

WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES

Matthew 25:1-46

Key Verses: 25:31,32

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 1-13. To what did Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven? Who is the bridegroom? How did five virgins show their wisdom? Why were five virgins called foolish? What does the oil represent? What can't we borrow or lend?
2. Read verses 14-23. Who is the man going on a journey? What did he give his servants before leaving? What did the first two servants do? When the master returned, what did they report? How did he commend and reward them? Why?
3. Read verses 24-30. What did the third servant report to his master upon his return? What excuse did he give? How did the master rebuke and punish him? What does this parable teach about God and the mission he gives his servants?
4. Read verses 31-40. What will Jesus do when he comes again? How does he reward his sheep? Why was he pleased with them? Why were they surprised? What can we learn here about how to live as a child of God?
5. Read verses 41-46. How did he rebuke and punish the "goats"? Why were they surprised? What does he teach about every person's opportunity to serve the King? (Compare Ro 2:6-8) What can we learn here about heaven and hell?