


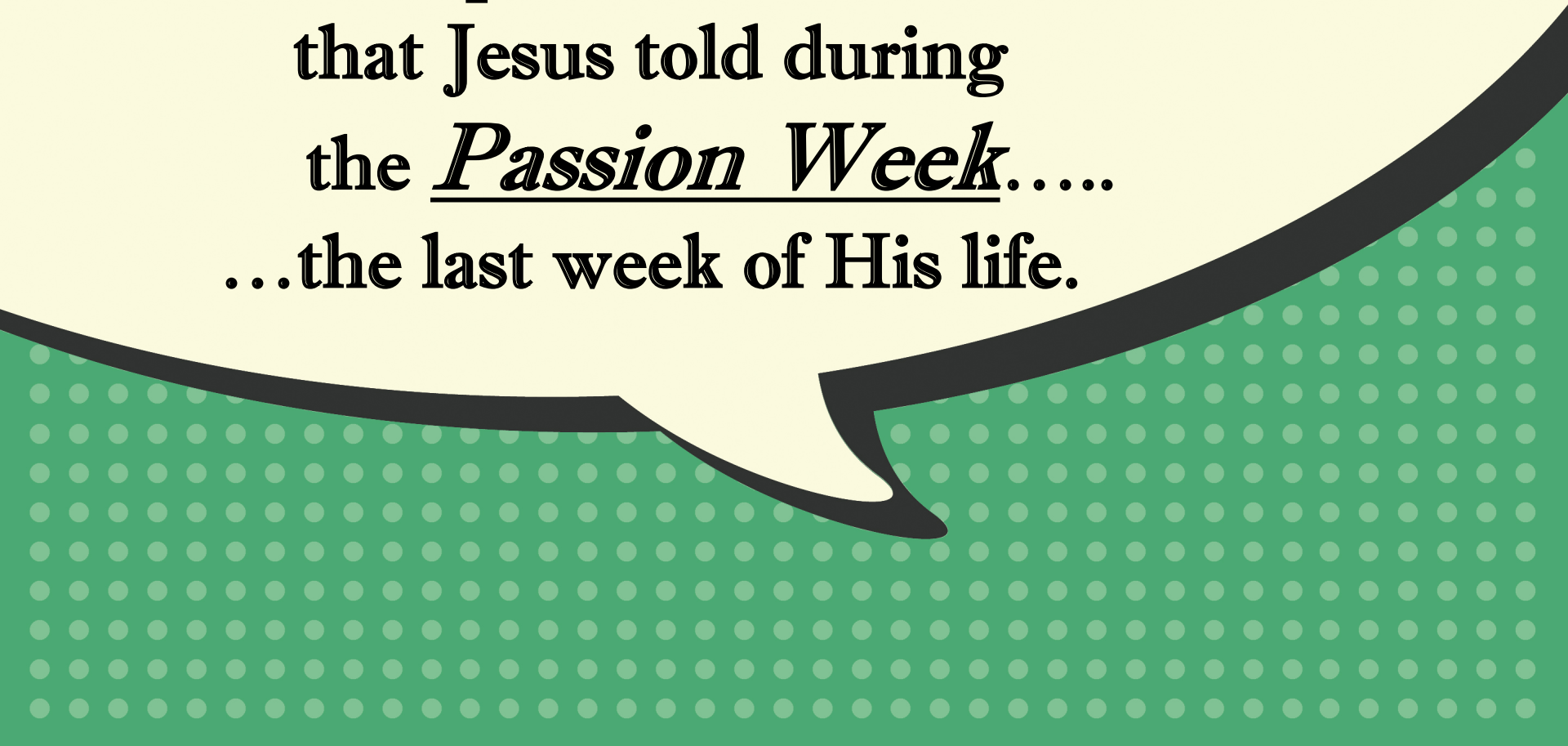
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