

AT THE MASTER'S FEET:
A study of Jesus' Sermons in the Gospel of Matthew
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THE MASTER'S TRIUMPH: THE EXPECTANT LIFE

OIL IN THE LAMP

Matthew 25:1-13

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- 25:1 I. Church folks often look alike.**
"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom."
How are they alike?
 - They all have been invited.
 - They all have accepted the invitation.
 - They all are in the church.
 - They all have a general affection for the Bridegroom.
 - They all call the Bridegroom "Lord."
 - They all believe the Bridegroom is coming.
 - They all have lamps.
 - They all fall asleep waiting.
- :2-9 II. But all do not have the one thing necessary.**
:2-5 A. Some have it and some don't.
"Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. cf. Matthew 7:21-23; 13:1-23; John 3:3; Hebrews 11:6; 12:14
- :6, 7 B. The coming of the Bridegroom will reveal our hearts.**
"But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps." cf. Matthew 10:26, 32, 33
- :8, 9 C. We cannot borrow from others.**
"And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.'" cf. John 8:39
- :10-13 III. There are no second chances.**
:10, 11 A. His judgment is irreversible.
"And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'" cf. Luke 16:26
- :12 B. His coming reveals our relationship with the Lord.**
"But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'" cf. Luke 13:21-30
- :13 C. The lesson: Get ready now.**
"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'" cf. Matthew 24:44