

/We will now begin the fourteenth lecture on the gospel of Matthew. /The main text is Matthew chapter 19. /The title is "The Rich Man."

/First is divorce. /Verse 1-9. /Second is the single life. /Verses 10-12. /Third is children. /Verses 13-15. /Fourth is eternal life. /Verses 16-22. /Fifth is the rich man and the owner of heaven. /Verses 23-30.

/Read 19:1. /When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan.

/Jesus left Galilee and went into the region of Judea and arrived on the other side of the Jordan. /Mark 10:1.

/Verse 2. /Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

/Large crowds of people followed Jesus. /Jesus healed many sicknesses.

/Verse 3. /Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

/The Pharisees tested Jesus. /They asked him about divorce.

/Verse 4. /"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'

/Verse 5. /and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?

/Jesus said the following about divorce. /First, He referred to the principles of Creation. /God made man and woman. /Second, the man and the woman became one in the flesh. /Third, God paired up the man and the woman.

/Verse 7. /"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"

/Deuteronomy 24:1-4. /It was said that a man could give his wife a certificate of divorce and divorce her if the woman had been indecent. /However, when the Pharisees wanted divorces, they wrote certificates of divorce and divorced regardless of what the law stated.

/Moses made such laws so that people would not carelessly get divorces. /Yet, the Pharisees argued that they could simply write certificates of divorce if they wanted divorces.

/Verse 8. /Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.

/Jesus said that it was not like this from the beginning.

/Verse 9. /I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."

/It was unacceptable to get a divorce unless a spouse had been unfaithful in marriage. /It was lawful to get a divorce if one person in the marriage committed marital unfaithfulness. /However, it was possible for someone like the prophet Hosea to take a prostitute as his wife.

/The first condition for divorce was if the man or woman committed adultery. /The second condition was if there were issues regarding faith. /1 Corinthians 7:15. /There are relationships where one person in a marriage believes in Jesus and one person does not.

/In such cases, the person who is not a believer can demand a divorce for issues regarding faith. /Thus, if the other person, the believer, wishes to keep his or her faith, then they can divorce his or her spouse when demanded a divorce.

/However, if the unbelieving spouse is tolerant of our faith in Jesus, then we ought to continue to live with him or her. /Believers must try not to be the first to ask for divorce. / Even when the unbelieving spouse asks for divorce, the believing spouse must make the effort to live harmoniously together.

/Divorce does not solve all the problems. /When we get divorces, other problems will arise. /There is something called The Westminster Confession of Faith. /Let us look at Chapter 24.6.

/There it states that when the church laws or public laws cannot solve problems in a marriage, /and when a couple has deliberately separated, /and furthermore, has purposely rejected the promises made in marriage and have lived separately for a long period of time, /then divorce is allowed.

/To clarify, this means that if one spouse has left the home for a long period of time, /and when it is nearly impossible for the man and woman to get back together, then divorce is possible and allowed. /Jeremiah 29:4-6. /For example, there are cases in which a man may leave his home for a long period of time during war.

/Then if there is no way of getting back together even by secular laws, /then the situation meets the conditions for divorce.

/However, if there are clashes in personalities, or there are irreconcilable differences, then divorce is not allowed. /No matter what happens, the couple must live together and tolerate each other through the love of Jesus Christ.

/Verses 10-11. /The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and

wife, it is better not to marry." Jesus replied, "Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given.

/The disciples questioned Jesus. /"Then wouldn't it be better not to marry?" /Jesus replied that only those born with devoutness to celibacy can be unmarried.

/Verse 12. /For some are eunuchs because they were born that way; others were made that way by men; and others have renounced marriage because of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

/The "eunuch" here refers to a man who is sexually disabled. /There are those who are eunuchs from their mothers' wombs. /There are those who are eunuchs from birth. /There are those who have been made eunuchs by man.

