



"Parable of the Bridesmaids!"

Matthew 25:1-13 (Israel is the Bride / Revelation 21:9 = **New Jerusalem** / **Jesus' Kingdom** / **People**)

****Matthew 24** gives us **the SIGNS** that Jesus talked about BEFORE He returns a 2nd time!

****Matthew 25** gives us **the WARNINGS to be READY!** You have the *Parable of the Bridesmaids*, the *Parable of the Talents* and the *Parable of the Sheep and the Goats* (Final Judgment).

****Jesus came the 1st time** as Savior and the people rejected him! **John 1:11**

****Jesus will come back a 2nd time** to save the true believers in Him who are ready, yet will also come back as Judge! **Hebrews 9:28** / **2 Corinthians 5:10** / **Jude 1:14-15**

1. The Bridesmaids! (Being ready vs. not being ready / Are we as Believers faithful or not until Jesus returns?)

• **Matthew 25:1-2** / 5 wise and 5 foolish!

****The very interesting fact?** All 10 knew about the Groom coming at some point!

• **Wise** = Aware, Alert, Knew the surroundings!

• **Foolish** = Not Ready, Not Prepared, Life not in order!

• **Matthew 25:3-4**

• 5 Wise had oil! The 5 Foolish did not!

• **Oil** = True Salvation / God's Saving Grace/ The Holy Spirit living in you!

• **Matthew 13:21-23**

• **1 John 3:9**

• **2 Corinthians 5:17**

• **Luke 3:7-8**

• **2 Corinthians 13:5 Key** – a "continuing" in sin that is not repented of!

• **The proof of Salvation** is in the Fruit that your life produces...not Foliage!

****This Parable shows us** that you can look the part, act the part and even be with other believers who are actually ready and still miss Jesus! **Hence...the 5 Foolish Bridesmaids!**

2. The Groom! (Jesus)

• **Matthew 25:5-12**

• **1 Thessalonians 5:2**

• **Matthew 24:36-42**

• **Luke 13:24-28**

• **Genesis 7:1, 5, 13, 15-16 & 17-23**

3. The Warning! (Don't ignore)

- **Matthew 25:13 / Matthew 25:6** – “**At midnight...**” / **1 John 2:18** – “**...the Last Hour**”
- **Matthew 7:21-23** - “**I don't know you**” = *you have a form of godliness but no relationship!*”
- **2 Timothy 3:1-5**

****Verse 5!** Such a scary thought, that someone could have the **appearance** of being a Christian or **act** like a Christian, know that Jesus will come back one day and NOT be ready or care!

****Verse 13** – “**Watch therefore**” = Keep watch! Be ready! Stay alert!

****Live your life in READINESS!**

****Light the way of Christ by living faithful to Jesus before He returns again at His 2nd coming!**