

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1143: What Does Jesus Expect from Us?

<https://christianquestions.com/parables/1143-wise-foolish-virgins/>

See:



1. What three questions does Jesus answer in this discussion with his disciples? (See Matthew 24 & 25). What was he preparing them for in the future?
2. How long would it take to fulfill these questions? Why was this important for the disciples to know? (See Habakkuk 2:1-3, Matthew 24:42-44)
3. What is the kingdom of heaven (or the kingdom of God)? (See Matthew 4:17, Matthew 13:24-26, Matthew 19:23-24, Matthew 25:1, Luke 17:20-21)
4. Who did the ten virgins represent? Which of these virgins was the bride? (See Matthew 25:1-5, 2 Corinthians 11:2-3, 2 Peter 3:14) Who is the bridegroom?
5. What does the term “chaste virgin” indicate? Why is this important? Why are there ten virgins? What does it mean to be chosen? (See 2 Peter 3:14, 2 Corinthians 11:2-3, Ephesians 1:4)
6. What do the lamps represent in the parable? What is our responsibility regarding the use of this tool in our lives? (See Matthew 25:2-4, Psalm 119:105, 2 Peter 1:19, 1 Timothy 4:6)
7. How does the oil put into the lamps help the virgins (and us)? What does it represent in our lives? (See 1 John 2:20-21, 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 17:17, 2 Timothy 2:15) What enabled Timothy to *accurately handle the word of truth*?
8. By not bringing a vessel with extra oil, the foolish virgins deprived themselves of what valuable resource? What do we collect to put into our “earthen vessels”? How does this help us with perseverance? (See 2 Corinthians 4:7-10, Ephesians 5:15-17). What do we gain by *redeeming the time*? What does that phrase mean? How do you redeem the time in your own life, or what can you do to better use your time?
9. How many of the ten virgins fell asleep? What part of the Gospel Age and the development of the true church does this represent? What did Jesus say to the fifth stage of the church (Sardis) in Revelation 3:1-6? (See Matthew 25:5-9)
10. Why is it hard to live in a time of privilege? (See Luke 12:48). Should we expect the Lord to fight our battles for us, or to protect us from trial? (See 2 Corinthians 10:4,5)
11. Contrast the wise virgins with the foolish. They were both *called* and *chosen*. Describe what *called* and *chosen* mean. (See Revelation 17:14, 1 Corinthians 3:14, 15, Revelation 19:5-9, Revelation 7:13-17)
12. What are eight points to take away from this parable? What does Jesus expect from us?