



Nov 8, 2020 Mt. 25: 1-13 & Joshua 24:1-3a

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ENTERING THE SCENE:

"The marriage was arranged by the fathers under the powerful influence of the mothers; it was ratified with a contract negotiated between the mothers but signed ultimately by the patriarch. The purpose of such a marriage was to join two families. When the partners were old enough, the long marriage ceremony was celebrated. The highpoint of the ceremony occurred when the groom, accompanied by his relatives, went to the family house of the bride to transfer her to his home. It is here that the rest of the wedding ceremony and celebration took place. ...The groom has

gone to fetch his bride. Ten young teenagers, very likely the groom's sisters and cousins, are awaiting his return." Pilch, John J. [The Cultural World of Jesus-Cycle A](#). The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN. 1995. Page 160f.

Mt. 25:1-13

1 At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like **ten virgins** who took their **lamps** and went out to meet the **bridegroom**. 2 **Five** of them were **foolish** and **five** were **wise**. 3 The **foolish** ones took their **lamps** but did not take any **oil** with them. 4 The **wise**, however, took **oil** in jars along with their **lamps**. 5 The **bridegroom** was a **long time** in **coming**, and they all became **drowsy** and fell **asleep**. 6 At **midnight** the cry rang out: 'Here's the **bridegroom**! Come out to meet him!' 7 Then all the **virgins** woke up and trimmed their **lamps**. 8 The **foolish** ones said to the **wise**, 'Give us some of your **oil**; our **lamps** are going out.' 9 No,' they replied, 'there may not be **enough** for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell **oil** and buy some for yourselves.' 10 But while they were on their way to buy the **oil**, the **bridegroom** arrived. The **virgins** who were **ready** went in with him to the **wedding banquet**. And the **door** was **shut**. 11 Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. '**Open the door** for us!' 12 But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't **know** you.' 13 Therefore keep **watch**, because you do not **know** the **day** or the **hour**.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: The groom didn't know the bridesmaids who were not there to welcome him. Am I someone the groom would recognize?

PRAYER: Wise Jesus, you ran into people who thought they knew everything about your Father that they needed to know, and were foolish enough to reject your wisdom. You also encountered those wise enough to know that their current understanding of your Father was inadequate and welcomed you with open arms and hearts. Help me to always be wise enough to open myself to your continuing revelation of the Father's love. Amen.