

# Treasure Hunt

- What sin is represented by the evil servant, who neglects the household to “eat and drink with the drunken”?
- How serious is the consequence for this servant?
- What warning does the evil servant have for us?
- Should the foolish virgins have known they would need oil?
- What kind of movement is indicated by the word “meet” that describes what the virgins are to do toward the bridegroom?
- How serious is the consequence for the virgins who have no oil?
- What warning do the foolish virgins have for us?

# Overview of the Olivet Discourse

Period	Mt 24,25	Mk 13	Lk 21	Description
1. Beginning of Sorrows (Mt 24:8)	3-13	5-13	8-19	The NT period, before the fall of Jerusalem. Corresponds to the first four seals of Rev 6.
2. Days of Vengeance (Lk 21:22)	(Lacking)		20-24a	Desolation of Jerusalem under Titus, AD 70.
3. Times of the Gentiles (Lk 21:24)	14	10	24b	Jerusalem is subdued by the Gentiles (Luke) and the gospel goes forth throughout all the world (Matthew).
4. Great Tribulation (Mt 24:21)	15-28	14-23	(Lacking)	“The abomination of desolation” (Dan 9:27), at the middle of Daniel’s seventieth week.
5. Coming of Son of Man (Mt 24:30)	29-31	24-27	25-28	Cosmic signs, return of Christ in glory, gathering of his saints
(6. Interlude)	24:32-25:30	28-37	29-36	Parables about, and exhortations to, watchfulness
7. Separation	25:31-46	(Lacking)		Final Judgment

# Six Parables about Preparedness

Parable	Theme	Time is <b>unknown</b>	Command to <b>watch</b>	Time may be <b>long</b>
24:32-36, The Fig Tree	It <i>will</i> happen	24:36 But of that day and hour <b>knoweth no man,</b>		
24:37-42, The Days of Noah	The <i>time</i> is unknown	24:39 they ... <b>knew not;</b> ... 42 <b>ye know not</b> what hour your Lord doth come.	24:42 Watch therefore ...	
24:43-44, The Thief		24:43 ...if [he] <b>had known</b> ... 44 in such <b>an hour as ye think not</b> the Son of man cometh.	24:44 Therefore be ye also ready ...	
24:45-51, Faithful vs. Evil Steward	It may be <i>delayed</i>  <i>Two kinds of disciples</i>	24:50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day <b>when he looketh not</b> for <i>him</i> , and in an hour that he is <b>not aware</b> of,		24:48 My lord <b>delayeth</b> his coming;
25:1-13, Wise vs. Foolish Virgins		25:13 <b>ye know neither the day nor the hour</b> wherein the Son of man cometh.	25:13 Watch therefore ...	25:5 While the bridegroom <b>tarried,</b>
25:14-30, Industrious vs. Lazy Servants				25:19 <b>After a long time</b> the lord of those servants cometh,

# The Last Three Parables

<b>Parable</b>	<b>Trait</b>	<b>Sphere of Relation</b>
Faithful and Evil Stewards	Responsibility	Other believers (the household)
Wise and Foolish Virgins	Preparation	The Lord (the bridegroom)
Diligent and Slothful Servants	Diligence	The world (trade, the exchangers)

# The Evil Servant

## Eating and Drinking with the Drunken

1 Cor 14:12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye may excel to **the edifying of the church**.

Rom 15:2 Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification. 3 For even Christ **pleased not himself**; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

1Co 10:33 Even as I please all *men* in all *things*, **not seeking mine own profit**, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

## “Weeping and gnashing of teeth”:

Mat 8:12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**.

Mat 22:13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**.

Jam 3:1 My brethren, be not many masters [teachers], knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation [judgment].

1Pe 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; **3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock**. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

# Matt 25:1,3,4,7,8 λαμπας 2985 = “torch”



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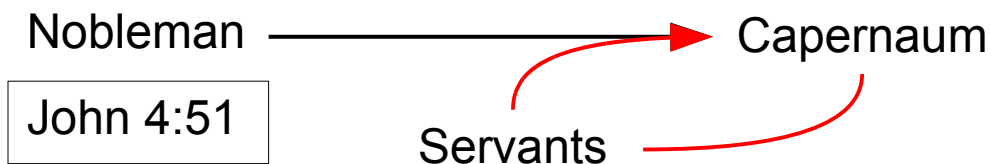
Contrast KJV “candle, light” λαχνος 3088  
= clay lamp

- About 3” long
- Built-in reservoir for oil
- Used indoors for light

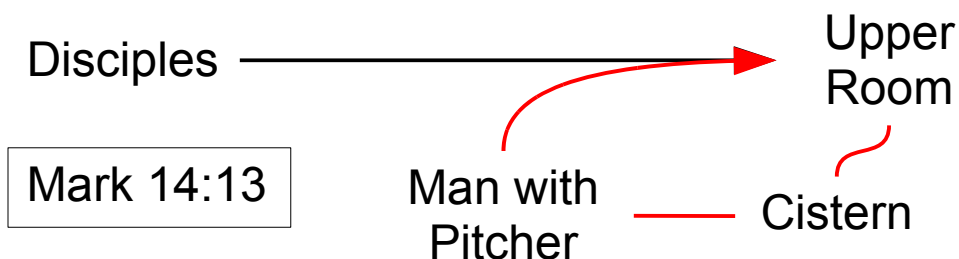
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# Going to Meet απαντησις 529, απανταω 528

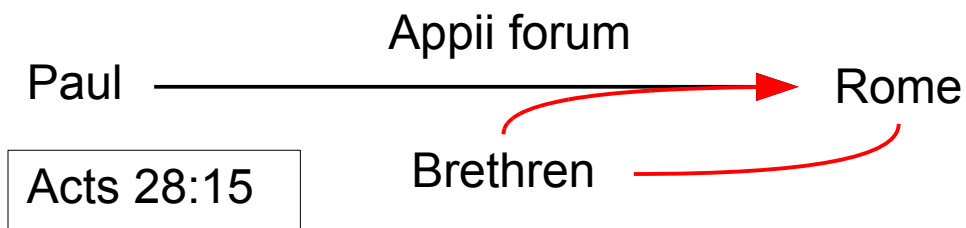
Joh 4:51 And as he was now going down, his servants **met** him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth.



Mar 14:13 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall **meet** you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.



Act 28:15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to **meet** us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.



1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to **meet** the Lord in the air:



# v. 12 “I know you not”

Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Luk 13:26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. 27 But he shall say, I tell you, **I know you not** whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

Gal 4:9 But now, after that ye have known God, **or rather are known of God**, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

What is the missing oil?

Rom 8:9 Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.