

HOW CAN WE KNOW WE ARE TRULY SAVED?
JESUS THROUGH A PARABLE CONTINUES TO REVEAL HIS GREAT CONCERN
FOR THOSE WHO THINK THEY'RE SAVED BUT ARE NOT
Matthew 25:1-13

- I. UNDERSTAND THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT AND CULTURAL OF THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS:** Jesus is speaking to Jewish tribulation saints (the saved) and aints (those who think they are saved but are not) **(25:1-12)**
- A. We need to understand the immediate context (ch 24 and 25;1)
 - B. What is a parable?
 - C. We need to understand the historical and cultural context of a Jewish wedding
- II. GRASP THE INTENDED MEANING OF THE PARABLE:** Jesus makes it clear not everyone who thinks they're entering the kingdom will enter. Only those prepared to meet Him will enter **(1-12)**
- A. The parable is about future entrance into the kingdom of heaven (25:1)
 - B. Who does the groom represent?
 - C. Who do the 10 virgins represent?
 - 1. The 5 prudent
 - 2. The 5 foolish
 - D. **THE MAIN POINT (10-12)**
 - 1. Those who truly know Jesus are ready to meet Him and will enter His kingdom (10-12)
 - 2. Those who think they know Jesus, yet evidence they do not know Him because they're not ready to meet Him, will be barred from His kingdom (10-12)
- III. HEED THE ETERNAL WARNING! Be truly ready to meet Him (13)**