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Matthew 19:23-30

²³ And Jesus said to His disciples,

“Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven.

²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”


²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying,
“Who then can be saved?”

²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said,

“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

²⁷ Then Peter said in reply,

“See, we have left everything and followed you.
What then will we have?”





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“Truly, I say to you, in the new world when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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"Whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it"

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Mark 10:43-44

*“Whoever wishes to become great ... shall be your servant”
and “whoever wishes to be first ... shall be slave of all”.*






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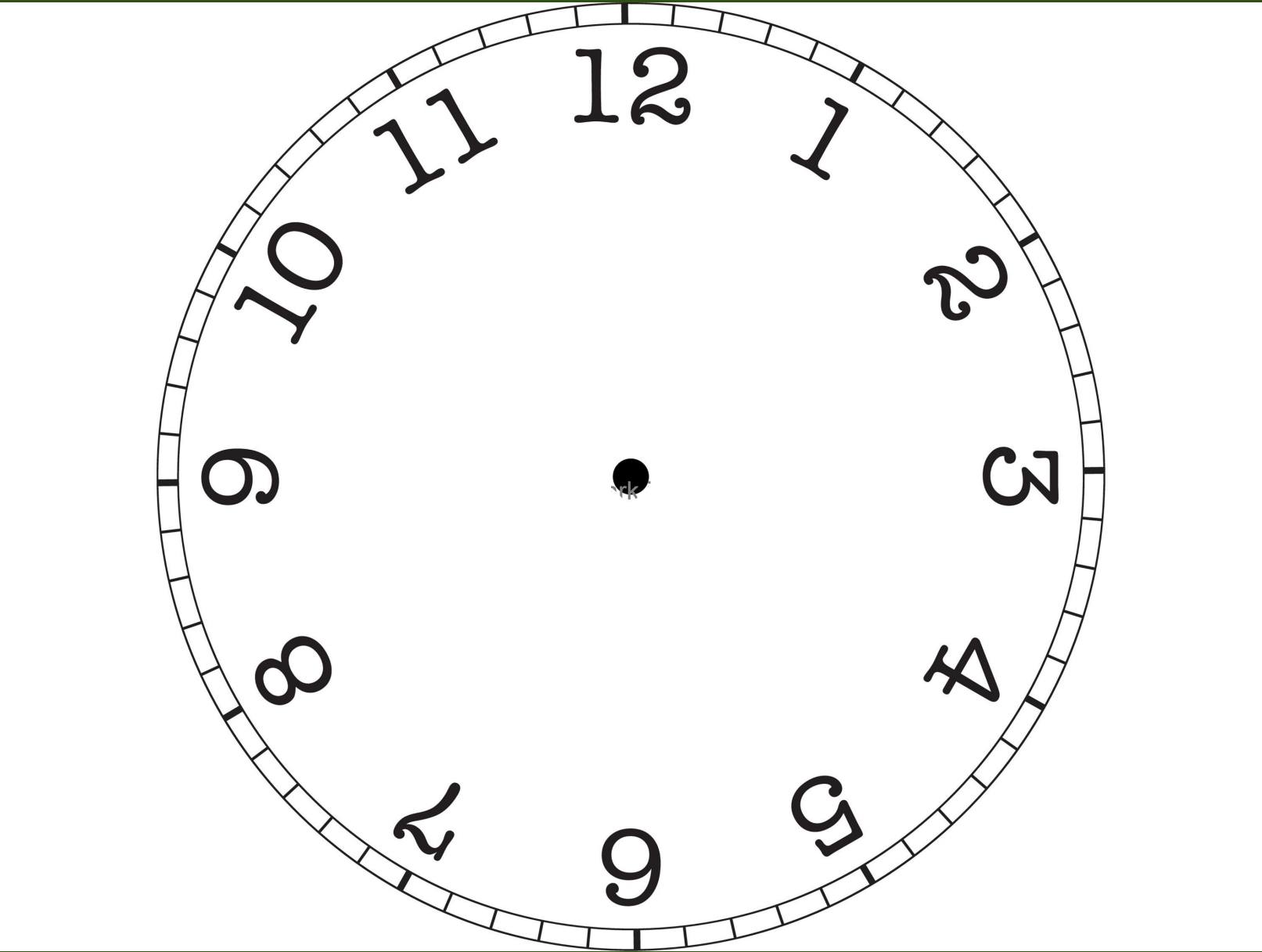
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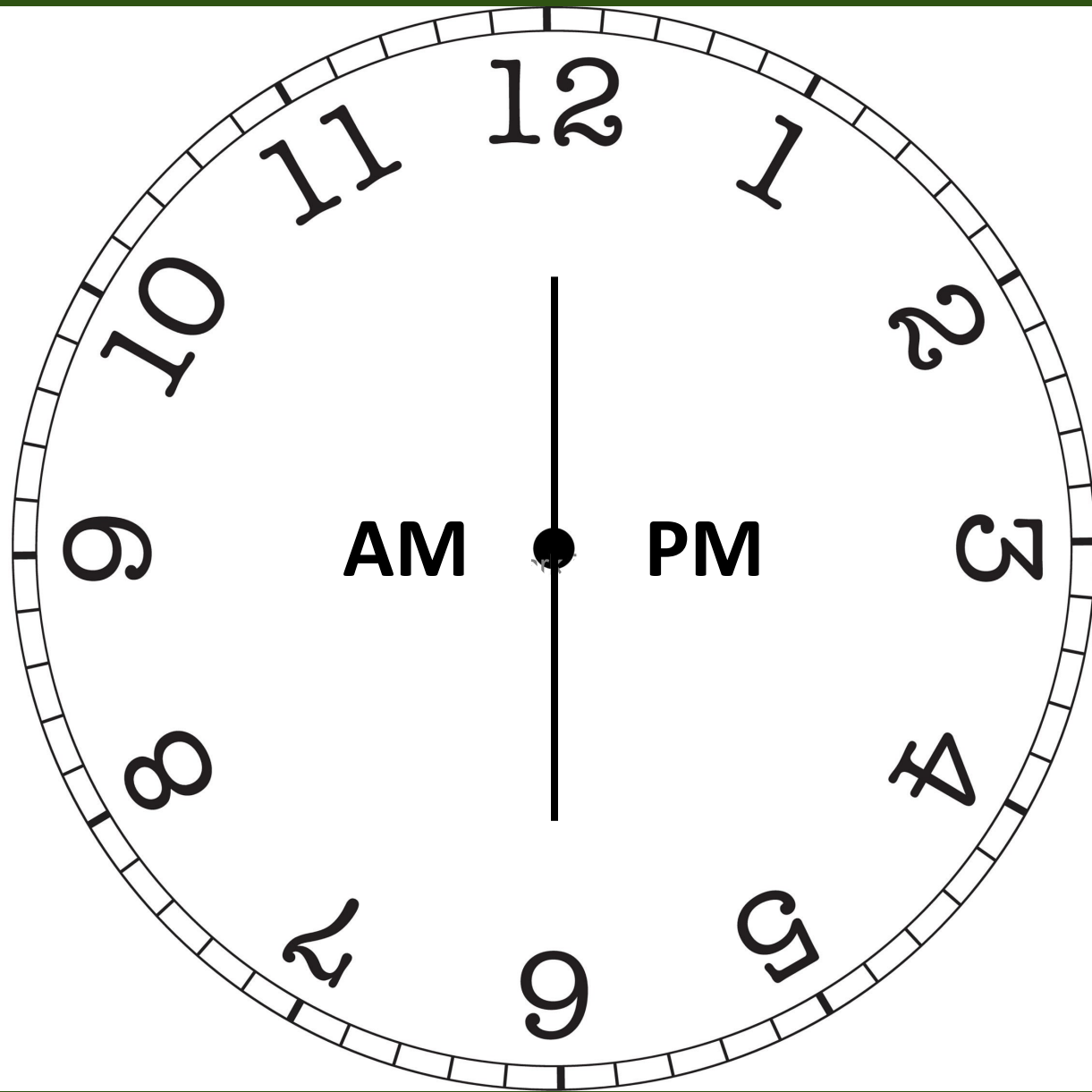
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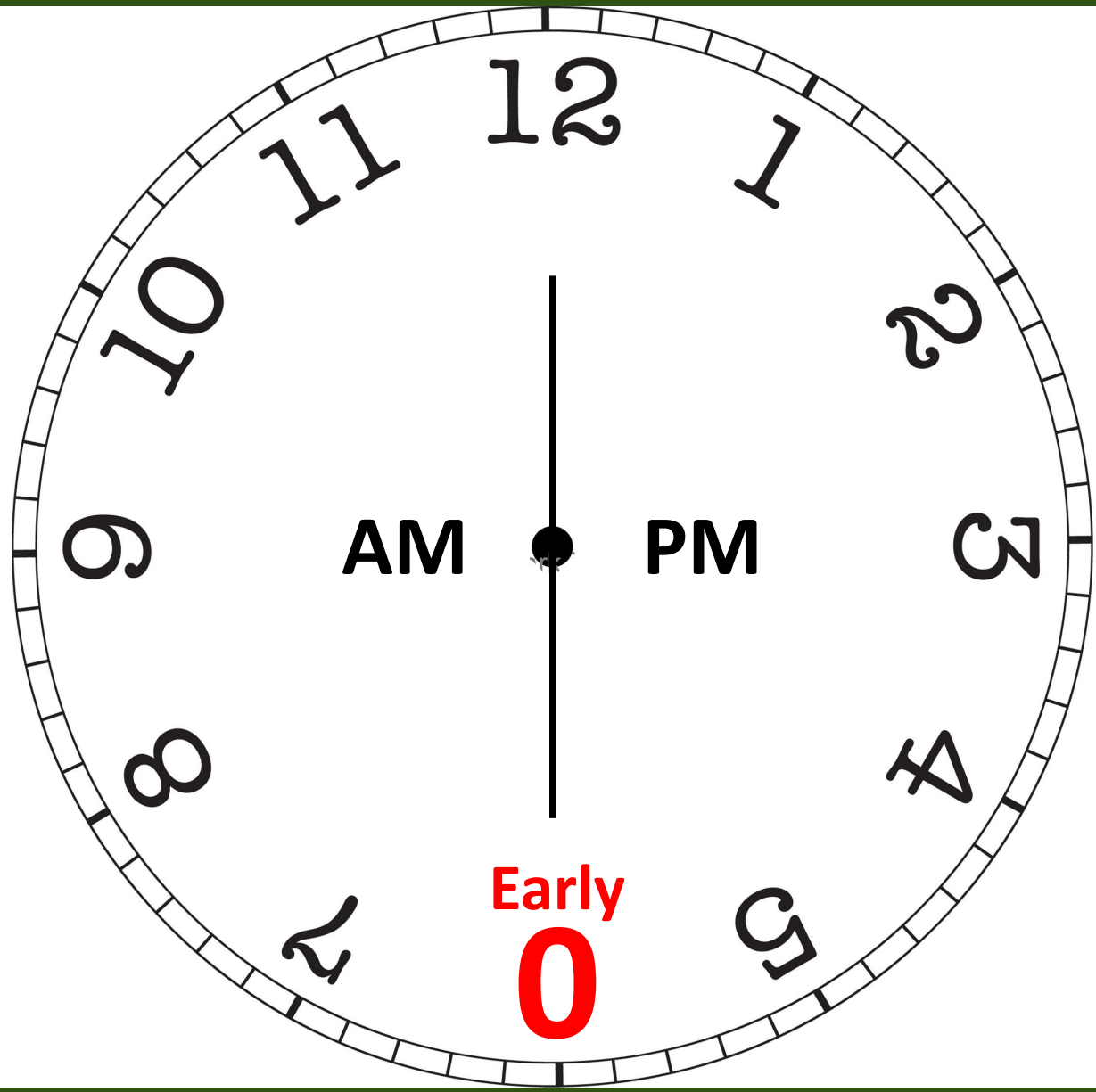


