

# The Unprepared Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13

(series #145)

**Introduction:** the danger of procrastination

**I. The Background of 1<sup>st</sup> Century Weddings v. 1**

- A. The couple would be betrothed
- B. The groom would go prepare a place
- C. He would return without advance notice
- D. The bride and bridesmaids had to be ready

**II. There were 5 Wise & 5 Foolish Virgins vv. 2-5**

- A. The foolish virgins took no oil
- B. The wise virgins took oil
- C. Then they slept

**III. The Groom Came at Midnight vv. 6-12**

- A. The foolish virgins weren't ready vv. 6-7
- B. They couldn't borrow from the wise v. 8
- C. It was too late for preparations vv. 9-12
  - 1. Genesis 7:16
  - 2. Matthew 7:23
  - 3. Luke 13:24-25

**Conclusion:** Be prepared and ready! v. 13