

The Mystery of the Midnight Cry

INTRO:

The next thing to happen on God's calendar is not the coming of Jesus—it is the awakening of the Church—also called the Midnight Cry. At that time, it will be like the five virgins: five wise, five foolish, all of them asleep. That's where we are right now. The wise virgins took oil in their lamps but the foolish did not take oil. This is the message that the Church needs today.

THE TEN VIRGINS

- It refers to the very last days. In Mathew 24 Jesus was talking about the _____. This is called an intentional ambiguity; meaning two meanings on purpose.
 - In Matthew 24, Jesus is talking about His own generation and its demise due to the destruction of Jerusalem.
 - Then He talks about the coming of man—the very last days. Then at Mathew 25, He says, "At that time..." indicating the continuation of the discussion of the last days in the previous chapter. He is speaking of the _____ in the very last days.
- Read Mathew 25–
 - V.5: "The Bridegroom was a long time in coming..." The Second Coming would not happen in that generation.
 - All the virgins were asleep—meaning the whole Church.
 - In v.6, Midnight refers to the middle of the night. A time when no one expected anything to happen.
 - here is a gap between the cry and the actual Second Coming.
 - Jesus uses the virgins to symbolize the church. When we allowed God to put the righteousness of Jesus in us, He sees us as pure.
 - But the Church is made up of wise virgins and foolish virgins. Some will bring oil, some will not.