/This means that they became eunuchs through other people during their lifetime. /For example, eunuchs in palaces are made that way through people. /There are eunuchs who chose to be eunuchs for the kingdom of God.

/The apostle Paul remained a bachelor by choice for God. /Therefore, it is only those born with it who can remain single during their lifetime.

/Verse 13. /Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

/People brought little children to Jesus so that He would pray for them. /However, the disciples rebuked the little children. /Then Jesus placed His hands on the children and prayed for them.

/Jesus prayed for the children. /We must have faith like little children. /Matthew 18:4. /We must be humble like little children.

/We must be willing to learn like little children. /We must crave spiritual milk like little children. /We must be humble. /We must also believe God's Word as it is and believe and follow.

/Verse 16. /Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"

/A young man came up to Jesus and asked him a question about eternal life. /Mark 10:17.

/Verse 17. /"Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments."

/Jesus replied that there is only One who is good. /Our God is absolutely good. /Of course, our Jesus is absolutely good as well. /Therefore, everyone must live according to

the will of God. /Jesus told the young men there to obey the commandments.

/Verses 18-20. /"Which ones?" the man inquired. Jesus replied, "'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'" "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?"

/Jesus quoted the fifth to ninth commandments to the young man. /The young man said that he had kept all the commandments. /However, he had only kept the commandments externally. /Mark 10:20.

/This man said that he had kept the commandments since he was young. /He externally kept the commandments from a young age. /He was loyal in his walk of faith. /However, the problem of eternity was not solved. /His spirit was frustrated.

/Thus, he came and asked Jesus what good deeds he could do to receive eternal life. /Jesus wanted to lead the man into the world of truth. /Jesus wanted to guide the young man into the world of life.

/Jesus told the young man, "You cannot receive eternal life simply by keeping the commandments externally." /Keeping the commandments externally does not get us into heaven.

/We must know the basic meaning of the commandments. /Then the problem of eternal life will be solved and we can enter into the world of life. /Therefore, external morals alone are not enough. /For example, /do not murder.

/This does not simply mean that we must not murder anyone. /"I did not murder anyone." /Yes, he did not murder anyone. /1 John 3:15. /There it says that anyone who hates others is a murderer.

/Who has never hated anyone in their life? /Let's look at another example. /It said do not commit adultery. /Of course this young man did not commit adultery. /James 4:4.

/It says that friendship with the world and choosing to be friends with the world is committing adultery. /Looking at a woman and lusting after her is committing adultery. /Today, there are many people who outwardly keep the commandments just like the young man did.

/We cannot keep all the commandments. /There are 613 commandments. /We cannot keep all of them. /We cannot keep all of the Ten Commandments. /We must go to hell if we break even one of the commandments.

/Then why did God give us the commandments? /It was so that we would be aware of our sins. /Romans 3:20. /The commandments exist to help us become aware of our sins. /The commandments also lead us to Jesus. /Galatians 3:24.

/There is no one in this world who will receive salvation by keeping the commandments. /Therefore, we must go to Jesus through the commandments. /“Ah! I cannot keep all the commandments.” /“I am a sinner!” /“Father God! I come before you with lifted hands, for there is no one to rely on.”

/We must go before Jesus in this way. /Then through the commandments and laws, we can become aware of our sins and go before Jesus. /When we go before Jesus, we can receive salvation through faith in Jesus.

/Then the problems of eternal life will be solved through faith in Jesus. /Jesus wanted to teach the young man all this.

/Verse 21. /Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

/Jesus taught the young man how to receive eternal life. /First, go sell his possessions and give to the poor. /Second, follow Jesus. /This is what we must do to enter the world of faith.

/Why did Jesus tell the young man to sell all his possessions? /This man depended on his riches. /Hence, his riches became his idol. /His wealth became his god. /1 Timothy 6:17. /1 Timothy 6:9.

/He depended on his wealth, loved his wealth, and followed after his wealth. /We must follow Jesus. /Mark 10:29. /When we follow Jesus, we must leave behind our houses, brothers and sisters, parents and children, and lands, and only follow Jesus.

