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Biblical Management

Just salary in the Holy Scriptures

The final reward

- Revelation to Abraham (Gen 15:1)
- I = (1) shield
(2) multiplication,
satisfactory growth of
your reward
 - The effect of the words of Jesus in Lk 24:32:
 - “our hearts burning”
- The laborer *worthy* of his hire (μισθός *misthos* Lk 10:7;
1 Tim 5:18)
 - ἄξιος “worthy” – the dignity of human person
- Great reward in heaven (μισθός Mt 5:12; Lk 6:23)
 - The Lord comes and his reward with him (Isaiah 40:10; 62:11;
Revelation 22:12)



Plodnost

- The quest of the Ecclesiastes (1:3; 2:11.13; 3:9; 5:8.15; 7:12; 10:10s):

- What does man gain?

- למה *lámmâ* (Ps 22:2)
εἰς τί *eis ti* (Mk 15:34)

- *What for, to what end* have you forsaken me?

- First commandment (Gen 1:28):

- = blessing – *Bear fruit!*

- Jesus (John 15:16):

- I chose you... to bear fruit!



- Method (Joh 15:5);
quality (v16)?

- Branch on the vine (v5)

- Fruit that will last (v16)

- Christ's example (12:24):

- Grain of wheat bears
much fruit (v24)

Realism

- When to pay (Lev 19:13)?
- Wages to the laborer on the same day (v13)
 - Moses interpreting in Deut 24:14
- Laborer: Israelite or alien
- You shall not rob! (Lev 19:13) = 18
- You shall love! (18) → laborer = neighbor!
- Laborer worthy of his τροφή *trofé* (Mt 10:10)
- *food* (v10) – what feeds a man, his keep (cf. Mt 4:4)
 - One does not live by bread alone...
 - Reward for Jeremiah (Jer 31:16)?
- The return of the Exiles – historical fact



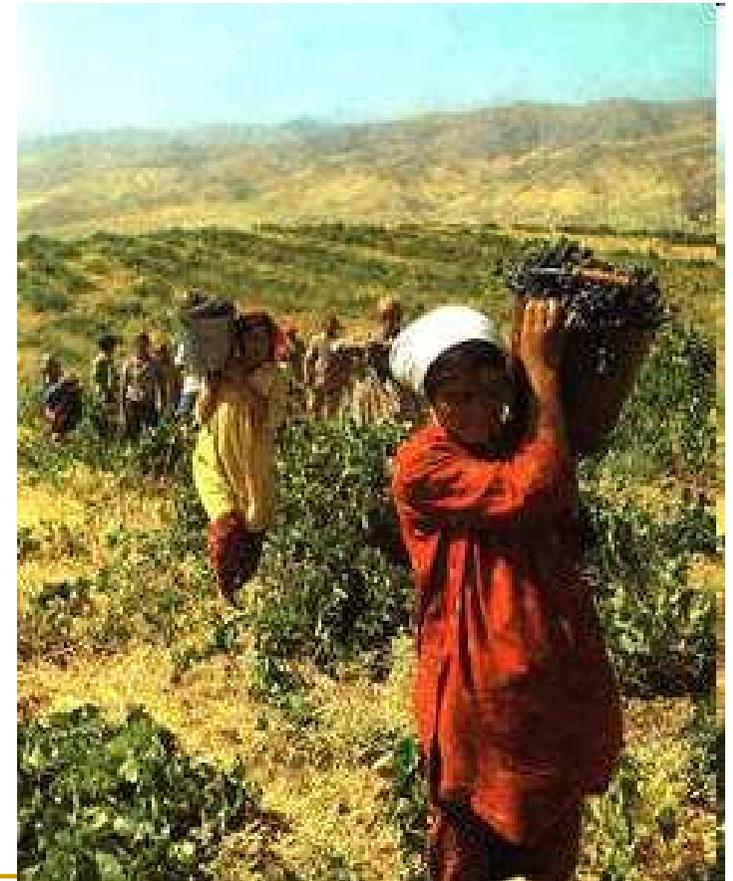
Teaching of Jesus

- Payment, wages (μισθός)
- Mt 10x, Lk 3x, Mk and John 1x
- Talents: Mt 25:14–30 (see: BT1)
 - Context: “*it is like...*” (Mt 25:14)
– what? 25,1
 - Kingdom of heaven
- How did the Master distribute the talents (Mt 25:15)?
- To each according to his δύναμις
– power, force, ability (v15)
 - To whom?
- δοῦλος *dulos* – “slave” (v14) – trust, appreciation
 - Announcing the close relationship in v21.23



