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# Shepherd's Path

## A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

### Jesus Is the King Series, Lesson 30

**Lesson Title:** Get Ready (Jesus Will Come Again)

**Take Home Point:** Jesus will come again – we need to be ready.

#### Warm-Up:

As part of an effort to rapidly treat seriously wounded or ill people, some hospitals now have helicopters equipped especially to meet immediate medical needs. These helicopters allow medical personnel to quickly reach someone needing help and get them to a treatment center. A life may be lost if both helicopter and pilot are not ready to fly at a moment's notice. The pilot is responsible to be ready to fly at any time, and is responsible to ensure that the aircraft is ready as well. Take-off is no time to discover, that there is no fuel in the tank or the engine is not fully operational.

**Read:** Matthew 25:1-13

#### Observation (What happened?):

What did the foolish bridesmaids attempt to do when they ran out of oil for their own lamps?

What was the result of their not being prepared?

#### Interpretation (What does it mean?):

From verse 13, what was the main point Jesus wanted to make with this parable?

What other point did Jesus make? (Hint: Who of the ten bridesmaids were responsible to be ready?)

#### Insight:

Since the time Jesus ascended into heaven, there have been people who have claimed to be Jesus returned, ready to gather his people. And they have gathered some around them who believe. Others have made claims to know exactly when Jesus would return. They, too, drew followers who joined them in preparation and a failed vigil. How can we know these claims are false? The Bible tells us. Scripture is very clear as to the time and mode of Jesus' return. Acts 1:9 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16 tell us he will come the way he left, directly from heaven. In Matthew 24:30 Jesus says we will all see it. As far as timing, in Matthew 24:36, 42, 44 Jesus says that "No one knows when that day or hour will come. Even the angels in heaven and the Son don't know...Therefore, be alert because you don't know on what day your Lord will return...Therefore, you, too, must be ready because the Son of Man will return when you least expect him."

#### Application (What does it mean to me?):

How do you know you are ready to meet Jesus today?

Who around you needs to hear the good news of Jesus before he returns? Pray for an opportunity to share with them this week.