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I would like to work on the parable of the Ten Virgins from Matthew 25:1-13 for the final project. This passage draws my attention for several reasons. Firstly, the parable has a timeless message about the importance of preparing for the future. In the parable, the five foolish virgins were not ready for the bridegroom and thus were not allowed to join the wedding feast. This is a reminder that, as Christians, we must be prepared for the coming of Christ and live our lives accordingly. Secondly, the parable emphasizes the importance of wise decision-making. The five wise virgins were wise enough to bring extra oil for their lamps, while the five foolish virgins were not. This parable reminds us that wise decision-making is essential, especially regarding spiritual matters. Thirdly, the parable highlights the importance of living a life of holiness. The foolish virgins were not allowed to join the wedding feast because they were unprepared, and their lamps were not lit. This parable encourages us to strive to live a life of holiness to be ready for the coming of Christ. Finally, the parable of the Ten Virgins reminds us that we should not take our salvation for granted. The foolish virgins thought that the bridegroom would delay and did not take the necessary precautions to be prepared. This parable emphasizes the importance of being vigilant and ready for the coming of Christ.

I have chosen to write my final project on the Parable of the Ten Virgins, as found in Matthew 25:1-13. An essay form is the best way to approach this topic, as it allows me to provide more detail and examples to illustrate my points. Essays provide a structure that allows me to explain the meaning of this parable thoroughly. By breaking the essay into several

sections, I can go in-depth into each of the elements of the parable and its relevance to our lives today. I can start with a brief overview of the parable and then move into a more detailed explanation of each character, their actions, and what this means for us as readers. I can also provide examples from my own life to illustrate how this parable applies to us today and how it can help us to live a more virtuous life. I can also provide a more comprehensive parable analysis using the essay structure. I can look at the symbolism and themes of the parable and why Jesus chose to use this example to illustrate his teachings. I can also discuss the importance of being prepared and ready and how this parable warns us to be watchful and not become complacent in our spiritual lives. By writing an essay, I can comprehensively analyze the Parable of the Ten Virgins and its relevance to our lives today. It allows me to explore the symbolism and themes of the parable in more detail and to provide examples from my own life that illustrates the importance of being prepared and ready. This is the best approach to this topic, as it allows for a structure and depth of information that other project methods cannot.