

MATTHEW 25:1 THRU 26:16

1. Jesus told a story (parable) about ten virgins who decided to go out to meet a bridegroom on his way to his wedding (25:1-13).
 - a. What distinguished one group of five from the other? I.e., what 'wise' thing did five do that the 'foolish' five did not?
 - b. What happened with the bridegroom that led to all ten virgins 'slumbering and sleeping'?
 - c. When the cry went forth at midnight to 'go out and meet' the bridegroom, what did the foolish five request of the wise, and what reason did the wise five give for refusing?
 - d. What happened while the 'foolish' five went to buy oil for themselves?
 - e. What was the response later, when these five knocked on the door seeking admittance?
 - f. So, what do you think was Jesus' main point in telling this parable?

2. Jesus then told a parable about a man who "delivered his goods to" three servants (25:14-30).
 - a. What determined how much money (talents) he gave to each?
 - b. What did each of the three servants do with their talents?
 - c. When the lord of those servants returned, seeking for an accounting, what words of commendation did he express toward the five and two talent servants?
 - d. What excuse(s) did the one-talent servant give his lord for the use he'd made of his talent?

- e. Consequently, what order did the lord give as to what should be done with this man's talent?
 - f. Also, what did the lord order done with the 'unprofitable servant'?
 - g. Again, what do you think was Jesus' main point in telling this parable?
3. In 25:31-46, Jesus pictured a day when the Son of Man comes with His angels, and "will sit on the throne of His glory."
- a. Into how many groups will "all the nations" be separated, and to what did Jesus liken this separation?
 - b. A blessing will be pronounced on one group. What will they receive?
 - c. A curse will be pronounced on the other group. What will they receive?
 - d. Per this passage, what will determine into which of these groups a person is placed?
4. For (at least) a fourth time what did Jesus tell His disciples would happen to "the Son of Man"? (26:1-5; cf. 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:18-19)
5. The Jewish rulers plotted to "take Jesus by trickery."
- a. However, they agreed that they shouldn't do so when, and for what reason?
 - b. What happened later that changed their timeline for doing so?
6. Jesus again came to Bethany (cf. 21:17), just outside Jerusalem, to the house of Simon the leper.
- a. What did a woman pour on His head?
 - b. Why did Jesus' disciples view this as a "waste"?
 - c. What did Jesus say she had done by performing this deed?