?

###### b. Sleep induced (v. 5)

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<sup>1</sup> Or *torches*; and so in vv. 3, 4, 7, 8.

<sup>2</sup> Literally *having taken...they....*

<sup>3</sup> Or *moronic*; Gk. *mōros*. So also vv. 3, 8.

<sup>4</sup> Literally *came to be*.

<sup>5</sup> Or *put in order*.

<sup>6</sup> Or *being extinguished*.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 6-10)
  - a. Announced (v. 6)
  - b. Played out (vv. 7-10)
    - i. Preparation (v. 7)
    - ii. Panicked plea (v. 8)
    - iii. Prudent response (v. 9)
    - iv. Party starts (v. 10)
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 11-12)
  - a. The fools' request (v. 11)
  
  - b. The bridegroom's response (v. 12)

**C. The Point (v. 13)**

**II. The Parable of the Ten Virgins \_\_\_\_\_**

**A. We Will All \_\_\_\_\_**

1. The certainties:
  
2. The question:

**B. Readiness Is \_\_\_\_\_**

**C. Readiness is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_**