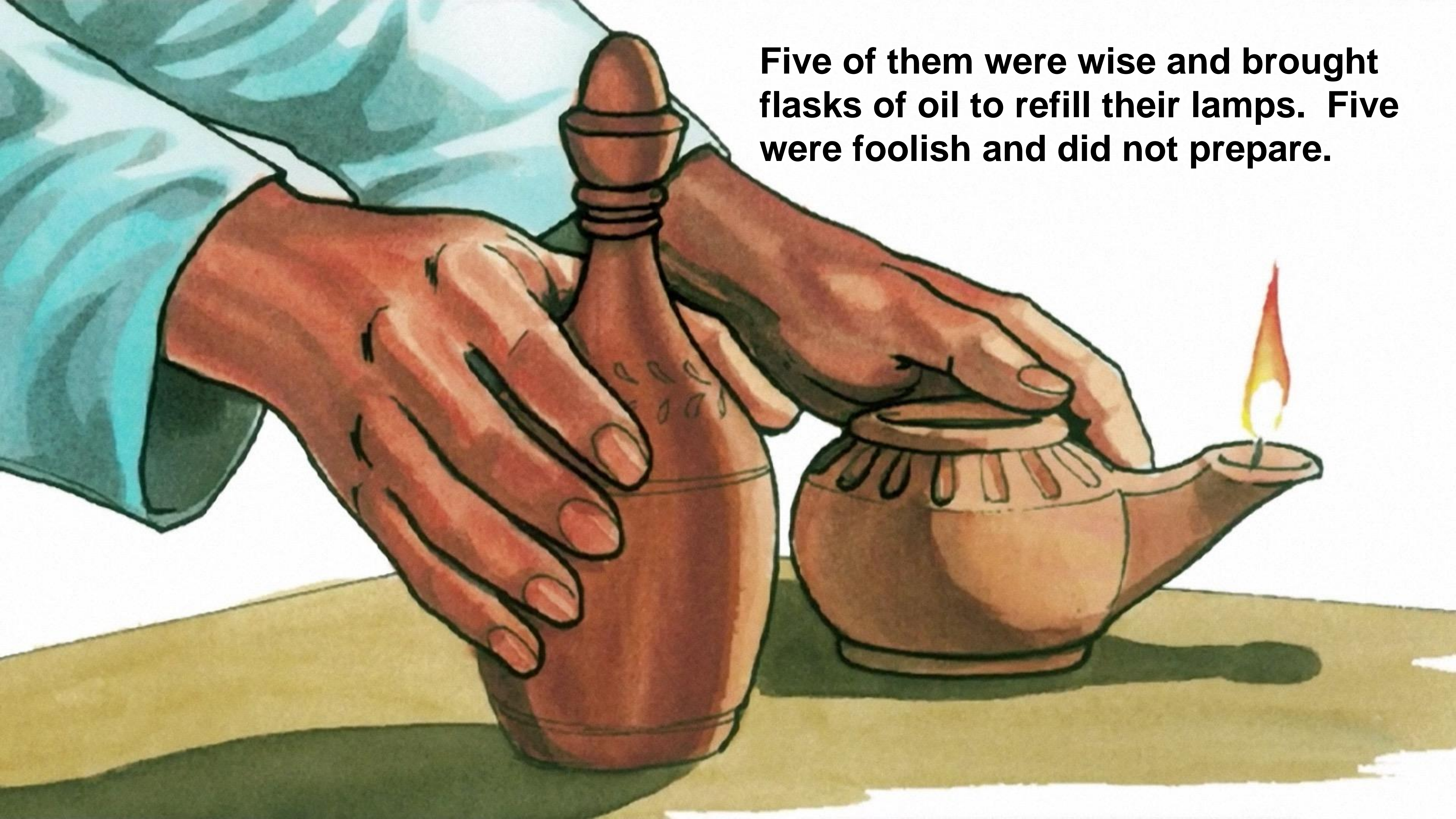





**Jesus told a parable about the Kingdom of Heaven: “Ten bridesmaids were getting ready for a wedding, and together, they took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. They were not sure when he would come, or how long they would have to wait.**



**Five of them were wise and brought  
flasks of oil to refill their lamps. Five  
were foolish and did not prepare.**







**The Bridegroom was late, and after waiting all afternoon and all evening, the bridesmaids finally fell asleep. It was already midnight when someone cried, “The bridegroom is coming! Quickly go and greet him!”**

