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Matthew

Chapter 1

The Genealogy of Jesus

¹A record of the genealogy of Jesus the Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

- ²Abraham begot Isaac,
and Isaac begot Jacob,
and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers,
³and Judah begot Perez and Zerah,
by Tamar,
and Perez begot Hezron,
and Hezron begot Ram,
⁴and Ram begot Amminadab,
and Amminadab begot Nahshon,
and Nahshon begot Salmon,
⁵and Salmon begot Boaz, by Rahab,
and Boaz begot Obed, by Ruth,
and Obed begot Jesse,
⁶and Jesse begot David the King.

David begot Solomon, by her who belonged to Uriah,

- ⁷and Solomon begot Rehoboam,
and Rehoboam begot Abijah,
and Abijah begot Asa,
⁸and Asa begot Jehoshaphat,
and Jehoshaphat begot Joram,
and Joram begot Uzziah,
⁹and Uzziah begot Jotham,
and Jotham begot Ahaz,
and Ahaz begot Hezekiah,
¹⁰and Hezekiah begot Manasseh,
and Manasseh begot Amon,
and Amon begot Josiah,
¹¹and Josiah begot Jeconiah
and his brothers at the time of
the exile to Babylon.

¹²After the exile to Babylon:

Jeconiah begot Shealtiel,
 and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel,
¹³and Zerubbabel begot Abiud,
 and Abiud begot Eliakim,
 and Eliakim begot Azor,
¹⁴and Azor begot Zadok,
 and Zadok begot Akim,
 and Akim begot Eliud,
¹⁵and Eliud begot Eleazar,
 and Eleazar begot Matthan,
 and Matthan begot Jacob,
¹⁶and Jacob begot Joseph,
 the husband of Mary,
 of whom was born Jesus,
 the one called the Christ.

¹⁷Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Anointed One.

The Birth of Jesus

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they consummated, she was found to be pregnant, from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹But her husband Joseph, being a righteous man, did not want to make an example of her, and planned to divorce her secretly.

²⁰But while he was mulling these things over, an angel of the Lord appeared to him by means of a dream, and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to call his name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²²All this took place in order that what was said by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled, which says: ²³"Behold, the virgin shall be pregnant, and shall bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel," which when translated is, "God with us."

²⁴And when Joseph awoke from his sleep, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and he took his bride home. ²⁵But he did not know her until she gave birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Chapter 2

The Visit of the Magi

¹Now after Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi from out of the east showed up in Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is the one born king of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

³Upon hearing this, King Herod was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴And having assembled all the chief priests and Torah scholars of the people, he inquired of them as to where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵And they told him, "In Bethlehem in Judea, for this is what has been written through the prophet:

⁶" 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land
of Judah,
are by no means least among
the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will be the shepherd of
my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. And when you have found him, bring word back to me, so I may come and worship him also."

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and lo, the star, the one they had seen in the east, kept moving on in front of them, until it arrived and stopped over where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with a surpassingly great joy. ¹¹And upon coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they fell prostrate and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures, and presented him with gifts of gold, and of incense and of myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their country by another route.

The Escape to Egypt

¹³And when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appears in a dream to Joseph, saying, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee

into Egypt, and be there until I tell you, for Herod intends to search for the child to destroy him."

¹⁴So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night, and escaped into Egypt, ¹⁵and was there until the death of Herod, in order that the thing spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled, which says: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶When Herod realized that he had been fooled by the Magi, he was extremely enraged, and sent *orders* and did away with all the male children in Bethlehem and all its environs who were two years old or under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the Magi. ¹⁷Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled, which says:

¹⁸"A voice heard in Ramah,
a weeping and loud wailing,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more."

The Return to Nazareth

¹⁹And after Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appears by a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go into the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead."

²¹So he got up, took the child and his mother and entered the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³and went and lived in a town called Nazareth, so that what was spoken through the prophets would be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Chapter 3

John the Baptizer Prepares the Way

¹In those days John the Baptizer appears, preaching in the desert, ²saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has drawn near." ³This is the one spoken of through Isaiah the prophet:

"A voice calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make the paths straight for him."

⁴This man John had clothing of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵At that time Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan went out to him. ⁶And confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to the baptism, he said to them, "You spawn of snakes! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Then produce fruit characteristic of repentance. ⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰And the ax is already set to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore not producing good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you in water for repentance, but after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to remove. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire: ¹²his winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear out his threshing floor, gathering the wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn up with fire unquenchable."

The Baptism of Jesus

¹³At that time Jesus arrives at the Jordan, out of Galilee, to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and you are coming to me?"

¹⁵In reply, Jesus said to him, "Permit it now; it is proper for us to complete all righteousness this way." Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as he was baptized, Jesus came up out of the water, and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Holy Spirit of God coming down like a dove, coming onto him. ¹⁷And behold, a voice from the heavens, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with whom I am well pleased."

Chapter 4

The Temptation of Jesus

¹Then Jesus was led up into the desert by the Spirit, to be tempted by the devil. ²And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

⁴But he in answer said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word coming out of the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil takes him into the holy city and had him stand on the gable of the temple, ⁶and he says to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

'He will command his angels
concerning you;
and they will lift you up on their hands,
so you will not strike your
foot against a stone.'

⁷Jesus said to him, "It is also written: 'You shall not put Yahweh your God to a test.'"

⁸Again, the devil led him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor, ⁹and said to Jesus, "These I will give to you, if you will fall down and worship me."

¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written: 'You shall worship Yahweh your God, and him only shall you serve.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him alone, and lo, angels had come and were attending him.

Jesus Begins to Preach

¹²And when he heard that John had been arrested, he went away to Galilee. ¹³And forsaking Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, beside the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that the thing spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which says:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the road by the sea,
on the other end of the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people sitting in darkness
have seen a great light;
and on those sitting in the land of the
shadow of death
a light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

The Calling of Simon, Andrew, James, and John

¹⁸And walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers.

¹⁹And he says to them, "Come you two, follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰And they followed him immediately, leaving the nets.

²¹And going on from there, he saw another *set of* two brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²And they immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father.

Jesus Heals the Sick

²³And he went around through all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴And news about him spread all over Syria, and they brought to him all who were ill with various diseases and severe pain, the demon-possessed, and epileptics and the paralyzed, and he healed them. ²⁵And many crowds followed him, from Galilee and the Ten Cities, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

Chapter 5

The Beatitudes

¹And seeing the crowds, he went up to the mountainside. And when he sat down his disciples came to him, ²and opening his mouth, he began to teach them, saying:

³Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are they who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,

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for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called
offspring of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when *people* insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets before you."

Salt and Light

¹³"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt is blanded down, with what will it be made salty? It is no longer potent enough for anything except to be thrown outside and trampled underfoot of people.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do they light a lamp to put it under a basket, but rather on the stand, so it enlightens all those in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine in the view of people, such that they will see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

The Fulfillment of the Law

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish *them* but to fulfill *them*. ¹⁸For truly I say to you, until the sky and the earth pass away, not one iota, not one serif, will by any means pass away from the Law until everything is carried out. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever looses one of the least of these commandments, and teaches people the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices *them* and teaches *them*, this one will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Torah scholars and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Adversaries

²¹"You have heard that it was said to the people of long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²²But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.

And anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the council. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of Gehenna.

²³"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar, and first go be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

²⁵"Get on good terms with your legal adversary quickly, while you are with him on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge *hand you over* to the officer, and you be thrown in prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, by no means will you come out of there until you have paid the last penny.

Adultery

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹So if your right eye causes you to fall, rip it out and cast it away from you. For it is expedient for you that one of your parts be destroyed and not your whole body be cast into Gehenna. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to fall, cut it off and cast it away from you. For it is expedient for you that one of your parts be destroyed and not your whole body go away into Gehenna.

³¹"And it has been said, 'Anyone who releases his wife must give her a "release of interest form".' ³²But I tell you that anyone who releases his wife, except for grounds of fornication, causes her to commit adultery, and anyone who marries a released *woman* commits adultery.

Oaths

³³"Again, you have heard that it was said to the people of long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but pay out to the Lord your oaths.' ³⁴But I tell you not to promise with an oath at all: neither by heaven, because it is God's throne; ³⁵nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet, nor by Jerusalem, because it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶Neither swear by your head, since you have not the power to make a single hair white or black. ³⁷But let your word be 'Yes' *for* 'Yes,' 'No' *for* 'No,' and beyond these is from evil.

An Eye For an Eye

³⁸"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹But I tell you not to resist the evil. On the contrary, whoever strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰And the one

wanting to sue and take your shirt, surrender to him your jacket as well. ⁴¹And whoever conscripts you for one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴²Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Love For Enemies

⁴³"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I say to you: Love your enemies, and pray for those persecuting you, ⁴⁵so that you be children of your Father who is in heaven. For he causes his sun to rise upon the evil and the good, and rains upon the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love the ones who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the revenue agents do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet your own kind only, what are you doing beyond the ordinary? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Chapter 6

Giving to the Needy

¹"Be careful not to do your acts of tzedakah in front of people, trying to be seen by them, for in that case you have no reward with your Father in heaven.

²"So when you do your charitable giving, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the lanes, so they may be esteemed by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward in full. ³But you, when you do your giving to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.

Prayer

⁵"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the boulevards, so they will be seen by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward in full. ⁶But you when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret. Then your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.

⁷But when you pray, do not speak thoughtless repetition like the Gentiles do. For they suppose that because of the greater number of their words they will be heard. ⁸Do not be like them therefore. You see, your Father knows what you need before you ever ask him.

⁹"This, then, is how you should pray:

" 'Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name.
¹⁰Your kingdom come,
 your will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹Give us today our daily bread.
¹²And forgive us our debts,
 as we also have forgiven
 our debtors.
¹³And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from the evil one."
 [[For yours is the kingdom,
 and the power,
 and the glory, for ever. Amen.']]

¹⁴For if you forgive people their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you are not forgiving to people, neither will your Father forgive you your trespasses.

Fasting

¹⁶"And when you fast, do not become of somber countenance like the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces so that they will appear to people as fasting. Truly I tell you, they have their reward in full. ¹⁷But you when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that you do not appear to people as fasting, but rather to your Father, who is in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.

Treasures in Heaven

¹⁹"Do not accumulate for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and corrosion eat away, and where thieves break through and steal. ²⁰But accumulate for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor corrosion eat away, and where thieves do not break through and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²"The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is open and generous, your whole body will be bright. ²³But if your eye is suspicious and stingy, your whole body will be dark. If then darkness is the light in you, how great the darkness!

²⁴"No one can serve two masters. Either you will spurn the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve *both* God and Mammon.

Do Not Worry

²⁵"Considering this, I tell you, do not worry for your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or for your body, what you will put on. Does not life mean more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the sky, that they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Do you not matter more than they? ²⁷And who of you *by* worrying is able to add onto his life span one foot?

²⁸"And about dress, why do you worry? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither labor nor weave. ²⁹Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰Now if God so dresses the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow thrown into the stove, how much more would he rather dress you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What would we eat?' or 'What would we drink?' or 'What would we wear?' ³²For the Gentiles are pursuing all those things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need all those things. ³³But pursue first *the Father's* kingdom and righteousness, and all those things will be included for you.

³⁴"Do not worry, then, for the next day, because the next day will have worries of itself. Today's trouble is enough for the day.

Chapter 7

Correcting Others

¹"Do not judge, so that you will not be judged. ²For with what judgment you are judging, you will be judged, and with what measure you are measuring out, it will be measured to you.

³"Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but the log in your own eye you do not consider? ⁴Or how will you say to your brother, 'Let me pluck the speck out of your eye,' and behold, in your own eye *is* a log? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to pluck the speck out of your brother's eye.

⁶"Do not give to curs what is sacred, and do not toss your pearls before swine, lest they trample them with their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

Ask, Seek, Knock

⁷"Keep asking, and it will be given to you; keep seeking, and you will find; keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who keeps asking receives, and the one who keeps seeking finds, and to the one who keeps knocking, it will be opened.

⁹"Or is there a man among you whose child will ask him for a loaf, who will give him a rock? ¹⁰Or again, *if* he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If you therefore, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him?

¹²"In all things, then, whatever you would want people to do to you, this you also should do to them, for this is the meaning of the Law and the Prophets.

False Prophets

¹³"Enter through the narrow gate. How wide the gate and broad the road that leads to destruction, and how many are those going through it!

¹⁴How narrow the gate and troubled the road that leads to life, and how few are those finding it!

¹⁵"Be on your guard against false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶By their fruits you will find them out. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or sweet figs from thistles? ¹⁷In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but the weed tree produces evil fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor a weed tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus by their fruits you will find them out.

The Wise and Foolish Builders

²¹"Not everyone saying to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one doing the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³And then I will declare to them on record: 'I have never known you. Away from me, you workers of lawlessness!'

²⁴"Everyone therefore who hears these words of mine and does them shall be likened to a prudent man who built his house on the bedrock. ²⁵And the rain came down, and the rivers came up, and the winds blew and

beat against that house, and it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

²⁶"And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them shall be likened to a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain came down and the rivers came up and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was its fall."

²⁸And it came about that when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not like their Torah scholars.

Chapter 8

A Man With Leprosy

¹And when he came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. ²And behold, a leper approached and worshipped him, saying, "Lord, if you are willing, you are able to cleanse me."

³And stretching out his hand, he touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴And Jesus says to him, "See that you tell no one. But go instead and show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

The Faith of the Centurion

⁵And when he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him entreating him, ⁶and saying, "My servant is laid up in the house a paralytic, being tormented terribly."

⁷He says to him, "I will come and heal him."

⁸But the centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that you enter under my roof. But just say a word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I too am a man under authority, having soldiers under myself. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does."

¹⁰And Jesus was astonished hearing this, and he said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found faith like this from anyone in Israel. ¹¹And I tell you, many will come from east and west, and will recline with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹²But natural heirs of the kingdom will be cast into the outer darkness; out there will be weeping, and gnashing of teeth."

¹³Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go. As you believed let it be for you." And in that hour the servant was healed.

