

Palm Sunday

“The Wedding Day”
Matthew 25:1–13

Matthew 21:4-5

“This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, . . . ‘Look, your king is coming to you, unassuming and seated on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

Jesus Is An Engaged To Be Married King

Ephesians 5:25-32

“Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her to sanctify her by cleansing her with the washing of the water by the word, so that he may present the church to himself as glorious – not having a stain or wrinkle, or any such blemish, but holy and blameless. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and will be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This mystery is great – but I am actually speaking with reference to Christ and the church.”

2 Corinthians 11:2

“For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy, because I promised you in marriage to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.”

John 3:27-29

“John replied, “No one can receive anything unless it has been given to him from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but rather, ‘I have been sent before him.’ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands by and listens for him, rejoices greatly when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. This then is my joy, and it is complete.”

Matthew 9:14-15

“Then John’s disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples don’t fast?” Jesus said to them, “The wedding guests cannot mourn while the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days are coming when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and then they will fast.”

Revelation 19:6-9

“Then I heard what sounded like the voice of a vast throng, like the roar of many waters and like loud crashes of thunder. They were shouting: “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the All-Powerful, reigns! Let us rejoice and exult and give him glory, because the wedding celebration of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. She was permitted to be dressed in bright, clean, fine linen” (for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints). Then the angel said to me, “Write the following: Blessed are those who are invited to the banquet at the wedding celebration of the Lamb!” He also said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

Waiting For The Wedding Day

Matthew 25:1

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lampstand went to meet the bridegroom.”

1. A Kingdom, and a bridegroom.
2. The time between the first and second coming.
3. The virgins represent the visible church

Verses 2-4

“Five of the virgins were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take extra olive oil with them. But the wise ones took flasks of olive oil with their lamps.”

Verse 5

“When the bridegroom was delayed a long time, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.”

1. Jesus gave us advance warning that His coming would be delayed.

2 Peter 3:3-9

Above all, understand this: In the last days blatant scoffers will come, being propelled by their own evil urges and saying, “Where is his promised return? For ever since our ancestors died, all things have continued as they were from the beginning of creation.” For they deliberately suppress this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water. Through these things the world existing at that time was destroyed when it was deluged with water. But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, by being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. Now, dear friends, do not let this one thing escape your notice, that a single day is like a thousand years with the Lord and a thousand years are like a single day. The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some regard slowness, but is being patient toward you, because he does not wish for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

2. It is not foolish to sleep.

Matthew 24:46

Blessed is the servant whom the master finds doing his work when he comes

Verse 6

But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom is here! Come out to meet him.’

1 Thessalonians 4:16

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”

Verses 7-9

Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.’ ‘No,’ they replied. ‘There won’t be enough for you and for us. Go instead to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

Verses 10-12

But while they had gone to buy it, the bridegroom arrived, and those who were ready went inside with him to the wedding banquet. Then the door was shut. Later, the other virgins came too, saying, ‘Lord, lord! Let us in!’ But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I do not know you!’

Verse 13

“Therefore stay alert, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

What Does this have to with me?

Be spiritually awake!

Be alive and alert to Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit that he gives now.

Use all the ways God has given you to know him and love him and trust him.

Be filled with the oil of faith and joy, satisfaction and hope.