

Matthew
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –07/27/26

Matthew - Lesson 27
Matthew 20:1-34

1. Read Matthew 20:1-16. Notice the verses that “bookend” this parable (19:30, 20:16); they give the main point of the teaching between them. So be thinking about how this parable illustrates those verses. If *the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner....*who is the landowner?
2. What did he promise to pay the first workers he hired? What did he say he would pay the others? At the end of the day, what caused the grumbling of those hired first? Did you sympathize with their complaint? Why? Was this an issue of being just? Fair? Generous?
3. What do you think is the main point(s) of this parable? What does it teach about God? About rewards for serving Him?
4. Read Matthew 20:17-19. This is the third time Jesus has predicted his death (16:21, 17:22-23). What additional details are given? Why does he keep repeating it?
5. Read Matthew 20:20-28. What is requested by the mother of James and John? What was their expectation for the future? Motivation behind the request?
6. How did Jesus reply (vv. 22-23)? How did the other disciples respond? Did they understand what he was telling them? What does he demand of his followers? Who is our example?
7. Read Matthew 20:29-34. This is the last miracle of healing Jesus performed during his earthly life. Who did the blind men perceive Jesus to be? What did they ask of him? (v.30)
8. What contrasts do you see between the blind men, the crowd and Jesus himself?
9. Personal application: What do you want Jesus to do for you? Do you believe he will listen to you? Have compassion for you? Are you as persistent as these two blind men? Or, do you let the voices of the crowd convince you to keep quiet?