

The Workers in the Vineyard Parable

Jesus told this story:

'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He offered to pay them the usual rate for a day's work - a silver denarius.



They agreed and the landowner set them to work in his vineyard.



Later, at around nine in the morning the landowner went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. He told them, "I can offer you work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right."



They went off to join the others already working in the vineyard.



At noon, the landowner went down to the market-place and saw **more men** looking for work.



He offered them work too and they joined the others working in the vineyard. The sun was bright, and the work made them sweat. Phew!



Three hours later the landowner offered work to **more men** looking for a job. And again, at five o'clock he offered work to **more men**. "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?" "No-one one gave us a job," they replied. 'He said to them, "You can go and work in my vineyard."



When evening came an hour later, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers so they get their wages!" **The workers were lined up with the last workers to be hired at the front of the line and the workers hired early that morning at the end.**



To their surprise, the workers who were hired late in the afternoon and had only worked for an hour were given a **full pay** - a denarius!! **The same amount was given to those who had worked much longer.**



One of the workers who started work earliest complained, "That's not fair!" The landowner replied, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?"



"Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

So those who have the last place now will have the first place in the future. And those who have the first place now will have the last place in the future.'



Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus treats us all fairly and offers us the same. In God's kingdom, God loves us all. He is good and saves all who follow him.

Prayer

Thank you, Jesus that you love me. You even died to save me. You love everyone and want them to come to know you. Help me to tell others that you are so good and will also reward and help them if they become your friend. Amen

Links

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jO42dmFpj7k> The parable of the Vineyard Workers - Pursue God Kids. This excellent version is acted out by children. Only 2 minutes 30!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QiZicWl7Q4> Workers in the Vineyard - Holy tales, 3 minutes 40. Skip the first minute to go to the story.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hY1x0ZpI_A Christian Kids TV 4 minutes 17. This is a bit dated but still quite good.

MEMORY VERSE

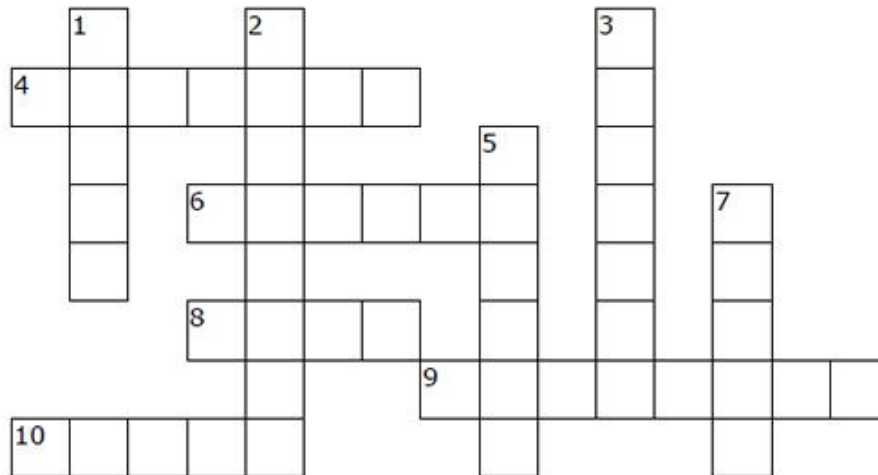
Anyone who asks the Lord for help will be saved.

Romans 10: 13

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'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' Matthew 20:12 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:1-16



ACROSS

4. People who labor, usually for wages or a salary
6. The place where God lives
8. A period of time equal to sixty minutes
9. A place where grapes are grown
10. Pay received for working

DOWN

1. Coins or bills used to pay for something
2. To give or share freely with others
3. To gripe or complain
5. Not playing by the rules
7. Two things that are of the same value

HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	MONEY	WORKERS	VINEYARD
GENEROUS	HOUR	WAGES	UNFAIR	EQUAL

Workers in the Vineyard

