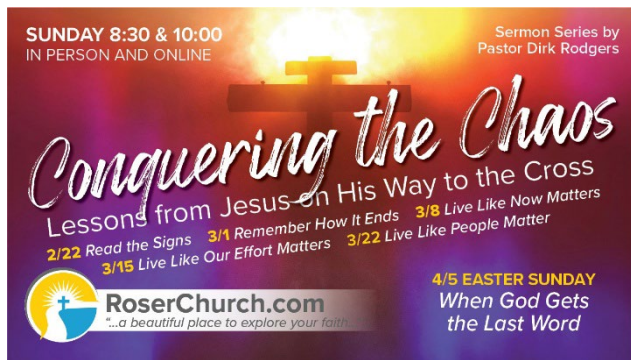




Today's Topic:

Live Like Now Matters

Matthew 25:1-13

March 8, 2026

1. A _____ Celebration

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.” Matthew 25:1 (NIV, 2011)

2. A _____ Celebration

“The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.” Matthew 25:5 (NIV, 2011)

3. _____ Celebrate

“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.” Matthew 25:6-10 (NIV, 2011)

The Point

Next Steps:

Discussion Questions

1. Describe a celebration in your life that was worth getting ready for.
2. Read Matthew 25:1-4. The “ten virgins” in this story resemble bridesmaids in our traditional weddings. What makes five of these bridesmaids wise, and five of them foolish? What might cause this type of foolishness?
3. Read Matthew 25:5-13. If all the bridesmaids fall asleep while waiting for the bridegroom, why are the wise ones still better off than the foolish ones?
4. In what ways are we like the bridesmaids as we wait for Jesus to reveal Himself fully in our world, when we will be united with Him as God promised?
5. What steps can we take this week to invite others to celebrate with us?