

## Matthew Lesson Chapter 20a

The Gospel According to Matthew -- Chapter 20:1-16

**Historical background** – Jesus is still in the region of Judea and Perea. He continues to teach about the kingdom of heaven, using a parable.

### Vocabulary

- landowner
- vineyard
- marketplace
- denarius
- grumble
- burden of the work and heat of the day
- unfair
- envious
- generous

### Questions about Chapter 20

1. Workers are hired at several different times. When are they hired? (v. 1-7)
2. When the owner comes to the vineyard in the evening, he wants to pay the workers. In what order does he pay them? What is astonishing about the salaries? (v. 8-12)
3. What did the workers hired first complain about?
4. How did the landowner respond to the workers? (v. 13-15) What do you think about his response?
5. Who do you think the workers represent in the parable? Who does the landowner represent?
6. What quality of God is illustrated by the landowner?
7. What lesson is there for you in this parable?