



MATTHEW

The Prophecy Fulfilled

A jump off point...



- First last, last first? Ch. 19:30 and 20:16!!!
 - Switched in order? Switched in honor?
 - Jump the chapter division!
 - Landowner and his servants... full wage, denarii (18:28!)
 - Started with the last, ended with the first... grumbling...
 - Let's take a new look...

Groups hired



- Dawn (6am); 3rd hr. (9 am); 6th hr. (3pm); 11th hr (5pm)
- What is important in harvest time?
- “whatever is right”... (good man ~ vs. 11)
- Dramatic starts with vs. 6 ~ 11th hr. workers...
 - What does that make us???
 - Pay them (Deut. 24:15)!

Start with the...



- Last ones hired?
 - A denarii to each one...
 - Mercenary spirit... Peter's??? What shall we get???
 - You made them equal, we did more, burning heat...
 - Take (pick up) what is yours...
 - Fresh workers at the end of the day can make a difference in a harvest that is ripe...

Thoughts...



- Cannot refer to salvation, as this was earned!
 - Will anyone really “grumble” before God? Parable!
 - Lifetime – child, young, adult, elderly...
 - Matt 22:9... 2Cor 5:10? No! 1 John 3:2? Better...
 - The harvest and the Kingdom of God
 - Does eternity change our priority? Energy? Focus?

New thoughts, His Death



- On the way to Jerusalem...
 - Son of Man delivered to Priests and scribes,
 - Gentiles – mock, scourge, crucify
 - 3rd day – risen!
- Should be cause of rejoicing...
 - Apostles have something else on their minds...

A Jewish mother...(20:20)



- “Command” ~ who would He be commanding?
 - Peter had gotten promise, they wanted more! (19:28)
 - Positions of authority and influence (Mk, no mention of mother)
 - Are you able? You will! But as far as seating goes...
 - In Father’s keeping...
 - And the 10 ~ vexed!!!

Of rulers....



- God's ways are different, not Gentiles!
 - 'lord it over' ~ subdue, subject... exercise authority
- NOT so for you!
 - Be great? Be a servant! *diakonos*
 - Be first? Be a slave *doulos*
- Son of Man ~ to serve diakoneo, ransom

On the road again...



- Jericho, along the way

- A great video...

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