

May 23

Half of Those Who Watch for Jesus Aren't Prepared

David said, "You are blessed, Yahweh...Keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of your people, and prepare their heart for you; and give to Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep your commandments – 1 Chronicles 29:10-19"

[Matthew 25:1-13, near Jerusalem] "Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. Those who were foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. Now while the bridegroom delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold! The bridegroom is coming! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for

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our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'What if there isn't enough for us and you? You go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' While they went away to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Most certainly I tell you, I don't know you.' Watch therefore, for you don't know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

1. Why 10 virgins, not just 2? How is this like earlier teaching (Apr. 8)? How will you enter?
2. What is the "oil"? Can it be borrowed? Have you got enough? How will you prepare?
3. Jesus, you give us ~70 years to prepare for death and delay your return because you want...