**PATHWAYS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

**CHAPTERS 19 – 22**

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**Chapter Nineteen**

In response to another test by the Pharisees, Jesus spoke on the issues of marriage, divorce and celibacy (**1-12**). Little children were brought to Him, whom He blessed (**13-15**). When a rich young ruler questioned Him concerning eternal life (**16-22**), Jesus used the occasion to teach His disciples about possessions in relation to the kingdom of God (**23-30**).

**POINTS TO PONDER**

* Jesus' teachings related to marriage, divorce, and celibacy
* Possessions and rewards in reference to the kingdom of God

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. **What are the main points of this chapter?**
2. **Who is it that joins a man and woman in marriage? (6)**
3. **What exception does Jesus allow for divorce? Otherwise, what occurs? (9)**
4. **What price might be necessary for some to enter the kingdom of heaven? (12)**
5. **What did Jesus say about little children? (14)**
6. **What did Jesus counsel the rich young ruler? (17,21)**
7. **What did Jesus say about being rich and the kingdom of heaven? (23-24)**
8. **What did Jesus promise to His apostles who left all to follow Him? (27-28)**
9. **What did Jesus promise to all willing to leave much to follow Him (29-30)**

**Chapter Twenty**

Continuing His reply to Peter's question ("what shall we have?"), Jesus told the parable of the laborers (**1-16**), then predicted His death and resurrection a third time as they headed toward Jerusalem (**17-19**). When the mother of James and John requested a special place for her sons in the kingdom, Jesus said it was not His to give. He used the occasion to teach all His apostles the principle of greatness through service (**20-28**). Leaving Jericho, Jesus gave sight to two blind men who would not let the crowds deter them (**29-34**)

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**POINTS TO PONDER**

* Should one delay in their obedience to the gospel?
* The danger of a mercenary spirit
* The importance of humble service

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. **What are the main points of this chapter?**
2. **Whose question had prompted the telling of the parable of the laborers? (1)**
3. **What should not be deduced from this parable? Why? (1-10)**
4. **What is the main point of the parable of the laborers? (11-16)**
5. **List the three passages in which Jesus foretold His death and resurrection**
6. **Who asked Jesus for a privileged position in His kingdom? (20-21)**
7. **What quality is considered great in the kingdom? (25-28)**
8. **What commendable spirit did the two blind men manifest? (30-31)**

**Chapter Twenty-One**

Jesus began His Last Week before His crucifixion with a triumphant entry into Jerusalem (**1-11**), followed with dramatic acts like driving the moneychangers from the temple (**12-17**) and cursing the barren fig tree (**18-22**). His authority was soon challenged (**23-27**), and in response Jesus told the parables of the two sons (**28-32**) and the wicked vinedressers (**33-46**), understood by the religious leaders to be directed toward them.

**POINTS TO PONDER**

* The significance of the triumphal entry, cleansing the temple, cursing the fig tree
* The conflict between Jesus and the religious leaders

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. **What are the main points of this chapter?**
2. **What prophecy was fulfilled by Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem? (4-5)**
3. **Why was Jesus angry at the merchandising going on in the temple? (13)**
4. **Why were the religious leaders angry with Jesus? (15)**
5. **What might the cursing of the barren fig tree signify? (19)**
6. **Where does authority in religion come from? (25)**
7. **Who did the two sons in the parable represent? (28-32)**
8. **What prophecy foretold that religious leaders would reject Jesus? (42)**

**Chapter Twenty-Two**

Jesus told a third parable directed toward the religious leaders: the parable of the wedding feast (**1-14**). The leaders responded as various factions tried to trip Jesus with questions. Pharisees and Herodians asked Jesus about paying taxes to Caesar (**15-22**), Sadducees presented an argument against the resurrection of the dead (**23-33**), and a lawyer asked what was the greatest commandment of the Law (**34-40**). Jesus answered easily, and then silenced them with a question of His own regarding the Christ as David's son (**41-46**).

**POINTS TO PONDER**

* Many are called, but few are chosen
* Paying taxes, the resurrection, and the greatest commandment
* How Christ is both David's son and David's Lord

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. **What are the main points of this chapter?**
2. **What two groups are depicted in the parable of the wedding feast? (3,11)**
3. **How did Pharisees and Herodians try to entangle Jesus in His talk? (15-17)**
4. **What did Jesus reply that prompted them to marvel? (21-22)**
5. **How did Sadducees try to trip Jesus? (23-28)**
6. **What two-fold answer did Jesus give the Sadducees? (29-32)**
7. **What were the two greatest commandments in the Law? (37-38)**
8. **How can Christ be both David's son and David's Lord? (45)**