

SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"The Last Shall be First, the First Last"

Matthew 20:1-16 (Matthew 19:16-20:16)

Introduction

- God is Sovereign over all, not man

I. The Vineyard Workers Hired (vs. 1-7)

A. The First Workers – Negotiated Wages (vs. 1-2; Isaiah 58:3)

B. Other Workers – Worked by Faith (vs. 3-5)

C. The Last Workers – Glad to Work 1 Hour (vs. 6-7)

II. The Workers Paid their Wages (vs. 8-15)

A. The Last Workers Paid First (vs. 8-9)

B. The First Workers Paid Last (vs. 10-15)

1. Received what was Negotiated – 1 Penny (Denarius)
(v. 10)

2. Complained Against the Landowner (vs. 11-12)

3. Landowner Answers the Complaint (vs. 13-15; Romans 14:23)

i. Paid what was Negotiated – No Wrong
(v. 13)

ii. The right to do what He wants with His own Things (vs. 14-15a; Matthew 19:16-16, 27-30)

iii. Their Eye Evil – Envy (v. 15b)

Conclusion and Application (v. 16)

- The Last will be First, and the First Last (Titus 3:5; Jeremiah 27:5; Romans 9:15)