

**Pastor Roy's Sermon on Matthew 25:1-13**  
**(March 11, 2026)**

***—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—***

1. How does the reality that God's chosen people missed the first coming of the Messiah despite clear prophetic signs challenge us to examine our own spiritual readiness today?
2. In what ways might we be like the lighthouse keeper in the opening story, using the oil we have been given for purposes other than keeping our light burning for Christ?
3. The five foolish virgins were described as being part of the group but lacking oil for their lamps. What does this reveal about the difference between outward religious participation and inward spiritual reality?
4. Why is it significant that the wise virgins could not share their oil with the foolish ones, and what does this teach us about the personal nature of salvation and relationship with God?
5. Jesus wept over Jerusalem because they did not recognize the time of their visitation. How can we ensure we are spiritually alert to recognize what God is doing in our generation?
6. The sermon emphasizes that we must know without a doubt that we belong to Christ and He knows us. How would you evaluate whether your relationship with Jesus is based on true knowledge or merely hopeful assumption?
7. What does it mean practically to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to let Him guide your life, as opposed to living as a believer without His active presence?
8. How does the finality of the closed door in this parable challenge modern assumptions about second chances or alternative paths to salvation after death?
9. The disciples fell asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane despite Jesus asking them to watch and pray. What spiritual disciplines help us stay awake and alert rather than becoming drowsy in our faith?
10. Given that all ten virgins fell asleep but only five were prepared, what is the critical difference between temporary weariness in our faith journey and fundamental unpreparedness for Christ's return?