

6 February 2011 - Preached by Pastor Douglas Ho  
Message Topic: **Parable of the Ten Virgins**  
Scripture Text: Matthew 25: 1-13

1. The parable of the 10 virgins teaches us to be watchful and ready for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. His coming can be any moment and most people will be unprepared for it.
2. In this parable, we see the Jewish marriage custom in which the attention is on the Bridegroom and he will take a few days' journey to come to the Bride's house to fetch her back to his house. The virgins are the bridesmaids.
3. The coming of the Bridegroom was announced at midnight. This tells us the coming of Jesus Christ will be at His appointed time. It will never be too late.
4. The 10 virgins were found to be asleep when the Bridegroom came. Often we can get weary and we slumber in waiting for the return of the Lord Jesus. Note the Bridegroom did not chide them for sleeping.
5. There were 5 wise virgins who had oil in their lamps. They were prepared. The other 5 foolish virgins did not have oil in their lamp when the Bridegroom came. There are only 2 kinds of people in this world – believers who are ready for Jesus' return and unbelievers who are not ready. The oil is a symbol of readiness and preparedness and also a symbol of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Only believers possess such attributes.