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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

The First Will be Last

Matthew 19:27–20:16

Matt. 18:1, “At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, ‘Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’ ”

Matt. 20:20, “Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.

Matt. 20:21, “And He said to her, ‘What do you wish?’ She said to Him, ‘Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.’ ”

Matt. 20:27, “And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—

Matt. 20:28, “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Matt. 19:16, “Now behold, one came and said to Him, ‘*Good Teacher*, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?’ ”

**Matt. 19:21, “Jesus said to him, ‘If you
want to be perfect, go, sell what you have
and give to the poor, and you will have
treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.’ ”**

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complete, mature,
whole**

Matt. 6:19, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

Matt. 6:20, “but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matt. 6:21, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Luke 12:21, “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

Luke 12:32, “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:33, “Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.

Luke 12:34, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Col. 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

Salvation is *free!*

Rewards are *earned!*

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THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

PHASE ONE

PHASE TWO

PHASE THREE

Justification

Spiritual Life

Glorification

Text

**Saved from
Penalty of Sin**

**Saved from
Power of Sin**

**Saved from
Presence of Sin**

“you were saved”

“you are being saved”

“you will be saved”

Matt. 19:26, “But Jesus looked at them and said to them, ‘With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’ ”

1 John 2:28, “And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.”

Matt. 19:27, “Then Peter answered and said to Him, ‘See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?’ ”

**Matt. 19:28, “So Jesus said to them,
‘Assuredly I say to you, that in the
regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on
the throne of His glory, you who have
followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones,
judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

**Matt. 19:29, “ ‘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.’ ”**

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The rich young ruler was *first* in this life: wealth, youth, power. But he held on to earthly desires for status and will be last. The disciples we viewed as insignificant in this life (last), and they will be first in the kingdom.

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Conjunction coord (explanation)

“for, since, because”

Explains something previously stated.

Matt. 19:30, “But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Matt. 20:1, “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning [dawn] to hire laborers for his vineyard.”

Matt. 20:2, “Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.”

These represent the thinking of the rich, young ruler: a desire for a bargain, a guaranteed return on their invested time of labor.

Matt. 20:3, “And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

Matt. 20:4, “and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went.”

Matt. 20:5, “Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.

Matt. 20:6, “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?’

Matt. 20:7, “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.’ ”

Matt. 20:8, “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.’

Matt. 20:9, “And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius.”

Matt. 20:10, “But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius.

Matt. 20:11, “And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner,

Matt. 20:12, “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.’ ”

Matt. 20:13, “But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’”

Matt. 20:14, “ ‘Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you.’”

Matt. 20:15, “ ‘Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ ”

Prov. 28:22, “A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, and does not consider that poverty will come upon him.”

Prov. 22:9, “He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor.”

Matt. 20:16, “So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”