

Questions On Matthew Chapter 20

1. Verses 1-16 record the parable of the workers in the vineyard. What is the main point of this parable?
 - a. What pay agreement was made with the first workers?
 - b. At what “hours” (times of the day) did the landowner hire workers?
 - c. What pay agreement was made with the later workers? (Verses 4 & 7)
 - d. What did the landowner pay everyone?
 - e. How did the first-hired workers react to this?
 - f. In what two ways did the landowner defend his actions? (verses 13 & 15)
 - g. How does verse 2 show that this passage is NOT a defense of modern day socialism?
 - h. According to verse 16, what is the *spiritual* application of this parable?
2. On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus took the 12 apostles aside and told them (reminded them of) what regarding His future? (vs. 17-19)
 - a. What additional observation does Luke’s account contain regarding the apostles? (Luke 18:34)

- b. What additional information does Mark's account contain regarding the treatment of Jesus at Jerusalem? (Mark 10:33-34)
3. What did the mother of Zebedee's sons ask Jesus? (v. 20)
 - a. Who were Zebedee's sons? (Mark 10:35)
 - b. Mark's account says that it was these sons who made this request. Explain the harmony between Matthew 20:20 and Mark 10:35:
 - c. How did the other 10 apostles react to this request? (v. 24)
 - d. In verses 23-28, what reasons (3 or 4 depending upon how you answer) did Jesus give against the notion of kingdom hierarchy?
4. What condition affected the two men who sat at the road begging Jesus for help as He left Jericho?
 - a. How many blind men according to Mark and Luke? (Mark 10:46; Luke 18:35)
 - b. What additional information does Mark's account give about one of these men? (Mark 10:46)
 - c. How do we harmonize the numbers of men in these accounts?
 - d. What were these blind men crying out and how did the disciples react to their crying?
 - e. What did the blind men do once they were healed?