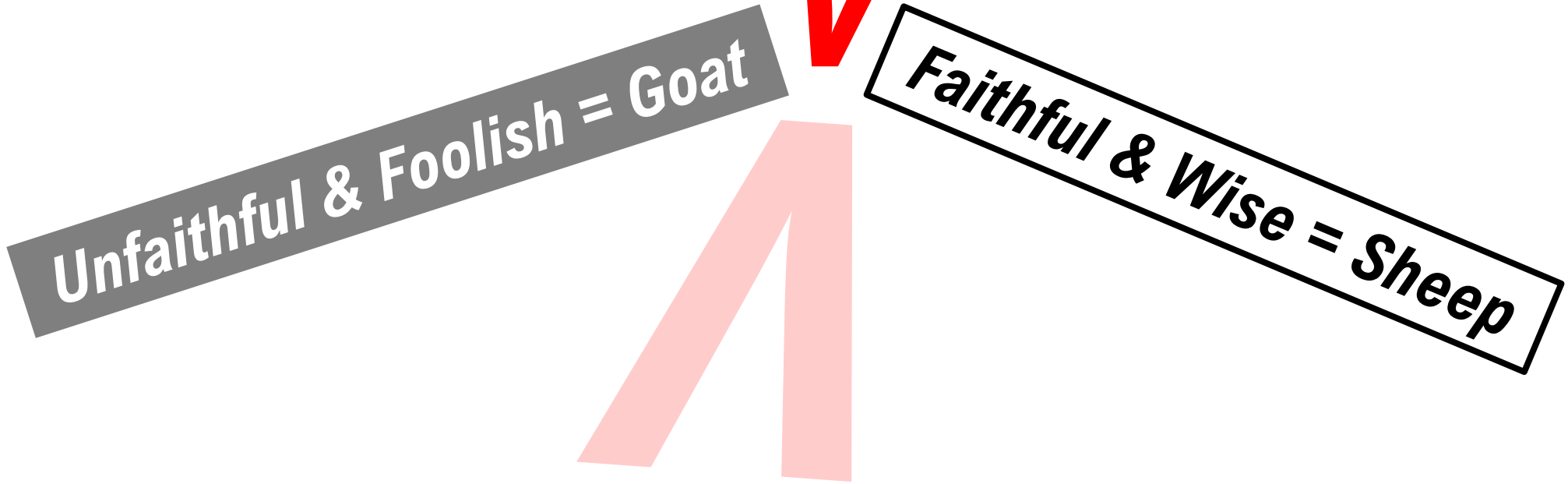


The Divide



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Matthew 25:1-46 (ESV)

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STORY FLOW **TODAY**

Question #2

Sign on 2nd Coming
Sign on End Times

Part 1

Parable of the 10 Virgins

5 wise + 5 foolish
v1-13

*“Who then is the
faithful and **wise**
servant?”*

c.f. Matt 24:45

What it means
to be **foolish**?



What it means
to be **wise**?

Part 2

Parable of the Talents

3 servants with 5, 2, 1 talents
v14-30

What it means
to be **unfaithful**?



What it means
to be **faithful**?

Part 3

The Son of Man who Divides

Goats (Left) vs Sheep (Right)
v31-46

Goat



Sheep

MAIN IDEA

Stay true & ready in view of Jesus' Return

5 wise virgins

5 foolish virgins

Common Goal: Each to carry a **lighted** lamp to **meet** the bridegroom **when** He arrives

Common Experience: **Delayed** arrival of bridegroom, all grew **drowsy & slept**

Common Opportunity: **All** heard the news ***"Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet Him."***

Different Reactions after hearing the News

Lamps are trimmed
with back-up flasks of oil

Lamps are not trimmed
no back-up oil; went to buy more

Different Outcomes when the Bridegroom arrived

Ready and Entered
the marriage feast

Late and Rejected
"Truly, I say to you, I do not know you."

¹³ **Watch** therefore, for you **know neither** the day nor the hour.

To be a **wise virgin** means

While waiting for the bridegroom's
sure yet unpredictable arrival,

the wise virgins
experienced long and tiring wait.

Yet they were wise to
have back-up flasks of oil,

so that at His arrival
**They were ready
with their trimmed lamps.**

To be a **wise servant** means

While waiting for the Jesus'
sure yet unpredictable 2nd return,

the wise servants
can expect long and tiring wait.

Yet we must be wise to
plan responsibly with back-ups

so that at His arrival
we will be prepared & ready.

