

Overview

1-V1-9 The values of the Kingdom of _____ are upside down from the values of the man-made world. In man's world, the strong, the smart, and the connected get the money, the privilege, the rule and the status. Jesus tells a story to illustrate how everyone who works in the Kingdom of Heaven will get daily bread even if they are not as strong and able as others. The Vineyard owner goes to the marketplace through the day and hires people wanting to work and pays them _____ the same normal day's _____ at quitting time.

2-V7-15 Those hired later in the day, when asked why they weren't working, replied "Because no one _____ us." Those that worked all day felt it was _____ that they did not get a bonus. The Vineyard owner replies, "Is it against the _____ for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be angry because I am _____." Jesus is illustrating that God's kindness - His grace is given to all who seek it because they all need it.

3-V16 The Lord concludes talking about the different values of the Kingdom of Heaven and the man's world saying that "Many who are _____ now will be _____, and those who are _____ will be first then." (When Jesus brings us into the recreated earth.)

4-V 17-19 On their way to _____ Jesus tells them that this will be his last trip. The movers and shakers of man's world—the leading _____ and teachers of religious _____ will sentence him to _____. He will be handed over to the _____. He will be _____, whipped, and _____. But on the third day he will be _____.

5-V20-28 _____ and _____ had human ambitions. They wanted to sit in the places of _____ next to Jesus in the Kingdom. They sent their _____ to do the asking. They really did not comprehend that future honor would require them to drink from the same bitter _____ of _____. Jesus was about to drink from, His suffering and death. They did not know what they were saying when they said "Oh yes, we are _____!"

6-V21-23 Jesus said that they would indeed later drink of the same bitter cup. But that His _____ would decide who got the places of honor.

7-V24-28 Jesus now points out that the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven were _____ and sometimes even like _____. His own greatness would not be lording it over people _____ Him. It would involve giving his physical _____ as a _____ payment that would set all people free from death, judgment and hell.

8-V29-33 Two _____ beggars, of no value in the world of men, came to Jesus, asking Him to serve them. They wanted the Lord to enable them to _____. They understood that Jesus was the messiah because they called Him "Son of _____." Their only claim on Him was His _____. However, these men of faith were of those called _____ in the Kingdom. "Jesus felt _____ for them and touched their _____. Instantly they could _____! Then they _____ him."

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1. 1 _____ The Vineyard is another way of speaking of the Kingdom of Heaven. A fig tree, olive tree or vineyard were commonly a term for Israel as a nation. Jesus speaks of us as branches of the vine—himself being the vine. (John 15:1f) Paul speaks of the branches of the olive tree that were Israel being cut off because of their rejection of Jesus and the wild (gentile/ non-Jewish) branches grafted in their place. (Romans 11:17)

2. V2 _____ (a denarius) This was the amount of money earned by a common man for a day's work. The wage in the context of the parable probably refers to the

gift of salvation that is given to all who are willing to work in the Lord's Vineyard and to serve in His kingdom. We need the full day's wage. The price fully paid for salvation.

3. V7 _____ Looking at this from the point of view of eternal salvation, these are people who want to enter and work in the Kingdom of Heaven but did not have an earlier opportunity. • In the days of the first church, those hired later were the Gentiles—the non-Jews. The Jews received the invitation to enter and work in the Kingdom of God first.

4. V13 _____ Jesus is teaching His disciples His heart. The people were hired at different hours but all received the same pay. Jesus teaches this parable to teach the disciples that they ought to serve out of love for Him and concern for their brethren, not seeking rewards...though there are rewards. (1 Corinthians 3:13-15) In fact, it would be a better heart to rejoice that other workers would get paid and be able to feed their families too.

5. V15 _____ It is God's kindness--grace--mercy--love for us no matter what we are like that is our only hope of salvation. Jesus had just recently told his disciples who realized that it was impossible for a person to be good enough to be saved. "Humanly speaking, it is impossible but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26 • "But then God our Savior showed us His kindness and love. He saved us not because of the good things we did, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins and gave us a new life through the Holy Spirit." Titus 4-5

6.V 22 _____ The cup is seen as containing great joy or great sorrow which people take into their life as by drinking. "My cup runs over (with blessings)" Psalm 23:5 "Then the Lord, the God of Israel, said to me, 'Take from my hand this cup filled to the brim with my anger, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink from it. When they drink from it, they will stagger, crazed by the warfare I will send against them.'" Jeremiah 25:15 Jesus drank a bitter cup starting in the Garden of Gethsemane where he cried out "My soul is crushed with grief (sorrow) to the point of death." and ending when he cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 26:38 27:46 Jesus took the wrath of God against sin on himself so that we would be saved from the wrath to come." I Thess 1:10

7. V23 _____ James and John did drink from the same cup of sorrow that Jesus drank from. They suffered and were put to death by the governments of men. Within a few years after the Church, as the physical manifestation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth came into being, all of the apostles, except John, were martyred. Church tradition says they tried to cook John in boiling oil but the angel of the Lord protected him. However, John was exiled to the island of Patmos.

8. V28 _____ The Greek word is LUTRON from the word "luo" meaning "to loose." We are familiar with people being kidnapped and held for ransom. A case that illustrates the way the Devil took us captive when we sinned... is Patty Hearst. She was kidnapped by home grown terrorists some years ago. They used physical, sexual, and emotional abuse to brainwash her. She was later seen with them holding up a bank. The Devil not only robbed the first people and we their descendants of our freedom but he has made us like himself. Jesus was born to ransom us from the Devil. "Jesus became flesh and blood by being born in human form. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death." Hebrews 2:14-15

9. V30 _____ A term for Messiah (Christ) God coming into this world to save us. "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

What does this Scripture say to you? _____