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The Parable of the Ten Virgins  
Matthew 25:1-11



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<sup>53</sup> Then the servant brought out gold and silver jewelry and articles of clothing and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave costly gifts to her brother and to her mother. <sup>54</sup> Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night there.

Genesis 24:53-54



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<sup>28</sup>Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Acts 20:28



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<sup>57</sup> Then they said, "Let's call the girl and ask her about it." <sup>58</sup> So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" "I will go," she said.

Genesis 24:57-58

<sup>12</sup> Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12



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<sup>18</sup> Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel." <sup>19</sup> Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." <sup>20</sup> So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

Genesis 29:18-20



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<sup>18</sup>This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Matthew 1:18-19



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<sup>2</sup>I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

2 Corinthians 11:2



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<sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14



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<sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God<sup>f</sup>; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

John 14:1-3



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<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning...<sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

Luke 12:35, 40



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<sup>7</sup>Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. <sup>8</sup>Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

Revelation 19:7-8



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<sup>10</sup>] delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Isaiah 61:10



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<sup>36</sup>“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father...<sup>42</sup>“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come...<sup>44</sup>So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Matthew 24:36, 42, 44



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<sup>51</sup>Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— <sup>52</sup>in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52



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<sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage each other with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18



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<sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. or the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:2-3



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Jesus began His ministry  
with a wedding (John 2)  
and he will end His ministry  
with a wedding,  
when He comes for His Bride!