The lord of the vineyard (Mt 20:1-15)

- Whose obligation is the payment (v15)?
- “to do what I like with what belongs to me” (v15)
 - How many times did he look for the laborers?
- 5x going out, communicating, sending
 - How did he continue his care in v8?
- Taking care for the payment (v8)
 - Attitude toward the grumbling laborer (v13)?
- “My friend!” (v13)
- 7x in action altogether



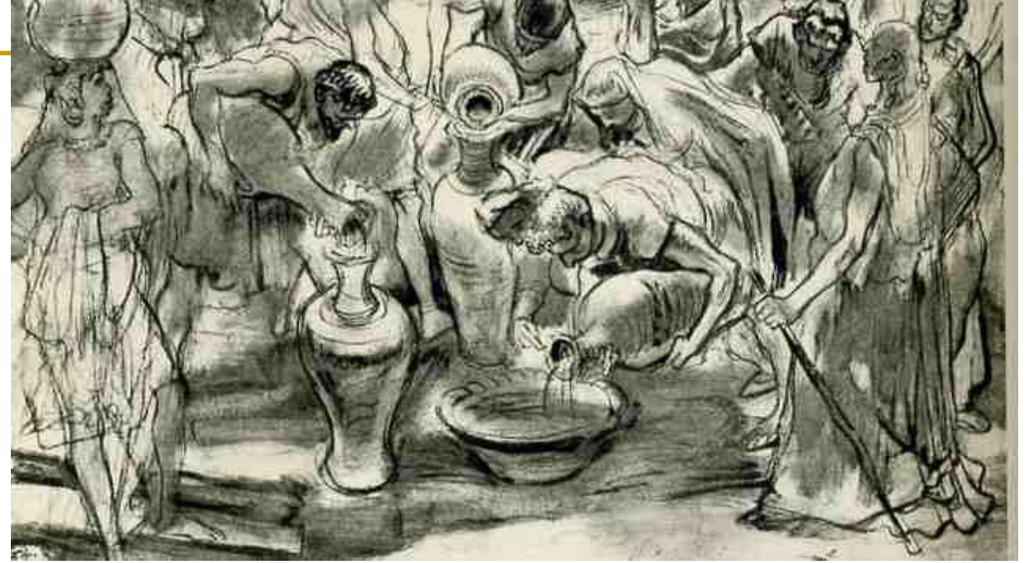
The beginning of the signs



**Jesus Christ at the wedding
in Cana of Galilee
(John 2:1-12)**

Text borders

- **Place (John 2:1.11s):**
- **Γαλιλαία – Galilee**
 - **Cana**
(cf. 4:46 royal official; 21:2 Nathanael)
 - **New place: Capernaum (v12) → Jerusalem (v13)**
- **Time (John 2:1):**
- **“the third day” – traditionally: 7th day from John 1,1**
 - **Minding “tomorrow” in 1:29.35.43**
 - **What happened on *the day before yesterday*: meeting the first disciples (1:40.42; + 43.45)**
 - **(John), Andrew (40), Peter (42), Philip (43), Nathanael (45)**
 - **“the third day” = a code**



Edouard Léon Louis Edy-Legrand,
The Wedding in Cana, 1950.

