

“5 Foolish Counterfeits”
Matthew 25:1-13

INTRODUCTION:

- COUNTERFEIT – “A copy or imitation fraudulently intended to pass as genuine”.
- “Counterfeit Christians” received a “counterfeit salvation” from Satan, to believe they’re SAVED, when they’re NOT.

25:1 – Weddings lasted for 7 days ... including a PARADE for the Bridegroom to get his Bride, and take her to his parent’s house.

25:2-4 – By looking at them, you couldn’t tell who was “foolish” and who was “wise”.

- Jesus is the “**Bridegroom**” ... the “**5 Foolish Virgins**” are “counterfeit Christians” who ran out of “oil”.

- Good deeds will last only until “*Judgment Day*”.

- Jesus looks at your HEART, to see if your sins are forgiven.

25:5 – Even real Christians get TIRED!

- Christians aren’t PERFECT, just FORGIVEN.

- Real Christians don’t just have a “*profession*” of faith, but also a “*possession*” of the Holy Spirit ... “oil” that will LAST.

25:6 – How close to “*midnight*” is it for YOU? Be READY!

25:7 – Everybody wants to “*look good*” when Jesus comes.

25:8 – Nobody can “*give*” their salvation to you ... you must have your own personal relationship with the Lord.

25:9 – You need to go to the SOURCE ... at the “*foot of the cross*”.

25:10 – They had the right idea, but it was TOO LATE – 2 Cor. 6:2
- Those who weren’t ready, were shut out.

25:11-12 – They said the right words, but it wasn’t enough –
Matthew 7:21-23

- Does Jesus know you as one of his “*children*”?

25:13 – Be ready ... Jesus could come at any time.

- Death or the Rapture will bring you face-to-face with Jesus.

CONCLUSION:

- What words will you hear Jesus say?