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## This May Be Our Last Day Matt. 25:6-13

- To understand this parable, we need to look a bit at the Jewish wedding.
- There were twelve steps in a Jewish wedding.
  1. The selection of the Bride
  2. The price of the Bride
  3. The Betrothal or Ketubah. (Just like an engagement today)
  4. The Bride's consent. (Gen. 24:57-58)
  5. The Cup of the Covenant. (Lk. 22:20)
  6. The gifts for the Bride.
  7. The Mikvah. (Represented a separation for her old life to the new life with her husband)
  8. The departure of the Groom. (John 14:2-3)
  9. The consecrated Bride.
  10. The return of the Bridegroom.
  11. The Homecoming.
  12. The Marriage Supper.
- The text tells us the groom delayed his coming. – 5
- At midnight the Bridegroom cometh. – 6
- Ten virgins trimmed their lamps. – 7
- The five unwise virgins didn't bring oil for their lamps and they went out. – 8
- While they went to buy oil. – 9
- **Then comes a sad commentary and the door was shut. – 10**
  - Who is the door? – Jesus, John 10:9
  - Today, He stands at the door and knock. – Isa. 55:6; Rev. 3:20
- **There comes a warning. – 13**
  - None of us are promised the next breath. – Prov. 27:1; James 4:14
- **If this was your last day!**
  - Would you be happy with where everything stands?
  - How about your relationship with others?
  - Have you forgiven the people you need to forgive?
  - What about your relationship with God?
- **How can we prepare and not make the same mistake as the foolish virgins?**
  - Watch your character. – 2 Cor. 7:1
  - Watch your commitment. – Rom. 12:1-2
  - Watch your companions – 2 Cor. 6:17; I Cor. 15:33

**Don't be caught doing wrong and hanging out with the wrong crowd!**