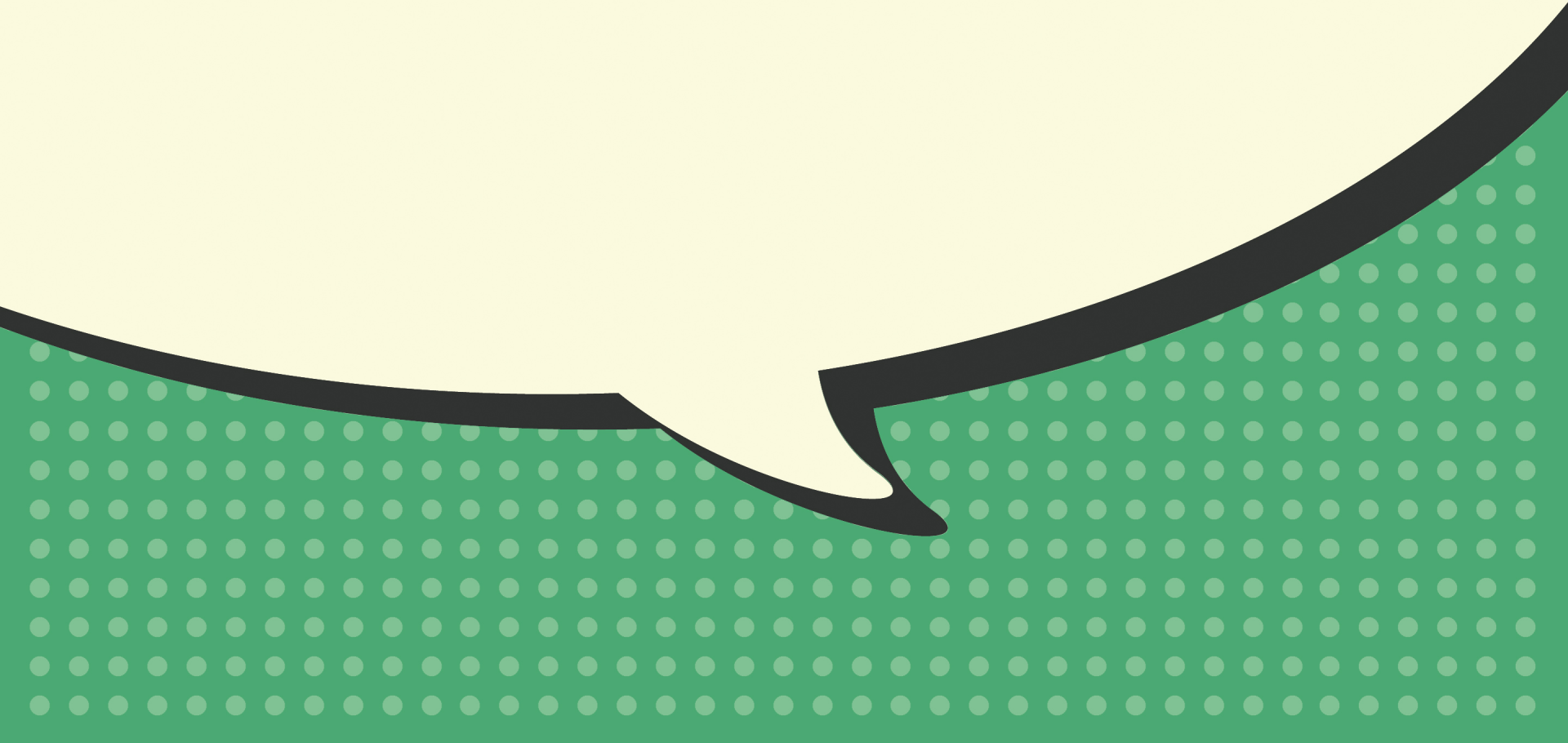
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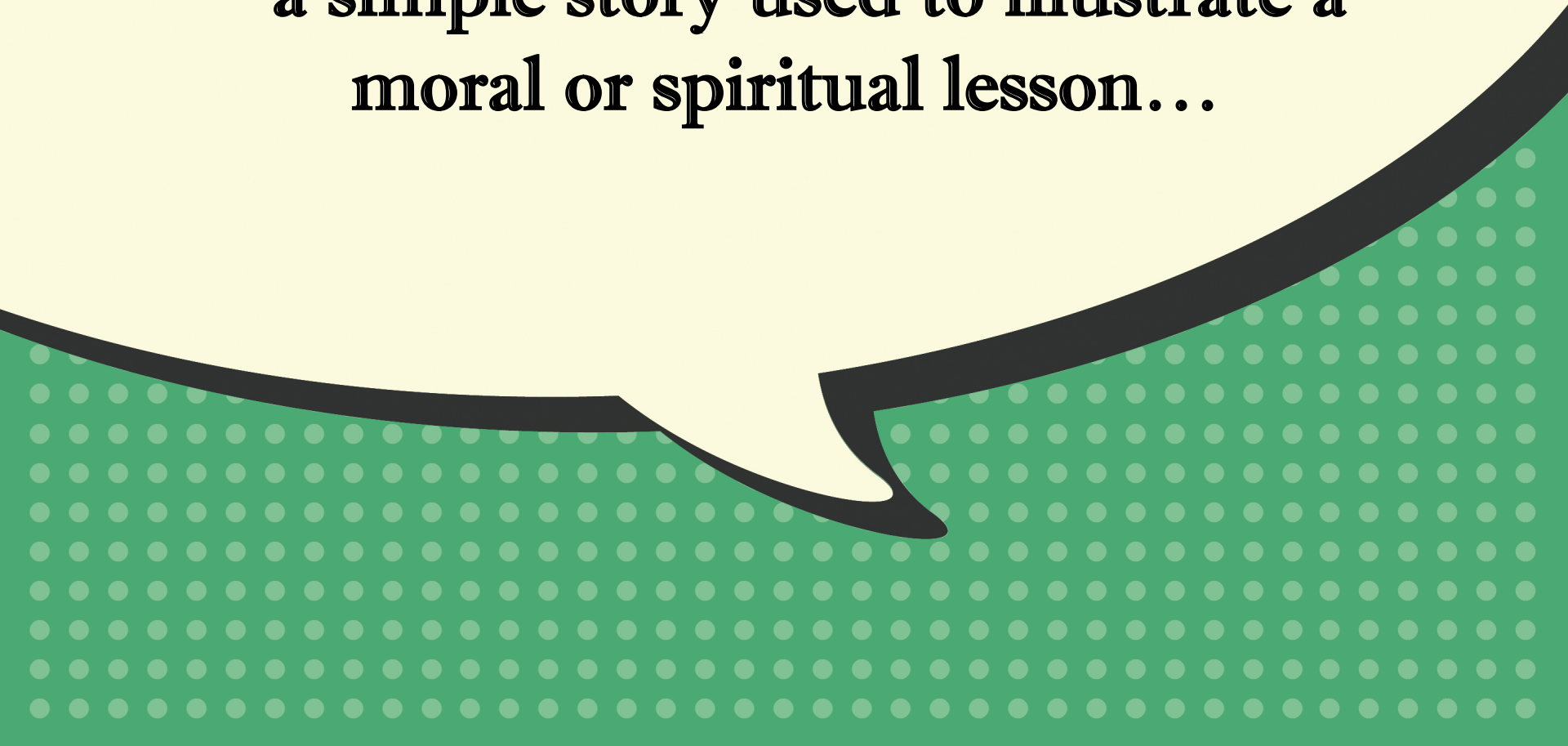