Jesus Heals Many

¹⁴And coming into Peter's house, Jesus saw *Peter's* mother-in-law bedridden and fever-stricken. ¹⁵And he touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and began to wait on him.

¹⁶And when evening came, they brought to him many who were demon-possessed, and he drove out the spirits with a word. And all those who had an illness he healed, ¹⁷so that the thing spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled, which says:

"Our infirmities he picked up,
and our diseases he carried."

The Cost of Following Jesus

¹⁸But when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave the order to leave to the other side *of the lake*.

¹⁹And one Torah scholar approached him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

²⁰And Jesus says to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere he can lay his head."

²¹And another *man*, one of the disciples, said to him, "Lord, allow me first to leave and bury my father."

²²But Jesus says to him, "You follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."

Jesus Calms the Storm

²³And his disciples followed him as he embarked in the boat. ²⁴And behold a great storm arose in the sea, such that the boat was getting covered over by the waves. But he himself was sleeping.

²⁵And coming up to him, they roused him, saying, "Lord, save *us*! We are perishing!"

²⁶And he says to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?"

Then, once he was up, he rebuked the wind and the sea, and there came a complete calm.

²⁷And the men marvelled, saying, "What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

The Legion of Demons Near Gadara

²⁸And when he came to the other side to the region of the Gadarenes, two men coming out of the tombs met him, demon-possessed, extremely dangerous, such that no one was able to pass that way.

²⁹And behold they cried out saying, "What business do you have with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torture us before the time?"

³⁰Now some distance from them there was a herd of many pigs feeding.
³¹And the demons begged him saying, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs."

³²And he said to them, "Go!" So coming out they went into the pigs; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and died in the waters.

³³And the herders fled. And when they had gone into the town they reported all things, including the things about the demon-possessed men.

³⁴And behold all the town came out to have a meeting with Jesus. And when they saw him they begged him that he would move out of their borders.

Chapter 9

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

¹And embarking in a boat, he crossed over and came into his own town.
²And behold they brought to him a paralytic placed on a mat. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

³And behold, some of the Torah scholars said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!"

⁴And knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you think evil things in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier: to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say: 'Get up and walk'? ⁶But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." Then he says to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go to your house." ⁷And he stood up and went away to his house. ⁸After seeing this, the crowd feared and praised the God who had given such authority to humans.

The Calling of Matthew

⁹And moving on from there, Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the taxes post, and he says to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And it came about that Jesus and his disciples were reclining at table in the house of *Matthew*, and behold a large crowd of revenue agents and sinners came and were eating with them. ¹¹And seeing this the Pharisees said to his disciples, "Why does your rabbi eat with revenue agents and sinners?"

¹²But he heard, and said, "The healthy have no need of a doctor, but only those who have something bad do. ¹³But go learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Jesus Questioned About Fasting

¹⁴Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why is it we and the Pharisees are fasting, but your disciples are not fasting?"

¹⁵And Jesus said to them, "Are the members of the bridegroom's party able to mourn while the bridegroom is with them? But days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them; and then they will fast.

¹⁶"Now no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth onto an old garment. For the patch of it tears away from the garment, and a worse tear results. ¹⁷Neither do they put new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wineskins will burst, the wine will spill out, and the wineskins will be ruined. Rather, they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

A Dead Damsel and a Sick Woman

¹⁸While he was speaking these things to them, behold a certain ruler came, prostrating himself to him, saying, "My daughter has just now died. But come and put your hand on her and she will revive." ¹⁹And getting up Jesus followed him, including his disciples.

²⁰And behold a woman suffering a twelve year flow of blood came up behind *and* touched the tassel of his cloak. ²¹For she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

²²And Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that time on.

²³And Jesus came into the ruler's house, and when he saw the flute players and the crowd in commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go your ways. For the maiden has not died but sleeps." And they laughed at him with scorn.

²⁵And when the crowd was put out, he went in and took hold of her hand, and the maiden was raised *from the dead*. ²⁶And this news went out into all that region.

Jesus Heals the Blind and Mute

²⁷And as Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying out and saying, "Have mercy on us, O Son of David!"

²⁸And when he had come into the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus says to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

They say to him, "Yes, Lord."

²⁹Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be done for you." ³⁰And their eyes were opened. And Jesus warned them sternly, saying, "See that no one knows about this." ³¹But they went out and spread the news about him throughout that whole region.

³²And as they were going out, behold a mute who was demon-possessed was brought to him. ³³And when the demon was expelled, the mute spoke. The crowd was amazed, and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!"

³⁴But the Pharisees said, "By the prince of the demons he expels the demons."

The Workers Are Few

³⁵And Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶And when he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd: harried and laid down in resignation. ³⁷Then he says to his disciples, "The harvest is truly plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, that he send out workers into his harvest."

Chapter 10

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

¹And calling forward his twelve disciples, he gave them authority over unclean spirits, so as to expel them, and to heal every disease and every illness. ²And these are the names of the twelve apostles: First, Simon, the one called Peter, and his brother Andrew; and James the son of Zebedee and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the revenue agent; James son of Halphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean and Judas of Kerioth, the one who also betrayed him.

⁵These Twelve Jesus sent out, giving orders to them, saying: "Do not go down a Gentile road, and do not enter a town of Samaritans. ⁶But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And as you go, preach

saying: 'The kingdom of heaven has drawn near.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out the demons. Freely you have received; freely give. ⁹Pack neither gold nor silver nor copper in your belts, ¹⁰neither a bag for the trip, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for the worker is worthy of his food.

¹¹"And whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²But when entering the house, greet it. ¹³And if indeed the house is worthy, let your peace arrive upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And whoever does not welcome you or listen to your words, go outside that house or town and shake the dust off your feet. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more bearable for the land of Sodom and the land of Gomorrah, than for that town.

¹⁶"Behold, I am sending you out like sheep in the midst of wolves. Be shrewd as snakes therefore, yet innocent as doves. ¹⁷And be on your guard against people. For they will hand you over to councils, and they will flog you in their synagogues. ¹⁸And also before governors and kings you will be brought, because of me, to be a testimony to them and to the nations. ¹⁹But when they arrest you, do not worry how or what you might say. For it will be given to you at that hour what you should say; ²⁰because you are not the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father is the one speaking, through you.

²¹"And brother will betray brother to death, and a father a child; and children will rise up against parents and put them to death. ²²And you will be hated by all because of my name, but the one who holds out to the end, this one will be rescued unharmed. ²³But when they persecute you in this town, flee to a new one; for truly I tell you, you will not finish *all* the towns of Israel before the Son of Man has come.

²⁴"A disciple is not above the rabbi, nor a servant above his lord. ²⁵It is sufficient for the disciple that he become like his rabbi, and the servant like his lord. If the head of the house has been called Baal-zibbul, how much more the members of his household.

²⁶"So do not fear them. For there is nothing veiled that will not be unveiled, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, you are to say in the light; and what you hear *whispered* into your ear, you are to proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear because of those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul. But do fear on the other hand the one who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And as for you, even the hairs of your

heads are all numbered. ³¹So fear not; you matter more than many sparrows.

³²Everyone therefore who shall acknowledge me before people, I also shall acknowledge them before my Father in heaven. ³³And whoever disowns me before people, I also shall disown that person before my Father in heaven.

³⁴Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to turn

" 'a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her
mother-in-law—

³⁶ a man's enemies will be
members of his own household.

³⁷He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and the one who does not take up his cross and follow behind me is not worthy of me. ³⁹The person who finds his life will lose it, and the one who loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. ⁴¹He who receives a prophet because of the title of prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and he who receives a righteous one because of the title of righteous one will receive a righteous one's reward. ⁴²Truly I tell you, whoever gives even just a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because of the title of disciple, will certainly not lose his reward."

Chapter 11

Jesus and John the Baptizer

¹And it came about that when Jesus had finished giving orders to his twelve disciples, he removed himself from there to teach and preach in their towns.

²And when John was hearing in prison about the works of Christ, he, sending *word* through his disciples, ³said to him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect another?"

⁴And in answer, Jesus said to them, "Go and report back to John what things you are hearing and seeing: ⁵The blind see again and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised and the good

news is preached to the poor. ⁶And *tell him*, 'Blessed be whoever is not offended on account of me.' "

⁷And as they were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed being swayed to and fro by the wind? ⁸On the contrary, what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in delicate finery? Behold, those wearing delicate finery are in kings' houses. ⁹On the contrary, what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes indeed I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written:

'Behold, I am sending my messenger
before your face,
who will prepare your way
before you.'

¹¹Truly I tell you: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptizer. But the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²And from the days of John the Baptizer until now, the kingdom of heaven has been aggressively advancing, and the aggressive are seizing it. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. ¹⁴And if you are willing to receive *it*, he is the Elijah who was to come. ¹⁵Let the one who has ears, hear."

¹⁶"To what, then, shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplace, calling out to the others, saying:

¹⁷ " 'We played the flute for you,
and you didn't dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you didn't mourn.'

¹⁸For John the Baptizer came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold a glutton and a wino, a friend of revenue agents and sinners.' Well, wisdom is vindicated by her works."

Woe on Unrepentant Cities

²⁰Then he began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles had occurred, because they had not repented: ²¹"Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that happened in you had taken place in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and

ashes. ²²Regardless, I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. ²³And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to the skies? No, you will sink as far as Hades. Because if the miracles that happened in you had taken place in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴Regardless, I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."

Rest for the Weary

²⁵At that time Jesus continued, and said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the sophisticated and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, for it was pleasing this way in your sight.

²⁷"All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Chapter 12

Lord of the Sabbath

¹At that time Jesus on a Sabbath was going through the grain fields. And his disciples were hungry, and began to pluck and eat some heads of grain. ²And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look! Your disciples are doing what on a Sabbath is not permissible to do!"

³And he said to them, "Have you not read what David did, when he and those with him were hungry? ⁴How he entered the house of God, and the loaves of offering he ate, which for him was not permissible to eat, neither for those with him, but only for the priests? ⁵Or haven't you read in the Torah that on the Sabbath the priests can, in the temple, desecrate the Sabbath, and yet are innocent? ⁶And I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. ⁷But if you had known what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent. ⁸For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

⁹And going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, ¹⁰and behold, a man with a shriveled hand. And they questioned him, in order that they might accuse him, saying, "Is it permissible to heal on the Sabbath?"

¹¹Then he said to them, "Is there anyone among you who, if he has one sheep, and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out, and how much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! Therefore, it is permissible to do good on the Sabbath."

¹³Then he says to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out, and it was restored, just as sound as the other. ¹⁴And the Pharisees went out and began to plot against him, as to how they might kill him.

Crowds Follow Jesus

¹⁵But being aware of this, Jesus departed from there, and many crowds followed him, and he healed them all, ¹⁶and ordered them not to make him manifest, ¹⁷so that the thing spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled, which says:

¹⁸"Behold, my servant whom I
have chosen,
my beloved, in whom my soul
is well pleased;
I will put my Spirit upon him,
and he will announce
righteous judgment
to the nations.

¹⁹He will not quarrel or cry out;
nor will anyone hear his voice in
the streets.

²⁰A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will
not snuff out,
till he leads righteous judgment
to victory.

²¹And in his name the Gentiles will
put their hope."

Jesus and Baalzibbul

²²Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him so that the mute man spoke and saw. ²³And all the multitudes were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

²⁴But when the Pharisees heard *this*, they said, "Only by Ba'al-zibbul, the ruler of the demons, is this fellow driving out the demons."

²⁵But knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be desolated, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. ²⁶And if Satan is driving out Satan, he is divided against himself, so how will his kingdom stand?

²⁷"And if I am driving out the demons by Baal-zibbul, by whom are your disciples driving them out? Therefore, they will be your judges. ²⁸But if I am driving out the demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²⁹"Or how can anyone enter the house of the strong man and carry away his things, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

³⁰"The person who is not with me is against me, and the one who does not gather with me is scattering.

³¹"Therefore I tell you, all kinds of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy of the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³²And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, that will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the one to come.

³³"Either call the tree good and its fruit good, or call the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit.

³⁴"You spawn of vipers, how are you able to speak good things, since you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵The good person brings forth good things out of his treasure of good, and the evil person brings forth evil out of his treasure of evil. ³⁶And I tell you, every idle word which human beings will speak, they will have to give an explanation for it on the day of judgment. ³⁷For out of your words you will be justified, and out of your words you will be condemned."

The Sign of Jonah

³⁸Then some of the Torah scholars and Pharisees responded to him saying, "Teacher, we want to see a miraculous sign from you."

³⁹But he answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign. And no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the huge sea creature, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

⁴¹"Men of Nineveh will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. ⁴²The Queen of the South will be resurrected at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she

came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

⁴³Now when an unclean spirit comes out from a human being, it goes through waterless places, seeking rest, and does not find it. ⁴⁴Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it arrives, it finds the house standing empty, swept clean and put in order. ⁴⁵Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter inside and live there. And the final condition of that human is worse than the first. That is also how it will be with this evil generation."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

⁴⁶While he was still speaking to the crowd, behold, his mother and brothers had been standing outside, wanting to talk to him. ⁴⁷And someone said to him, "Behold, your mother and your brothers have been standing outside, wanting to talk to you."

⁴⁸And he replied to the one who informed him, and said, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹And extending his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Behold, my mother and my brothers. ⁵⁰For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven, that person is my brother and sister and mother."

Chapter 13

The Parable of the Sower

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the lake. ²And such large crowds gathered around him, he got into a boat to sit in it, and all the people stood on the shore.

³And he spoke many things to them in parables, and said: "Behold, the sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some *seed* fell beside the way, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵And other *seed* fell on the rocky spots, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, because it did not have depth of soil. ⁶And when the sun came up, it was scorched, and because it had no root, it dried up. ⁷And others fell on the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸And others fell on the good soil, and yielded fruit, one a hundredfold, the other sixty, and another thirty. ⁹Let the one who has ears, hear."

