## The Wise and Foolish Virgins

Pastor Mark Wilks, MATTHEW 24:36-25:13

## Big idea: How to wait for the Lord's return!

- 1. Be warned He will come without warning.
  - What day? Old Testament calls "the day of the Lord" the end times period!
  - When the flood came most people were doing <u>regular stuff</u>.
  - The point is <u>decisiveness</u>! It's <u>too late</u> when that day comes.
- 2. Be <u>ready</u> "<u>Head on a swivel</u>!"
  - The point is the thief is always <u>unexpected</u>!
  - The wise house holder will <u>take precautions</u>.
  - Wait for the Lord as a <u>steward</u>, who will <u>give account</u> for your service.
- 3. Be prepared Even though He is delayed.
  - Having oil is a symbol of <u>preparedness</u>.
  - The work of the <u>preparedness</u> (e.g. responding to <u>grace</u>) is <u>non-transferable</u>.
  - What if I'm <u>not as prepared</u> as I <u>think I am</u>?

## **Application:**

- 1) Make sure you are truly listening and are saved!
- 2) Don't have spiritual <u>tunnel vision!</u>
- 3) Know Christ and serve Him as you long for His return!