## The Parables: The Ten Virgins Matthew 25:1-13

| 1.       | The $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ of heaven is like virgins (bridesmaids) getting ready for a wedding. (v. 1) |                                |                      |
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| 2.       | Of the 10 virgins (maidens), five were   | and five were                  | (v.2)                |
| 3.       | The bridegroom was delayed so the girls _  | (v                             | .5)                  |
| 4.       | When the bridegroom came, those who w  | vere not prepared were shut    | out and cried,       |
|          | ",, open to us!" (v.   | .11)                           |                      |
| 5.       | " therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the  |                                |                      |
|          | Son of Man is" (v. 13)   | )                              |                      |
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| I. Don   | 't Neglect to Make Spiritual Preparations  |                                |                      |
| 6.       | List 3 things we must do to prepare for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> coming:  |                                |                      |
|          | a. Mark 16:15 – Preach the   | to everyone.                   |                      |
|          | b. Matthew 5:16 – Let your   | shine.                         |                      |
|          | c. Matthew 6: 19-20 – Lay up   | in                             | ·                    |
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| II. Spir | ritual Preparation is an Individual Responsi   | ibility                        |                      |
| 7.       | If we work diligently to develop our spiritu   | ual character, we will never _ |                      |
|          | (2 Peter 1:10)   |                                |                      |
| 8.       | For we must appear before the  | seat of C                      | hrist. (2 Cor. 5:10) |
| 9.       | So then each of us shall give account of   | to G                           | iod. (Rom. 14:12)    |
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| III. Wł  | nen it's Too Late, It's Too Late   |                                |                      |
| 10       | . When Christ comes in the clouds, every _   | will Him. (Re                  | velation 1:7)        |
| 11       | Only God knows the and   | _ of Christ's return. (Matthe  | w 24:36)             |
| 12       | . The Spirit and the bride say, "  | !" (Revelation 21:17)          |                      |
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