

Series: Stories Jesus Told: A Study of the Parables of Jesus
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"Now concerning that day and hour no one knows—neither the angels of heaven nor the Son—except the Father alone." (Matthew 24:36)

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins [bridesmaids] who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they didn't take oil with them; but the wise ones took oil in their flasks with their lamps. When the groom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. In the middle of the night there was a shout: 'Here's the groom! Come out to meet him.' Then all the virgins [bridesmaids] got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.' The wise ones answered, 'No, there won't be enough for us and for you. Go instead to those who sell oil, and buy some for yourselves.' When they had gone to buy some, the groom arrived, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the rest of the virgins [bridesmaids] also came and said, 'Master, master, open up for us!' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you!' Therefore be alert, because you don't know either the day or the hour." (Matthew 25:1-13)

Be prepared for His return—not preoccupied with details surrounding His return.

Reflection Question:

What does it mean to be prepared for Jesus's return? How are we called to live differently in light of that day?