

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a sandy, light-brown dirt road with visible tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The road is flanked by sparse, low-lying desert shrubs. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains rises against a pale, hazy sky. The overall tone is warm and desolate.

The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

1. The Structure of the Olivet Discourse 24:1-25:46

Part 1 – The Setting of the Olivet Discourse 24:1-3

Part 2 – The Seventieth Seven of Daniel 24:4-26

Part 3 – The Second Coming of Christ 24:27-31

Part 4 – The Series of Parables 24:32-25:46

1. The Jewish instructions vv. 42-44

A. Determining what it says:

- Olivet Discourse instructions
- Jesus issues 3 commands vv. 42-44
 - 1) Watch v. 42
 - 2) Know v. 43
 - 3) Be ready v. 44

II. THE KINGDOM HAS NOT 13:54-28:20

6. The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46

(Matthew 24:42-51)

*“Jewish readiness parable #2:
The 10 Virgins”*

Outline:

1. The Subject vv. 1-4
2. The Situation vv. 5-10
3. The Summary vv. 11-13

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- The comparison v. 1
 - “The kingdom of heaven... likened” v. 1a
 - 10 virgins, lampstands, meet the BG v. 1b
 - Review – Jewish Wedding System:

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I. THE ARRANGEMENT

II. THE PREPARATION

III. THE FETCHING OF THE BRIDE

IV. THE CEREMONY

V. THE MARRIAGE FEAST

VI. THE HOME OF THE BRIDE

1. The Subject vv. 1-4

A. Determining what it says:

➤ The ratio v. 2

- **Five were wise v. 2a**
 - “wise” (φρόνιμοι) = to understanding
assoc. w/ insight and wisdom, sensible,
thoughtful, prudent.
- **Five were foolish v. 2b**
 - “foolish” (μωραὶ) = foolish, stupid,
idiotic *BDAG (cf. Rom. 1:21; Ps. 14:1)

1. The Subject vv. 1-4

A. Determining what it says:

- The foolish virgins v. 3
 - Took their lamp, but no oil v. 3
 - “oil” = Holy Spirit?
 - All 10 virgins had oil initially (cf. v. 8)

1. The Subject vv. 1-4

A. Determining what it says:

- The wise virgins v. 4
 - Took oil in their vessels v. 4a
 - With their lamps v. 4b

Summary:

- The kingdom of heaven is likened to 10 virgins waiting for bridegroom.
- 5 were wise, 5 were foolish.
- The foolish did not bring extra oil.
- The wise did.
- All 10 virgins KNEW the bridegroom was coming but only 5 were ready.

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2. The Situation vv. 5-10

A. Determining what it says:

- The delay v. 5
- The meeting v. 6
- The situation vv. 7-10
 - They rose and trimmed their lamps v. 7
 - The foolish request oil from the wise v. 8
 - The wise decline v. 9
 - The wise enter, the foolish do not v. 10

Summary:

- They all KNEW the bridegroom was coming.
- There was a delay.
- The bridegroom's arrival is announced.
- The wise go in.
- The foolish are shut out.

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A. Determining what it says:

- The foolish try to enter v. 11
- The bridegroom rejects them v. 12
- The parable is summarized v. 13

Summary:

- The bridegroom = Jesus
- The virgins = Israelites
- The lamps = awareness
- The extra oil = readiness
- Entrance = into the kingdom
- The shut door = restriction from kingdom

Application:

- Am I ready for the return of Christ?
- Am I ready for the kingdom?



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