

Victory Connect Lesson
Ready or Not, Here I Come
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Introduction: Jesus said that no man will know the day nor the hour of His return, it will be at a time we do not expect. We need to be wise and keep ourselves spiritually prepared, living every day ready for His return.

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Mat 25:2 AMP - "Five of them were foolish [**thoughtless, silly, and careless**], 3 "For when the foolish took their lamps, they did not take any [extra] oil with them,

2. Five were wise Mat 25:2 AMP - "Five of them were ... wise [**far-sighted, practical, and sensible**]...4 but the wise took flasks of oil along with their lamps.

3. When the groom arrived, the foolish were shut out. Mat 25:10 AMP - "But while they were going away to buy oil, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and **the door was shut and locked.**

II. Lessons from the Ten Virgins:

1. Stay filled with the Holy Spirit Eph 5:18b AMP ...but be filled with the [Holy] Spirit and constantly guided by Him.

2. Spiritual preparedness and active and ongoing faith. Mat 5:14a NKJV - "You are the light of the world..."

3. Individual responsibility for salvation. (The oil was not transferrable) Mat 25:8, 9 NKJV "...the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us [some] of your oil...'But the wise answered, saying, '[No], lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go ...and buy for yourselves.'"

4. Perseverance through trials.

Jas 1:3 NIV - because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Discussion Questions:

1. Share a time you repented of foolishness?
2. How do you stay spiritually prepared?
3. What does an "active" faith mean to you?

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