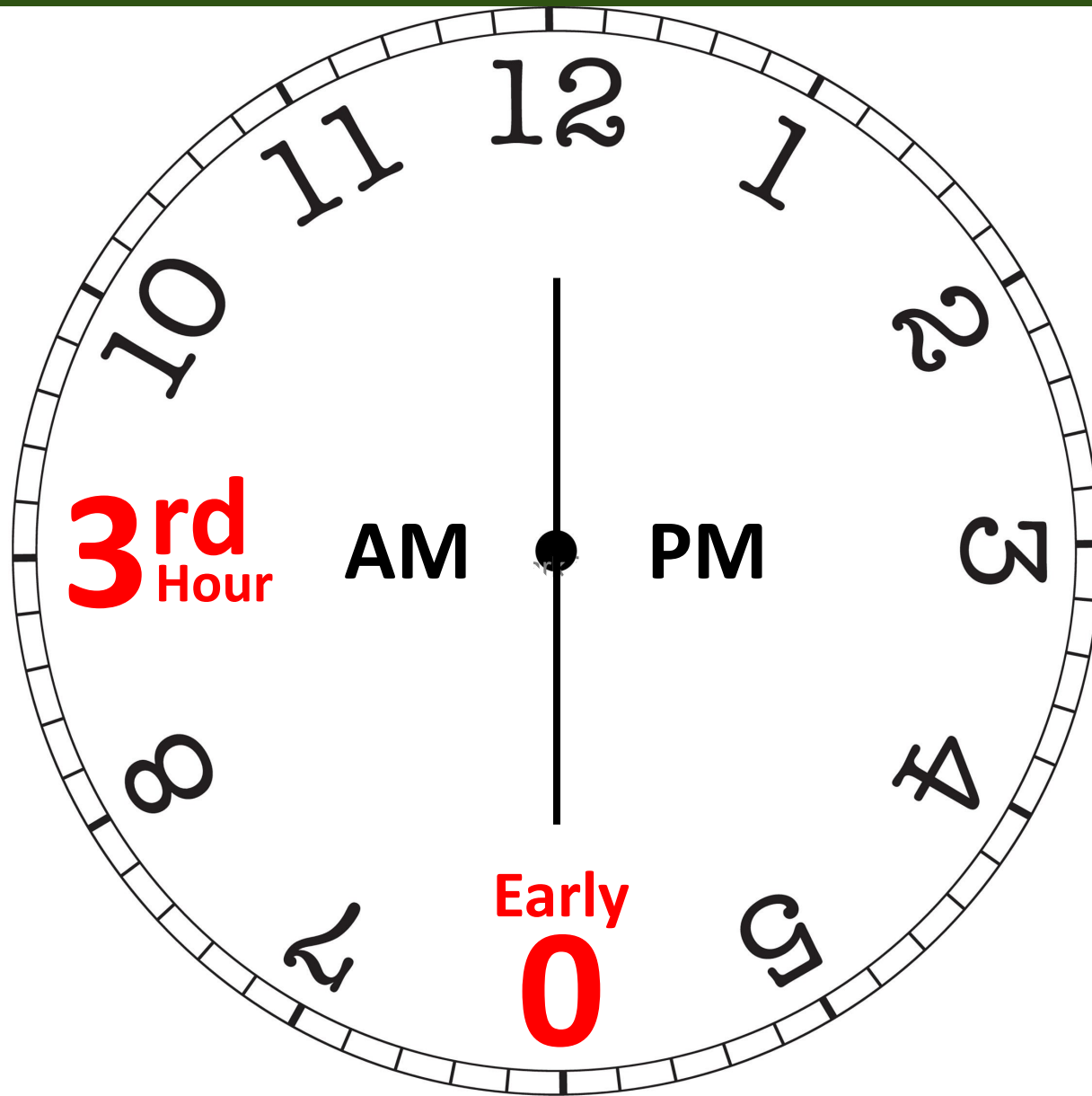
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