

Listen carefully to the Bible reading
from Matthew 24 verse 45 to Matthew 25 verse 30

We find out what today's verses are all about by looking
back just before at Matthew 24 verse 44. Fill in the missing
words:

"Therefore you also must _____, for
_____ is coming at an hour you do
not expect."

This is what our passage is all about:
How we can be **ready** for **Jesus**

Jesus teaches us this by telling three stories or parables.

The **1st Story** is about a Master who goes away and
leaves his servant in charge of his house.

If the servant is faithful and wise, what will they be doing?

(Clue: verse 45)

If the servant is wicked, what will they be doing?

(Clue: verse 49)

When the master comes back the faithful servant will be rewarded but the wicked servant will be sent to a terrible place.

Who is Jesus talking about in his story? Match the answers.

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| The master | • | • those who are not ready for Jesus |
| The faithful servant | • | • Jesus |
| The wicked servant | • | • those who are ready for Jesus |

So from the 1st story: How can we be ready for Jesus?

By being a faithful servant who takes good care of God's people

Who can you think of who you can help and care for?

1. _____

2. _____

The **2nd Story** is about 10 girls who are waiting for the bridegroom to arrive for his wedding feast.

For this story we need to know something about lamps.
Today we might use a torch. But our torch will go out when it runs out of

Read verse 8. Lamps in Jesus' day go out when they run out of _____

What was the difference between the wise and foolish girls? (Clue: verses 2 and 3)

The lamps of the foolish girls went out. While they went to fetch more oil the bridegroom arrived! They were too late and they missed him.

Put a ✓ or a ✗ in the ☐ for each of these sentences to show if they are right or wrong.

The foolish girls were ready for a little while but they were not ready for a long wait ☐

It didn't really matter that the foolish girls missed the bridegroom ☐

It doesn't matter how long - those who love Jesus will be ready whenever he comes ☐

From the 2nd story: How can we be ready for Jesus?

By being ready for a short wait, a long wait, however long it takes!

The 3rd Story is about a master who goes on a journey and leaves some money with his 3 servants.

Read verses 16 to 18. Which servants were busy making money for their master?

Which servant did nothing? _____

If we are Jesus' servants, how should we be busy doing the work of our master Jesus?

By making lots and lots of money ☐

By telling people about Jesus who died so people
can come into God's kingdom ☐

By living to obey and honour our master ☐

So from the 3rd story: How can we be ready for Jesus?

By being busy doing his kingdom work

Read verse 21 and verse 23. What does the master say to the first two servants?

_____, _____ and _____ servant.

This is what Jesus will say to us one day if we are ready for him when he comes!

"Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Matthew 24v44