

Laborers in the Vineyard

20:1 **FOR** ^athe kingdom of heaven is like ¹a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers ²for his ^bvineyard. 2 “And when he had agreed with the laborers for a ¹denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 “And he went out about the ¹third hour and saw others standing idle in the market place; 4 and to those he said, ‘You too go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ And *so* they went. 5 “Again he went out about the ¹sixth and the ninth hour, and did ²the same thing. 6 “And about the ¹eleventh *hour* he went out, and found others standing; and he **said* to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day long?’ 7 “They **said* to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He **said* to them, ‘You too go into the vineyard.’ 8 “And when ^aevening had come, the ¹owner of the vineyard **said* to his ^bforeman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last *group* to the first.’ 9 “And when those *hired* about the eleventh hour came, each one received a ¹denarius. 10 “And when those *hired* first came, they thought that they would receive more; and they also received each one a denarius. 11 “And when they received it, they grumbled at the landowner, 12 saying, ‘These last men have worked *only* one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the ^ascorching heat of the day.’ 13 “But he answered and said to one of them, ^a‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 ‘Take what is yours and go your way, but I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. 15 ‘Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your ^aeye ¹envious because I am ²generous?’ 16 “Thus ^athe last shall be first, and the first last.”

Death, Resurrection Foretold

17 ^aAnd as Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve *disciples* aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them, 18 “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man ^awill be ¹delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, 19 and ^awill deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify *Him*, and on ^bthe third day He will be raised up.”

Preferment Asked

20 ^aThen the mother of ^bthe sons of Zebedee came to Him with her sons, ^cbowing down, and making a request of Him. 21 And He said to her, “What do you wish?” She **said* to Him, “Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine ^amay sit, one on Your right and one on Your left.” 22 But Jesus answered and said, “You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able ^ato drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They **said* to Him, “We are able.” 23 He **said* to them, ^a“My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, ^bbut it is for those for whom it has been ^cprepared by My Father.” 24 And hearing *this*, the ten became indignant with the two brothers. 25 ^aBut Jesus called them to Himself, and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and *their* great men exercise authority over them. 26 “It is not so among you, ^abut whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, 27 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; 28 just as ^athe Son of Man

^bdid not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His ¹life a ransom for many.”

Sight for the Blind

29 ^aAnd as they were going out from Jericho, a great multitude followed Him. **30** And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “Lord, ^ahave mercy on us, ^bSon of David!” **31** And the multitude sternly told them to be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, “Lord, have mercy on us, ^aSon of David!” **32** And Jesus stopped and called them, and said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” **33** They *said to Him, “Lord, *we want* our eyes to be opened.” **34** And moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.

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^a Matt. 13:24

¹ Lit., *a man, a landowner*

² Lit., *into*

^b Matt. 21:28, 33

¹ The denarius was equivalent to one day’s wage

¹ I.e., 9 a.m.

¹ I.e., Noon and 3 p.m.

² Lit., *similarly*

¹ I.e., 5 p.m.

^a Lev. 19:13; Deut. 24:15

¹ Or, *lord*

^b Luke 8:3

¹ The denarius was equivalent to one day’s wage

^a Jon. 4:8; Luke 12:55; James 1:11

^a Matt. 22:12; 26:50

^a Deut. 15:9; Matt. 6:23; Mark 7:22

¹ Lit., *evil*

² Lit., *good*

^a Matt. 19:30; Mark 10:31; Luke 13:30

^a Matt. 20:17-19; *Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-33*

^a Matt. 16:21

¹ Or, *betrayed*

^a Matt. 27:2; Acts 2:23; 3:13; 4:27; 21:11

^b Matt. 16:21; 17:23; Luke 18:32f.

^a Matt. 20:20-28; *Mark 10:35-45*

^b Matt. 4:21; 10:2

^c Matt. 8:2

^a Matt. 19:28

^a Is. 51:17, 22; Jer. 49:12; Matt. 26:39, 42; Luke 22:42; John 18:11

^a Acts 12:2; Rev. 1:9

^b Matt. 13:11

^c Matt. 25:34

^a Matt. 20:25-28; Luke 22:25-27

^a Matt. 23:11; Mark 9:35; 10:43; Luke 22:26

^a Matt. 8:20

^b Matt. 26:28; John 13:13ff.; 2 Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:7; 1 Tim. 2:6; Titus 2:14; Heb. 9:28; Rev. 1:5

¹ Or, *soul*

^a Matt. 20:29-34; *Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43; Matt. 9:27-31*

^a Matt. 20:31

^b Matt. 9:27

^a Matt. 9:27

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.