**The Kingdom Parables**

Lesson #11 “The Parables of the Laborers in the Vineyard ” Mt. 20:1-16

**Intro. – Review**

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**I. Parable of the workers – Mt. 20:1-7**

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UNDERSTANDING JEWISH TIME

**SCHEDULE OF THE HOURS OF PRAYER AND THE TEMPLE LITURGICAL SERVICE**

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| **JEWISH TIME** | **ROMAN TIME** |
| **FIRST HOUR**  After a the priests prepare the altar ([Lev 1:7](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/leviticus/leviticus1.htm#v7); [6:1-6/8-13](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/leviticus/leviticus6.htm#v1); Mishnah: Tamid 1:2), the first male lamb of the Tamid sacrifice is brought out and tied to the altar at dawn (Mishnah: Tamid 3:2-3:3) | **DAWN -8AM** |
| **SECOND HOUR** | **8-9AM** |
| **THIRD HOUR**  The incense is offered in the Sanctuary and the first Tamid lamb is sacrificed as the Temple gates open [Mishnah: Tamid 3:7; Edersheim, *The Temple*, chapter 7, p. 108] | **9-10AM** |
| **FOURTH HOUR** | **10-11AM** |
| **FIFTH HOUR** | **11-12PM** |
| **SIXTH HOUR**  The second lamb is brought out and tied to the altar at high noon. [Mishnah: Tamid 4:1] | **NOON -1PM** |
| **SEVENTH HOUR** | **1-2PM** |
| **EIGHTH HOUR** | **2-3PM** |
| **NINTH HOUR**  The second Tamid lamb is sacrificed [*Antiquities of the Jews* 14.4.3 (14:65); Philo *Special Laws* I, XXXV (169)] | **3-4PM** |
| **TENTH HOUR** | **4-5PM** |
| **ELEVENTH HOUR**  The afternoon liturgical service is concluded with the burning of the incense (sacrifices of the two lambs is embraced by the burning of the incense, making it a single sacrifice) and the priestly benediction (*Mishnah: Tamid*, 6:3-7:2; [Num 6:24-26](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/number/numbers6.htm#v24)). | **5-6PM** |
| **TWELVETH HOUR** | **6PM-SUNDOWN** |
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**I. Parable of the workers – Mt. 20:8-7**

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Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

Interpretations / Definitions

Landowner - represents Christ

Vineyard - represents the Church / Kingdom

Laborers - represents Christians

End of day - represents judgment

Reward - Represents eternal salvation

* This parable teaches several things:
  1. Being in the kingdom\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* 1. The order in the kingdom\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* + - In the church the rules of the world are turned upside down:
      * The first\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      * The weak\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      * The leaders\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Summary**

* Two last ideas:
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***LITTLE LEARNERS***

**Laborers in the Vineyard Matthew 20:1=16**

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|  | **7 ACROSS** "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire  laborers for his \_\_\_\_\_." MATTHEW 20:1  **1 DOWN** "Now when he had \_\_\_\_\_ with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard." MATT 20:2 |
| FIND THE WORDS OF THE VERSE AND THE SCRIPTURE REFERENCE BELOW IN THE PUZZLE  I V F T O B R O F A I C Y L H  N M D I H O O N A W B N V O H  T T D H M R J N W V O L Z M G  M F V A Z B T B W Z J E E H T  L W D R Y B Z V Z Z U R Y L J  N N E E D N D S O M B A S W J  T Y M H C T A S N M O B S E H  H F F N T C E M E L L C O F V  T E I N V T E F S A Y A I T F  P D R S E N A A O S F E S C O  N R S K W P D M H T D I A T P  C L T I O S D V C E A L R T B  B B L Y K T C N B B L O B S U  F L V L B H C S A E U W K J T  O H P N Z E L W D M Q P G T U  "So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called but few  are chosen." MATTHEW 20:1 | **8 DOWN** "And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing \_\_\_\_\_ in the marketplace." MATT 20:3  **5 DOWN** "...and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is \_\_\_\_\_ I will give you.'.."MATT 20:4  **9 ACROSS** "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 \_\_\_\_\_ to the first.' " MATTHEW 20:8  **4 ACROSS** "And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they \_\_\_\_\_ received a denarius." MATT 20:9  **2 DOWN** "But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive \_\_\_\_\_; and they likewise  received each a denarius." MATTHEW 20:10  **6 DOWN** "Is it not \_\_\_\_\_ for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?" MATTHEW 20:15  **3 DOWN** "So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few \_\_\_\_\_." MATTHEW 20:16  **FINISH** |