

# The Fourfold Gospel

Week 18 - Childlikeness, The rich young ruler, Bartimaeus and companion healed, Zacchaeus, Mary anoints Jesus (XC1X-CIV)

# Childlikeness

- Matt 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17
  - Why were people bringing their children to Jesus?
    - So He could bless them
  - Why did the disciples try to stop them?
    - They rebuked them because they thought the LORD should not be bothered with children
    - It appeared to them to be an unseemly intrusion and annoyance and beneath the dignity of the Messiah
  - What was Jesus' response?
    - He was indignant. He told them not to stop bringing the children. He explained that the kingdom of God belongs to ones like these children
    - He also told His disciples that anyone who does not receive the kingdom like a child will not enter it at all
    - He took them in and laid His hands on them and blessed them.

# Rich Young Ruler, Vineyard Laborers

- Matt 19:16-20:16, Mark 10:17-31, Luke 18:18-30
  - What did Jesus initially tell the ruler was necessary for eternal life?
    - Keep the commandments
  - When the ruler says he has done as required what does Jesus tell him to do?
    - Sell hi possessions, give the proceeds to the poor, and follow Jesus
  - Is it impossible for a rich person to inherit eternal life?
    - By themselves – ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE – but with God - ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE
  - How many times did the owner hire laborers for His vineyard?
    - 4 times all throughout the day
  - Did those who worked longer get more?
    - No – all earned the same agreed upon wage
  - What is the moral to this story?

# Jesus foretells His sacrifice

- Matt 20:17-28, Mark 10:32-45, Luke 18:31-34
  - What does Jesus bluntly tell His disciples?
    - He will go to Jerusalem, be handed over to the Jews, and killed by the Gentiles
  - What did the mother of James and John ask of Jesus?
    - That her sons would be prominent in His kingdom on his right and left hands
  - What does Jesus ask them about the request?
    - Do you think you are ready to take on all that I am about to face?
  - What warning does Jesus give them?
    - They will follow His footsteps in persecution, but He can not give them what they want – only the Father can grant that.
  - What was the response of the other disciples?
    - Indignation towards the hubris of the brothers.
  - Who is first?

# Bartimæus and his companion heald

- Matt 20:29-34, Mark 10:46-52, Luke 18:35-43
  - What did Bartimæus ask of Jesus?
    - He was a blind beggar who wanted his sight
  - What was the response of the disciples to the beggars request?
    - They rebuked him
  - What was Jesus' response to the beggar?
    - Compassion – he restored his sight
  - What was Bartimæus' response to his sight restored?
    - He followed Jesus
  - What was the peoples response to the miracle?
    - They praised God

# Zacchæus, Parable of the 10 Minas

- Luke 19:1-28
  - What was Zachæus profession?
    - He was a tax collector
  - Why did Zacchæus climb the tree?
    - He was short and he could not see Jesus because of the crowd
  - What was the response of the people seeing Jesus With a tax collector?
    - He is associating with a sinner
    - Zacchæus was moved to correct his sinful ways
    - Jesus blessed the household.
  - What is the moral to the story of the 10 Minas?

Those who are given talents MUST use them  
Bearing fruit is necessary in God's kingdom

# Jesus arrives in Jerusalem

- John 11:55-57, 12:1-11, Matt 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9
  - What did the Jews want of Jesus?
    - To arrest Him
  - What do we learn about Judas here?
    - He was a self-centered thief