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5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

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12 Saying, These last have worked but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and the heat of the day. 13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? 14 Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. 15 Is it lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? 16 So the last shall be First, and the First shall be Last: for many be called, but Few chosen.



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