The Parable of the Sower Explained

¹⁰And the disciples came to him and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"

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¹¹And he answered and said, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. ¹²For to the one who has, it will be given, and he will have an abundance. As for the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³For this reason I speak to them in parables, that

'Though looking they do not see,
and though listening
they neither hear nor understand.'

¹⁴In them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:

'With an ear you will hear
and never understand;
and looking, you will see,
and not at all perceive.
¹⁵For this people's heart
has become impervious;
they hardly hear with the ears,
and they have shut up their eyes,
lest they see with the eyes
and hear with the ears
and understand with the heart,
and turn,
and I would heal them.'

¹⁶"But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears, because they hear. ¹⁷For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous ones longed to see what you are seeing, but did not see it, and to hear what you are hearing, but did not hear it.

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the *seed* sown beside the way. ²⁰And what was sown on the rocky spots, this is someone who hears the word and immediately with joy receives it. ²¹But having no root in himself, he is alive only a short time. For when tribulation comes, or persecution because of the word, he quickly falls away. ²²And what was sown in the thorns, this is someone who hears the word, and the worry of the world, and the seductiveness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²³And what was sown on the good soil, this is someone who hears the word

and understands, who does bear fruit and produces; one a hundredfold, the other sixty, and another thirty."

The Parable of the Look-alike Weeds

²⁴He put before them another parable, as follows: "The kingdom of heaven is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field. ²⁵But while the people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed zizania in between the wheat, and went away. ²⁶And when the wheat grass had sprung up and formed seed, at that same time the zizania became apparent.

²⁷"So the owner's servants came to him and said to him, 'Sir, you sowed good seed in your field, did you not? How then does it have zizania?'

²⁸"And he said to them, 'A hateful person did this.'

"And the servants say to him, 'Do you want us to go out, then, and collect them?'

²⁹"But he says, 'No, in case while collecting the zizania you uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Leave both to grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will tell the reapers: Collect the zizania first and tie them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

³¹Another parable he put before them, and said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a person took and sowed in his garden, ³²which indeed is smaller than all the seeds, but when it grows, it becomes a tree, larger than all the herbs, such that the birds of the sky come and nest in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and buried into three measures of dough, until the whole *batch* was leavened."

³⁴Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds in parables; indeed he said nothing to them without a parable, ³⁵so that the thing spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, which says:

"I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden
since the creation of the world."

The Parable of the Look-alike Weeds Explained

³⁶Then, leaving the crowds, he went into the house. And his disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of zizania in the field."

³⁷And he answered and said, "The one sowing the good seed is the Son of Man, ³⁸and the field is the world, and the good seed, these are the children of the kingdom. The zizania are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

⁴⁰"And as the zizania are collected and consumed by fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all the things that lead to sin and those who practice lawlessness; ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire. There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³At that time, the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let the one who has ears, hear.

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which when a man found it, he hid it *again*. Then out of his joy he goes and sells what things he has, and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant who was looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶And when he found a single valuable pearl, he went away and sold every thing that he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net cast into the sea and catching every kind of fish, ⁴⁸which when full, the fishers pulled up onto the shore, and sitting down, they collected the good *kinds* into baskets, but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go forth and will separate the evil ones from out of the midst of the righteous, ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire. There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth."

⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?"

They are saying to him, "Yes."

⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every Torah scholar disciplined into the kingdom of heaven is like a person who owns a house, who puts forward out of his treasure room items both new and old."

A Prophet Without Honor

⁵³And it came about that when Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. ⁵⁴And coming into his home town, he taught them in their synagogue, such that they were astounded, and said, "Where did this

man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers? ⁵⁵Isn't this the son of the carpenter? Isn't his mother named Mary, and his brothers Jacob and Joseph and Simon and Judah? ⁵⁶And aren't all his sisters here with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" ⁵⁷And they were offended by him.

And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his home town, and among his relatives."

⁵⁸And he did not do many miracles there, because of their unbelief.

Chapter 14

John the Baptizer Beheaded

¹At that time, Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus, ²and said to his attendants, "This is John the Baptizer! He is risen from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him!"

³Now Herod had arrested John, and bound him, and put him away in prison, because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. ⁴For John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." ⁵And though wanting to kill him, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet.

⁶And when Herod's birthday celebration took place, the daughter of Herodias danced among them, and she pleased Herod; ⁷for which reason he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask for.

⁸So after being instructed by her mother, she says, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptizer."

⁹Though greatly distressed, the king because of his words of oath and those reclining with him, commanded that it be given, ¹⁰and sent orders and beheaded John in the prison. ¹¹And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she carried it to her mother. ¹²And his disciples came and took the corpse and buried him. Then they went and told Jesus.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³And hearing *this*, Jesus went away from there, in a boat, to a remote place by himself. And the crowds heard, and followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴And when he got out, he saw the large crowd, and was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

¹⁵Now as evening came on, the disciples came to him, saying, "The place is remote, and the hour is already late. Therefore, dismiss the crowds, so they can go away into the villages and buy food for themselves."

¹⁶But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them *something* to eat."

¹⁷But they are saying to him, "We have nothing here except five loaves and two fish."

¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹And having directed the crowds to recline on the grass, he takes the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed *God*. And after he broke the loaves, he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds.

²⁰And all ate and were satisfied. And they picked up the extra of the fragments, twelve large baskets full. ²¹Now the ones eating were about five thousand men, without women and children.

Jesus Walks on the Water

²²And he immediately ordered his disciples to get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he would dismiss the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the mountain by himself to pray. And as evening came on he was alone there.

²⁴The boat was now many furlongs away from the land, being battered by the waves, because the wind was contrary. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he went out toward them, walking on the lake. ²⁶And when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, "It's a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

²⁷Jesus immediately spoke to them and said: "Take heart, it is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water."

²⁹And he said, "Come."

And Peter got down out of the boat and walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the violent wind, he became afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

³¹And immediately Jesus reached out his hand and grabbed him, and says to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

³²And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "You truly are the Son of God."

³⁴And once they had crossed over, they came ashore at Gennesaret. ³⁵And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent *word* into that whole area, and they brought to him all those who were sick. ³⁶And they were entreating him that they could just touch the tassel of his cloak; and as many as touched were completely healed.

Chapter 15

Clean and Unclean

¹Then some Pharisees and Torah scholars from Jerusalem come to Jesus, saying, ²"Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat."

³And in response he said to them, "And you, why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴For God said, 'Honor father and mother' and 'The one who curses father or mother must be put to death.' ⁵But you say, whoever says to father or mother: 'Whatever you might be owed from me is a gift *vowed to God*,' ⁶he will not at all honor his father or his mother *with it*, and you have annulled the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

⁷"You hypocrites! Isaiah has prophesied rightly about you, in saying,

⁸"This people honor me with the lips,
but their heart is far away from me.

⁹They worship me in vain,
teaching as Torah
the decrees of human beings.'

¹⁰And calling the crowd forward, he said to them, "Listen, and understand: ¹¹The thing entering into the mouth does not make a human being unclean, but rather the thing coming forth out of the mouth, that *is what* makes the human being unclean."

¹²Then the disciples are coming to him and saying to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?"

¹³And he in answer said, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Leave them; they are blind leaders of the blind. And if a blind person leads a blind person, both will fall into a pit."

¹⁵And in response Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us."

¹⁶And he said, "Are you also this unintelligent? ¹⁷Do you not understand that everything entering the mouth goes into the stomach, and then is ejected into the sewer? ¹⁸But the things coming forth out of the mouth come from the heart, and those things make the human being unclean. ¹⁹For out of the heart, come forth evil reasoning, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false testimony, slander. ²⁰Those are the things making the human being unclean; but the eating with unwashed hands, that does not make the human being unclean."

The Faith of the Canaanite Dog

²¹And leaving there, Jesus departed to the areas of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold a Canaanite woman from those borders, after coming forward cried out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is suffering terribly from a demon."

²³But he answered not a word to her. So his disciples are coming to him and urging him, saying, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out behind us."

²⁴And in response *to her* he said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

²⁵But she comes and bows down to him saying, "Lord, help me."

²⁶And he in answer said, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁷And she said, "True, Lord; yet the dogs certainly eat of the crumbs falling from their master's table."

²⁸Then in answer Jesus said to her, "Oh, woman, great is your faith! Let it be for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

²⁹And when he departed from there, Jesus came near the Sea of Galilee; and having gone up into the mountain, he was sitting there. ³⁰And many large crowds came to him, having with them the lame, the cheiroplegic, the blind, the mute, and many others, and they laid them down at his feet, and he healed them, ³¹causing the crowd to marvel, seeing the mute speaking, the impaired of hand whole, and the lame walking and the blind seeing, and they glorified the God of Israel.

³²And calling forward his disciples, Jesus said, "I feel for the crowd, because they have been staying with me three days now and do not have anything to eat. And to dismiss them without eating, I am not willing, lest they collapse on the journey."

³³And the disciples say to him, "Where in the desert could we obtain so many loaves of bread, enough to satisfy so large a crowd?"

³⁴And Jesus says to them, "How many loaves do you have?"

And they said, "Seven, and a few fish."

³⁵And having ordered the crowd to recline on the ground, ³⁶he took the seven loaves of bread and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke and gave to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds. ³⁷And all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments that were left over, seven full baskets. ³⁸Now the ones eating were four thousand men, apart from

women and children. ³⁹And after he dismissed the crowd, he embarked in the boat, and went into the territory of Magadan.

Chapter 16

The Yeast of the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herod

¹And the Pharisees and Sadducees approach him, and testing *him*, they asked him to show them a sign from heaven.

²But he in answer said to them, [When evening comes, you say, 'Fair weather, the sky is red.' ³And in the morning, 'Today, stormy weather, for the sky is red *and* threatening.' ["You hypocrites.]] The face of the sky you know how to judge, but the signs of the times you are not able to? ⁴"A wicked and adulterous generation demands a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah." And he left them *and* went away.

⁵And when the disciples were going to the other side, they forgot to take bread loaves. ⁶And Jesus said to them, "Watch out. Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

⁷And they were deliberating among themselves, saying, "We didn't bring bread loaves."

⁸And Jesus knowing, said, "You of little faith, why are you reasoning among yourselves, 'We have no bread loaves'? ⁹Do you still not understand nor remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you picked up? ¹⁰Nor the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you picked up? ¹¹How do you not understand that it was not about bread that I was speaking to you? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." ¹²Then they understood, that he had not meant they should be on their guard against yeast, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Peter's Confession of Messiah

¹³And upon entering into the area of the Caesarea that was in Philip's jurisdiction, Jesus queried his disciples, saying, "Who are the people saying the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴And they said, "Some, John the Baptizer; others, Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of The Prophets."

¹⁵He says to them, "And you, who do you say I am?"

¹⁶And Simon Peter answered, and said to him, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God."

¹⁷And Jesus in response said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you, but my Father, who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I also say to you, that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹And to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you declare to be forbidden on earth shall have been forbidden in heaven, and whatever you declare to be permitted on earth shall have been permitted in heaven." ²⁰Then he admonished the disciples, that they not tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Jesus Predicts His Death

²¹From that point on, Jesus began to reveal to his disciples that he had to leave for Jerusalem, and suffer many things at the hands of the elders and chief priests and Torah scholars, and be killed, and on the third day rise again. ²²And after pulling Jesus aside, Peter began correcting him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This will never happen to you."

²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! A hindrance you are to me, because you are not considering the *concerns* of God, but the *concerns* of mortals."

²⁴Then, Jesus said to his disciples, "If someone wants to follow me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever tries to keep his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, will find it. ²⁶For what will it gain a human being, if he acquires the whole world, but is penalized his soul? In other words, what will a human being pay, in trade for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man will soon come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then, he will pay back to each one, according to the way of life of each. ²⁸Truly I tell you, There are some of those present here, who will certainly not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingship."

Chapter 17

The Transfiguration

¹And after six days Jesus takes Peter, and James, and John his brother, and he is leading them up into a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured in front of them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became bright as the daylight. ³And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Him.

⁴And in response, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵While he was still speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice from the cloud, saying as follows: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." ⁶And when they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, and were extremely frightened.

⁷And Jesus approached them, and after touching them reassuringly, he said, "Stand up, and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they opened their eyes, they saw no one, except Jesus himself alone.

⁹And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus was admonishing them, as follows: "Do not tell anyone about the vision, until such time the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

¹⁰And the disciples queried him, as follows, "So why do the Torah scholars say that Elijah has to come first?"

¹¹In answer, he said, "Elijah does indeed come first, and will restore all things. ¹²But I am telling you, that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did with him whatever they wished." ¹³Then the disciples understood that he had spoken to them about John the Baptizer.

The Healing of a Boy Who Had an Evil Spirit

¹⁴And when they had returned to the crowd, a man came up to him, falling to his knees, ¹⁵and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, because he is lunatic and suffering horribly. For example, he often falls into fire, and often into water. ¹⁶And I brought him to your disciples, and they were not able to heal him."

¹⁷And in answer, Jesus said, "O unbelieving and perverted generation! How long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to me." ¹⁸And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon departed from him, and the child was healed from that time on.

¹⁹At that time, the disciples came to him in private, and said, "Why were we not able to drive it out?"

²⁰And he says to them, "Because of your lack of faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith as *small as a mustard seed*, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. In fact, nothing will be impossible to you."

²²And when they were gathering back together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of human

beings, ²³and they will kill him, and during the third day he will rise again." And they were very sad.

The Two Drachma Tax

²⁴And when they arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two drachmas approached Peter, and they said, "Does your rabbi not pay the two drachmas?"

²⁵He says, "Yes *he does*."

And when Peter had come into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon: the kings of the earth, from whom do they collect toll and tribute— from their sons, or from others?"

²⁶And when he answered, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Alright then, the sons are free. ²⁷But, so that we not scandalize them, go to the lake, cast a hook, and the first fish that comes up, take, and when you have opened its mouth, you will find a four-drachma coin. Take that, and give it to them, as mine and yours."

Chapter 18

Who Is the Greatest?

