## Matthew 20 Study Notes 3/2/23

Matthew 20:1-16
Work/pay schedule for workers:         V 2       6:00 am (early morning/sunrise)         V 3-4       9:00 am (third hour)         V 5       12:00 pm (non/sixth hour) and 3:00 pm (ninth hour)         V 6,9       5:00 pm (eleventh hour)
Who did the owner tell the manager/foreman to pay first? What did those hired at sunrise, who had worked the longest expect? What was their reaction and against whom? Does their response feel legitimate? How did the landowner respond?
V 16 is a divine principle that needed teaching over and over:  The last will be and the first will be
Matthew 20:17-19
What reason did they have for going to Jerusalem?
*The Hebrew Bible instructs all Jews to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem three times a year: in spring for Passover, in summer for Shavuout (Feast of Weeks), and in the fall for Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)
Jesus continues to refer to himself in the third person as  First time that has been mentioned explicitly.
Matthew 20: 20-23
Who are the three people who approach Jesus in this passage? Do you think Jesus knew the request already? Why was James and John's mother with them?
What is the "bitter cup of suffering" that Jesus is referring to?

What does Jesus refer to when he says you will indeed drink from my bitter cup?

Whose decision is it ultimately?

How could this truth help us as we accept the answers to our own personal human requests that we lay before God?

Matthew 20: 24-28

From what we know about the disciples at this point, do you think their indignation springs from humility or jealousy?

Jesus contrasts the rulers of this world with who?

Key Verse:

V 28 - For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

The Son of Man had every right to expect to be served, but he served instead.

\_\_\_\_\_ was commonly used as the purchase price for freeing slaves

Matthew 20: 29-34

Jericho - just a day's ride from Jerusalem

How many blind men were healed?

Why did Jesus not tell the healed men to be quiet about the miracle?

What did the healed men do?