



Wedding Day!

Date: June 2nd, 2024

Text: Matthew 25:1-13

Passage Summary: Amidst a world that is growing darker and colder by the hour, God chose the symbolism of a _____ to unpack the beauty of the eternal life in heaven to come, as well as the profound love God has for His church, the _____ of Christ!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that understanding the cultural norms of a 1st century Jewish wedding provides the key to understanding one of the powerful messages God has for His church, as well as a lost and dying world; be _____ for Christ's _____! (25:1-13)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to being ready for Christ's return...

- Be _____! (v.1)

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom."

Matthew 25:1

Remember: When it comes to being ready for the return of Christ, the symbolism of a wedding finds its ultimate fulfillment in eschatological events that are still yet _____ in time, yet these events are intended to have a profound impact on our lives in the _____ times!

- Be _____! (v.2-4)

"Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps."

Matthew 25:2-4

Remember: When it comes to being ready for the return of Christ, go the _____ mile in your preparation, beginning with making sure you have truly received the _____ He came to offer!

- Be _____! (v.5-6)

"The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep."

Matthew 25:5

Remember: When it comes to being ready for the return of Christ, God is not slow in keeping His promise, He simply operates on a different timetable (2 Peter 3:8-9); so watch and pray, being fully convinced that in spite of the _____ of it all, it will be in the end worth the _____! (Hebrews 10:35-36)

- Be _____! (v.7-12)

"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut."

Matthew 25:10

Remember: When it comes to being ready for the return of Christ, RSVP today to the _____ to receive the eternal life Christ offers through a Romans 10:9 _____ of faith, knowing there will come a time when it is too late!

- Be _____! (v.13)

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

Matthew 25:13

Remember: When it comes to being ready for the return of Christ, God has not given us a _____, but He has given us a series of _____ highlighting all that awaits His bride, promises that are intended to bring comfort and inspire hope in every generation!

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine in these last days to live life through the lens of the eternal wedding celebration God has in store for all those who belong to Him, and then be ready; for the clarion call of Christ's return will not be, "Are you _____", but rather, "Ready or not, here I _____!"