

# THE GREATEST STORIES EVER TOLD: THE PARABLES OF JESUS

Great Stories about Eternal Living  
Sunday, November 21 | Tommy Duke  
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## The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids – Matthew 25:1-13 (NLT)

*“<sup>1</sup> Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The five who were foolish didn’t take enough olive oil for their lamps, <sup>4</sup> but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. <sup>5</sup> When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup> At midnight they were roused by the shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!’ <sup>7</sup> All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. <sup>8</sup> Then the five foolish ones asked the others, ‘Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> But the others replied, ‘We don’t have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. <sup>11</sup> Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, ‘Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!’ <sup>12</sup> But he called back, ‘Believe me, I don’t know you!’ <sup>13</sup> So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.”*

### The Actors:

### The Actions:

\_\_\_\_\_ for Eternity

vs.

\_\_\_\_\_ for Eternity

### FOUR TRUTHS ABOUT MY ETERNITY

1. ONE DAY \_\_\_\_\_ WILL END.

#### Memory Verse:

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

**2. WHAT I DO \_\_\_\_\_ DETERMINES WHERE I WILL SPEND \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus – Luke 16:19-31 (NLT)**

*“<sup>22</sup> Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet. The rich man also died and was buried,<sup>23</sup> and he went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side.<sup>24</sup> The rich man shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.’<sup>25</sup> But Abraham said to him, ‘Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish.<sup>26</sup> And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.’” – Luke 16:22-26 (NLT)*

**3. TIME IS \_\_\_\_\_ TO TELL OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus (continued)**

*“<sup>27</sup> Then the rich man said, ‘Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father’s home.<sup>28</sup> For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them so they don’t end up in this place of torment.’<sup>29</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read what they wrote.’<sup>30</sup> The rich man replied, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will repent of their sins and turn to God.’<sup>31</sup> But Abraham said, ‘If they won’t listen to Moses and the prophets, they won’t be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’” – Luke 16:27-31*

*“But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.”  
– Acts 20:24 (NLT)*

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ IS THE DAY TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“For He says: ‘In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” – 2 Corinthians 6:2 (NKJV)*

**The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value – Matthew 13:45-46 (NLT)**

*“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!”*

*“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved...” – Acts 16:31 (NKJV)*

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:**

- Memorize Matthew 25:13.
- Prepare for my eternity by believing in Jesus for the first time.
- Ask God to provide opportunities to introduce others to Jesus.
- Participate in our Week of Prayer emphasis for International Missions, beginning November 28.

Join us again next weekend for another special opportunity to worship the Lord together.  
Invite a friend to join you!

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