

International Bible Lessons

Studies in the Life of Jesus

LESSON CALENDAR: FIRST QUARTER

1. January 6.....	Jesus Anointed at Bethany. Matt. 26 : 6-16.
2. January 13.....	The Triumphal Entry. Matt. 21 : 1-17.
3. January 20.....	Greeks Seeking Jesus. John 12 : 20-33.
4. January 27.....	Christ Silences the Pharisees. Matt. 22 : 34-46.
5. February 3.....	Parable of the Virgins. Matt. 25 : 1-13.
6. February 10.....	Parable of the Talents. Matt. 25 : 14-30.
7. February 17.....	The Lord's Supper. Matt. 26 : 17-30.
8. February 24.....	Jesus in Gethsemane. Matt. 26 : 36-46.
9. March 3.....	Jesus Betrayed. John 18 : 1-14.
10. March 10.....	Jesus and Caiaphas. Matt. 26 : 57-68.
11. March 17.....	Jesus and Pilate. Luke 23 : 13-26.
12. March 24.....	Jesus Crucified and Buried. Luke 23 : 35-53.
13. March 31.....	REVIEW.

Lesson V.

PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

February 3, 1901

Matt. 25 : 1-13. Commit to memory vs. 10-13. Read Matt. 23 : 1-39; Mark 12 : 41-44; Matt. 24 : 1-25; 13.

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them :

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh : go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

Revised Version—1 Margin torches; 2 Foolish, and five were wise; 3 For the foolish, when they took their lamps, took : 4 Now while; 5 But; 6 Omit made; 7 Omit cometh; 8 Come ye forth; 9 Going; 10 Peradventure there will not be enough; 11 Omit but; 12 Went away; 13 Marriage feast; 14 Omit wherein the Son of man

GOLDEN TEXT

Matt. 25 : 13. Watch therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

DAILY READINGS

M. —Matt. 25 : 1-13. Parable of the ten virgins.
T. —Matt. 24 : 42-51. Watch !
W. —Luke 12 : 31-40. Be ye ready !
Th. —Luke 13 : 22-30. Shut out.
F. —Matt. 7 : 15-23. Hypocrites rejected.
S. —2 Peter 3 : 8-14. Looking and waiting.
S. —Rev. 3 : 1-6. White raiment.

CATECHISM

Q. 61. What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission or careless performance of the duties

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you; 11 but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words or works, about our worldly employments, or recreations.

TIME AND PLACE

Following close upon the last lesson, Tuesday afternoon, April 4, and on the Mount of Olives, overlooking Jerusalem.

LESSON PLAN

I. The Waiting, 1-5. The ten virgins await the coming of the bridegroom.

II. The Arrival, 6-10 (a). His coming finds five ready and five unready.

III. The Door Shut, 10-13 (b). Those ready shut in, those unready shut out.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 88; 65 (Ps. Sel.); 589; 248; 88; 146.

EXPOSITION

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Connecting Links—The struggle with the Pharisees over (Matt. 22 : 46), Jesus retired to the Court of the Women, where He commended the widow's offering (Mark 12 : 41-44) and received the message of the Greeks. (Lesson III.) Then leaving the Temple, never to enter it again, He foretold its destruction (Matt. 24 : 1, 2); and upon the Mount of Olives, on His way to Bethany,

outlined to His disciples the course of events until His return and exhorted them to watchfulness (24 : 3-51), enforcing His exhortation by the parables of the Ten Virgins and the parable of the Talents.

I. The Waiting, 1-5.

V. 1. Then; at the second coming of our Lord. (24 : 30-51.) The kingdom of heaven; Christ's rule in the hearts of His people.

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