¹In that same hour, the disciples approached Jesus, saying, "So who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

²And calling a child over, he stood him in the midst of them, ³and he said, "I tell you truly: unless you change and become like little children, there is no way you will enter into the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever therefore humbles himself like this child, that is the one who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵And whoever receives one little child such as this on the basis of my name, is receiving me.

More About Little Ones

⁶As for that person through whom one of these little ones who believe in me might ever be scandalized, it would be better for that person that a mill stone be hung around his neck and be sunk in the bottom of the sea. ⁷Woe to the world, because of those scandalizings. Certainly, the scandalizings are bound to come. Nevertheless, woe to the person through whom the scandalizing comes.

⁸And if your hand or your foot scandalizes you, cut it off, and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life maimed and crippled, than to be thrown into everlasting fire, having both hands or both feet.

⁹And if your eye scandalizes you, tear it out, and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life one-eyed, than be thrown into fiery Gehenna with two eyes.

¹⁰See that you not despise or overlook even one of these little ones; for I tell you, in heaven their angels through it all are seeing the face of my Father who is in heaven.

[[¹¹For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.]]

¹²What do you think? Suppose a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them is lost. Will he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountain, and go look for the one that is wandering? ¹³And if he happens to find it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than the ninety-nine that were not lost.

¹⁴That is how undesirable it is, in the eyes of your Father in heaven, that *even* one of these little ones be lost.

A Brother Who Sins

¹⁵Now if your brother sins *against you*, go show him his fault, just between you and him. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take with you one or two others, so that 'upon the mouths of two or three witnesses every matter be established.' ¹⁷And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the assembly. And if he refuses to listen to the assembly, he should be considered by you as no different than a gentile or a revenue agent.

¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you *apostles* on earth declare to be forbidden, shall have been forbidden in heaven; and whatever you on earth declare to be permitted, shall have been permitted in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you on earth agree with one voice concerning any and all matters about which you make request, it will be brought about for you by my Father who is in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

²¹At that time Peter approached and said to him, "Lord, how many times shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

²²Jesus says to him, "I tell you, not up to seven times, but up to seventy [times] seven times.

²³"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man in ruling power who desired to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴So he proceeded to settle, and had one of his debtors brought to him, one who owed him ten thousand talants. ²⁵But since he did not have the means to repay, the master

ordered him to be sold as a slave, and also his wife and children and everything he had, and then to be paid back.

²⁶"The servant therefore fell down, and was entreating him, saying, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back everything.' ²⁷And moved with compassion, the master of that servant released him, and forgave his debt.

²⁸"But then after he went out, that servant found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and he seized him, and was choking him, saying, 'Pay me back everything you owe.'

²⁹"The fellow servant therefore fell down, and was begging him, saying, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' ³⁰But he was not willing, and went and threw him into the debtors' prison, until such time he could pay back the debt.

³¹"When therefore his fellow servants witnessed these events, they were extremely upset, and went and reported to their master everything that had happened. ³²Then summoning him, his master is saying to him, 'You wicked servant! All that debt of yours I forgave you, because you begged me. ³³Aren't you then also obligated to forgive your fellow servant, as I have forgiven you?'

³⁴"And in anger, his master handed him over to the jailers, until such time he could pay back everything he owed. ³⁵This is how my Father in heaven will act toward you also, unless you each forgive your brother from your heart."

Chapter 19

Jesus Tested on Divorce

¹And it came about that when Jesus had finished these discourses he departed from Galilee, and went into the region of Judea on the other side of the Jordan. ²And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. ³And some Pharisees came to him, testing him, and saying, "Is it permitted for someone to release his wife for any cause at all?"

⁴But in answer he said, "Have you never read, that from the beginning the creator made them male and female, ⁵and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave father and mother, and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶As a result, they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, no human being is allowed to separate."

⁷They are saying to him, "Why then did Moses command to give a release of interest form in order to release?"

⁸He says to them, "Moses, in view of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to release your wives, thought it is not originally designed

this way. ⁹But I tell you that whoever releases his wife, except upon grounds of fornication, and marries another, commits adultery.”

¹⁰The disciples are saying to him, "If this is the situation of a man with a wife, it is not advisable to marry!"

¹¹And he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this word, but only those to whom it has been given. ¹²For there are some who are eunuchs, who were born that way from their mother's womb. And there are some who are eunuchs who were made to be eunuchs by human beings. And there are some who are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The person who is able to receive this, should receive it.”

The Little Children and Jesus

¹³At that time, little children were brought to him, so that he might lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded them. ¹⁴But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them. For of such is the kingdom of heaven." ¹⁵And when he had laid hands on them, he moved on from there.

The Rich Young Ruler

¹⁶And behold, someone came up to him and said, "Good Teacher, what good must I do so that I will inherit eternal life?"

¹⁷And he said to him, "Why are you calling me good? No one is good except One, God. But if you want to enter eternal life, keep the commandments."

¹⁸He says to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said to him, "Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, ¹⁹'honor your father and your mother,' and, love your neighbor as yourself."

²⁰The young man says to him, "All these I have kept. What am I still missing?"

²¹Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go sell your possessions and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and then come follow me."

²²But when the young man heard this statement, he went away regretting, for he was owner of much property. ²³And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I say to you, the rich will get into the kingdom of heaven with great difficulty. ²⁴And again, I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich person to enter into the kingdom of God."

²⁵And when they heard *this*, the disciples were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁶And Jesus looked at them, and said to them, "With human beings, this is impossible; but with God, all things are possible."

²⁷Then Peter answered and said to him, "Look how we have left everything, and followed you. What then will there be for us?"

²⁸And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, you who are hearing me: In the new beginning, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you also will sit, upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or fathers or mothers or children or lands for the sake of my name, will receive a hundred times as much, and inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."

Chapter 20

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

¹Similar therefore is the kingdom of heaven to a landowner, who went out early in the morning to hire workers together into his vineyard. ²And he came to an agreement with the workers, of a denarius a day, *and* sent them into his vineyard. ³And when he went away, about the third hour, he saw others, standing in the market place idle. ⁴To them also he said, "You also go out into my vineyard, and whatever is right, I will give you." ⁵So they left. And again, he went away about the sixth hour and also the ninth hour, *and* did the same thing. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went away and found others standing, and he says to them, "Why are you standing here the whole day idle?"

⁷They say to him, "Because no one has hired us."

He says to them, "You also go out into my vineyard. And whatever is right, that you will receive."

⁸And when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard says to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting from the last ones, to the first ones." ⁹And those who had arrived at about the eleventh hour, each received a denarius. ¹⁰And the ones who had arrived first expected to receive more, yet they received a denarius each themselves. ¹¹So they got together and were complaining to the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last ones worked one hour, and you have treated them the same as us who have borne the burden of the *whole* day, and the scorching heat."

¹³And he in answer to one of them said, "Friend, I am not doing you wrong. Did you not agree to a denarius with me? ¹⁴Take what is yours and go your way. So this is what I want to give to the last ones, as I also gave to

you. ¹⁵Is it not permissible for me to do what I want with things that are mine? Or is your eye evil because I am generous?"

¹⁶Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Jesus Again Predicts His Death

¹⁷And as he was going up to Jerusalem, Jesus took the Twelve aside in private, and said to them on the way, ¹⁸"Behold we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man is going to be betrayed to the chief priests and the Torah scholars, and they will condemn him to death. ¹⁹And he will be handed over to the Gentiles, to be ridiculed and crucified, and during the third day he will rise again."

A Mother's Request

²⁰At that time, the mother of the sons of Zebedee approached him, along with her sons. She is worshiping him and asking a favor from him. ²¹And he said to her, "What do you want?" She says to him, "Decree that these two sons of mine sit one on the right and one on the left of you in your kingdom."

²²But in answer Jesus said, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup which I am about to drink?"

They say to him, "We are able."

²³He says to them, "My cup you will indeed drink, but to sit on my right or on my left is not mine to grant, but is only for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

²⁴And when the *other* ten heard, they were upset about the two brothers. ²⁵And Jesus, calling them to him, said, "You know that the rulers among the nations lord it over them, and the great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It shall not be so among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you shall be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. ²⁸Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Two Blind Beggars Receive Their Sight

²⁹And as they were leaving Jericho, very large crowds were following them. ³⁰And behold, two blind men sitting alongside the road, when they hear that Jesus is passing by, they cry out, saying, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!"

³¹But the crowd scolded them, that they should be quiet. But they cried out the more, saying, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!"

³²And Jesus stopped, and called out to them and said, "What do you want me to do for you?"

³³They are saying to him, "Lord, that our eyes be opened." ³⁴And feeling sorry for them, Jesus touched their eyes, and immediately they saw, and they followed him.

Chapter 21

The Triumphal Entry

¹And when they drew near to Jerusalem and arrived at Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, at that time Jesus sent two disciples, ²telling them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied up, and her colt with her. Untie *them* and bring *them* to me. ³And if anyone says anything to you, say, "The Lord needs them, and will send them right back."

⁴Now this happened so that what was spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled, which says,

⁵"Say to the Daughter of Zion:
Behold, your king is coming to you meek,
and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶And those disciples went, and did just as they were instructed by Jesus. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, and placed their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸And the large crowd of people spread their garments out on the road; and some were cutting branches off the trees and spreading *those* on the road. ⁹And the crowd proceeding ahead of him, and those following after, were shouting out as follows:

"Hosha na to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!"

"Hosha na in the highest!"

¹⁰And when he came into Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"

¹¹And the crowds would say, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth, Galilee."

Jesus Clears the Temple

¹²And Jesus went into the temple, and he threw out all the ones who were selling or buying in the temple. And the tables of the moneychangers he overturned, and the seats of the ones selling doves. ¹³And he says to them, "It is written:

'My house shall be called
a house of prayer';
but you are making it
'a den of thieves.'"

¹⁴And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the Torah scholars saw the wonders that he performed, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosha na to the Son of David," they were indignant, ¹⁶and they said to him, "Do you hear what they are saying?!"

And Jesus says to them, "Yes. Have you never read,

'Out of the mouths of children
and those still nursing
you have arranged for yourself praise?'"

¹⁷And he left them, and went outside the city, to Bethany, and found lodging there.

The Withered Fig Tree

¹⁸And early in the morning, as he was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. ¹⁹And when he saw a lone fig tree by the road, he went up to it. And he found nothing on it but only leaves. And he says to it, "May there never be fruit from you again." And immediately the fig tree withered.

²⁰And when the disciples saw this they marvelled, saying, "How did the fig tree immediately wither?"

²¹And in answer Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith, and do not second guess, not only will you do something like the fig tree, but also should you say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' it would happen. ²²In fact anything whatsoever that you ask for in prayer believing, you will receive."

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

²³And after he had come into the temple, as he was teaching, the high priests and the elders of the people approached, saying, "By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you the authority for these things?"

²⁴And in answer Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question, which if you answer me, I will then tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, where was it from, from heaven, or from human beings?"

So they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Then why didn't you believe in him?' ²⁶And if we say, 'From human beings,' we fear the people, for they all hold John as a prophet."

²⁷And they in answer said to Jesus, "We do not know."

So he also told them, "Neither am I telling you by what authority I am doing these things."

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸"So what do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first son *and* said, 'Son, go work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹And he in answer said, 'I will not,' but with a subsequent change of heart, he went. ³⁰And he went to the other son *and* said the same thing. And he in answer said, 'I will, sir,' and did not go.

³¹Who of the two performed the will of the father?"

They are saying, "The first one."

Jesus says to them, "Truly I say to you: the revenue agents and prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you with the way of righteousness, and you did not believe in him. The revenue agents and prostitutes, however, did believe in him. And you when you saw that, neither did you subsequently have a change of heart and believe in him."

The Parable of the Tenants

³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, and he put a hedge around it, and dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower, and leased it out to tenant farmers, and journeyed away. ³⁴And when the time of harvest had drawn near, he sent servants of his to the farmers, to take his fruit.

trade route, ⁶and others of them captured his servants, and insulted and killed them.

⁷And the king became angry, and sending his soldiers, he slew those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then, he says to his servants, 'Seeing as how my wedding feast is ready, and the ones invited were not worthy, ⁹go out therefore onto the crossings of the roads, and whoever you find, invite them to the wedding feast.' ¹⁰So going out into the roads, those servants gathered everyone that they could find, both the evil and the good. And so the wedding hall was filled with guests reclining.

¹¹Now when the king went in to observe the ones reclining, he saw there a man who was not dressed in wedding clothes. ¹²And he says to him, 'Friend, how is it you have come in here without having wedding clothes?' And he was speechless.

¹³Then the king said to his servants, 'Bind his feet and hands, and throw him outside, into the outer darkness; there, there will be weeping, and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Paying the Tribute Tax to Caesar

¹⁵Then the Pharisees left, and plotted how they might entrap him in a saying. ¹⁶And they send disciples of theirs to him, along with Herodians, saying as follows, "Teacher, we know that you are honest, and that you teach the way of God with integrity, and it makes no difference to you about anyone, for you pay no attention to the personage of people. ¹⁷Tell us then, what do you think? Is it permissible to pay the tribute to Caesar, or not?"

¹⁸But aware of their evil, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coinage used for the tribute." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And he says to them, "Whose image is this, and whose inscription?"

²¹They say to him, "Caesar's."

Then he says to them, "So Caesar's things you give back to Caesar, and God's things to God." ²²And when they heard *this*, they were amazed, and they left him, *and* went away.

Marriage at the Resurrection

²³During that same day, Sadducees approached him, (Sadducees say there is no resurrection), and they questioned him ²⁴as follows: "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies without having a child, his brother shall marry the man's wife, and raise up descendants for his brother.' ²⁵Well, there were seven brothers near us, and the first one after marrying, died, and since he had no descendant, his brother took his wife. ²⁶And it was the same with

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the second, and the third, up till and including all the seven. ²⁷And last of all, the woman died.

²⁸In the resurrection, then, of which of the seven will she be wife? For all *of them* had her."

²⁹And in answer Jesus said to them, "You are mistaken, from not knowing either the scriptures or the power of God. ³⁰For in the resurrection, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels in heaven.

