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Recap of 11/15/20 message (Joe Ricchuiti – Matthew 25:1-13):

1. Jesus uses the setting of a wedding to teach a parable concerning what one author calls: "...a chronology of prophetic events for Israel. "Christ used two parables to teach that the regathered nation will be judged to determine who is saved and who is unsaved. The purpose of the judgment will be to exclude the unsaved from, and to receive the saved into, the kingdom that He will establish following His Second Advent." (J. Dwight Pentecost)
2. Thus the primary application of the parable is to Israel at the time of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in glory, power, and judgment. Neither the Church or the Rapture is in view in this parable. It is a call to Israel to be prepared for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, to be in relationship with Him by faith, and to be walking in His truth.
3. There is secondary application to the Church. "What is true of the second coming is, of course, also true of the rapture, and believers today can derive a secondary application of this passage for their own need. In our modern world, where superficial religion is all too evident, this passage reminds us once again that apart from the work of the Holy Spirit, symbolized by the oil, no one is ready for the coming of the Lord." (Walvoord)
4. We should make preparation for Jesus' return whether we are in the church waiting for the rapture or whether we are Israel in the Tribulation waiting for the Second Coming.
5. Are we ready for His return? Are we distracted by the attractions of this world, on one hand, or by its challenges, pain, and trouble? Are we making Him priority one? Are we living for Biblical values? Are we living for others not for self? Are we living up to the morals and ethics of the Bible?
6. "...we should keep our minds on the Lord, and be ready when He comes." (Halley)
7. We should be "occupied about His business, so that when He comes we shall be neither surprised or ashamed." (G. Campbell Morgan)

## **"The Parable of the Tenant Farmer"**

### **Mark 12:1-9**

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