

# "The King & Eternal Life"

Matthew 19-22:14

**Review:** Matthew's first six sections:

## **Introduction:**

In Matthew 19:1-22:14 Jesus teaches on eternal life; its value (Matthew 19:16-20:16); and its object (Matthew 21:1-22:14).

The Value of Eternal Life - Matthew 19:13-20:16

The Rich Young Ruler - Matthew 19:16-30

**Precept:** Eternal life is impossible to earn or be a reward for good behavior; rather, eternal life is a gift from God to anyone who repents and believes by faith in Jesus Christ for eternal life (John 3:16).

A parable about Hired Laborers - Matthew 20:1-16

**Precept:** Salvation's reward is a dead heat at the end of the spiritual day; everyone gets eternal life! (John 3:16)

The Object of Eternal Life - Matthew 21:1-22:14

The Triumphal Entry - Jesus, the future King - Matthew 21:1-27

A Kings Wedding - Jesus, the future Groom - Matthew 22:1-14

**Precept:** The robes of Christ's righteousness are earned and provided by Jesus who paid the price that we might have them imputed to us by grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ at the cross.

**Conclusion:** In the kingdom of God equality is in the reward. The servants each came and worked at different times but when they were paid they each got the same reward, the same pay. Serving the Master, the King is its own reward and the reward is the same for all who come—eternal life. "God always gives what He has promised, He also always give more than is deserved" (MacArthur, 217).

For any of this to be true the words of Jesus in Matthew 20:18-19 must come true. Two things are predicted, Jesus death by crucifixion and Jesus resurrection on the third day. These two events define our core beliefs about Jesus and they are essential to what we believe to have eternal life. The death of Jesus Christ is the value that was needed to purchase our salvation. The resurrection of Jesus Christ had to follow so that he would be the first amongst all who would follow and be ready for the wedding feast we have been invited to after our death. Jesus died to give us his righteous robe and he rose from the dead to secure our future invitation to his wedding.