

The Son of Man on His Glorious Throne
Matthew 25:1-46
Key Verse: 25:31

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne."

1. Read verses 1-5. To what does "at that time" refer? To what is the kingdom of heaven compared? Who went out to meet the bridegroom? Why were 5 virgins called foolish and 5 called wise? What were they doing while they waited for the bridegroom? Why did the oil in their lamps run short? What does the oil represent?

2. Read verses 6-9. What did the 10 virgins do when the joyful cry rang out? Why did the wise virgins refuse the request of the foolish virgins? Read verses 10-13. What did the Lord say to the foolish virgins when they begged him to open the door? What does it mean to keep watch?

3. Read verses 14-18. What did the master entrust to each of his servants before leaving on a journey? What was his criteria for deciding how much to entrust to each one? What did each man do with the gold entrusted to him? What did it mean to put his money to work? What was the result?

4. Read verses 19-23. When the master returned, what did the first two men report? What was the master's response? How did he reward each one? Read verses 24-30. What had the third man done with his gold? What excuse did he give? How did the master respond to his excuse? How was he punished? How should we wait for Jesus' coming?

5. Read verses 31-33. How is the coming of the Son of man described? What will he do? Read verses 34-36. What is the inheritance of the sheep? How had they lived their lives? Read verses 37-40. Why were they surprised? What does this show about them?

6. Read verses 41-46. What is the sad news he tells the "goats" on his left? Why must they go to hell? Why were they surprised? How does Jesus look at vulnerable and needy people? Review these 3 parables. What do they tell us about how we should prepare for Jesus' coming?