Are You Ready?

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Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13

Have you ever been caught unprepared for something important because you thought you had more time? Maybe you forgot an appointment, waited until the last minute to finish a project, or weren't ready for an unexpected visitor. We often assume we have more time than we actually do. In Matthew 25:1-13, Jesus tells the story of ten young women waiting for a bridegroom to arrive. Five were wise and brought extra oil for their lamps. Five were foolish and failed to prepare. When the bridegroom finally arrived, the wise women were ready, but the foolish ones were not.

Jesus uses this story to remind us that no one knows the day or hour when He will return. It's easy to become distracted by the “busyness” of life. Work, family responsibilities, hobbies, and everyday concerns can gradually push our relationship with Jesus into the background. We may think there will always be more time to worship, read God's Word, pray, or grow in our faith. But Jesus calls us to be ready NOW!

Here's the Good News: Our readiness doesn't depend on how good we are, how many good things we do, or whether we've earned God's favor. Our confidence rests in Jesus Christ. Through His death and resurrection, He has forgiven our sins and won eternal life for us. Through God’s Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit strengthens and sustains our faith. In your baptism you have already been made ready for Jesus’ return!

We don't know when Jesus will return, but we know the One who is coming! And because Jesus is our Savior, we can look forward to His return with confidence, hope, and joy!

Come, Lord Jesus!