



**THIS IS THE GOSPEL**  
**The Midnight Cry**

Text: Math. 25-6—"And at midnight there was a cry made, behold the Bridegroom cometh go ye out to meet him."

The parable of the ten Virgins is a parable of the Church, and its condition at the rapture. Mathew, 25; tells us there were ten Virgins, five were wise and five were foolish. When the cry was made, behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. The foolish found out they had no oil in their lamps. They were unprepared to meet the bridegroom. But the wise were ready, their lamps were trimmed and their vessels were filled with oil. Our text states the foolish then went to the wise, and said give us of

your oil our lamps have gone out. This is certainly a picture of the Church today. She is decked out in the garments of the world, Worldliness, and compromise has killed her voice against Sin. Socials, T. V. programs, keeps many home on prayer meeting nights, and on Sunday nights. Many are in a backslid state but won't admit it. Love for the Church, one another, and for God's word has waxed cold. I want you to notice our text here. When the Bridegroom came they that were ready went in with him to the marriage and the door was shut. The foolish virgins came then and knocked and said, open to us Lord, but the Lord said Verily I know you not. While sitting here writing this article, I am very much aware that the midnight cry could sound any minute. In (Luke 21, 34-35), Jesus said, "Take heed (warning) that your hearts be not overcharged with surfeiting, drunkenness, and the cares of this life and that Day come upon you unaware. For as a snare shall it come upon all them that dwell upon the face of the whole Earth." People everywhere today are building and making every necessary preparation to stay here. This wicked sinful world is already timed for the Judgements of God, which will be poured out upon it during the Great Tribulation period. In (II Peter 3-10) the Bible says,

"the day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night, in the which the Heavens shall pass away with a great noise. And the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth also and the works which are therein shall be burned up." Its going to be a hot time then. But if Christ is your personal Savior, and your sins have been covered by his blood, you have nothing to worry about. Because you won't be here. The five wise virgins, represents the portion of the church that was raptured, or caught away to meet the Lord in the air. (Math. 24-41) the Bible states, then shall two be in the field, one shall be taken and the other left. Two shall be grinding at the mill, one shall be taken, and the other left. When the midnight cry sounds forth, there will be a terrible panic. Mourning will be the universal order of the day all over the world. For the sad fact that christian loved ones will be missing. The sad reality of having been left behind to face the tribulation will cause the foolish virgins left, to start a prayermeeting but it will be too late then, the door will have been closed. Let me ask you a very important question friend, are YOU ready for this great event? If you are not, you still have time to get ready, Don't put it off as so many are doing, you may wait too long. But kneel down somewhere in

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prayer, repent of your sins, and accept Christ in your heart as your personal Savior. He said He that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

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