

Clash of Kingdoms
Matthew 25:1-13
Study Guide

Big Idea: Knowing Christ is the way to be ready.

1. Read Matthew 25:1-13. Who do you think is the bridegroom? Who are the bridesmaids/virgins? Describe the wedding procession and what happened at each stage – anticipation, differentiation, delay, sudden arrival, shut door.

2. Discuss the idea that the “oil” represents the Holy Spirit.

-It's a necessary grace to enter the Kingdom of Heaven

-OT olive oil represented the Holy Spirit

-Jesus, spoke from the Mount of Olives where oil is made through crushing. The Holy Spirit was released at Pentecost after the crucifixion.

3. The Oil of Salvation. How do we receive the Holy Spirit? Discuss.

Ephesians 1:13-14a

John 7:37-39a

1 Cor. 12:13

Galatians 3:2-3

4. According to Matthew 25:12, having oil and knowing Christ are the same. Read Matthew 7:21-23 and discuss how doing God's will and knowing Him are synonymous. Discuss the implications of this.

5. Read Galatians 2:20. Discuss the concept of surrender as a sign of knowing Christ.

6. **Big Idea:** Knowing Christ is the way to be ready.

What does a life of surrender look like in our own lives? Discuss and pray as a group that God will reveal to us what it means to do His will.

Message Slides

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Big Idea: Knowing Christ is the best way to be ready.

A. The Wedding Procession (Matthew 25:1-13)

1. Anticipation (v.1)

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

2. Differentiation (v.2-4)

¹Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ²For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ³but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

3. Delay (v.5)

⁴As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.

4. Sudden Arrival (v.6-9)

⁵But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁶Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁷And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁸But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.

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5. The Door is Shut (v. 10-12)

⁹And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.¹⁰Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'¹¹But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

B. What is meant by "oil"?

Oil Represents the Holy Spirit

C. Do you have the Holy Spirit?

1. Oil of Salvation

Eph. 1:13-14a

"In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance..."

C. Do you have the Holy Spirit?

1. Oil of Salvation

John 7:37-39a

"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive."

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1 Cor. 12:13

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

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Galatians 3:2-3

Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

C. Do you have the Holy Spirit?

(Matt. 25:12- "Truly I say to you, I do not know you.")

2. Oil of Knowing Christ

a. Doing God's will

Matt. 7:21-23

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

C. Do you have the Holy Spirit?

1. Oil of Salvation

2. Oil of Knowing Christ

a. Doing God's will

b. Surrender

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Matt. 25:13

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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