

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids / The Storyteller
Matthew 25:1-13 NLT / August 9, 2026
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BIG IDEA:

Readiness isn't predictions and last-minute preparation. It's faithful devotion to Jesus.

THE CONTEXT

Matthew 24:3 NIV

Jesus' teaching is less about predicting His return and more about preparing for it.

THE PARABLE

The Wise and the Foolish Bridesmaids

Matthew 25:1–5

The bridegroom was delayed. All ten fell asleep.

The difference was revealed by their readiness—not their appearance.

The Midnight Cry

Matthew 25:6–9

Readiness is cultivated long before midnight.

Readiness cannot be borrowed.

A relationship with Jesus must be personally possessed.

The Closed Door

Matthew 25:10–13

Those who were ready entered.

Those who delayed were left outside.

"I don't know you."

Keep watch. Be ready.

SO WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE READY?

Matthew 25

The Bridesmaids (vv. 1–13)

Know Christ personally.

The Talents (vv. 14–30)

Steward faithfully what Christ has entrusted to you.

The Sheep & Goats (vv. 31–46)

Love the people Jesus loves.

THE DOOR IS NOT CLOSED...YET

Hebrews 3:14-15 NLT

The shops are still open!