



"The Kingdom's Economy: First
& Last, Last & First..."

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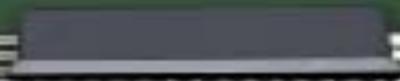
Citizen Matthew: Tax Collector, Disciple, & the Kingdom of Heaven, Pt 11



Matt. 19:27 ¶ Then Peter said in
reply, "Look, we have left
everything and followed you.
What then will we have?"



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





John 8:23 He said to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world."



Matt. 8:20 ... "Foxes have holes,
and birds of the air have nests;
but the Son of Man has nowhere
to lay his head."



Luke 15:4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?"

Luke 15:5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.



Matt. 2:6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the
land of Judah,
are by no means least among the
rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people
Israel.'"



Deut. 7:7 ¶ It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples.

Deut. 7:8 It was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.



Matt. 20:1 ¶ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matt. 20:2 After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.



Matt. 20:3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace;

Matt. 20:4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.



Matt. 20:5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.



Matt. 20:6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'



Matt. 20:7 They said to him,
'Because no one has hired
us.' He said to them, 'You
also go into the vineyard.'



Matt. 20:8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'



Matt. 20:9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.



Matt. 20:10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

Matt. 20:11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,



Matt. 20:12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'



Matt. 20:13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?



Matt. 20:14 Take what belongs
to you and go; I choose to
give to this last the same as
I give to you.



Matt. 20:15 Am I not allowed
to do what I choose with
what belongs to me? Or are
you envious because I am
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"Am I not
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Matt. 20:16 So the last will
be first, and the first will
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