Study the New Testament in Thirteen Weeks
Bible Reading Summary
Week 1, Day 6, Saturday, Matthew 20-23

Chapter 20. Jesus told a parable about the kingdom of heaven and the time of day that laborers were hired and paid. The owner paid the first hired last and the last hired first. Jesus foretold His death for a third time in Matthew's gospel. Then the mother of James and John ask Jesus to seat them at His right and left hand, and He told them that was appointed for others. This request upset the other disciples, so He told them that whoever would be great among them must be the servant of all, and the Son of Man can to serve and give His life as a ransom. Jesus healed two blind men and they followed Him.

Chapter 21. Palm Sunday and the Triumphal Entry are described in detail. Jesus cleansed the temple that it might be a house of prayer. He cursed a fig tree that bore no fruit and taught His disciples about faith and prayer. Jesus told more parables against the scribes and Pharisees, and they would have arrested Him but they feared the crowds.

Chapter 22. Jesus told a parable about the king who gave a wedding feast and those invited who refused to attend, so he sent his servants out to bring in others. He told this parable about the scribes and Pharisees and other parables against them too. They tested Jesus with questions about taxes and the resurrection (which the Sadducees denied). He gave answers and told the Great Commandment. He then asked them how David, whose son would be the Messiah, could call his own descendant, "Lord." They could not answer this question. They asked no more questions.

 Chapter 23. Jesus proclaimed woes upon the scribes and Pharisees for being hypocrites, and for neglecting justice, mercy, and faithfulness. He foretold their punishment with the doom of Jerusalem, whose people He would have gathered as a hen gathers her chicks.