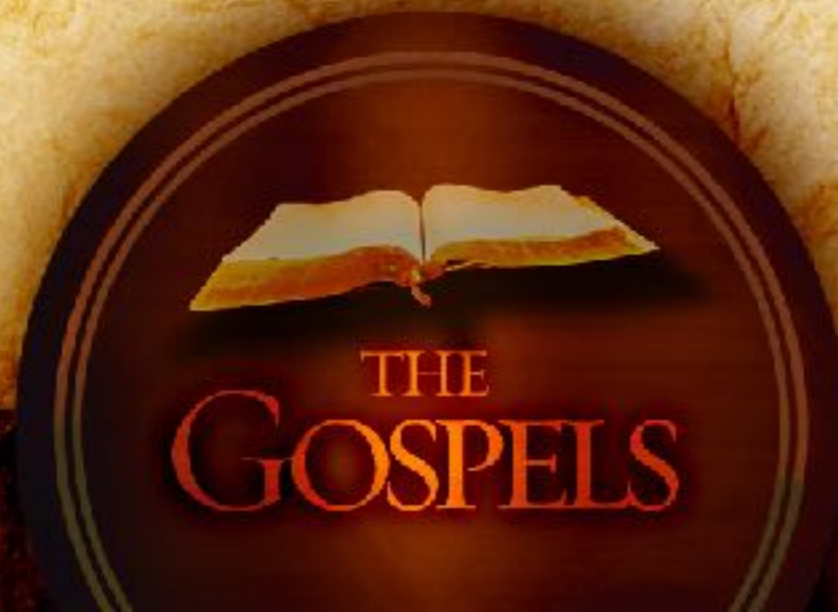




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Who is YOUR King?!?





That's Not Fair!

Matthew 20:1-16



Introduction:

Understanding & applying parables . . .



But when the young man heard
that saying, he went away
sorrowful, for he had great
possessions.

Matthew 19:22



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“Assuredly I say to you, that . . . you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

Matthew 19:28b-29



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Matthew 19:27



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Matthew 19:30

So the
last will be first,
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Matthew 20:16a



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“Grant that these two sons of mine
may sit, one on Your right hand
and the other on the left,
in Your kingdom.”

Matthew 21:21b



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Matthew 20:24



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But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave.

Matthew 20:25-27



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Matthew 20:25-27



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

Matthew 20:1



Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

Matthew 20:2



And he went out about the third hour
and saw others standing idle in the
marketplace,

Matthew 20:3



and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went.

Matthew 20:4



Again he went out about the sixth and
the ninth hour, and did likewise.

Matthew 20:5



And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’

Matthew 20:6



They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.’

Matthew 20:7



“So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them *their* wages, beginning with the last to the first.’

Matthew 20:8



And when those came who *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius.

Matthew 20:9



But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius.

Matthew 20:10



And when they had received *it*, they
complained against the landowner,

Matthew 20:11



saying, ‘These last *men* have worked *only* one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’

Matthew 20:12



But he answered one of them and said,
'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did
you not agree with me for a denarius?'

Matthew 20:13



Take *what is* yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man *the same* as to you.

Matthew 20:14



Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’

Matthew 20:15



So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”

Matthew 20:16



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“Why do you call Me good? No
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Matthew 19:17



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Is your eye evil because I am **good**?

Matthew 20:15b



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The Christ of the Gospels



**James Walton
Shepherd**

The Christ of the Gospels



“They that work for reward, do not get as much as they want. [But] they that work for love, get more than they expect.”



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. . . they loved the praise of men more
than the praise of God.

John 12:43b



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Romans 12:15a



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