³¹Now about the resurrection of the dead, have you never read the declaration to you from God, where he says, ³²I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

³³And when the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

The Weightiest Commandment

³⁴And when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together on that same *place*, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, questioned him, testing him: ³⁶"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?"

³⁷And he told him, "'You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.' ³⁸This is the greatest and primary commandment. ³⁹And the second one is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Whose Son is the Messiah?

⁴¹And as long as the Pharisees were collected together, Jesus questioned them, ⁴²saying: "What do you all think about the Christ— whose son is he?"

They are saying, "David's."

⁴³He says, "How is it then that David, by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴'Yahweh said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand until such time I put your enemies under your feet." ⁴⁵So, since David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"

⁴⁶And no one was able to answer this argument, nor did anyone from that day on dare ask him anything *else*.

Chapter 23

Jesus Denounces the Rabbis

¹Then Jesus spoke to the crowd and to his disciples, ²saying, "The Torah scholars and Pharisees took the seat of Moses; ³therefore whatever they say to you, you should do and keep, but not according to their works should you do. For they say and don't do.

⁴But they bind heavy loads and place them on the backs of the people, but they themselves would not budge them with a finger of theirs.

⁵But every act of theirs they do with the goal to be seen by people; for they enlarge their phylacteries, and lengthen their tassels; ⁶and they love the places of honor in the banquets, and the prominent seats in the synagogues ⁷and the greetings in the marketplaces and to be called Rabbi by the people.

⁸But you, you should not be called Rabbi, because there is only one teacher for you, and you are all brothers. ⁹And call no *one* on earth your father, because there is only one father for you, the heavenly one. ¹⁰Neither should you be called Teacher, because your teacher is the Messiah. ¹¹But the greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹²And whoever promotes himself will be lowered, and whoever lowers himself will be promoted.

¹³Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, you hypocrites! For you close the kingdom of heaven in people's faces; you yourselves do not enter, and neither do you allow those who are entering to enter.

¹⁵Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, you hypocrites! Because you traverse sea and land to make one convert, and when it happens, you make him twice the son of Gehenna that you are.

¹⁶Woe to you, you blind guides, that say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, that is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obligated.' ¹⁷O you blind fools! For which is greater— the gold, or the temple that makes the gold something holy?

¹⁸Or that say, 'Whoever swears by the altar, that is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that lies upon it, he is obligated.' ¹⁹O you blind *men*! For which is greater— the gift, or the altar that makes the gift something holy?

²⁰It follows therefore, that when you swear by the altar, you are swearing by it AND everything that lies upon it, ²¹and when you swear by the temple, you are swearing by it AND by the One residing in it.

²²And when you swear by heaven, you are swearing by the throne of God AND by him who sits on it.

²³Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, you hypocrites! For you tithe the mint and dill and cumin, and have passed over more important matters of the law— justice, mercy and faith. But these latter you ought to

practice, without leaving the former undone. ²⁴You blind guides, straining out a gnat, but swallowing a camel!

²⁵Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, you hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and dish, but the inside is full of grabbiness and intemperance.

²⁶O blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup, such that the outside will be clean as well.

²⁷Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, you hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, that sparkle beautifully on the outside, but inside are full of bones of the dead and all sorts of unclean things.

²⁸So you also, outside you appear to people as righteous, but inside you are loaded up with hypocrisy and lawlessness.

²⁹Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, you hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and decorate the graves of the righteous, ³⁰and you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our forefathers we would not have been parties to the blood of the prophets.'

³¹By so saying, you are bearing witness against yourselves, that you are sons of the murderers of the prophets.

³²You fill indeed the measure of your forefathers.

³³O you snakes, you spawn of vipers, how will you wiggle out of the sentence of Gehenna?

³⁴Therefore behold, I am sending to you prophets, and wise men, and Torah scholars; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, ³⁵so that on you will come all of the blood of the righteous ever spilled upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you slaughtered between the sanctuary and the altar. ³⁶Truly I tell you, this will all fall upon this generation.

³⁷O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that kills the prophets, and stones those sent to it! How often I have wished to gather together your children, as a hen gathers together her young under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁸Now behold, your house will be left to you desolate.

³⁹For I tell you, from now on, me you will not see, until such time you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Chapter 24

Signs of the Times

¹And Jesus was proceeding on his way, and left the temple, and his disciples approached to show him the construction of the temple. ²But in

answer he said to them, "Do you see all these things? Truly I tell you, by no means will there be a stone left upon a stone that will not be thrown down."

³Then as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, his disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?"

⁴And in answer Jesus said to them, "See that no one misleads you. ⁵For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will deceive many. ⁶And you will hear about wars and rumors of wars. Do not be alarmed. For such are bound to happen, but the end is still not yet.

⁷For nation will rise up against nation, and king against king, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸But all these are *just* the beginning of birth pains.

⁹At that time they will deliver you over to trial, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. ¹⁰And then many will be scandalized, and others will betray and hate each other; ¹¹and many false prophets shall arise, and lead many astray. ¹²And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But the person who remains to the end, that one will be rescued. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth, for a witness to all nations, and then the end will come.

¹⁵When therefore you see the abomination of desolation spoken of through the prophet Daniel being in the holy place, (Reader, think.) ¹⁶then those in Judea should flee to the mountains, ¹⁷the one on the rooftop should not come down to take things from his house, ¹⁸and the person in the field should not turn back to take his coat.

¹⁹And alas for those who are pregnant, and the ones giving milk during those days! ²⁰And pray that your flight not happen during winter or on a sabbath. ²¹For there will be great distress then, of a sort that has not happened from the beginning of the world till now, nor ever will again. ²²And if those days had not been made short, no flesh would survive; but for the sake of the elect, those days will be short.

²³At that time, if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Messiah,' or 'There is the Messiah,' do not believe it. ²⁴For there shall arise many false prophets, and they will perform great signs and miracles, so as to deceive if possible, even the elect. ²⁵See, I have told you ahead of time.

²⁶If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, he is in the desert,' do not go out. Or, 'Behold, he is in a private room,' do not believe it. ²⁷For just as lightning comes out of the east and shines as far as the west, so shall the appearing of the Son of Man be. ²⁸Wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will be gathered.

²⁹And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its glow, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the forces of the heavens will be shaken.

³⁰And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and at that time, all the tribes of the earth will wail, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with great power and great glory.

³¹And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of sky to the other.

³²Now learn this parable from the fig tree: when its branch becomes tender and it puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³In the same way you also, when you see all these things, you know that *the time* is near, right at the door. ³⁴Truly I tell you: this age will by no means pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵Sky and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

The Day and Hour Unknown

³⁶But as for that day and hour, no one knows *it* except the Father alone; not even the angels of heaven, not even the Son. ³⁷For just like the days of Noah, that is how the coming of the Son of Man will be. ³⁸For just as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage, right up until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they did not know *it* right up until the flood came and carried them away, that is how it will be with the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰At that time, two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴²Be watchful therefore, because you do not know at what hour your Lord is coming.

⁴³But this you know: that if the home owner had known at what watch of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

⁴⁴For this reason you also must be the same: because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you would not think he would.

⁴⁵Who then is the faithful and sensible servant, whom the master places over his domestic servants, to be giving out rations in due time?

⁴⁶Happy is that servant whom his lord will find so doing when he comes.

⁴⁷Truly I tell you, he will place him over all his possessions.

⁴⁸But if that servant says in his heart, 'My lord is taking a long time,' ⁴⁹and his fellow servants he begins to slap around, but eats and drinks with

the drunkards, ⁵⁰the lord of that servant will come at an hour he is not expecting, and at a time he does not know, ⁵¹and will cut him in two, and appoint him his inheritance with the hypocrites. There, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Chapter 25

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

¹At that time, the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who after grabbing their torches, went out for the meeting up with the bridegroom. ²Now five of them were foolish, and five of them were wise. ³For the foolish ones when they brought their torches, had not brought some oil along with them. ⁴The wise, however, brought along with their torches, some oil in a container.

⁵Now after the bridegroom was taking a long time, they all became drowsy, and fell asleep. ⁶And in the middle of the night, there came a loud cry, 'Look, the bridegroom! Come out to join him.'

⁷Then at that time, all those virgins woke up, and trimmed their torches. ⁸And the foolish ones said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our torches are going out.'

⁹But the wise ones answered saying, 'There may not be enough for both us and you. Go to the vendors and buy more for yourselves.'

¹⁰And while they were gone away to buy some, the bridegroom came, and the ones who were ready went in with him to the wedding, and then the door was locked.

¹¹And later on, the other virgins also arrive, and they are saying, 'Sir! Sir! Open *the door* for us.'

¹²"But in response, he said, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'

¹³You all should keep watch therefore; because you do not know the day or the hour."

The Parable of the Talants

¹⁴For it is like a man going away on a journey. He summoned his own servants, and handed his possessions over to them. ¹⁵And to one he gave five talants, and to another two talants, and to another, one talant, each according to his own ability, and then he went abroad. Immediately, ¹⁶the one who received the five talants went out and worked with them and gained five more. ¹⁷Similarly, the one with the two, gained another two. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talant went out and dug in the ground, and he hid his master's silver.

¹⁹And after a long time, the lord of those servants returns, and he is settling accounts with them. ²⁰And when the one who had received the five talants came forward, he presented another five talants to him, saying, 'Lord, you entrusted to me five talants. Look, I have gained another five talants.'

²¹His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; over much I will appoint you. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

²²And when the one *who had received* the two talants came forward, he said, 'Lord, you entrusted to me two talants. Look, I have gained another two talants.'

²³His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; over much I will appoint you. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

²⁴But then when the one who had received the one talant came forward, he said, 'Lord, I knew you, that you are a hard man, who reaps where he has not sown, and gathers what he has not winnowed. ²⁵And because I was afraid, I went out and hid your talant in the ground. See here, you still have what is yours.'

²⁶But in response, his master said to him, 'You wicked and idle servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather what I have not winnowed? ²⁷Then you should have deposited my silver with the bankers, and when I returned I would recover what is mine with interest.'

²⁸Now then, take the talant away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talants. ²⁹For to everyone who has, *more* will be given, and he will have himself an abundance. But the person who does not have, even such that he has will be taken away from him. ³⁰And as for that worthless servant, cast him into the outer darkness. There, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The Sheep and the Goats

³¹"And when the Son of Man returns in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne, ³²and all the nations will be brought together before him, and he will separate them one from the other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴Then, the king will say to the ones on his right, 'Come, you blessed by my Father, receive as your inheritance the kingdom that has been prepared for you since the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was

traveling through, and you invited me in. ³⁶Naked, and you put clothes on me. Sick, and you came to look over me. I was in prison, and you came to visit with me.'

³⁷Then the righteous will answer him saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a traveler and invite you in, or naked and put clothes on you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and come to visit with you?'

⁴⁰And in answer, the king will say, 'Truly I say to you, as many times as you have done those things to the least of these of my brethren, you have done *them* to me.'

⁴¹Then, he will say also to the ones on *his* left, 'Depart from me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry, and you did not give me anything to eat. I was thirsty, and you did not give me a drink. ⁴³I was traveling through, and you did not invite me in. Naked, and you did not put clothes on me. Sick, or in prison, and you did not come and look over me.'

⁴⁴Then those also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or traveling through or naked or sick or in prison and not minister to you?'

⁴⁵Then he will answer them saying, 'Truly I say to you, as many times as you did not do those things to one of the least of these, you did not do them to me.' ⁴⁶And those he will send off into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life."

Chapter 26

The Plot Against Jesus

¹And it came about that when Jesus had finished all these discourses, he said to his disciples, ²"As you know, two days from now the Passover takes place, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." ³Then the chief priests gathered together, along with the elders of the people, in the courtyard of the high priest, whose name was Kaiapha; ⁴and they came to the decision that they would capture Jesus by trickery and kill him. ⁵"But," they were saying, "not in the festival, or there might be an uproar among the people."

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

⁶Now once when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came to him holding an alabaster bottle of very expensive myrrh, and she poured it on his head as he was reclining. ⁸And when the

disciples saw this they were indignant, saying, "This is such waste, for what? ⁹Because this could have been sold for a lot of money, to be given to the poor."

¹⁰But aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you causing trouble for this woman? For she has performed a good work in me. ¹¹For the poor you always have with you, but me you do not always have. ¹²For she did the pouring of this myrrh on my body to prepare me for burial. ¹³Truly I tell you, wherever in the whole world this good news is preached, what this woman has done will also be spoken, in honorable remembrance of her."

¹⁴At that time one of the twelve went to the high priests, the one called Judas of Kerioth, ¹⁵and he said, "What will you give me to betray him to you?" And they placed out for him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from then on, he was looking for a suitable time to betray him.

The Passover Supper

¹⁷And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us getting the Passover meal ready for you to eat?"

¹⁸And he said, "Go into the city to a certain person and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is near. I am doing Passover with you, along with my disciples.'"" ¹⁹And those disciples did as Jesus told them, and prepared the Passover.

²⁰And as evening was coming on, he was reclining with the Twelve. ²¹And while he was eating with them he said, "Truly I say to you, one of you will betray me."

²²And deeply saddened, they began every single one to say to him, "It's not me, is it, Lord?"

²³And in answer he said, "The one who dips his hand with mine in the bowl, he is the one who will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man is going just indeed like it is written about him, but nevertheless woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is being betrayed. It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

²⁵And in response, Judas, the one betraying him, said, "It's not me, is it Rabbi?"

²⁶And as they ate, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take and eat. This is my body." ²⁷And when he had taken the cup and given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it everyone. ²⁸For this is my blood of the covenant, being shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹And I say to you, I will certainly not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on,

until that day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father."
³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out toward the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus is saying to them, "You will all be scandalized because of me this very night, for it is written:

" I will strike down the shepherd,
 and the sheep of the flock
 will be scattered."

³²But after I am resurrected, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

³³But in response Peter said to him, "Though everyone else will be scandalized because of you, I will never be scandalized."

