

ALIGNED WEEK 1

“Right now be ready for what will happen later. You don’t know when it will happen, but right now is the time to prepare yourself. Right now is the time to get ready.” – Matthew 24:36

“So you, too must keep watch! For you don’t know what day the Lord is coming. You don’t know when I will return. If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into. You also must be ready. You must keep watch, for the Son of Man will come when you least expect it.” – Matthew 24:42-43

“Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. The five who were foolish didn’t take enough olive oil for their lamps. But the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight they were roused by the shout, ‘Look the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!’ All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. Suddenly they were exposed and weren’t ready. They weren’t prepared. And so they say to the others, ‘Please give us some of what you have. Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ The others replied, ‘We don’t have enough for all of us.’ Go quickly. Go to the shop. You’ve got the money for it. ‘Go to the shop and buy some for yourselves.’ But while they were gone to buy oil, the groom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, ‘Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!’ But he called back, ‘Believe me, I don’t know you!’ So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or the hour of my return.” – Matthew 25:1-13

“Look, that’s the way it’s going to be on the final day. On the day of Judgment there will be a lot of people who look like they’re ready. There will be a lot of people who seem to be waiting on the groom. But when Jesus returns they’ll be exposed.” – Matthew 25:11-13 (paraphrased)
