



What does the Bible teach about service?

Matthew 20:26-27

Our Lesson taught us that he who would be great in the Kingdom should do what?

Ephesians 2:10

What are we created in Christ Jesus for?

Matthew 5:16

What will our good works do?

Hebrews 10:24

We should provoke one another to what?
How can we do this?

What kind of Good works can we do?

What Good work are you going to do this week?



A Study of Matthew

Matthew 20:1-34

Lesson 18

Assignment for next Week — Read Matthew 21:1-46

Memory Verse — Matthew 20:26-27

Our God is so great. In Matthew the 20th chapter Christ relates a parable about the kingdom of heaven. At the close of the 19th chapter Christ told his disciples that many that are first shall be last and many of the last shall be first. The parable that begins the 20th chapter gives us a deeper insight into those words of our savior. Also in the 20th chapter we see Christ further explain to his disciples what he must endure, we see the mother of the sons of Zebedee ask Christ for her sons to sit on his right and left hand and we see Christ heal two blind men.

As the parable about the kingdom begins we see a landowner hiring men to work in his vineyard. The man goes out and hires men throughout the day, even up to the eleventh hour. At the end of the day the land owner paid those who had come last first and paid each man the same wage. Those who had come first had expected more since those who came last were paid what those who had hired on first agreed for. When those who had come first received the same they murmured against the man of the house. The good man told them that he had done them no wrong because he had paid them what they had agreed upon and ask them if it was not right for him to do what he wished with his own possessions.

This parable teaches us that our God is great in love and mercy. People learn about Christ at different times in their lives and each of us live a different number of years; however, if we obey and serve God he has promised us the same hope. Each of these men when

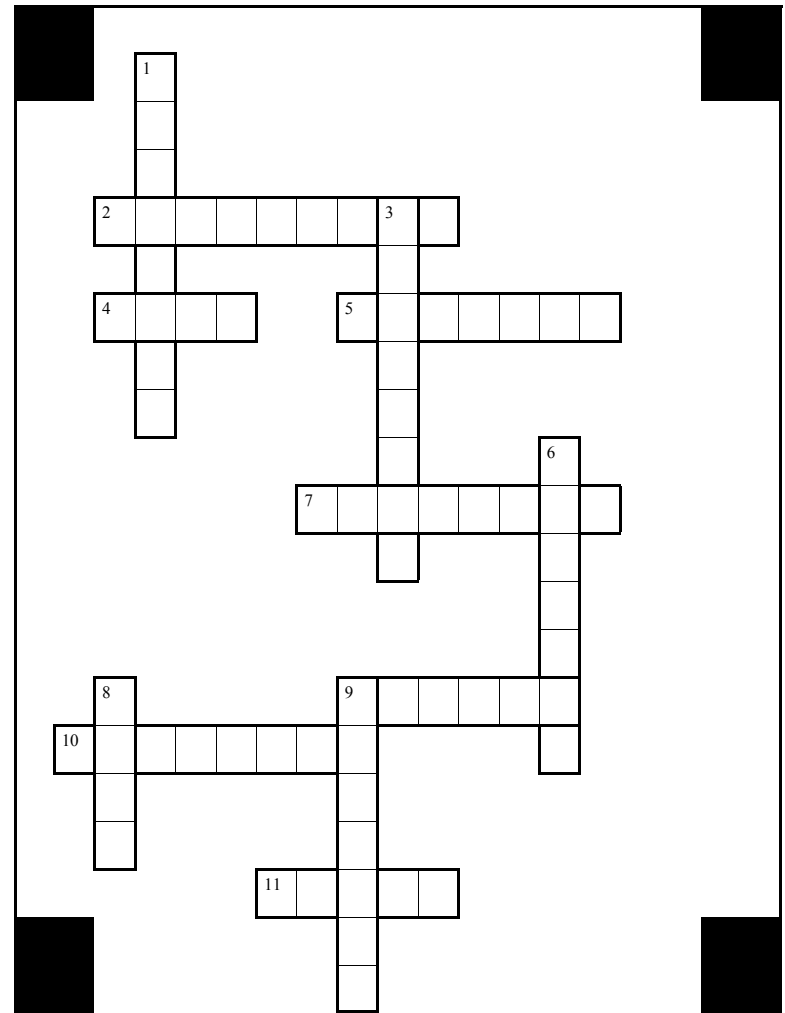
they were called went straight to work; however, some were called at the third hour, while others were called at the eleventh hour.

Many in the world are concerned about what they are going to get for their labors, even the disciples had asked Jesus what they would receive for forsaking all. Christ had told them that they would be blessed a hundredfold and inherit eternal life; however, what he was trying to tell his disciples by this parable was that in comparison to what they might do, their reward might be last in comparison to others. The disciples would be like those who bore the heat of the day. As Christians we should always be glad to see someone come to Christ. We should not be concerned with the amount of someone else's reward. Truly the wages of sin are death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. Let us seek to share the news of this gift.

