Matthew 20

20:1-16 – Jesus continues His journey to Jerusalem and His teachings on *the kingdom of God*.

The parable of the landowner and the laborers.

Multiple lessons here:

- 1. The kingdom of God will be offered to *Gentiles*.
- 2. God is in control of <u>rewards</u>. E.g., the <u>thief on the cross</u>.
- 3. A lesson: be careful about seeking *rewards*.

20:17-19 – The third time Jesus foretells His *resurrection*.

20:20-28 – The request by the mother of *James and John*.

Their naivete about what is coming: suffering.

Rewards are given by *God the Father*.

Key teaching: "It is not this way <u>among you."</u>

The great teaching on being a servant.

The example of Jesus: giving His life.

20:29-34 – The great lesson by *the blind men*.

When their eyes were opened, they followed Jesus.