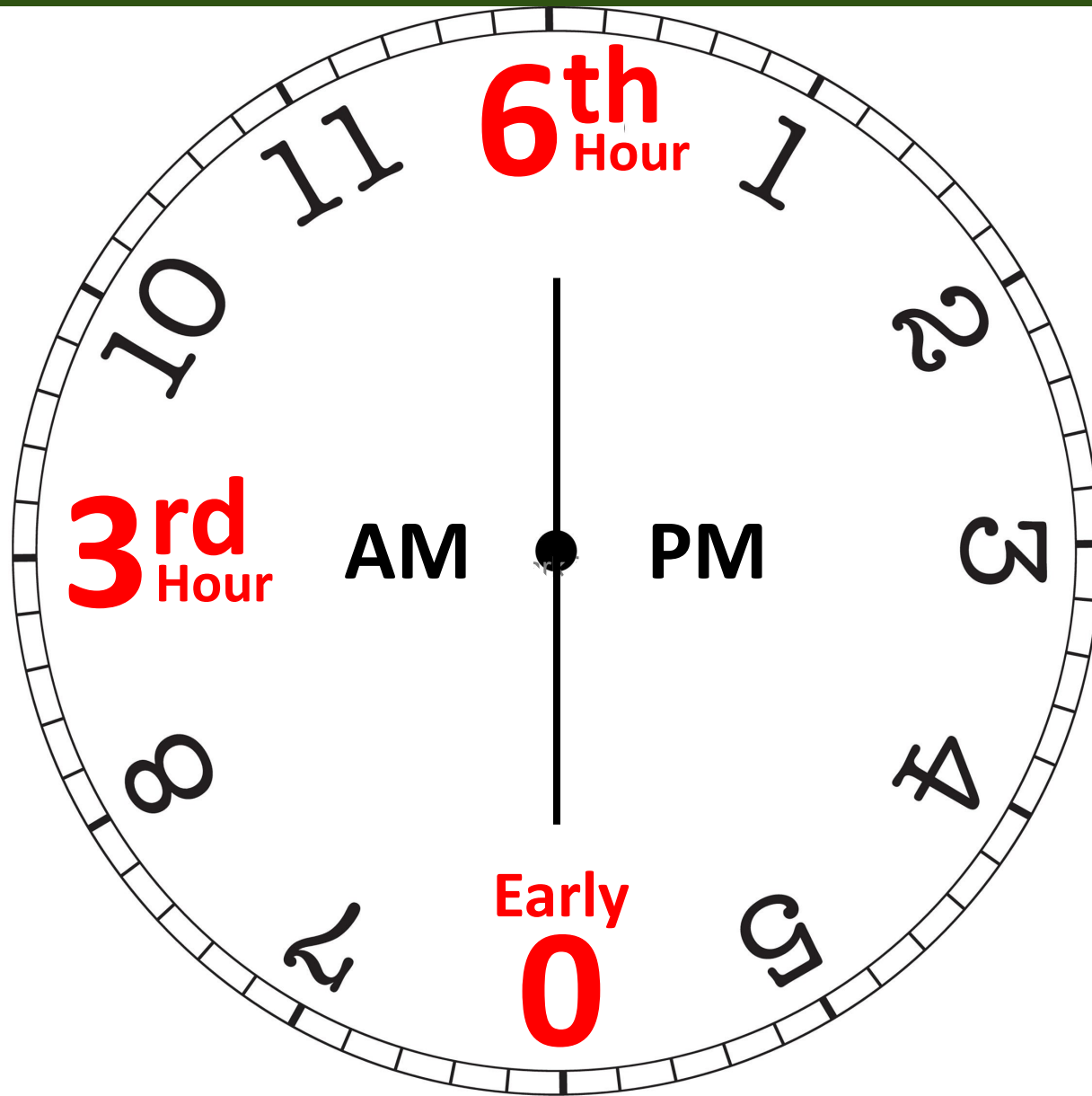