As Christ began to go to Jerusalem he knew what he was going to face and he related it to his disciples. Christ's knowledge of those things demonstrated his divinity. Christ told his disciples that he was going to be betrayed, condemned to death, mocked, and crucified. Why would Christ do this — because of the Joy that was before him(Hebrews 12:2). When we are tempted we need to think about this. If we will serve Our Father there will be great joy for us; this should comfort us and give us strength in temptation so that we will be able to endure.

Once again, in the 20th chapter, we see the disciples concerned with matters of the world. James' and John's mother came and asked for positions at Christ right and left hand. Christ told them that those were not his to give and that the kingdom of heaven is not like the world in this respect. Christ again emphasized that those who would be great in Heaven's kingdom would be those who were servants and ministers to those around them. Christ reemphasized this by telling his disciples that he

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 CROSS to fill in the Puzzle.
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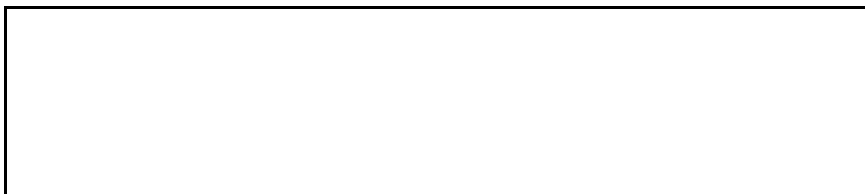
Across

2. Jesus told his disciples that he was going up to this city to be betrayed and condemned to death.(20:18)
4. The good man paid those who came _____ first.(20:8-9)
5. The mother of this father's sons came and asked Jesus to let her sons sit on Christ right and left in the kingdom.(20:20)
7. How Christ was given to the chief priests and the scribes. (20:18)
9. Many are called but few are _____.(20:16)
10. Jesus came not to be ministered unto but to _____.(20:28)
11. Jesus healed two men who were _____.(20:30)

Down

1. A man went out to hire men to work in his _____.(20:1-2)
3. Men were hired up to the _____ hour.(20:6)
6. He who would be greatest in the kingdom of heaven should become a _____.(20:27)
8. Jesus came to give this.(20:28)
9. How was Christ going to die in Jerusalem?.(20:19)

Lesson 17 - Across - 1. Children, 3. Moses, 6. Heaven, 8. everlasting, 9. rich, 10. God, 11. sell - Down - 1. commandments, 2. Divorce, 4. Everlasting, 5. possessions, 7. needle, 12. last



came not be ministered unto but to minister. Shortly after this discourse Christ ministered in physical things by healing two blind men.

Our God is an awesome God. Our God, knowing what men would do, sent his son to die that we might have life through Him. Our God knows the hearts of men and is able to save those who have chosen to obey him whether they learned of him in the first or eleventh hour of their life. We need to work on our hearts so that we will not have an attitude like those who murmured against the good man of the house. Let us seek to be God's servants and a servant to our fellow man for this is true greatness. The world cannot understand this unless they learn Christ; let us hope and work toward their learning by demonstrating Christ in our daily example.

Match the verse with the Event

Scriptures from Matthew

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| a. 20:1-15 | b. 20:16 | c. 20:17-18 |
| d. 20:20-21 | e. 20:26-28 | f. 20:29-34 |

- _____ 1. The mother of James and John came and asked Jesus to let her sons sit on his right and left in the Kingdom.
- _____ 2. The last shall be first. Many are called but few are chosen.
- _____ 3. Jesus foretold his disciples that he must suffer in Jerusalem.
- _____ 4. Christ told his disciples a parable about a man who hires workers all during the day to come work in his vineyard and at they end of the day he pays them all the same wage beginning with those who came last and worked the least amount of time.
- _____ 5. Jesus healed two blind men.
- _____ 6. Jesus explained to his disciples that he who would be greatest in the kingdom should be a servant and minister.

Questions

1. What do we learn from the parable of the landowner?
2. Did Christ know what was going to happen to him in Jerusalem?
3. What did James' and John's mother ask for?
4. Who will be the greatest in the Kingdom?
5. Did Christ come to be ministered to?
6. Who did Christ heal on his way from Jericho to Jerusalem?

Review

Answer the Following Questions

1. What does Immanuel mean?(Matthew 1)
2. What does Repentance mean? What is the proof of repentance?(Matthew 3)
3. Why did Christ want to be baptized of John? (Matthew 3)
4. Where does temptation come from? (James 1:12-15)
5. What does it mean that a disciples is not better than his teacher?(Chapter 10)
6. What sign did Christ promise the Pharisees to show whom he was?(Chapter 12)
7. What did we learn in the Parable of the Pearl of Great Price? The treasure of the field? How are these two parables similar and different? (Chapter 13)
8. What defiles a man?(Chapter 15)
9. Who appeared at Christ transfiguration? (Chapter 17)