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Another Story

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SERMON SERIES





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Preparation for this week's sermon

“But if there's any one passage that can contend with it for being even more frightening, it's the parable of the virgins that we have just heard. I remind you before we look at this text. That this is the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is given to us through the inspiration of God the Holy Spirit as the infallible word of God, nothing less. Let us pray. Oh God, if ever we would be moved to clap our hands over our ears lest we hear your word, this would be the time. If ever there was a moment for us to close our minds to even considering the possibility of the truth of your word this would be the time. And so I ask that you would please open our ears, open our minds and open our hearts to hear your words. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.” ~ R.C. Sproul

**What is the context leading up to this
parable?**

Matthew 24:36-51

³⁶ “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.

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⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

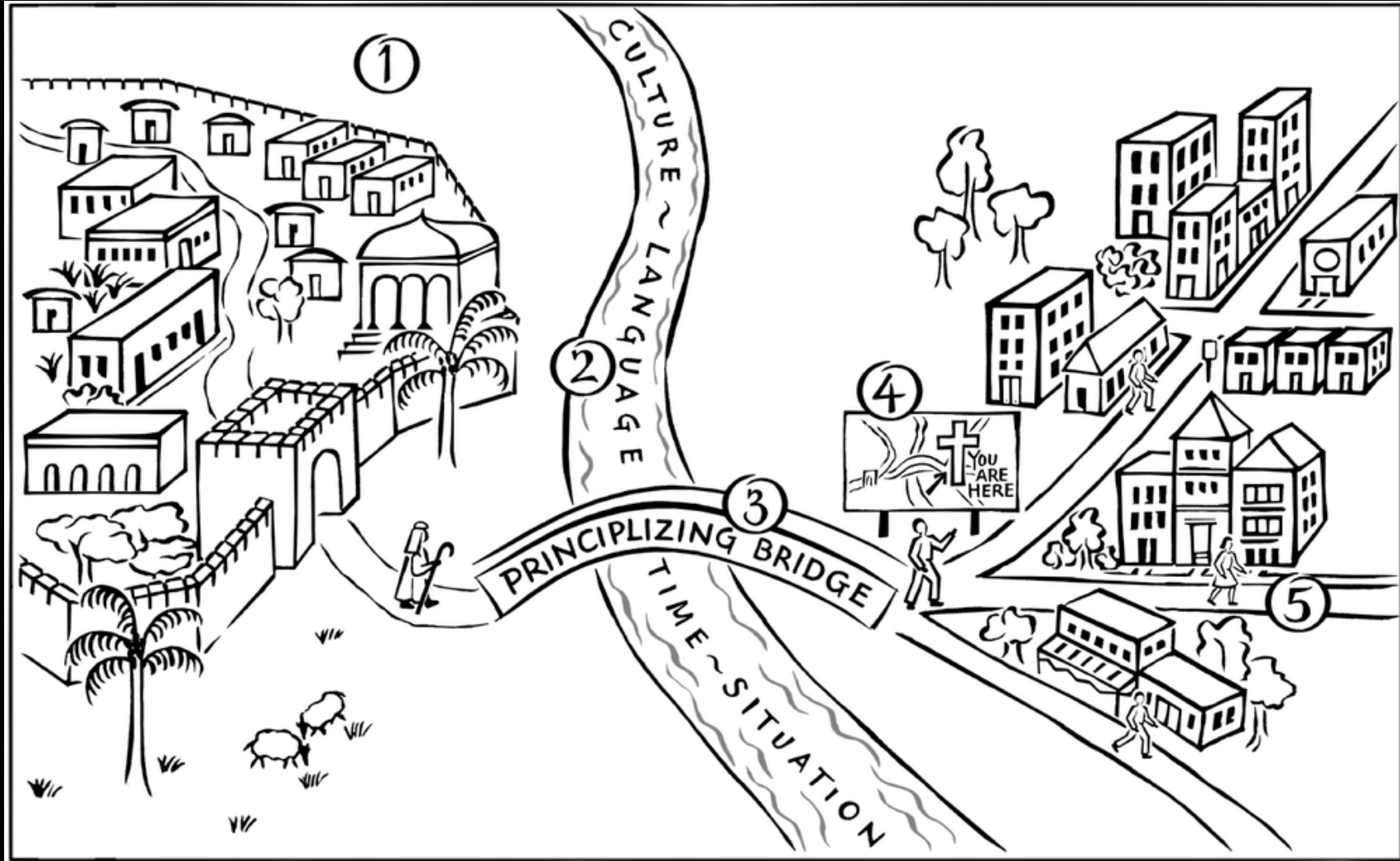
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⁴⁵ “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. ⁴⁷ Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁸ But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, ‘My master is staying away a long time,’ ⁴⁹ and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards.

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⁵⁰ The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of.

⁵¹ He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.



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2 Peter 3:3-4

³ Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. ⁴ They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”

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1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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In their town...

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And the lord said
unto the servant, Go
out into the highways
and hedges, and
compel them to
come in, that my
house may be filled.

—Luke 14:23

Marriage Supper of The Lamb

Revelation 19:6-9

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

Revelation 19:6-9

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;

⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure” —

Revelation 19:6-9

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

⁹ And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

Gospel Application

Are you prepared to keep watch?