³⁴Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, This very night before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

³⁵Peter says to him, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

Gethsemane

³⁶Then Jesus goes with them to a park named Gethsemane, and he says to the disciples, "Sit here during such time I am gone over there to pray."

³⁷And he took Peter along, and the two sons of Zebedee, and he began to be sorrowful and deeply depressed.

³⁸Then he says to them, "My soul is too sad, to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake with me." ³⁹And then after he had moved forward a little, he fell on his face, praying and saying, "My Father, if it is possible, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

⁴⁰And he returns to the disciples, and finds them sleeping. And he says to Peter, "This is how you *guys* are, lacking the self-control to stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray, that you not go into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴²Again for the second time he went away and was praying, saying, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to go away unless I drink it, may your will be done." ⁴³And when he returned again, he found them sleeping, because their eyelids were weighed down heavily.

⁴⁴And again he left them and went away, praying for the third time, saying the same thing again. ⁴⁵Then at that time he comes to the disciples and says to them, "Still sleeping away and resting? Behold, the hour has

drawn near, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.
⁴⁶Get up, let's go. Look, the one betraying me is approaching."

Jesus Arrested

⁴⁷And while he was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, and with him a large crowd of people with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸And the one betraying him had given them a signal, as follows: "Whomever I kiss is the one. Him you seize."

⁴⁹And he came straight up to Jesus and said, "Good morning, Rabbi." Then he kissed him.

⁵⁰And Jesus said to him, "Friend, why are you here?" Then at that time they came up and laid their hands on Jesus, and arrested him.

⁵¹And behold, one of those in the company of Jesus raised his hand and drew his sword, and he struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

⁵²Jesus then says to him, "Return your sword to its place. For all who take up the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Or do you think I am not able to call on my Father, and he make available to me right now twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But then how would the scriptures be fulfilled which indicate that all this needs to happen?"

⁵⁵At that time, Jesus said to the crowd, "As though after a bandit you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I was sitting in the temple teaching and you didn't arrest me. ⁵⁶But, this has all come about so the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled." Then the disciples all abandoned him and fled.

Before the Sanhedrin

⁵⁷And the ones arresting Jesus led him away to Kaiapha the high priest, where the Torah scholars and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸Now Peter had been following him from a distance, up to the courtyard of the high priest, and once he got inside, he was sitting with the servants, to see the outcome. ⁵⁹And the high priest and the entire Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus by which they could put him to death, ⁶⁰and they had not found it from the many false witnesses who had come forward. But then later, two came forward ⁶¹and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and in three days to build it *again*.'"

⁶²And the high priest rose and said to him, "Aren't you answering anything? What about this they are testifying against you?" ⁶³But Jesus was keeping silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the

living God that you declare under oath whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

⁶⁴Jesus says to him, "You said *that*. Nevertheless I say to you: after now you shall all see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his robe, saying, "He has blasphemed! What more need to we have for witnesses? Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy. ⁶⁶How does it look to you?"

And they said in answer, "He is guilty enough for death." ⁶⁷Then they spit on his face and pummeled him; they slapped him ⁶⁸while saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah— who is the one who hit you?"

Peter Disowns Jesus

⁶⁹And Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and one maidservant approached him, saying, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

⁷⁰But he was denying it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are saying."

⁷¹And after he had moved off into the entrance way, another maidservant saw him and is saying to the ones there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazarene."

⁷²And again he was denying it, with an oath: "I do not know the man."

⁷³And after a little while those standing there said to Peter, "You definitely are also one of them, because your speech also gives you away."

⁷⁴Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the man." And immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵And Peter was reminded of the statement Jesus had said, that "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went off outside, and wept bitterly.

Chapter 27

Judas Hangs Himself

¹And very early in the morning, they all, the chief priests and elders of the people, reached the decision against Jesus that they would put him to death. ²And they bound him, and led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

³Then, when Judas the one who betrayed him saw that he was condemned, he with remorse returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴saying, "I have sinned; I have betrayed innocent blood."

But they said, "What is that to us? You deal with *that*."

⁵And after throwing the silver into the temple, he departed, and went off and hung himself. ⁶And the chief priests when they picked up the pieces of silver, said, "It is not permissible to put them in the temple treasury, since it is blood price money."

⁷And after conferring on a course of action, they bought with the coins the potter's field, as a burial place for foreigners. ⁸For which reason that field has been called "the Field of Blood" to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, which says,

"And they took the thirty pieces of silver,
the price of him on whom a price had been set,
as priced by the sons of Israel,
¹⁰and they traded them for the potter's field,
just as the Lord directed me."

Jesus Before Pilate

¹¹And Jesus was stood before the governor; and the governor examined him, saying, "YOU are the king of the Jews?"

And he said, "You are saying that, *not I*." ¹²And during the whole time he was being accused by the chief priests and elders, he was not responding at all.

¹³Then Pilate says to him, "Don't you hear all the things they are charging you with?" ¹⁴And he gave him no answer, not to even a single charge, causing the governor to be greatly astonished.

¹⁵Now the governor had become accustomed at every Festival to release one prisoner to the crowd that they wanted. ¹⁶And they were holding at that time a particularly well-known prisoner named Barabbas. ¹⁷When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Which do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸(For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over.)

¹⁹And while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent *word* to him as follows: "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much today because of a dream about him." ²⁰And the chief priests and the elders manipulated the crowd so that they would ask to have Barabbas, but Jesus they would put to death.

²¹But when the governor answered, he said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

And they said, "Barabbas."

²²Pilate is saying to them, "What then should I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

They are saying, "Let him be crucified!"

²³But Pilate was saying, "Why? What crime has he committed?"

But they kept shouting that much more, saying, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴And when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took some water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. You see to that yourselves."

²⁵And in response the whole crowd said, "Let his blood be on us and on our children." ²⁶At that time, he released Barabbas to them, but Jesus, after scourging him, he handed over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

²⁷Then the soldiers who were guarding Jesus, after taking him into the Praetorium, gathered together onto him the whole cohort. ²⁸And they stripped him of his clothes and placed around him a scarlet robe, ²⁹and after weaving together a crown of thorns they set that on his head, and a rod in his right hand, and then they dropped to their knees before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰And after they spit on him, they took the rod, and repeatedly beat on his head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the scarlet robe and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

The Crucifixion

³²And as they were leading him out, they encountered a Cyrenian man by the name of Simon. This man they conscripted to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to the place called Golgotha, which is called the "skull" place, ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with a bitter drug; and after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵And once they had crucified him, they divided up his garments by casting lots. ³⁶And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ³⁷And they fastened above his head his specific charge, written as follows: "THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS." ³⁸There were being crucified along with him at that time two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹And those passing by defamed him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "Hey, you who destroys the temple and builds another one in three days, save yourself, if you are the son of God, and come down from the cross." ⁴¹In the same way also the chief priests, making fun along with the Torah scholars and the elders, were saying,

⁴²Others he saved; himself he cannot save. He is the King of Israel? Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He put his trust in God; let Him now rescue him, if he wants him. Because he did say, 'I am God's son.'" ⁴⁴In the same way the bandits who were crucified with him were also taunting him.

Jesus' Death

⁴⁵And starting from the sixth hour, darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And at about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a very loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema shebaqtani?" Which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

⁴⁷And some standing there who heard this were saying, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸And quickly one of them ran and got a sponge and soaked it with sour wine, and after sticking it on a reed, was giving him a drink.

⁴⁹But the rest were saying, "Back off. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." ⁵⁰But Jesus, after crying out again in a loud voice, gave up his spirit. ⁵¹And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from top to bottom, and the earth was shaken, and the rocks split open, ⁵²and the tombs were opened up, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised again, ⁵³and after coming out of the tombs at the time of His resurrection, they went into the holy city and showed themselves to many.

⁵⁴And the centurion and the ones with him who were guarding Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the other things that happened, they were severely frightened, saying, "This man really was the Son of God."

⁵⁵And there were present many women off at a distance observing, who had followed Jesus from Galilee providing for him; ⁵⁶among whom were Mary the Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons as well.

Jesus' Burial

⁵⁷And when evening had come, a certain rich man of Arimathea by the name of Joseph came, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered that it be handed over to him. ⁵⁹And after taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰and placed it in his *own* new tomb that he had hewn out of the rock. And after rolling a large stone up against the entrance of the tomb, he departed.

⁶¹Now Mary the Magdalene, along with the other Mary, was there throughout, sitting opposite the grave site.

The Guard at the Tomb

⁶²The next day, that is, the one which is after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together before Pilate, ⁶³saying, "Sir, we remember how that deceiver, when he was still living, said, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴Give orders therefore to secure the grave site through the third day, or his disciples might go steal him and then tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and this last deception will be worse than the first."

⁶⁵Pilate said to them, "You have a guard. Go secure it as best you know how." ⁶⁶So they went and secured the grave site, sealing the stone along with stationing the guard.

Chapter 28

The Empty Tomb

¹And after the Sabbath, at the dawning of the first day of the week, Mary the Magdalene and the other Mary went to view the grave site. ²And behold, there came a great earthquake. For an angel of the Lord had come down from heaven, and after going up to the tomb, he had rolled away the stone, and was sitting down now on top of it. ³And his face was like lightning, and his garments a gleaming white like snow. ⁴And for fear of him, the guards trembled, and became as dead men.

⁵But in response, the angel said to the women, "You should not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus the crucified *man*. ⁶He is not here. For he has risen just as he said. Come, see the place where he was lying. ⁷And quick, go tell his disciples as follows, 'He has risen from the dead. And behold, he is going ahead of you into Galilee; there you will see him.' There, I have told you."

⁸And they departed quickly from the tomb, and with fear and great joy they ran to report this to his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met up with them, saying, "Good morning." And after approaching him, they grasped onto his feet, and worshiped him.

¹⁰Then Jesus is telling them, "Do not be afraid. Go report to my brothers that I am leaving for Galilee, and they will see me there."

The Official Cover-Up

¹¹And while those were on their way, behold, some of the guard went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹²And after coming together with the elders, they came up with a plan, and took the sufficient amount of silver coins and gave them to the soldiers,

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¹³telling *them*, "Say that his disciples came by night and stole him while you were sleeping. ¹⁴And if this should ever reach the ears of the governor, we will satisfy him and make you have no worries." ¹⁵And they accepted the silver coins and did as they were told. And this story has been propagated by the Jews to this day.

The Assembly on the Mountain in Galilee

¹⁶And the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him, they worshiped him, though some hesitated. ¹⁸And Jesus approached them and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to keep everything, whatever things I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

End of Matthew

Mark

Chapter 1

John the Baptizer Prepares the Way

¹The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written the prophets:

"Behold, I am sending my messenger
before your face,
who will prepare your way,"

³"a voice of one calling
in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make the paths straight for him,'"

⁴so John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And the whole region of Judea was going out to him, even all the Jerusalemites, and were getting baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁶And John was dressed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and eating locusts and wild honey.

⁷And he would preach, saying, "After me is coming someone more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you in water, but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus

⁹And it came about in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And going up out of the water he immediately saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit as a dove coming down to him. ¹¹And a voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son; in you I have taken good pleasure."

¹²And immediately the Spirit thrusts him forth into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts. And the angels were attending him.

The Calling of Simon, Andrew, James, and John

¹⁴And after John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news."

¹⁶And passing along beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon, and Andrew, Simon's brother, casting a net in the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Come, you two. Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ¹⁸And they followed him right away, leaving the nets.

¹⁹And when he had gone a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They also were on board a boat, mending the nets. ²⁰At once he called them, and they went off after him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired hands.

Jesus' Teaching Has Authority

²¹And they enter into Capernaum, and having gone straight into the synagogue on the Sabbath, he began to teach. ²²And they were amazed at his teaching, because he was teaching them as one having authority, and not like the Torah scholars.

²³And right then there was a man in their synagogue who was in an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴saying, "What business do you have with us, Jesus, you Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

²⁵And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit shook him violently back and forth and came out of him, shouting very loudly.

²⁷And all were astonished, such that they were discussing it, saying, "What is this? A new teaching, with authority. He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸And immediately the report went out about him everywhere, in the whole region of Galilee.

Jesus Heals All in Capernaum

²⁹And as soon as they came out of the synagogue, they went into the house of Simon and Andrew, accompanied by James and John. ³⁰And Simon's mother-in-law was bedridden, burning a high fever, and right away they are telling him about her. ³¹And after approaching her and grasping her by the hand, he lifted her, and the fever left her, and she began to wait on them.

³²And when evening had come, when the sun had set, they were bringing to him all who had an illness, and those being tormented by demons. ³³Indeed the entire town was gathered at the door. ³⁴And he healed many who were ill with various diseases, and many demons he expelled; and he would not allow the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Jesus Keeps Moving

³⁵And rising up very early, in the darkness, Jesus went outside and went off to a solitary place, and he was praying there. ³⁶And Simon and those with him hunted him down, ³⁷and found him, and they are saying to him, "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸And he says to them, "Let us go somewhere else, to the nearby villages, so I may preach there also. For that is why I have come."

³⁹And he went preaching in their synagogues in all of Galilee, and driving out the demons.

A Leper Healed Spreads the Word

⁴⁰And a leper comes to him, falling on his knees, and saying to him, "If you are willing, you can cleanse me."

⁴¹And filled with compassion, he reached out his hand and touched him, and says to him, "I am willing. Be cleansed." ⁴²And immediately the leprosy went away from him and he was cleansed.

⁴³And he immediately thrust him outside, sternly admonishing him, ⁴⁴and saying to him, "See that you don't tell a thing to anyone. Only go show yourself to the priest, and offer the things Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."

⁴⁵But when he left he proceeded to speak out freely, and to spread the word around, with the result that Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in deserted places. Yet people were still coming toward him from all directions.

Chapter 2

The Paralytic Lowered Through the Roof

¹And some days later, he entered again into Capernaum, and it was heard that he was home. ²And many gathered, so many that there was no room left, not even at the door; and he was speaking the word to them.

³Then *some* arrive, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four. ⁴And not being able to get to him because of the crowd, they removed the roof

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where he was, and when they had dug through, they lowered the pallet bed on which the paralytic is lying.

