

Questions on Matthew chapter 20

1. The word “for” indicates that this parable illustrates the last thought in the preceding chapter. What is that thought? Verse 1. (See verse 16)
2. Into whose vineyard were the laborers of the parable sent to work? Verse 2.
3. Where did the owner of the vineyard go to find laborers? Verse 3.
4. What times of day would the third hour, the sixth hour, the ninth hour, and the eleventh hour be? Verses 3-6.
5. What was the reason that some were still standing idle at the eleventh hour? Verse 7.
6. How long do you think the ones who came at the eleventh hour worked? Verse 8.
7. Why did those hired first suppose they would receive more than a penny? Verse 9-10.

8. What was the complaint of those who were hired first? Verses 11-12.

9. Did the owner deal unjustly or defraud the first ones hired? Verses 13-14.

10. If the owner did nothing unjustly or unlawful, what was the real problem? Verse 15.

11. If the teaching of this parable is that the last in amount of work performed shall be first in the ratio between labor and reward, and the first in amount of labor shall be last in this ratio, how does that relate to the reward in the kingdom of heaven of eternal life? Verse 16.

12. To whom did Jesus make the announcement of His death? Verse 17.

13. How accurate was the prediction that Jesus made? Verses 18-19.

14. Why do you think Matthew referred to her as “the mother of Zebedee’s children,” and who were her sons? Verse 20.

15. What was the “certain thing” that Jesus made her specify before giving her an answer? Verse 21.

16. Why did Jesus say, “You know not what you ask”? Verse 22.

17. What did the figure of drinking of Jesus’ cup and being baptized with Jesus’ baptism mean? Verse 23.

18. Why were the other disciples “moved with indignation”? Verse 24.

19. James and John sought honor and authority as the practice was in Gentile (worldly) kingdoms, but what is the post of honor in Jesus’ kingdom? Verses 25-28.

20. When Jesus was leaving Jericho, where was He going? Verse 29.

21. Why do you think the multitude rebuked the blind men? Verses 30-31.

22. How was calling Jesus “Son of David” an expression of faith? Verse 31.

23. What was the specific “mercy” that the blind men desired? Verses 32-33.

24. Do you think the bodily blessing the blind men received led them in the direction of blessings more to be desired? Verse 34.