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...a story that has one primary point as its focus.

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...used by Jesus to exact the cost of being intimate with Him and His kingdom.

4 MATTHEW 22:1-14 PARABLE OF THE WEDDING BANQUET



Honoring faith realizes that the privilege of being intimate with God is supplied by the righteousness 'covering' that Christ provides for us.

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- 24:36-51 No one knows the day or the hour...so be ready!!!!

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7 years of Tribulation

1000 year reign of Christ on earth

New Heaven and
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PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS



MATTHEW

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PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

- 1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.**
- 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.**
- 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,**
- 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.**

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- 5 As the bridegroom was delayed,
they all became drowsy and slept.
- 6 But at midnight there was a cry,
'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'
- 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their
lamps.
- 8 And the foolish said to the wise,
*'Give us some of your oil,
for our lamps are going out.'*

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- 9 But the wise answered saying,
‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’
- 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.
- 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying,
‘Lord, lord, open to us.’

MATTHEW

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12 But he answered,

'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day
nor the hour.

5 Matthew 25:1-13 PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS



Faith 'is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen', especially the return of the Messiah!!!

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PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS



Real faith *means anticipating His return and being ready!*

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Real faith means anticipating His return and being ready!

*But while we are waiting and
anticipating His return....*

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Matthew 25:14-30
PARABLE OF THE TALENTS



MATTHEW

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PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

- 14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.
- 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

MATTHEW

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- 16** He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.
- 17** So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.
- 18** But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

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- 19** Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.
- 20** And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, *'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more'*.
- 21** His master said to him, *'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much.'*

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22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying,

'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.'

23 His master said to him,

'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

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24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying

*'Master, I knew you to be a hard man,
reaping where you did not sow,
and gathering where you scattered no seed,*

25 *so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent
in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.'*

MATTHEW

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26 But his master answered him,

'You wicked and slothful servant!

*You knew that I reap where I have not sown
and gather where I scattered no seed?*

27 *Then you ought to have invested my money with
the bankers, and at my coming I should have
received what was my own with interest.*

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- 28 *So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.*
- 29 *For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.*
- 30 *And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

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Faithful faith means investing yourself in His kingdom.

**SO....THEREFORE
....WHAT NOW?**



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Do you anticipate Christ's return in a way that effects the way you live?

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Do you anticipate Christ's return in a way that effects the way you live?

In the mean time, prior to Christ's return, are you faithfully and wisely investing all that He has entrusted to you in a way that shines a light in the darkness and brings flavor to a tasteless world?