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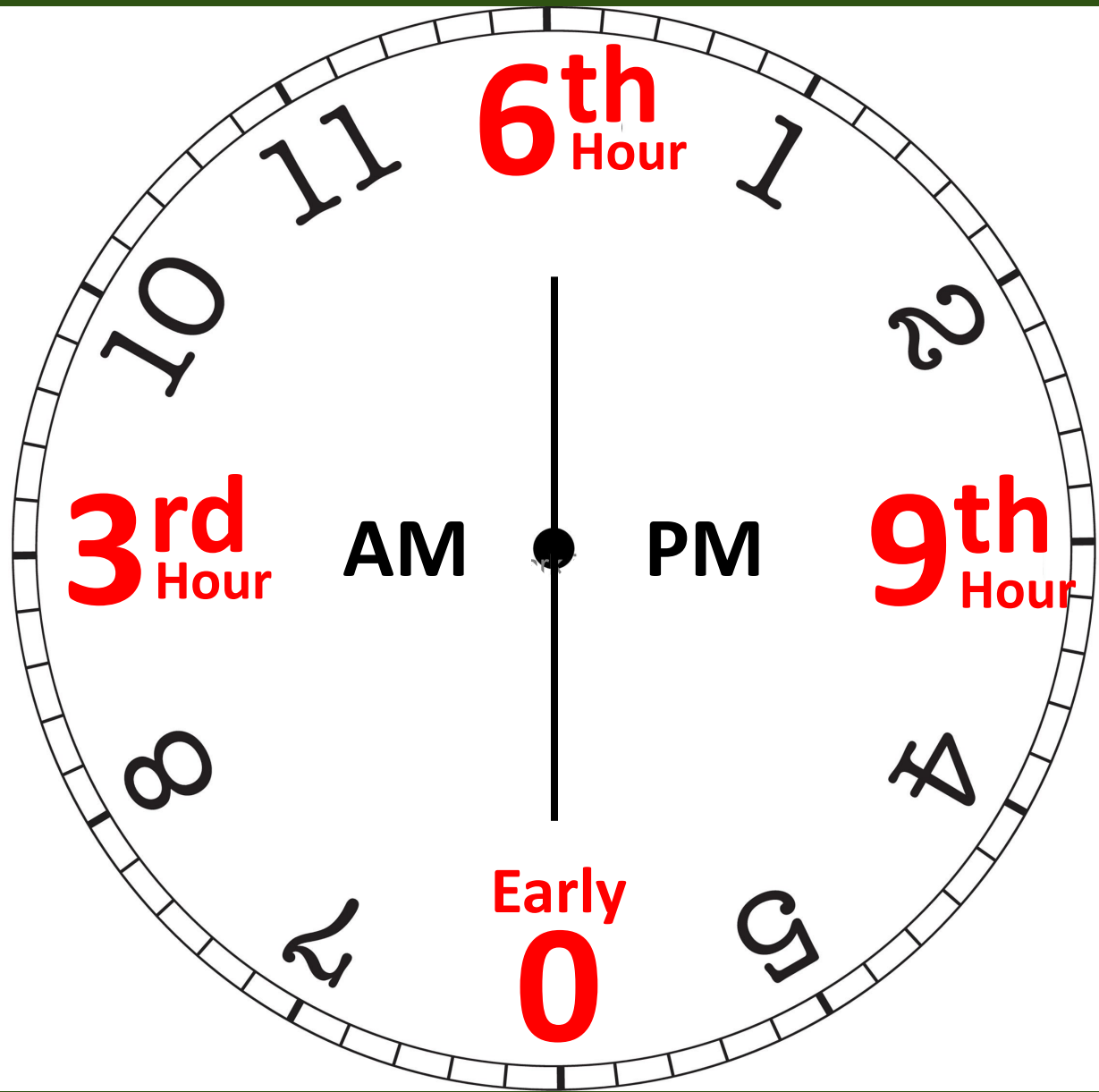


