

## **The Solution to Practically Everything | Part 2**

Lesson 6

Matthew 20:1-16; Luke 19:1-10

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### **The Math Won't Work**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

God wants to give salvation and acceptance to people. He reaches out to all, but often it is the ones most marginalized that respond. He has always been the shepherd of a huge flock of “people sheep.”

We don't always understand why he calls the ones he does, but he sees us differently than we see each other. No one is better, or more deserving than another person. We all need Him. We all get the same salvation. We can't let personal preferences or expectations keep us or others from the Kingdom of God.

We need to remind ourselves of the extravagant riches of His salvation and who He includes in it.

***Memory verse: “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”—Luke 19:10***

Pray, and read Matthew 20:1-16 and Luke 19:1-10. What questions or observations do you have about these passages?

## **OBSERVATION: What do the passages say?**

1. Jesus told a parable (teaching story) about a group of day laborers. The parable isn't about rewards but about God's provision for all. What was the amount they each earned? (Matthew 20:1-2, 9-10)
2. When some grumbled that they had been there longer and should be paid more, what two questions did the landowner ask of them? (Matthew 20:15)
3. The passage from Luke's gospel recounts a familiar story about an actual person named Zacchaeus. What was his occupation, and what did Jesus say to him? (Luke 19:2, 5)
4. What was the attitude of the locals to Zacchaeus, and what did Zacchaeus offer to do for them? (Luke 19:7-8)
5. How did Jesus describe Zacchaeus? What did Jesus say was his purpose here? (Luke 19:9-10)





