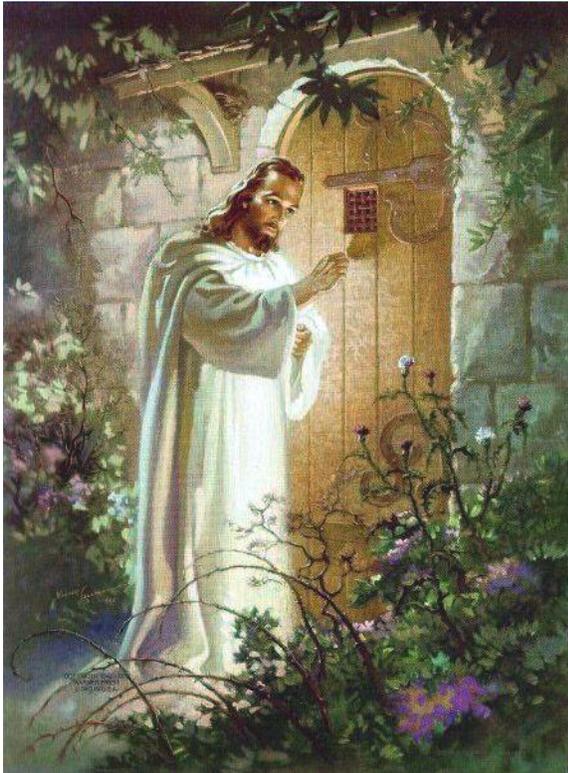


Jesus at the Door!

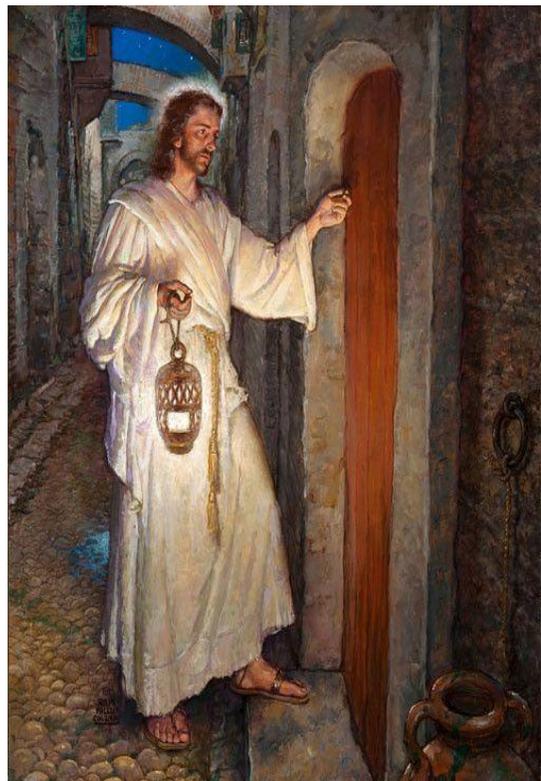
Revelation 3:20 “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.”

Knock, knock. Who goes there? How do I know it? (preachable ones)

- Knock, knock. Who's there? Hatch. Hatch who? God bless you!
- Knock, knock. Who's there? Doris. Doris who? Doris locked, that's why I'm knocking.
- Knock, knock. Who's there? Alex. Alex who? Alexplain everything once you open the door.
- Knock, knock. Who's there? Spell. Spell who? W-H-O.



Jesus needs no lamp; He is Light



No outside door knob, must open from inside

Psalms 119:105 “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.”

John 10:4 “the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.”

Rev 21:23 “The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.”

Matthew 17:2 “And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.”

John 8:12 “Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Acts 12:13-14 “When he knocked on the gateway door, a maid named Rhoda came to answer it. She was so overjoyed when she recognized Peter’s voice that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate.”

Proverbs 31:18 (Woman of Worth) “She enjoys the profit from her dealings; her lamp is never extinguished at night.”

Matthew’s Unique Parable of Ten Bridesmaids

Matthew 25:10-12 “While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘**Lord, Lord**, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, ***I do not know you.***’

Back in Matthew 7:21-23 “‘Not everyone who says to me, ‘**Lord, Lord**,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘**Lord, Lord**, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?’ Then I will declare to them solemnly, ‘***I never knew you.*** Depart from me, you evildoers.’”

Also, Matt 7:24 “Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.” And Matt 7:26 “And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand.” Some Wise, Some Foolish.

Resources Enough? Prepare-Sacrifice-Willingness to Take up Cross

Luke 14:28-30 “Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, ‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’ *Do you have enough oil in the tank?*”

Comparison unlike Luke’s Parable 11:5-8 about seeking supplies at midnight

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,’ and he says in reply from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.’ I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

Jesus freely calls; We are free to accept or reject His call!

Deut 30:19 “I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life...”

Jeremiah 21:8 “And to this people you shall say: Thus says the LORD: ***See, I am giving you a choice*** between the way to life and the way to death.”

Joshua 24:15 “If it displeases you to serve the LORD, choose today whom you will serve, ..”

Matthew 4:19 “Come after me,” John 1:39 “Come & you will see.” (JN 1:43-Follow me)

Matthew 9:9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew* sitting at the customs post. He said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

Matthew 16:24 “Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”