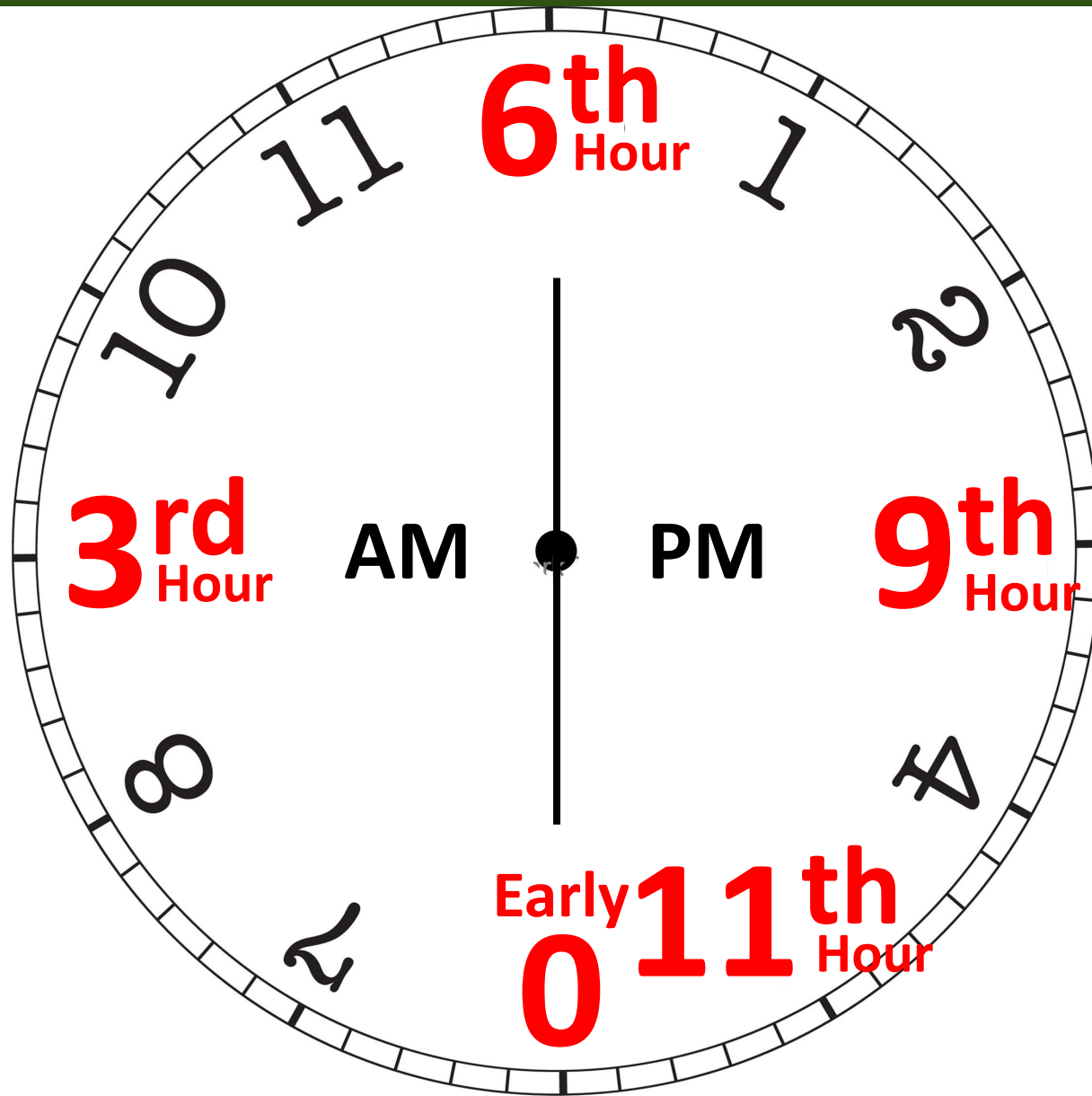
















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6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing.
And he said to them,

‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’

7 They said to him,


‘Because no one has hired us.’


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‘You go into the vineyard too.’

8 And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to
his foreman,

‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the
last, up to the first.’





9 And when those hired about the eleventh hour came,
each of them received a denarius.


10 Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive
more, but each of them also received a denarius.

11 And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,
12 saying,

‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them
equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the
scorching heat.’

13 But he replied to one of them,

‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for
a denarius?’





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God treats all those who are workers in the reign of heaven the same; owing to God’s grace, there is no distinction on the Last Day.





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Jesus modeled what it meant for the first to be last
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17 And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way He said to them,

18 “See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death

19 and deliver Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and He will be raised on the third day.”

