

the stories **JESUS TOLD**

**FOOLISH OR FAITHFUL:
WHICH VIRGIN ARE YOU?**

matthew 25:1-13





And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

Matthew 24:2

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

Matthew 24:3

Characters within the parable

Bridegroom

- Jesus Christ

The Virgins

**- Those who have
accepted Jesus'
invitation**

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**“And at midnight a cry was *heard*:
‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming;...’”**

Matthew 25:6a

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“Never in human history has there been such proliferation of religious information.”

- Dr. David Jeremiah

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- 5) The Spread of the Gospel (24:14)**

Out of 8.1 billion people, ~1.6 billion have not heard the Gospel (19%).

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- 2) Our hearts and our minds need to be ready for Christ's return.**

“And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’

**And while they went to buy, the
bridegroom came, and those who were
ready went in with him to the wedding;
and the door was shut.**

Matthew 25: 8-10

**On the day of Christ's return our hearts
will be revealed.**

...For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

Matthew 10: 26

**All of the things that we secretly do and
try to cover up will be made known.**

There will be things exposed that in our pride, we didn't even realize were wrong.

God, I invite your searching gaze into my heart. Examine me through and through; find out everything that may be hidden within me. Put me to the test and sift through all my anxious cares.

Psalm 139: 23-24 (TPT)

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- 3) Christ's judgement will be irreversible with no second chances.**

Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us! But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Matthew 25: 11-12

Our judgement might be surprising.

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’

²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Matthew 7: 21-23

There are MANY people who think that the road they are traveling is that 'narrow path' that Jesus talks about when in reality, they are on the road to hell.

Which virgin represents you?