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“Watchful for the Savior” Matthew 25:1-13
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We must watch for Jesus, the bridegroom, who may come at any time. Jesus reminds us about what happened to the people of Noah's day who were unconcerned. He paints an image of two farmers in the field - one is taken and the other is left. Two women are grinding at the mill - one is taken and the other is left. Jesus talks about a householder, sleeping when the thief breaks in, and a careless servant, carousing with his friends when the master returns. Jesus tells a story about ten maidens who were called to keep their lamps burning until the bridegroom arrived; yet only five brought enough oil to last. The other five missed the wedding. All these pictures scream out to us: Get your act together! Be ready! Watch!

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *We can't tell when death will come for us.*

Teaching Point Two: *Live tomorrow's life today.*

Teaching Point Three: *Let us be ready to enjoy His presence on the other side of death.*

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

¹³ “So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.”
(Matthew 25:13 NLT)

ACTION POINT

The point is to be prepared. Be prepared so that if you dropped dead this moment, you would have nothing to apologize for. Be prepared so if you were offered the biggest promotion in your life, you would be ready to step into your new role entering the Kingdom of God. Be prepared so that if some tragedy entered your life, you would be able to ride out the storm, because your prayer life was rich and you knew you had a friend in Christ. Be prepared.