

Chapter 20 (1 - 16)

Jesus said to his disciples:

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them the normal daily wage

Then about 9am he went again to the market place. He saw more men without a job. He got them also to go to his vineyard. He promised to pay them a fair wage

About noon and again about 3pm he once more went to the market place and employed two more groups of men

About 5pm he went one final time and employed one last group of men

At sunset when the men came to be paid, the owner paid everyone a normal day's wage. This made the dawn group unhappy

They grumbled and said "We have done a full day's work in the heat. Yet we got the same as those who did only one hour's work. This is not fair! "

The owner replied "I am paying you what we agreed to. Why do you begrudge my generosity?"

Jesus, please help me
not to be jealous of your gifts to others