





- Matthew 25:6-13 The Message
- "In the middle of the night someone yelled out, 'He's here! The bridegroom's here! Go out and greet him!'
- "The ten virgins got up and got their lamps ready. The silly virgins said to the smart ones, 'Our lamps are going out; lend us some of your oil.'
- *"They answered, 'There might not be enough to go around; go buy your own."*

- "They did, but while they were out buying oil, the bridegroom arrived. When everyone who was there to greet him had gone into the wedding feast, the door was locked.
- *"Much later, the other virgins, the silly ones, showed up and knocked on the door, saying, 'Master, we're here. Let us in.'*
- "He answered, 'Do I know you? I don't think I know you.'
- *"So stay alert. You have no idea when he might arrive.*

• John 2:9-10 The Message

 When the host tasted the water that had become wine (he didn't know what had just happened but the servants, of course, knew), he called out to the bridegroom, "Everybody I know begins with their finest wines and after the guests have had their fill brings in the cheap stuff. But you've saved the best till now!"

• Get on God's timetable, not yours:

 His New Life breaks in to our lives. It is disruptive and discontinuous. It is not the logical extension of what we're doing. It is radically new. He will always catch us off guard.

- Make God's priorities your priorities:
- His Kingdom functions according to His rules, not ours. His priorities turn our priorities upside down. There is no middle ground.

- Bring plenty of oil:
- Invest yourself 100% in what God has put before you. No half measures.
- Give yourself 100% to what God is doing.

Are you ready?

