



**Focus Shift**  
**Matthew 25:1-13**

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The Bible clearly teaches that Christ will return at an unknown hour and His people must be ready.

**Key Truth:** Jesus is coming soon! It could happen \_\_\_\_\_!

The bridegroom is Jesus Christ, and this parable describes His return. Both the Old Testament (Isaiah 54:4-6; 62:4-5; Hosea 2:19) and the New Testament (John 3:27-30; Matthew 9:15; Mark 2:19-20) represent the Messiah as a bridegroom. Both God's people, Israel and the Church, are described in Scripture as the bride (Ephesians 5:25-32) for the Messiah.

**Believing in the imminent return of Christ shapes us.**

1. An expectation of the imminent return of Christ will reshape my life's \_\_\_\_\_.
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**What does this parable teach us of the Return of Christ?**

1. The Return of Christ will be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1-6; 13).

Like the bridegroom, God may delay His coming longer than people expect.

John 3:16, 14:6; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Ephesians 2:1-10; Galatians 5:22; Titus 2:11-14

2. Discipleship may be \_\_\_\_\_ than we realize (v. 25:5-7).
3. Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_ for his self (v. 25:8-9).

Matthew 7:21-23

4. When it is too late . . . it is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 25:10-12).

Does verse 12 teach that someone can lose their salvation?

**Keep waiting and watching with joy and anticipation.**