

Formed questions on Matthew 19:16-3-through 21:1-22
Episodes 28-30

Review: from Matthew 17-19:15

Chapter 17: Faith in His Kingdom moves mountains.

Chapter 18: Discipleship and growth in the Church

Chapter 19: The Kingdom's view of family life and religious vocations

Chapter 19:16-30
Episode 28

Theme: Surrendering all to Jesus

Narrative

1) What is the question that the rich young man gives to Jesus in vs. 16 and how does Jesus respond to Him? Why?

2) Which commandments did Jesus omit in His list to follow? Why?

3) From this story what do we as Catholics think about the meaning of salvation and on how to inherit eternal life?

4) What does the rich young ruler lack according to Jesus?

5) How do the disciples respond with Jesus's answer to the young man? And what in turn do they ask Jesus?

6) Jesus answers them by saying "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." What does this say about salvation then?

7) Peter asks the question then saying, "We have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" What was Jesus' answer?

8) Why does Jesus mention the 12 thrones of Israel in His answer to Peter?

Matthew Chapter 20:1-34 Episode 29

Theme: Proclaiming and preparing the way for for the Kingdom of God

Narrative continued

1) The parable of the Vineyard can be said to answer the disciples' question on who can be saved with Jesus stating, " Many that are first will be last and the last first." Jesus is telling the disciple to understand who will be a part of the Kingdom of God. What do these ideas represent?

The Vineyard:

The first group:

Harvest time:

2nd and 3rd group:

The employer:

2) How does this parable illustrate God's justice, mercy, generosity and grace?

3) According to this parable, what are 3 to 4 gifts the church offers to Her children?

4) As Jesus gets closer to Jerusalem He is preparing His disciples for their leadership in His Kingdom. Again what is asked of Him by the mother of James and John and why?

5) How does Jesus answer her and what did He mean? What could he possibly be referring to in regards to His suffering and crucifixion according to Tim Gray and Michael Barber?

6) What does it mean when Jesus says "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant and what does this have to do with living in His Kingdom?"

*hint Romans 12:1

Matthew Chapter 21:1-22 Episode 30

Theme: Establishing the Kingdom of God

Narrative continued

1) In verses 20:39-34 as they leave Jericho who announces that Jesus is the Son of David and what is His request? Why is this important before they reach Jerusalem?

2) What is the significance of Jesus coming into Jerusalem riding on a donkey? What King had done this before previously and what was the occasion that this occurred?

3) What does taking off the garments of the people for Jesus, and praising Him in Jerusalem signify in verses 21:7-9? What is similar to this description in our Mass today?

4) As the triumphal entry into Jerusalem is an example of Jesus's first coming to establish and proclaim His Kingdom, what is the meaning behind Him cleansing the temple?

5) What is significant about Jesus healing the blind and the lame in the temple in verse 14?

6) Why did Jesus curse the fig tree in verses 18-22?

7) If Jesus is looking for fruit in the fig tree, how can we give Him the fruit that He desires?

*When you become a living sacrifice as Romans 12:1 states, you are in His Kingdom—reigning in this world! “His Kingdom comes through the cross!”-- Michael Barber

