

THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS
MATTHEW 25:1-13; R. 3868, R.5522

Questions for June 7, 2026:

NOTE: The questions below are based on the questions from the outline for May 17 and May 31 that were not deeply considered in our studies on this parable to date.

1. *Who is the bridegroom? (updated form of question 7)*
2. *What is the specific time to which this parable applies? (the second part of Question 4 from the original outline)*
3. *How do those in the class represented by the wise virgins “trim their lamps?” How does your understanding of this principle help you in your Christian walk?*
4. *What is meant by “to the marriage and the door was shut?” What lessons are taught by this part of the parable?*
5. *What other blessings or lessons did you learn from the study of this parable?*

The Parable of the Ten Virgins – Matthew 25 (NKJV)

1. **Then** shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto **ten virgins**, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the **bridegroom**.
2. And **five of them** were wise, and **five** were foolish.
3. They that were **foolish** took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
4. But the **wise** took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
5. While the **bridegroom** tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
6. **And at midnight there was a cry made**, Behold, the bridegroom ~~cometh~~; go ye out to meet him.
7. **Then all those virgins** arose, and trimmed their lamps.
8. And the **foolish** said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
9. But the **wise** answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10. And while **they** went to buy, the **bridegroom** came; and **they** that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
11. Afterward came also the **other virgins**, saying, **Lord, Lord, open to us.**
12. But **he** answered and said, **Verily I say unto you, I know you not.**
13. Watch therefore, for **ye know neither the day nor the hour** ~~wherein the Son of man cometh.~~

Original Questions from Outline for May 17 & 31, 2026:

NOTE: Italicized items were not thoroughly considered.

1. Summarize the characters, objects, and events of this parable.
2. How did the wise virgins have enough oil for themselves? How did the foolish virgins run out?
3. Why didn't the wise virgins share their oil? Was this selfish on their part?
4. What tells us that this parable is applicable to a specific time? *What time?*
5. Who do the virgins represent? Why?
6. What do the lamps and the *oil* represent? Support your answers scripturally.
7. *What do the other characters, objects and events in this parable represent?*
8. *How do those in the class represented by the wise virgins "trim their lamps?" How does your understanding of this principle help you in your Christian walk?*
9. *What is meant by "to the marriage and the door was shut?" What lessons are taught by this part of the parable?*
10. *What other blessings or lessons did you learn from the study of this parable?*