

PURITY

The bridesmaids are referred to as _____ in other translations.
A picture of their purity.

“He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.”

Ephesians 5:26-27 NLT

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

The good news is that the just and gracious Creator of the universe has looked upon hopelessly sinful men and women and has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, to bear His wrath against sin on the cross and to show His power over sin in the resurrection, so that everyone who turns from their sin and themselves, and trusts in Jesus as Savior and Lord, will be reconciled to God forever.

If you would like more information about following Christ, go to the NEXT STEPS kiosk or Bookstore kiosk to get a free Bible and resources to help you grow. You can learn more about water baptism and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

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Next Sunday

Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders

This Wednesday

*Worship and The Word—Pastor Wayne speaking
7:00pm to 8:15pm—In the Worship Center*

{ PARABLES }

The Ten Bridesmaids

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What is a Parable?

*A simple _____ that illustrates
a profound truth.*

The Parable of Ten Bridesmaids

“Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids—who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ The five who were foolish didn’t take enough olive oil for their lamps, ⁴ but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. ⁵ When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶ “At midnight they were roused by the shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!’

⁷ “All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. ⁸ Then the five foolish ones asked the others, ‘Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ “But the others replied, ‘We don’t have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.’”

¹⁰ “But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. ¹¹ Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, ‘Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!’ ¹² “But he called back, ‘Believe me, I don’t know you!’ ¹³ “So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return..”

Matthew 25:1-13 NLT

What is the cultural context of the story?

“Typically the betrothal took place in the bride’s father’s house. It was a festive occasion with blessings, food, candles and celebration. During the period between the betrothal and marriage, which could extend several years – the young woman remained in her father’s house. When the wedding day came, after the bride was beautifully adorned and perfumed, she would be taken in a festive celebration to the groom’s house. About nightfall the procession would begin and the bride would be escorted to the groom’s house by an entourage with torches and lanterns. The groom would go to receive the bride and bring her into his home where the celebration would last as long as seven days.”

Kline Snodgrass

Stories With Intent: A Comprehensive Guide To The Parables of Jesus

BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

#1 Context (*who is the audience*)

#2 Revelation (*ask the Holy Spirit for revelation*)

#3 Scripture interprets Scripture (What else does the Bible say)

#4 KISS

What is the most obvious application of this passage?

The main things are the _____ things and the plain things are the _____ things .

What are the plain lessons from this parable?

“At midnight they were roused by the shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!’”

Matthew 25:6

**Christ, the Bridegroom will _____ for
His Bride The Church.**

_____ knows the day or the hour of Christ’s return

“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Matthew 25:13

This phrase is repeated also in Matt 24:36, 42, 44, 50,
“As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.”

Matthew 25:5

Scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” . . . But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

- 2 Peter 3:3-9

We are to live with E _____ of Christ’s Return

*“...the five who were **ready** went in to meet the bridegroom.”*

Matthew 25:10

How do we prepare for the return of Jesus?

P _____

*“I solemnly declare to you, I do not know you
[I am not acquainted with you].”*

Matthew 25:12 AMP

The oil in this parable is a symbol of a relationship with God.