

Matthew 20!

The Laborers in the Vineyard

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What is the message of this parable?

To those who heard it from Jesus, this parable warns Israel to prepare for a change in its covenant with God.

The Jews who had for so long experienced the joy of God's privileged relationship as well as born the heat of the worst persecutions in history - will now share the joy of salvation with the Gentiles.

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God's delight in mankind allows no distinction between persons. (The real meaning of Last First / First Last.