



**KINGDOM
COME**

How did we get to this parable?

Matthew 19:16-30

Rich Young Ruler:

“What do I have to do to get into the Kingdom?”

Peter:

“What will we get for what we have done?”

Jesus:

**Changes the question from “What do I deserve?”
to “The first will be last, and the last first.”**

1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

4 to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, & whatever is right I will give you.’

Matthew 20:1-16

5 So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour & the ninth hour, he did the same.

6 And about the eleventh hour he went out & found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?'

7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'

8 And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers & pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.'

Matthew 20:1-16

9 And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.

10 Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.

11 And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,

12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, & you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day & the scorching heat.'

Matthew 20:1-16

13 But he replied to one of them, ‘*Friend*, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?

14 Take what belongs to you & go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.

15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’

16 So the last will be first, & the first last.”

Matthew 20:1-16

The Kingdom Is Built on the Master's Promise v. 1–4

“He agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day.” — v.2

- The master goes out looking for workers, he calls them into his vineyard & makes them a promise.
- They don't negotiate for more. They simply trust the word of the master.
- Our confidence isn't found in how much we can accomplish for God, but in whether we trust what God has said.

Kingdom Focus: In the Kingdom, we don't build our lives on what we can accomplish—we build them on what the King has promised.

Grace Isn't Earned—It's Given v. 8–10

“Call the laborers & pay them their wages...” — v.8

- The master gives each worker what he promised.
- Those who worked one hour received the same denarius as those who worked all day.
- Grace is not God giving us what we have earned. Grace is God giving what we could never earn.

Kingdom Focus: The Kingdom isn't built on what we deserve; it's built on the grace we receive.

God's Goodness — NOT Our Comparison v.11–15

“Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?” — v.15

- The workers' problem wasn't what they received—it was what someone else received.
- Their comparison made the master's generosity look like injustice.
- God's goodness isn't diminished because He is good to someone else.

Kingdom Focus: When we trust God's goodness, we can celebrate grace—even when it doesn't look the way we expected.

The Kingdom Turns “What Do I Deserve?”

Into “How Good Is My King?” v. 15–16

“So the last will be first, and the first last.” –v.16

- The Kingdom isn't about keeping score.
- It's about recognizing the generosity of the King.
- The gospel reminds us that none of us comes to God because we earned our place.
- We are all standing in the Kingdom because of grace.

Kingdom Focus: Stop keeping score & start celebrating grace.

**Trust the King
Receive His Grace
Celebrate His Goodness
Stop Keeping Score**

*“The grace that does not change my life will
not save my soul!” – Charles Spurgeon*

