

*Greek Readings*  
**Series A, Proper 27**  
**Matt. 25:1–13**

- **Verse 1**
  - Parse ὁμοιωθήσεται. \_\_\_\_\_ . The formula ὁμοιωθήσεται ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν appears several times in Matthew's Gospel (cf. 13:24; 18:23; 22:2). Why is the tense of the main verb here interesting given the context of this parable?  
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  - The term νυμφίος appears only twice in Matthew; once in 9:15 and then in 25:1ff. How does 9:15 help us determine who the bridegroom is here? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - How does ὑπάντησις also help us determine the identity of the bridegroom? (cf. 8:34)  
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- **Verse 2**
  - What is the meaning of μωρός , -ά, -όν? (cf. BDAG, 663, a) \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Parse ἦσαν. \_\_\_\_\_ . Give the dictionary entry. \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - How do the other instances of φρόνιμος in Matthew's gospel help us understand its meaning here? (cf. 7:24; 10:16; 24:45) \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Do μωρός and φρόνιμος refer simply to intellectual capacities? If not state why.  
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- **Verse 3**
  - Parse λαβοῦσαι. \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - v.3 states οὐκ ἔλαβον μεθ' ἑαυτῶν ἔλαιον. What is it that the foolish virgins do not anticipate? \_\_\_\_\_ . Why might this be the case?  
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- **Verse 4**
  - The φρόνιμοι are credited with ἔλαβον ἔλαιον ἐν τοῖς ἀγγείοις. What is it that they anticipate that the foolish do not? \_\_\_\_\_ . How is this related to their being φρόνιμοι? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - In one word, what appears to be the main theme of this parable, given the available information? \_\_\_\_\_ .
- **Verse 5**
  - What type of construction is χρονίζοντος ... τοῦ νυμφίου? (cf. Voelz, 2 edn., 149f.; 3 edn., 133f.) \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - How is the meaning of χρονίζοντος central to this parable? (cf. BDAG, p.1092, 2a)  
\_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Parse ἐνύσταξαν. \_\_\_\_\_ . The verb νυστάζω is quite rare (cf. 2 Pt. 2:3); what does this word mean? (cf. BDAG, p.683) \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Parse ἐκάθειδον. \_\_\_\_\_ . What is important about this word given its other uses in Matthew's gospel? (especially consider the context of this passage and the context of the others; cf. 8:24; 9:24; 13:25; 26:40-46)  
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- **Verse 6**
  - What is the meaning of μέσης ... νυκτός? (cf. BDAG, p.682, 1b)  
\_\_\_\_\_ .
  - How does κραυγὴ γέγονεν, Ἴδου ὁ νυμφίος, relate to 24:43-44?  
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  - Parse ἐξέρχεσθε. \_\_\_\_\_ . Give the dictionary entry.  
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- **Verse 7**
  - What is the meaning of ἐκόσμησαν τὰς λαμπάδας ἑαυτῶν? (cf. BDAG, p.560, 1) \_\_\_\_\_ . What is the effect of this action on the lamps? \_\_\_\_\_ .
- **Verse 8**
  - Parse Δότε. \_\_\_\_\_ . Give the dictionary entry. \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - What is the meaning of σβέννυνται? (cf. BDAG, p.917, a) \_\_\_\_\_ . Look up Prov. 13:9 and Job 18:5. How do these passages confirm the meaning of v.8? \_\_\_\_\_ .
- **Verse 9**
  - What is the meaning of Μήποτε οὐ μὴ? (cf. BDAG, p.649, 4) \_\_\_\_\_ . How does this phrase illustrate the intentions of the wise virgins? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Parse ἀρκέση. \_\_\_\_\_ . Why is this verb in the subjunctive? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Given the theme of this parable, how might the response of the wise virgins be understood as something other than selfishness? \_\_\_\_\_ .
- **Verse 10**
  - ἔτοιμοι also shows up in 24:44. What do we learn about ἔτοιμοι in 24:44 that guides us in our understanding here? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - We have already witnessed the use of γάμους in 22:1-14. What unique aspect is there for γάμους in both pericopes and why is this important for the church? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - What does the phrase ἐκλείσθη ἡ θύρα depict? (cf. Gen. 7:16; Isa. 22:22; Lk 13:25; Rev. 3:7; TDNT 3:178) \_\_\_\_\_ .
- **Verse 11**
  - Notice the use of the term λοιπαί for the μωραί. Why is this term now used and to what does it contrast? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - What is the relation between the cry Κύριε κύριε here and 7:21-22? \_\_\_\_\_ .
- **Verse 12**
  - How do the words of the bridegroom Ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, οὐκ οἶδα ὑμᾶς here relate to 7:23? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - What may be said about the desire of the λοιπαί to enter the wedding banquet, given the requirements to enter, and the rejection of the bridegroom? \_\_\_\_\_ .
- **Verse 13**
  - Parse Γρηγορεῖτε. \_\_\_\_\_ . What is the meaning of this word and how does it indicate the main point of this parable? (cf. BDAG, p.208, 2) \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - To what do the ἡμέραν and the ὥραν explicitly refer? (cf. 24:36, 42, 44, 50) \_\_\_\_\_ .

### Integration of Meaning

Come up with a sermon title and two to three supporting points.