

**Parable of the Bridesmaids**  
**Are you Ready for the Bridegroom?**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

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The Second Coming of the Lord is when?

Are you ready?

Jesus speaks of the end times in order to wake us up to what we should be doing now!! (Westminster Confession of Faith, 33:3)

Do we know the timing of the Second Advent?

(Matthew 24:36; 42; 44; 50; 25:13)

**The Character of the Waiting Bridesmaids v 1-4**

Two types: Wise and foolish.

**Knowing your Responsibility 5-11**

Be ready for the coming of the Lord.

**Preparing for the Task**

Lamps and oil - a little speculative allegorization.

How do we prepare?

**Jesus Applies the Parable v 13**

Be on the alert. Prepared, ready and waiting.

How do you do that? The next two parables help to fill in the blanks.

Walt Whitman looks at the stars.

This world is not our home.

Are you packed and ready for the trip?