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What did the man give each of his servants?
Why was the man angry at the third servant?

Read more about it in Matthew 25

A Good News Story

Jesus' Parable of the Talents

Catholic News Service

One day, Jesus told the Apostles a parable to show the importance of watching for the coming of the Son of Man.

He told the story of a man who was going on a journey. Before he left, he put his three servants in charge of his possessions.

The man gave each servant money according to his ability. The first received five talents, the second received two talents and the third received one talent.

After the man left, the first servant immediately traded his talents and made five more.

The second servant quickly put his talents to work and made another two.

But the third servant buried his one talent in a hole he had dug in the ground.

After a long time, the man came home. He asked his servants what they had done with the money he had entrusted to them.

"Master, you gave me five talents.



(CNS)

Bible trivia

What does the Bible say that the love of money is the root of? (Hint: 1 Tm 6:10)

Answer: The root of all evil.

See, I have made five more," the first servant said.

Likewise, the second servant showed that he had doubled his talents.

The man was happy that these servants had prepared for his return.

"Well done, my good and faithful servant," he told each one. "Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you

great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."

Then the servant who buried his talent came forward.

"Master ... out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back," the third servant said.

The man was not pleased.

"You wicked, lazy servant!" the man cried, saying that the servant could have at the very least put the money in the bank so it would earn interest.

"Take the talent from him and give it to the one with 10," the man commanded. "For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

But the man was not yet done punishing the third servant for his unwise decision.

"And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside," he said, "where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

Puzzle

In Mt 25:1-13, Jesus told the parable of the 10 virgins to show the importance of watching for the Son of Man's return. Below are several sentences from the parable. Look up the Bible verse and fill in the correct word to complete each sentence.

- Behold, the _____! (verse 6)
- Five of them were _____ and five were wise. (verse 2)
- Therefore, stay _____, for you know neither the day nor the hour. (verse 13)
- Lord, Lord, open the _____ for us! (verse 11)

Answers: 1. bridegroom; 2. foolish; 3. awake; 4. door

Even Better Than Flat Stanley

As a summer project, religious education students from St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Rockford were asked to color Jesus as a family and take pictures of all His adventures with them over the summer.



Old Faithful

Like the Flat Stanley paper dolls that get mailed all over the world, these images of Jesus went everywhere over the summer.

Heather Dunaway, director of religious education at the parish, and her family took their Flat Jesus to Mt. Rushmore, Fort Meyers beach in Florida, a drive-in movie, on bumper boats, to Old Faithful, and the Badlands.

The Junior Observer invites our readers to color a picture of Jesus (on page 15) and send us photos of where you go with Him.

With an adult's help, send your pictures with Flat Jesus to juniorobserver@rockforddiocese.org.

See more on page 15.



(Photos provided)

Drive-in night



Bumper boats