/Then we must get rid of the outwardly religious practices. /Then we will gain treasures in heaven. /6:19-20. /Then lastly, Jesus said to follow Him. /When we follow Jesus, our lives will live.

/To follow Jesus means to follow today's Scripture. /It is to follow God's commands. /Then heaven will be upon us. /The problem of eternal life will be solved.

/Verse 22. /When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

/However, this young man went home with worry. /His wealth had become his idol. /Therefore, he was unable to follow Jesus. /Jesus showed him the light, yet he did not follow Jesus.

/Jesus taught him the way of life, yet the young man went away. /We must get rid of our idols. /We must repent. /Then we must go before Jesus, /and follow the Lord.

/Verses 23-24. /Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich

man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

/It is difficult for the rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. /It is more difficult than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. /This is because money became an idol. /Then how can the rich enter heaven?

/People can't, but God can make it happen. /Even if one is rich, if they are poor in heart and believe Jesus, then they can enter the kingdom of heaven. /If one is rich, they can enter heaven if they are poor in heart.

/There are also people who are rich with knowledge. /There are those who are rich with power. /When these things are let go and when one becomes humble in heart, and when one believes Jesus then he can enter the kingdom of heaven.

/Verses 25-26. /When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

/The power of God can allow the rich into heaven. /We must give up in our hearts all the things of the world.

/Verses 27-28. /Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

/Peter said that he left everything and followed Jesus. /Jesus told His disciples that they will sit on twelve thrones. /We believers live in a spiritual world. /Romans 12:2.

/The twelve tribes represent all the believers. /The twelve tribes. /Jesus said the twelve disciples would judge the twelve tribes of Israel. /The twelve disciples represent the believers.

/Whoever believes Jesus will enter heaven. /We must leave everything and follow the Lord. /When we follow Jesus, the royal power will be given to us. /Thus, we will become great in the kingdom of God. /We can be like kings in heaven.

/Verse 29. /And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.

/We must leave our houses, brothers and sisters, parents and children, and fields and follow Jesus. /Mark 10:28-31. /We must leave it all behind and follow Jesus. /Then should we sell our houses right now? /Should we sell our fields right now?

/Then should we chase out our parents? /That is not what this means. /We can live with our parents in our houses. /We can also buy houses and buy fields. /This means that we must leave it behind in our hearts and put the Lord first and follow Him.

/Thus, following the Lord must be first. /Then we will receive a hundred times as much. /How can receive a hundred times as much of our parents? /This means that our parents will become a hundred times better people.

/This means that parents who believe Jesus are a hundred times better than parents who do not believe. /We must leave everything that is in our hearts behind, and follow Jesus first. /Also, if we are sent to prison for keeping the Scripture, then we must literally leave everything behind and go to prison.

/Verse 30. /But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

/When we leave everything and follow Jesus, we will become first. /We can become first when we leave everything behind and follow Jesus.

/We will continue with the lecture on Matthew chapter 20. /The title is "The Vineyard".

/First, the workers of the vineyard. /Verses 1-16. /Second, Jesus predicts the cross and resurrection. /Verses 17-19. /Third, wrongfully seeking the right and left seats of Jesus, and Jesus' teachings. /Verses 20-28. /Fourth, the blind men receive sight. /Verses 29-34.

/Read 20:1. /"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard.

/Here, the kingdom of heaven refers to the church generation in the New Testament times. /The vineyard symbolizes the church in movement for salvation. /The vineyard symbolizes the church. /The landowner symbolizes all the believers working for the gospel.

/Verse 2. /He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

/The denarius is a name for a silver coin. /A denarius was a day's wage for an average young working man. /The denarius symbolizes salvation that God gives to those who believe in him.

/This means that whoever believes will be saved. /Whoever believes will have eternal life.

/We will continue with the lecture on verses 3-5.

