

# Scripture

## Matthew 25:1-13 (NLT)

### Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

**1** “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.”