

Are you ready?

Reading: Matthew 25:1-4, 6, 9-12

At that time God's kingdom will be like ten girls who went to wait for the bridegroom. They took their lamps with them. Five of the girls were foolish, and five were wise. The foolish girls took their lamps with them, but they did not take extra oil for the lamps. The wise girls took their lamps and more oil in jars.

At midnight someone announced, 'The bridegroom is coming!'

The foolish girls went to buy oil. While they were gone, the bridegroom came. The girls who were ready went in with the bridegroom to the wedding feast. Then the door was closed and locked.

Later, the other girls came. They said, 'Sir, sir! Open the door and let us in.'

But the bridegroom said, 'Certainly not!'

Thought about the reading

Jesus is building the Kingdom of God. He has invited everyone to be part of it. Wherever people are kind and loving to one another, God's kingdom is growing, but it is not finished yet. One day Jesus will return from heaven, and everyone will know that he is king.

Jesus told the story about the girls waiting for the bridegroom to tell us that we have to be ready, like the girls who brought extra oil. What can we do to be ready? We can do what Jesus told us to do. We can love God and be kind and helpful to other people.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, please help me to be ready for you when you come back.

Come, Lord Jesus! Amen

Happy Easter!

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