"Being prepared involves taking all the necessary steps before the situation happens"

"Being ready involved a mental state and emotional capacity to respond well to the situation when it happens"

Matt 25:1-46 (ESV)

TEACHING POINT 1

Question #2

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*“Who then is the faithful and **wise** servant?”*
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What it means
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A **wise** servant
*plans his life **beyond** default*

MAIN IDEA

Stay true & ready in view of Jesus' Return

5,2 talents servants 1 talents servant

Common Goal: Each called & entrusted with **xx talents** based on one's ability; from the Master's property

Common Experience: Long time has passed before the return of the Master

Common Knowledge: All knew & ought to invest with allotted talent(s)

Common Opportunity: All must settle their accounts back to the Master

Different Reactions while Master is away

5,2 talents traded
with double returns

1 talent hidden
with same return

Different Outcomes when accounting back to Master

Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful over a little;

I will set you over much.

Enter into the joy of your Master.

'You wicked and slothful servant!

You knew that I reap where I have not sown...

You ought to have invested My money with the bankers...

Take the talent from him and give it to ...

Cast this worthless servant into the outer darkness...

To be a **good & faithful servant** means

While waiting for the Master's
sure yet unpredictable return,

the servants
experienced a long wait

Yet they were faithful to
multiply with their talents

so that at His return
**They were ready
with their doubled returns.**

To be a **faithful servant** means

While waiting for the Jesus'
sure yet unpredictable 2nd return,

the faithful servants
can expect a long wait

Yet we will stay faithful to
multiply productively with giftings

so that at His arrival
we will be prepared & ready.

"Being prepared involves taking all the necessary steps before the situation happens"

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TEACHING POINT 2

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What it means
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A **faithful** servant
multiplies his gift(s) beyond limitations

MAIN IDEA

Stay true & ready in view of Jesus' Return

The Goats > The Unrighteous > Left

The Sheep > The Righteous > Right

Common Experience: Witness **glorified Son of Man** on **His glorious throne** v31-33

Common Opportunity: All **must settle** their accounts back to the Lord *“I was...and you”*

Different Outcomes

Depart from Me as Rejected
Cast into the Eternal Fire prepared v41

*“Truly, I say to **you**, as **you** did not do it to one of the least of these (brothers), **you** did not do it to Me.”* v45

***And these will go away**
into eternal punishment* v46a

Come to Me as Blessed
Inherit into the Kingdom prepared v34

*“Truly, I say to **you**, as **you** did it to one of the least of these **My** brothers, **you** did it to Me.”* v40

***But the righteous**
into eternal life* v46b

SUMMARY

A **wise** servant (Matt 25:1-13)
plans his life *beyond* default scenarios

- **Prolonged Scenario:** *If situation (e.g. hardship) is much longer than I expect*
- **Shortened Scenario:** *If God takes away normality from me*
- **Changed Scenario:** *If outcome is not what I expect*

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multiplies his gift_(s) *beyond* limitations

- *I knew yet I don't do* v24
- *I am afraid so I hid* v25
- *I hesitated VS I did at once* v16



I am here

MAIN IDEA

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ARRIVAL OF JESUS 2nd RETURN

Come to Me as Blessed
Inherit into the Kingdom prepared v34

Sheep or Goats (Matt 25:31-46)
R/S with the SOM

Depart from Me as Rejected
Cast into the Eternal Fire prepared v41

TIME →

1 "Then the **kingdom of heaven** will be like

Matt 25:1 Parable of the **ten virgins**

Matt 22:2 Parable of the **Wedding Feast**

Matt 21:1 **Laborers & Master's Vineyard**

Matt 19:14 Let the **children** come

Matt 18:23 Parable of the **Unforgiving Servant**

Matt 13 Parable of the **Sower** **Weeds**
Mustard Seed & Leaven

Matt 13 Parable of the **Treasure** **Pearl** **Net**

Matt 8:5-10 Faith of the **Centurion**

Matt 4:17 *From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,*
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matt 23:13 But woe to you,
scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
For **you** shut the **kingdom of heaven** in people's faces.
**For you neither enter yourselves
nor allow those who would enter to go in.**

Matt 19:24 And Jesus said to his disciples,
"Truly, I say to you, **only with difficulty** will
a **rich person** enter the **kingdom of heaven**."

Matt 8:11-12 I tell you, **many** will come from east and west
and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
in the **kingdom of heaven**, while the **sons of the kingdom**
will be **thrown into the outer darkness**.
In that place there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**."

Matt 7:21 "**Not everyone** who says to me,
'Lord, Lord,' will enter the **kingdom of heaven**,
but the **one who does** the will of my Father who is in heaven.

**DON'T BE STUBBORN
ACT ON IT IMMEDIATELY**