

Getting Ready

HOW CAN I BE READY?

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EMERGENCY ALERTS

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Emergency Alert

BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL.

Slide for more

Questions

- What kind of impact have I had with my life?
- How am I going to be remembered?
- What conversations have I not had that I need to have?
- What decisions do I need to make that I haven't made?
- Am I right with God?
- Am I ready for eternity?

Matthew 24:42

*“Therefore keep watch,
because you do not know on
what day your Lord will
come.*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

*Now, brothers and sisters,
about times and dates we do
not need to write to you, for
you know very well that the
day of the Lord will come like
a thief in the night*

Matthew 24:1-6

Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. ² “Do you see all these things?” he asked. “Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” ⁴ Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many.

Matthew 24:6-9

⁶ You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹ “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.

Matthew 24:10-13

¹⁰ At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

• **Problem** : is not the groom's punctuality, it is the lack of preparation on of these five foolish bridesmaids.

• **Truth**: There are going to be people who look like they're ready—they're not ready.

How to know you are running low on oil:

1. When you start running low on grace.
2. When you find yourself running low on joy.
3. When you find yourself running low on hope.

Today's Lesson

Make sure our lamps are filled with oil, and then we spend our days preparing for the groom to come for the bride.

Questions to ask yourself:

- What impact am I having with my life?
- What decision have I been putting off that I really need to make?
- Am I right with God?
- Do I have a daily relationship with Jesus
- Am I ready for eternity?
- Have I confessed my sins?
- Have I confessed with my mouth that Jesus is Lord?
- Have I been baptized and surrendered my life to Him?
- Am I ready?