

*Observe*

1. Read through Matthew 25:1-13 and as you do, distinctly mark the “virgins,” “foolish,” and “wise or prudent” keywords. Also mark appropriately the pronouns for each.
2. Read through the text again to distinctly mark the following: “bridegroom,” “oil,” “ready,” and “I do not know you.”
3. As you read through the text one more time, number and name the five elements in the margin:
  - expectation,
  - separation of the virgins,
  - the delay,
  - the oil crisis and
  - the denial.

**Matthew 25:1-13**

**1** “Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. **3** For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, **4** but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps. **5** Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and *began* to sleep. **6** But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet *him*.’ **7** Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ **9** But the prudent answered, ‘No, there will not be enough for us and you *too*; go instead to the dealers and buy *some* for yourselves.’ **10** And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. **11** Later the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up for us!’ **12** But he answered, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’ **13** Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

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1. Read Matthew 24:37-39. What will the coming of the Son of Man be like?
2. What is the result of this event?

## **Matthew 24:37-39**

**37** For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. **38** For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, **39** and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

## *Interpretation*

1. Read Matthew 25:1-13 again to determine the two groups of Christians. Who are they?
2. What do you determine the end result is for each group of Christians?

## *Application*

1. What do you need to do to ensure you are eternally secured for heaven?

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