

the TAKE HOME 05.07.17

Today's Scripture Passage: Matthew 25:1-13

¹"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' ⁷"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

⁹" 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹"Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' ¹²"But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'
¹³"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

...why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven. Acts 1:11

Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." 2 Peter 3:3-4

Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink--even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk--it's all free! Isaiah 55:1

Application Questions

- Do you have the oil of the Holy Spirit for your torch that will allow you to experience life the way it was meant to be lived and that will allow you entrance into God's Kingdom and wedding banquet in eternity? If not, what is stopping you from taking this oil for yourself?
- Does this story give you an urgency to share the Good News of Jesus with others? Why or why not?
- In what ways is following Jesus like a wedding procession/parade?
- Who might be watching you and your walk with Jesus?
- How closely are you following Christ right now?
- What good works might people see you doing that might point them to Jesus?