⁵And when Jesus saw their faith, he says to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶And some of the Torah scholars were sitting there, and debating in their hearts, ⁷"Why does this fellow talk like this? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

⁸And Jesus, knowing immediately in his spirit that they were debating like this inside themselves, says to them, "Why are you debating these things in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier to say to the paralytic: 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take up your bed and walk'? ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." He said to the paralytic, ¹¹"I say to you, get up, take up your bed, and go to your house." ¹²And he stood up, and immediately took up his bed *and* went out in front of them all, with the result that they were all astonished, and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

A Tax Collector Joins Jesus

¹³And he went out, along beside the lake again. And the entire crowd came with him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴And as he went along, he saw Levi son of Halphaeus sitting at the taxes post. And he says to him, "Follow me." And rising up, he followed him.

¹⁵And it comes about that Jesus is reclining at Levi's house, and many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶And when the Torah scholars of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "He eats with tax collectors and sinners!"

¹⁷And hearing, Jesus says to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Jesus Questioned About Fasting

¹⁸And the disciples of John and the Pharisees were fasting. And they come and say to him, "How is it that the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

¹⁹And Jesus said to them, "Are the members of the bridegroom's party able to fast while the bridegroom is with them? So long as they have the bridegroom with them, they are not able to fast. ²⁰But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then, in that day, fast they will.

²¹"No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth onto an old garment. For then, what filled it up pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear occurs. ²²And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For then, the wine will burst the wineskins, and the wine is ruined, along with the wineskins. Rather, new wine is put into new wineskins."

Man Over the Sabbath

²³And it came about during a Sabbath that he was passing through the grainfields, and his disciples began to practice a custom, plucking the heads. ²⁴And the Pharisees said to him, "Look! Why are your disciples doing what on the Sabbath is not permissible?"

²⁵And he says to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he and those with him were in need and hungry? ²⁶In the account about Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the bread of offering, which was not permissible to eat, except for the priests, and he gave also to those who were with him."

²⁷Then he said to them, "The Sabbath came about for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath. ²⁸Therefore, the Son of Man also is lord of the Sabbath."

Chapter 3

¹And again he went into a synagogue. And a man was there who had a shriveled hand. ²And they were watching him carefully whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him.

³And he says to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up into view."

⁴And he says to them, "Is it permissible on the Sabbath to do good or do evil, to save life or destroy it?" But they were not speaking.

⁵And after looking around at them with anger, deeply distressed at the hardness of their hearts, he says to the man, "Stretch out the hand." So he stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶And the Pharisees went out and immediately began to conspire against him with the Herodians, how they might kill him.

The Thronging Crowds Endanger Jesus

⁷And Jesus departed with his disciples to the lake, and a great multitude from Galilee followed. ⁸And from Judea and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea and beyond the Jordan, and the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon also, a great multitude, hearing what things he was doing, came to him. ⁹And he told his disciples that a boat should be kept handy for him, because of the

crowd, in case they should crush him. ¹⁰For he had healed many, with the result that everyone who had a disease would charge upon him, in order to touch him. ¹¹And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they would fall down before him and cry out, saying, "You are the Son of God!" ¹²And he would strongly warn them not to make him known.

The Twelve Apostles

¹³And he goes up into the mountain, and calls to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴And he appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and that he might send them out to preach, ¹⁵and to have authority to drive out the demons.

¹⁶And the twelve he appointed are: Simon, to whom he added the name Peter; ¹⁷and James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, and to them he added a name: Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder; ¹⁸and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Halphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, ¹⁹and Judas of Kerioth, the very one who betrayed him.

Jesus Thought to be Out of His Mind

²⁰And he goes into a house, and once again a crowd gathered, such that they were not even able to eat bread. ²¹And when they heard, his relatives set out to go and take custody of him; for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." ²²And the Torah scholars who had come down from Jerusalem said, "He has Baal-zibbul," and, "By the prince of demons he drives out the demons."

²³And calling them to him, he spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand; ²⁵and if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has stood up against himself and was divided, he cannot stand; he has met his end. ²⁷But in fact, no one can enter the house of a strong man unless he first ties up the strong man, and then, he may plunder his house.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, there will be children of humankind being forgiven of all sin, and of all blasphemy, no matter how they blaspheme, ²⁹except that whoever blasphemes the Holy Spirit will have no forgiveness ever, but is guilty of an eternal sin." ³⁰(*He said this* because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit.")

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

³¹And his mother and brothers arrive, and standing outside, they sent *word* to him, summoning him. ³²And the crowd was sitting around him, and they say to him, "Behold, your mother and brothers and sisters are wanting you outside."

³³And answering them he says, "Who are my mother and brothers?" ³⁴And looking around at the ones sitting around him in a circle, he says, "Behold my mother and my brothers. ³⁵Whoever does the will of God, that one is my brother and sister and mother."

Chapter 4

The Parable of the Sower

¹And he began to teach beside the lake again, and a very large crowd collects around him, such that he boards a boat to sit on the lake, and all the crowd was on the land up to the water's edge.

²And he taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said to them: ³"Listen! Behold, the sower went out to sow. ⁴And it came about in the process of sowing that some *seed* fell beside the way, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵And other *seed* fell on the rocky *place*, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up immediately, because it had no depth of soil. ⁶And when the sun arose, it was scorched, and it dried up, because it had no taproot. ⁷And other *seed* fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. ⁸And others fell into good soil, and came up, grew, and produced, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold."

⁹And he said, "Whoever has ears to hear, hear."

The Parable of the Sower Explained

¹⁰And when he was alone, those around him together with the Twelve were asking him *about* the parables.

¹¹And he told them, "To you the mystery of the kingdom of God has been given, but to those outside, all things are in parables, ¹²so that:

Though seeing, they will look,
and not perceive,
and though hearing, they will listen,
and not understand—
lest they turn, and be forgiven.' "

¹³And he says to them, "You don't understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? ¹⁴The sower is sowing the word. ¹⁵And the ones beside the way where the word is sown, these are those who when they hear, immediately comes Satan and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶And likewise, the ones sown on the rocky places, these are those who when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷Yet they do not have a root in themselves, but are short-lived. When difficulty or persecution come because of the word, they quickly fall away. ¹⁸And others sown among thorns, these are those hearing the word, ¹⁹and the worries of this age, the seductiveness of wealth, and the desires concerning other things, come in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²⁰And the ones sown on the good soil, these are those who hear the word and embrace it, and bear fruit, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold."

You Determine How Much You Receive

²¹And he said to them, "Does the lamp exist to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not meant to be put on a stand? ²²For there is nothing hidden that is not meant to be made manifest, nor covered up but to come into view. ²³If anyone has ears to hear, hear."

²⁴And he said to them, "Consider carefully what you hear. In what size container you measure, it will be measured to you, and increased for you. ²⁵For whoever has, to him it will be given, and whoever has not, even what he has will be taken away from him."

The Parable of the Automatic Earth

²⁶And he said, "It is with God's kingdom the same way a human might scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷then may sleep and get up, night and day, and still the seed sprouts and lengthens; how, he does not know. ²⁸Automatically the earth bears fruit, first the grass, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹And when the grain is ready, he immediately sends out the sickle, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰And he said, "How may we compare the kingdom of God? Or in what parable shall we set it forth? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which when sown in the soil is smaller than all the seeds in the soil, ³²yet when it is sown, it grows, and becomes larger than all the vegetables, and makes branches big enough that the birds of the sky can dwell under its shadow."

³³And with many such parables he was speaking the word to them, as long as they were able to listen. ³⁴To the crowds, he would not say anything without a parable; but in private with his disciples, he would explain everything.

Jesus Commands the Elements

³⁵That same day, when evening had come, he says to them, "Let's cross over to the other side."

³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they take him along, just as he was, in the boat. Other boats also were with him.

³⁷And a great storm of wind is coming up, and the waves crashed into the boat, such that the boat is now filling up.

³⁸And he was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. And they rouse him and say to him, "Teacher, doesn't it matter to you that we are perishing?"

³⁹And when he was awake, he rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Hush. Be still." And the wind died down, and there came a total calm.

⁴⁰And he said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"
⁴¹And they were very much afraid, and saying to one another, "Who, then, is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Chapter 5

The Legion of Demons Near Gadara

¹And they went to the other side of the lake into the territory of the Gadarenes. ²And as he gets out of the boat, there met him out of the tombs a man in an evil spirit, ³whose abode was in the tombs, and no longer was anyone able to bind him with a chain, ⁴because he had often been bound hand and foot, only to have the chains burst apart and the leg irons broken, and no one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵And through all, night and day, among the tombs and in the hills, he was crying out and cutting himself with stones.

⁶And seeing Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him, ⁷and shouting with a loud voice, he says: "What business between you and me, O Jesus, you son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, do not torture me." ⁸For Jesus was saying to him, "Come out of the human, unclean spirit!"

⁹And Jesus questioned him: "What is your name?"

And he says to him, "Legion is my name, for we are many." ¹⁰And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the area.

¹¹And on a hillside near there, a large herd of pigs was feeding, ¹²and they pled with him, saying, "Send us into the pigs, so that we may enter into them."

¹³And he allowed them. And coming out, the unclean spirits went into the pigs, and the herd, about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and were drowned in the lake.

¹⁴And those feeding them fled, and reported to the town and to the farms, and people came to see what it is that took place. ¹⁵And they come near to Jesus, and they see the demon-possessed man dressed and in his right mind, he who had had the legion, and they were afraid. ¹⁶And the ones who had seen how it happened to the demon-possessed man rehearsed it to them, also about the pigs. ¹⁷And they began to beg him to go away from their territory.

¹⁸And as he was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was begging him that he might always be with Jesus. ¹⁹And he did not allow him, but says to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what things the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." ²⁰And he left and began to proclaim in the Ten Cities what things Jesus had done for him. And all were amazed.

A Dead Damsel and a Sick Woman

²¹And when Jesus crossed back over to the other side, a large crowd had assembled for him, and he was beside the lake. ²²And one of the synagogue rulers comes, Jairus by name, and when he sees him he falls at his feet, ²³and pleads with him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. *Oh*, that you might come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be healed and live." ²⁴And he went with him.

And a large crowd was following with him, and compressing around him. ²⁵And a woman was there with a flow of blood of twelve years, ²⁶and had suffered many things under many doctors and spent everything she had, and not been helped, but rather had moved toward the worse. ²⁷And she had heard the things about Jesus, and coming up behind in the crowd, she touched his garment, ²⁸for she was saying, "If I can touch even his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹And immediately the source of her blood dried up and she knew by her body that she was healed of the scourge.

³⁰And Jesus, noticing immediately in himself that power was going out from him, turned around in the crowd *and* said, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in together around you, and you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²Yet he was still looking around to see the one who had done this.

³³The woman then, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before him, fearing and trembling, and told him all the truth. ³⁴And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go with peace, and be free from your scourge."

³⁵While he was still speaking, they come from the synagogue ruler's, saying, "Your daughter has died. Why inconvenience the teacher any farther?"

³⁶But Jesus, having overheard the message being spoken, says to the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; only believe."

³⁷And he did not allow anyone to come along with him, except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸And they are coming into the house of the synagogue ruler, and he sees an uproar, and weeping and much loud wailing. ³⁹And when he had come in he says to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed him to scorn.

Then, having put them all out, he takes the father of the child, and the mother, and the ones who were with him, and he goes in where the child was. ⁴¹And taking hold of the child's hand, he says to her, "Talitha, koum." (which when translated is, "O little damsel, I say to you, stand up.") ⁴²And the damsel stood up immediately, and was walking (for she was twelve years of age). And they were stunned with amazement. ⁴³And he was ordering them sternly that no one know this. And he said to give her something to eat.

Chapter 6

Jesus Rejected by his Home Town

¹And he moved on from there, and comes into his home town, and his disciples are accompanying him. ²And when the Sabbath came, he proceeded to teach in the synagogue, and the many hearing were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? Namely, what is this wisdom given to him? And these miracles happening by his hands? ³Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't also his sisters here with us?" And they were offended by him.

⁴And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his home town and among his relatives, and in his house."

⁵And he was never able to do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people; he did heal them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

And he went around the villages in a circuit teaching. ⁷And calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two, and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits, ⁸and gave orders to them: that they should take nothing for the trip except a staff only; no bread, no bag, nothing in the money belt, ⁹but only the sandals already tied on; also not to put on two tunics.

¹⁰And he further said to them, "Wherever you enter into a house, there stay up until when you leave that place. ¹¹And whatever place does not receive you nor will they listen to you, leaving there, shake off the dust under your feet, as a testimony to them."

¹²And going forth, they proclaimed that *people* should repent. ¹³And many demons they expelled, and many sick ones they anointed with oil and healed.

John the Baptizer Beheaded

¹⁴And Herod the king heard, for his name had become well known, that some were saying, "John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

¹⁵But others were saying, "He is Elijah."

And still others were saying, "He is a prophet, as though one of The Prophets."

¹⁶But when Herod heard this, he kept saying, "John, the man I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

¹⁷For Herod himself, sending *orders*, had seized John and bound him in prison, because of Herodias his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married.

¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not permissible for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had been maintaining a grudge against him, and was wanting to kill him, and could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. And when he listened to him, he had much difficulty, yet heard him gladly.

²¹And a suitable day came, when Herod in his birthday celebration made a supper for his courtiers, and the chiliarchs, and the prominent of Galilee. ²²And when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and those reclining with him.

So the king said to the girl, "Ask me anything you want, and I will give it to you." ²³And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask for, I will give it to you, up to half my kingdom."

²⁴And going out, she said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptizer."

²⁵And she went in at once to the king with speed, saying this request: "I wish that you would give to me right now the head of John the Baptizer on a platter."

