

THEREFORE KEEP WATCH

Matthew 25:1-13

Key Verse: 25:13

1. Read verse 1. To what does “at that time” refer? Who went out to meet the bridegroom? What did they take with them? To whom does the bridegroom refer? Who are the ten virgins?

2. Read verses 2-5. Why were five of them called wise and five called foolish? What were the ten virgins doing while they waited for the bridegroom? Why did the oil in their lamps run short?

3. Read verses 6-9. What was the joyful cry that woke them up at midnight? When they woke up and trimmed their lamps what request did the foolish virgins make? What was the answer of the wise virgins? Do you think the wise virgins were too selfish? Why? What do you think the oil represents?

4. Read verse 10. What happened when the foolish virgins were on their way to buy oil? What blessing did the wise virgins receive? What does it mean that “the door was shut?”

5. Read verses 11-12. What happened when the foolish virgins returned? What reason does the bridegroom give for not opening the door? What does this reveal about the foolish virgins?

6. Read verse 13. What is Jesus’ concluding point? In the context of this passage what does it mean to keep watch?