/Verses 3-5. /"About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. "He went out again about the sixth hour and

the ninth hour and did the same thing.

/The third hour here is nine o'clock in the morning. /The sixth hour is noon. /The ninth hour is three o'clock in the afternoon. /One man went into the vineyard at nine o'clock in the morning. /One man went into the vineyard at noon. /Another man went into the vineyard at three o'clock in the afternoon.

/Verse 6. /About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

/There were people standing around at the eleventh hour. /The eleventh hour is five o'clock in the afternoon. /These people played all day long. /The men who went into the vineyard at the eleventh hour worked just one hour.

/However, the landowner first paid the man who came to the vineyard last. /The man who worked one hour first received pay for his work.

/Verse 16 says, "So the last will be first, and the first will be last." /Therefore, this means that the man who worked one hour became first. /Why did the man who came last become first? /Here, the man who worked from morning became last.

/Why did the man who worked just one hour become first? /First, this man knew no trouble and heat as he worked. /He did not notice how difficult the job was. /When we also do God's work, we must not think of it as difficult or troublesome.

/We must be thankful that God allowed us to work in the church. /Second, the man earnestly desired the work he was given. /He earnestly desired work when he went into the vineyard.

/Therefore, the man was very happy and thankful. /Thus, he worked with joy. /He worked with joy. /He worked with his heart. /He worked diligently.

/Third, the man worked faithfully. /He did not think about whether or not something was dirty, heavy, or difficult. /Therefore, he found his work joyful. /He did his best without knowing how difficult the work was.

/The vineyard became clean because of the work the last man did. /Work was effective. /The vineyard was clean. /This man was faithful in his work. /He was fully committed to his work. /He did his best.

/Fourth, he valued his time as he worked. /"There is only one hour left so I must work hard." /He did not rest even for a second, but worked the full hour. /Therefore, the work in the vineyard was completed because of the man who came in the last hour.

/Then what was wrong with the people who went into the vineyard from early in the morning? /These people became last. /They wasted time. /They complained and resented

their work. /They were not thankful.

/They took salvation for granted. /They were lazy. /They did not do hard work.
/Therefore, they became last.

/Verse 9. /"The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius.

/Verses 10-12. /So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

/The men who were hired first did not know the worth of one denarius. /The people who came first did not know the worth of salvation. /They were not thankful for the grace of redemption. /They compared with others. /They resented. /They did not submit to the sovereignty of God.

/Verse 13. /"But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?

/The landowner did not do anything wrong. /He gave to the men as he promised.

/Verses 14-15. /Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

/It was the owner's right to give one denarius to the man who came last. /The Lord evaluates according to his generosity. /Therefore, it is God's grace that he saves those who are to be destroyed.

/Therefore, we must not complain. /We must be deeply moved and thankful for the grace of God for giving us salvation without any conditions. /We must also be faithful.

/Verse 16. /"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

/The last will be first, and the first will be last.

/Verse 17. /Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them,

/As Jesus went up to Jerusalem, He said that he would die on the cross and be raised to life in three days. /This was Jesus' third time telling His disciples this. /Matthew 16:21. /Matthew 17:22.

/Jesus spoke frequently about the cross and resurrection. /This was because the cross and resurrection is important. /Also, Jesus wanted to prepare His disciples for what was to come.

/Verse 20. /Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

/The mother of Zebedee's sons came to see Jesus. /Zebedee's sons were John and James.

/Verse 21. /"What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

/Zebedee's wife requested of Jesus. /She asked that her sons sit at the right and left of Jesus in the kingdom of God. /It was wrong for John and James' mother to ask this.

/John and James' mother /did not know what she was asking. /We must ask according to the Bible and according to the will of God. /Without this truth, it is easy to seek the wrong things.

/She asked that one of her sons sit on the Lord's right and the other on the Lord's left. /She was seeking honor and glory. /She was seeking with greed.

