FIRST DAY:

1. Read the lesson notes and References

SECOND DAY:

Read Matthew 19:30-20:16

[30] But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

Matthew 20

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

[20:1] "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. [2] He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

[3] "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. [4] He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' [5] So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. [6] About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

[7] "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

[8] "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

[9] "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. [10] So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. [11] When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. [12] 'These 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.'

[13] "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? [14] Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.
[15] Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

[16] "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Question 3b

Matthew 19:30; [30] But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

Matthew 20:16; [16] "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

THIRD DAY

Read Matthew 20:17-34

Jesus Predicts His Death a Third Time

[17] Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, [18] "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death [19] and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

A Mother's Request

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

[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." [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.

[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."

[24] When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. [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. [26] Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, [27] and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— [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."

Two Blind Men Receive Sight

[29] As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. [30] Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

[31] The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

[32] Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

[33] "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight."

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

Question 7a

Psalm 110:1-2;

[110:1] The LORD says to my lord:

"Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

[2] The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying,

"Rule in the midst of your enemies!"

Matthew 19:28-29;

[28] Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, 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. [29] And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.

FOURTH DAY

Read Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

[21:1] As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, [2] saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. [3] If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

[4] This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

[5] "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you,

gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' "

[6] The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. [7] They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. [8] A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. [9] The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

[10] When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

[11] The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Question 10b

Zechariah 9:9;

The Coming of Zion's King

[9] Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

FIFTH DAY

Read Matthew 21:12-17

Jesus at the Temple

[12] Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. [13] "It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers."

[14] The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. [15] But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant.

[16] "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him.

"Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read,

" 'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?"

[17] And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

Question 14:b

Psalm 51:10-12, 15-17;

[10] Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

[11] Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

[12] Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

2 Corinthians 7:1;

[7:1] Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

Philippians 4:8;

[8] Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

SIXTH DAY

Review Matthew 19:30-21:17

See above scriptures days 2-5