

#4 – The Master of a House

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Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. **2**After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2020%3A1-16&version=ESV#fen-ESV-23792a)] a day, he sent them into his vineyard. **3**And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, **4**and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ **5**So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. **6**And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ **7**They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ **8**And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ **9**And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. **10**Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. **11**And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, **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.’ **13**But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? **14**Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. **15**Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2020%3A1-16&version=ESV#fen-ESV-23805b)] **16**So the last will be first, and the first last.”

**My Notes:**