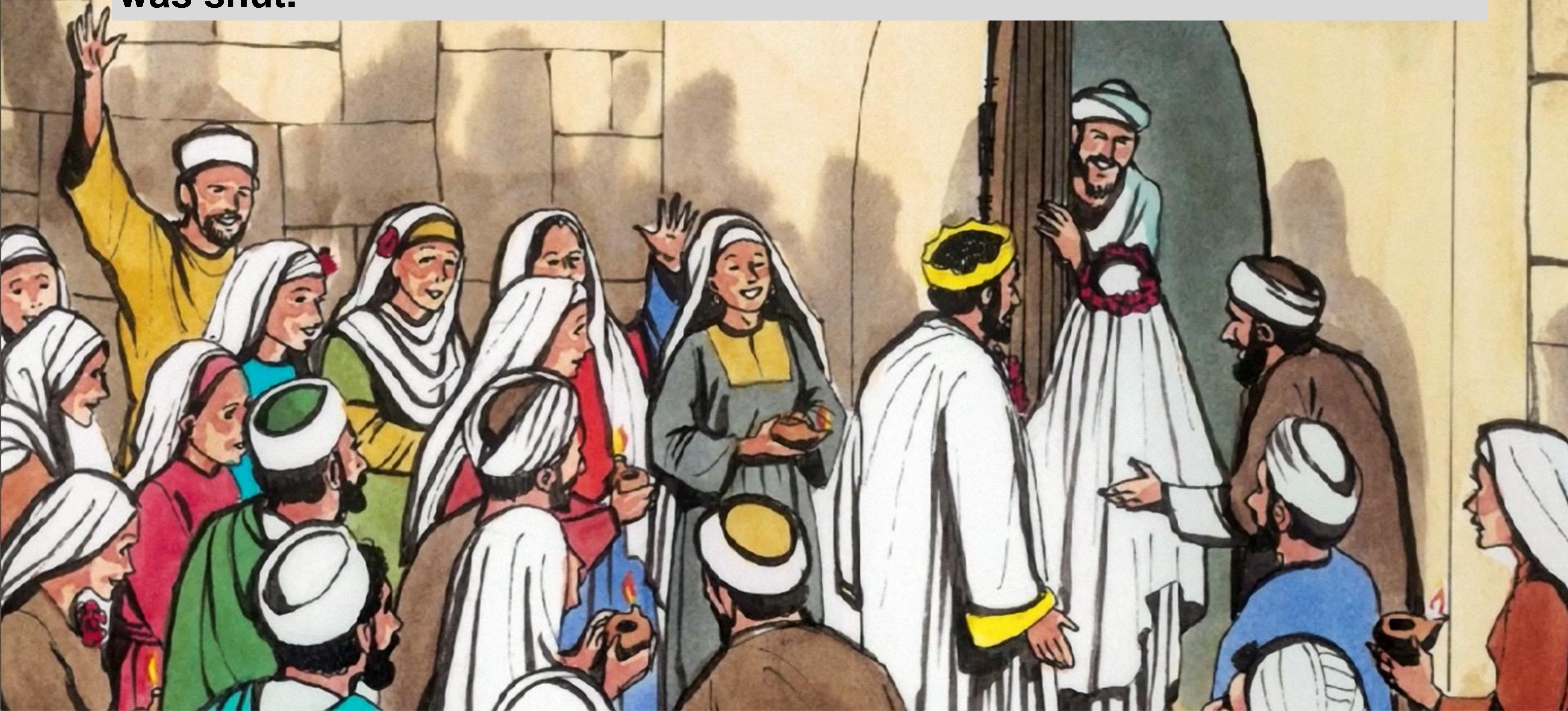


The wise bridesmaids refilled their lamps and went to meet him.  
But the lamps of the foolish bridesmaids had gone out, and  
they had to go and buy more oil.





**While they went to buy more lamp oil, the bridegroom came , and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut.**







**Later, when the foolish bridesmaids arrived, they knocked on the door and asked to be let in. But the bridegroom sent them away saying, “Leave here, because I do not know you.” Then Jesus said, “So keep awake and stay alert , for no one knows the day or the time.”**