The whole and the parts

- **The whole – Family:**
 - ❑ μήτηρ John 2:1.3.5.12
 - ❑ “mother”
 - ❑ ἀδελφοί v12
 - ❑ “brothers”
 - ❑ γάμος v1s
 - ❑ “wedding”
(only here in John)
- **Parts: 1s.3-5.6-8.9s.11s**
 - ❑ 1s introduction (scenery)
 - ❑ 3-5 mother with her son,
with the servants



- ❑ 6-8 Jesus and the servants
- ❑ 9s the president and the bridegroom
- ❑ 11s conclusion:
Jesus and his disciples

Textdynamics

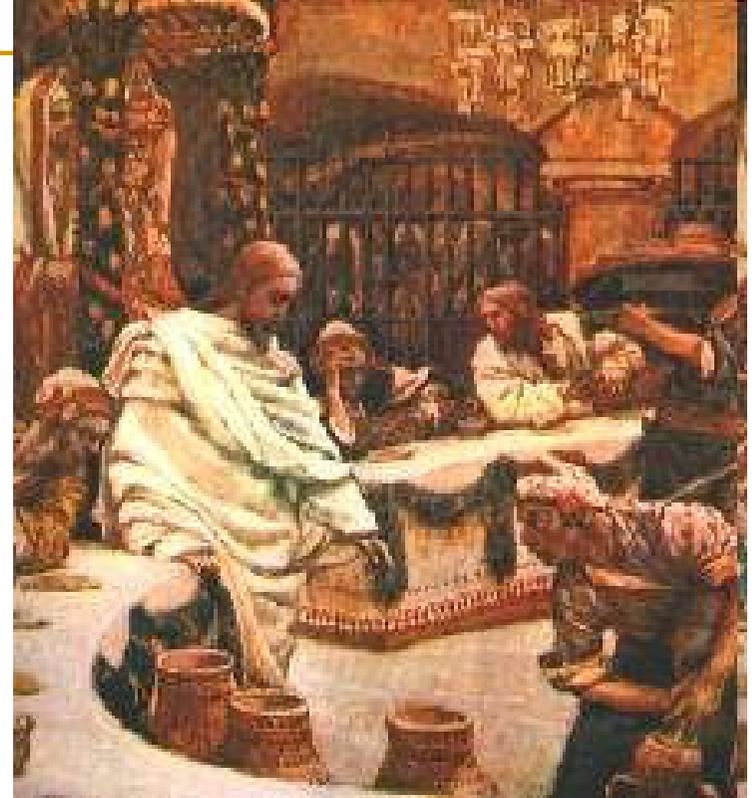
- μαθηταί “the disciples” John 2,2.11s
 - καλέω “to call” (v2) – called – *ekklesia* = *the Church*
 - πιστεύω “to believe” (v11) – they believed
 - With Jesus, his mother and his brothers (v12) – they are family
- “the beginning of *the signs*” (v11)
 - ἀρχή *arhé* John 1,1; Gen 1,1
 - “he *did* this” ποιέω = “create” (Gen 1,1)
 - The first of the seven in John: →
 - Revealed his glory (John 2,11) δόξα
- 1. Wedding in Cana (2:1-11)
- 2. Son of the official healed (4:46-54)
- 3. Healing of the paralyzed in Jerusalem (5:1-16)
- 4. Feeding the five thousand at the Sea of Galilee (6:1-16)
- 5. Walking on the water (6:16-26)
- 6. A man born blind healed (9:1-12)
- 7. Lazarus raised to life (11:38-44)

Paolo Veronese, Wedding in Cana (around 1560)



Important roles

- **Mother and son (John 2:3s)**
 - “What do we have, me and you” (v4)
 - Like God to Elijah (1 Kings 19:9.13)
 - The hour of Jesus, “Woman!” (v4; 19:26)
 - Only the beginning
- **Mother and the servants (v5)**
 - “Do whatever he tells you” cf. Gen 41:55
 - Pharaoh about Joseph
 - Mother’s *faith*: she applies the Scriptures
- Activity of the servants: 2,5.7s.9
 - Listening to the mother (2:5), to Jesus (v7s)
 - Doing: they fill up to the brim (v7), take to the president of the feast (v8)
 - They know (v9): water → wine



An image and indication

- **Serving the good wine**
- **Eucharist –
the House-Church in the Acts**
 - **Wine**
 - **Bread?**
- **To serve, take care of (Mt 25:44)**
 - **I was thirsty and you gave me drink (Mt 25:35)**
 - **whoever gives you a cup of water to drink will by no means lose the reward (Mk 9:41)**
 - **“we did not *take care of* you” (Mt 25:44)**