/Verse 22. /"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered.

/Jesus said that they were seeking the wrong things. /They were the things of the world. /She sought Jesus's right and left seats out of worldly greed. /She sought worldly honor, glory, and power.

/The kingdom of Jesus is not of this world. /Jesus' kingdom is heaven. /Jesus asked, "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" /Here Jesus' cup is the cup of suffering.

/Those who participate in Jesus' sufferings will be great in heaven. /John and James replied that they could drink from Jesus' cup. /They answered without fully knowing about Jesus' sufferings.

/Verse 23. /Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

/God decides who will sit at the right and left of Jesus. /Those suitable for the seats will sit there. /Here, the cup Jesus drank from is Jesus' sufferings.

/Jesus suffered by obeying the words of God. /The Lord suffered until his death. /In the same way, those who suffer for Jesus will be great in heaven.

/Those who dedicate their lives to the words of the Lord will be great in the kingdom of heaven. /Jesus told John and James, "You will indeed drink from my cup." /Jesus said that John and James will follow Jesus in that they will also receive sufferings.

/Yet, the places to Jesus' right and left belong to those chosen by God. /Those who have been prepared by God will sit there.

/Those who become like Jesus will sit there. /Those who submit to Jesus' commands until their deaths will sit to the right or left of Jesus.

/Verse 24. /When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers.

/The other ten disciples were indignant about what they heard. /Jesus' disciples became envious of one another and argued. /They followed Jesus for three years, yet their faith was small. /Their faith was immature. /1 Corinthians 3:3.

/We must seek what is spiritual. /We must seek what is above. /We must be prepared for sufferings and follow Jesus.

/Verse 25. /Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

/The rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them. /They exercised authority over them. /They ruled over others.

/Verses 26-27. /Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave--

/Those who serve are those who are great in the kingdom of heaven. /Those who serve greatly is great in the kingdom of heaven. /Those who are lowly here will be great in heaven. /Therefore, we must serve many others if we want to be great in the kingdom of heaven.

/We must be helpful towards others and be like servants. /Jesus washed the feet of everyone around the world. /Jesus washed away the sins of everyone in the world. /Jesus became low.

/Jesus served the most people while He was on earth. /He washed away the sins of everyone who believed Him. /Jesus served the most people in this world.

/Therefore, Jesus will sit on the right side of God in the kingdom of heaven. /Jesus is the greatest in heaven.

/Verse 28. /just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

/Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve. /He came to give his life as a ransom for us. /We must also serve others.

/We must give ourselves up when preaching the gospel to others. /We must obey the Lord's commands.

/In verses 29-34, Jesus healed the blind men of their illnesses. /Mark 10:46-52. /Luke 18:32-43. /A blind man named Bartimaeus and another man were healed through Jesus.

/The blind men cried out to Jesus. /The people around them told the blind men to be quiet. /Yet, they shouted even louder. /They called out to Jesus, "Son of David."

/"Son of David" means "Savior". /They believed that they would be saved through Jesus. /They believed that they would be healed of their blindness through Jesus. /The crowd rebuked them.

/The crowd interfered. /Still, the blind men were not discouraged but continued to call out to Jesus. /They cried out desperately. /Thus, Jesus stopped and called them.

/Jesus had mercy on them. /"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. /They replied, "We want our sight." /Did Jesus not know what the blind men wanted?

/There is no doubt that the blind men wanted to see. /This means that we must say with our lips the things we desperately want. /The Lord gives us what we want. /He gives us according to our faith.

/Verse 34. /Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

/Jesus had mercy on the blind men. /Then He healed the blind men. /Their eyes were brightly opened. /Then they followed after Jesus. /Jesus healed our spiritual illnesses.

/We must believe that Jesus can heal our spiritual and physical illnesses. /We must pray to the Lord. /Then we must follow the Lord to the end.

/We will now conclude the fourteenth lecture on the gospel of Matthew. /Thank you.