





The Gospel of  
**MATTHEW**

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*Astonishing Promises,  
Astonishing Fulfillment*

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WHAT'S A CHRISTIAN TO DO?

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MATTHEW 24:45-25:13

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# Life in Jesus: *Faithful & Wise Service*

45 “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time?

46 It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.

47 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

48 But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, ‘My master is staying away a long time,’

49 and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards.

50 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of.

51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.



# Life in Jesus: *Be Wise & Alert*

1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

2 Five of them were **foolish**, and five were **wise**.

3 For when the **foolish** took their lamps, they took no oil with them,

4 but the **wise** took flasks of oil with their lamps.

5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.

6 But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’

7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the **foolish** said to the **wise**, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

9 But the **wise** answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’

10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’

12 But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’

13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. *ESV*

**It's all about fidelity: to our calling by Jesus to be his people and to the anticipation of his return**

**Our story of awaiting Jesus is not a story of grim determination -- but a story of sweet anticipation**