²⁶And the king became greatly distressed. He did not want to refuse her, because of the words of oath and those reclining. ²⁷And the king immediately gave orders to bring his head, sending an executioner. And he went, and beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl. And the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹And when his disciples heard, they came and took his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

³⁰And the apostles are collecting around Jesus, and they reported to him all the things that they had done, and what they had taught. ³¹And he says to them, "Come by yourselves to a remote place and rest a little." For those coming and going were many, and they did not even have opportunity to eat.

³²And they went away in a boat by themselves to a remote place. ³³And many saw them leaving and knew, and ran together there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

³⁴And getting out he saw the large crowd, and felt compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

³⁵And now as an advanced hour comes, his disciples approached him and said, "The place is remote, and it's now an advanced hour. ³⁶Dismiss them so that they may go into the surrounding farms and villages and buy for themselves something to eat."

³⁷But he in answer said to them, "You give them something to eat."

And they say to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii of loaves of bread and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸And he says to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go see."

And finding out, they say, "Five, and two fish."

³⁹And he instructed them to get all to recline in dining fellowships on the green grass. ⁴⁰And they reclined, in groups of a hundred and in groups of fifty. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves of bread and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves of bread and gave to the disciples to set before the people. The two fish also he divided for all.

⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³and they picked up twelve large baskets full of fragments *from the loaves of bread*, and from the fish. ⁴⁴And there were five thousand men eating the loaves.

⁴⁵And he immediately told his disciples to get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side to Bethsaida, while he would dismiss the crowd. ⁴⁶And after saying farewell to them, he went away into the hills to pray.

Jesus Walks on the Water

⁴⁷And after evening had come, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And about the fourth watch of the night, when he saw them being sorely taxed in the process of rowing, because the wind was against them, he goes toward them, walking on the lake, and was intending to pass them. ⁴⁹But when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought it was a ghost, and cried out. ⁵⁰For they all saw him, and were disturbed by it.

But he immediately talked with them, and he is saying to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

⁵¹And he went up into the boat with them, and the wind stopped. And they were very much, extremely stunned within themselves. ⁵²For they had not learned from the incident of the loaves of bread; their hearts were hardened.

⁵³And crossing over, they came ashore at Gennesaret and anchored. ⁵⁴And as soon as they got out of the boat, *people* recognized him and ⁵⁵ran around that whole region, and those who had invalids began to carry them around on pallets to where they heard that he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he would go, into villages, or into towns, or into countryside, they would place the invalids in the plazas, and the invalids would implore him that they could just touch the tassel of his cloak. And they were being healed, as many as touched him.

Chapter 7

Clean and Unclean

¹And the Pharisees and some of the Torah scholars are coming from Jerusalem *and* gathering toward him, ²and they see that some of his disciples are eating bread with unclean— that is, unwashed— hands. ³For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands with the fist, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴And they do not eat from the marketplaces unless they wash. And there are many others which they have received instruction to keep, the baptizing of cups, pitchers, and kettles.

⁵And the Pharisees and Torah scholars are questioning him: "Why are your disciples not walking according to the tradition of the elders, but eating bread with unclean hands?"

⁶And he said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written:

" This people honor me with the lips,
but their heart is far from me.

⁷They worship me in vain,
their instruction is the drilling of
the rules of human beings.'

⁸"Dropping the commandment of God, you are holding on to the tradition of human beings."

⁹And he said to them, "You have a fine way of setting aside the commandment of God in order to set up your own traditions. ¹⁰For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'The person cursing father or mother must be put to death.' ¹¹But you say that if someone says to father or mother, 'Whatever financial help you would receive from me is now korban' (that is, a gift *vowed to God*), ¹²you relieve him of doing anything more for father or mother, ¹³annulling the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down. And many similar such things you do."

¹⁴And calling the crowd to him again, he said, "Listen to me everyone, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a human being which by entering him is able to make him unclean. Rather, the things coming out of a human being are the things making the human being unclean. ¹⁶If anyone has ears to hear, hear."

¹⁷And when he had entered a house, away from the crowd, the disciples asked him *the meaning of the parable*.

¹⁸And he says to them, "Are you also this obtuse? Do you not understand that everything entering a human being from the outside is unable to make him unclean, ¹⁹since it is not entering his heart but his stomach, and then goes out into the sewer?" (*He is declaring all foods clean.*)

²⁰He went on: "What comes out of a human being, that is what makes the human being unclean. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of human beings, come evil reasoning, fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, covetousness, malice, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, slander, haughtiness, and folly. ²³All these evil things come forth from within and make the human being unclean."

The Faith of the Gentile Dog

²⁴And getting up, he departed from there into the vicinity of Tyre. And entering a house, he wanted no one to know, yet he could not escape notice. ²⁵In fact immediately upon hearing about him, a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit came, and fell at his feet. ²⁶And the woman was a Gentile, a Syro-Phoenician by race. And she kept begging him that he drive the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷And he was saying to her, "Allow the children first to eat their fill, for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁸But she in answer says to him, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs."

²⁹And he said to her, "Because of this reply, go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And going away to her house, she found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Does All Things Well

³¹And going back out of the district of Tyre, he went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee, into the midst of the region of the Ten Cities.

³²And they bring a man to him, deaf and speaking with difficulty, and they are begging him to place his hand on him.

³³And taking him aside privately, away from the crowd, he put his fingers into his ears. And after spitting *on his fingers*, he touched *the man's* tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven he sighed, and he says to him, "Eppatach!" (which means, "Be opened!"). ³⁵And his ears were opened, and the bond of his tongue was immediately released, and he began to speak normally.

³⁶And he was ordering them that they tell no one. But as much as he ordered them, all the more they were talking about it. ³⁷And they were being overwhelmed with admiration, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Chapter 8

Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

¹During those days when there was again a great crowd and also having nothing to eat, he calls the disciples to him *and* says to them, ²"I feel compassion for this crowd, because they have stayed with me three days now, and have nothing to eat. ³And if I dismiss them to their homes, without eating they will collapse in the journey, and some of them are from a long distance."

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⁴And his disciples answered him, "Where here in the desert will anyone be able to get enough loaves of bread to fill these *people*?"

⁵And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?"

And they said, "Seven."

⁶And he directs the crowd to recline on the ground. And taking the seven loaves of bread, giving thanks he broke them, and gave to his disciples, for them to serve. And they served the crowd. ⁷They also had a few fish, and blessing them, he ordered them to be served as well. ⁸And they ate and were filled, and they picked up the fragments left over, seven basketfuls. ⁹And they were about four thousand; and he dismissed them. ¹⁰And immediately boarding the boat with his disciples, he went to the area of Dalmanutha.

The Yeast of the Pharisees and Herod

¹¹And the Pharisees came forward and began to debate with him, asking him for a sign from heaven, testing him.

¹²And sighing deeply in his spirit, he says, "Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I say to you, a sign will certainly not be given this generation!" ¹³And leaving them, he got back into the boat and went away to the other side.

¹⁴And they had forgotten to take bread; and except for one loaf, they had none with them in the boat. ¹⁵And he started warning them, saying, "Take heed, be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, and the yeast of Herod."

¹⁶And they were discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread loaves.

¹⁷And knowing, he says to them, "Why are you discussing with one another the fact that you have no bread loaves? Are you still not understanding, nor putting it together? Have you completely hardened hearts? ¹⁸You have eyes; can't you see? And you have ears; can't you hear? And don't you remember? ¹⁹When I broke the five loaves of bread to the five thousand, how many basketfuls of fragments did you pick up?"

They say to him, "Twelve."

²⁰"When *I broke* the seven to the four thousand, how many basketfuls of fragments did you pick up?"

And they say, "Seven."

²¹And he said to them, "Do you still not understand?"

The Healing of a Blind Man at Bethsaida

²²And they come to Bethsaida. And they bring a blind man to him, and they are begging Jesus to touch him. ²³And taking hold of the blind man's hand, he led him outside the village. And after spitting in his eyes and placing his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?"

²⁴And looking up he said, "I see people, that I am perceiving as trees walking around."

²⁵Then he put *his* hands on the man's eyes again. And he looked for a while, and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly again.

²⁶And he sent him home, saying, "Do not go into the village."

Peter's Confession of Messiah

²⁷And Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages of Caesarea of Philip, and on the way, he was inquiring of his disciples, saying to them, "Who do the people say I am?"

²⁸And they informed him, saying, "John the Baptizer; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the Prophets."

²⁹And he asked them, "And you, who do you say I am?"

Peter in answer says to him, "You are the Messiah."

³⁰And Jesus warned them that they should tell no one about him.

Peter Opposes Jesus' Death

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man had to suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the Torah scholars, and must be killed, and after three days, rise again. ³²And he was stating the matter plainly. And Peter, taking him aside, started correcting him.

³³But he, turning around and seeing his disciples, corrected Peter. And he says, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of human beings."

³⁴And calling the crowd to him, together with his disciples, he said to them, "If someone wants to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever tries to save his life will lose it, but whoever will lose his life for my sake, and of the good news, will save it. ³⁶For what good will it do a human being to gain the whole world, only to be penalized his soul? ³⁷And what could a human being tender in trade for his soul? ³⁸For if anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful age, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Chapter 9

¹Then he was saying to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will certainly not taste death before they see the kingdom of God having come with power."

The Transfiguration

²And after six days Jesus takes Peter and James and John, and he is leading them up into a high mountain, alone in private. And he was transfigured in front of them, ³and his clothes became an exceedingly brilliant white, such as no launderer on earth is able to whiten. ⁴And Elijah appeared to them, together with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.

⁵And Peter is responding and saying to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here, and we should make three shelters, one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶(For he had not known what to say, because they were so frightened.)

⁷And there came a cloud overshadowing them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

⁸And suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one else anymore, but only Jesus, along with themselves.

⁹And as they were coming down out of the mountain, he admonished them so that they would not report the things they had seen to anyone, except until such time the Son of Man should rise from the dead. ¹⁰And they kept the matter to themselves, discussing what the *words* "rise from the dead" meant.

¹¹And they queried him, saying, "Why do the Torah scholars say that Elijah has to come first?"

¹²And he said to them, "Elijah indeed having come first will restore all things. And why is it written about the Son of Man, that he would 'suffer much and be rejected?' ¹³But I tell you that Elijah has indeed come, and they did to him whatever they wished, just as it is written about him."

Disciples Accused of Impotence to Heal

¹⁴And as they were coming near the *other* disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and the Torah scholars debating with them. ¹⁵And all the crowd were overcome with awe as soon as they saw him, and they were running up to him, greeting him.

¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you debating with them?"

¹⁷And one from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, who has a spirit of speechlessness. ¹⁸And wherever it seizes him, it convulses him. And he foams at the mouth, and gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, and they did not have the power."

¹⁹And in answer to them, he says, "O unbelieving generation, how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to me."

²⁰And they brought him to him. And seeing Jesus, the spirit immediately convulsed him violently, and falling onto the ground, he was rolling over, foaming at the mouth.

²¹And he asked his father, "Over what period of time has this happened to him?"

And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often thrown him into both fire or water, trying to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

²³Jesus said to him, "If I can"? All things are possible to one who believes."

²⁴Immediately the boy's father cried out saying, "I do believe! Help my unbelief!"

²⁵Then Jesus, seeing that a crowd is running together, rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him. And you may no longer go into him."

²⁶And it came out, with shrieking and much convulsing. And he appeared as dead, so as to cause many to say, "He's dead." ²⁷But Jesus, taking him by the hand, lifted him, and he stood up.

²⁸And after he went into a house, his disciples asked him in private: "Why weren't we able to drive it out?"

²⁹And he told them, "This kind cannot be made to go out by anything except prayer."

³⁰And moving on from there, they were passing through Galilee, and he did not want anyone to know, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. And he told them, "The Son of Man is being transferred into the hands of human beings. And they will kill him. And three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand the statement, and they were afraid to query him.

Who is the Greatest?

³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were keeping quiet, because on the way they had argued over who was greater.

³⁵And sitting down, he called the Twelve and says to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all, and servant of all."

³⁶And taking a child he set him in the midst of them. And wrapping him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one child like this on the basis of my name, is welcoming me; and whoever welcomes me is welcoming not me but the one who sent me."

Do Not Hinder Other Camps of God's Little Ones

³⁸John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone who is not following with us driving out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he was not following with us."

³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for there is no one who shall do a miracle on the basis of my name, who can then be quick to speak evil of me; ⁴⁰for someone who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For whoever gives you a cup of water because you are of Christ, truly I tell you: he will by no means lose his reward. ⁴²And whoever causes one of these believing little ones to fall, it would be better for him to wear a millstone around his neck and be thrown into the depths of the sea.

⁴³"And if your hand causes you to fall, cut it off. It is better for you to go into life maimed, than with both hands to go away into Gehenna, into the fire unquenchable, ⁴⁴where

" 'their worm never dies,
and the fire is never quenched.'

⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to fall, cut it off. It is better for you to go into life crippled, than with both feet to be thrown into Gehenna, into the fire unquenchable, ⁴⁶where

" 'their worm never dies,
and the fire is never quenched.'

⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to fall, yank it out. It is better for you to go into the kingdom of God one-eyed, than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, ⁴⁸where

" 'their worm never dies,
and the fire is never quenched.'

⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰"Salt is good, but if the salt becomes bland, what will you spice it with? Have salt in yourselves, and cultivate peace among each other."

Chapter 10

Jesus Tested on Divorce

¹And getting up to leave from there, he goes into the territory of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And once again, crowds are going along with him, and as was his custom he again was teaching them. ²And some Pharisees came and, testing him, asked him, "Is it permissible for a husband to release a wife?"

³In answer he said to them, "What did Moses command you?"

⁴They said, "Moses permitted *one* to write a release of interest form and to release."

⁵And Jesus said to them, "It was in view of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this instruction. ⁶But from the beginning of creation he 'made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason, a human being shall leave his father and mother, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh. As a result, they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, a human being must not separate."

¹⁰And when back in the house, the disciples were questioning him about this. ¹¹And he says to them, "Whoever releases his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she after releasing her husband marries another, she commits adultery."

Little Children Come to Jesus

¹³And *people* were bringing little children to him to have him touch them, but the disciples scolded them.

¹⁴Seeing this, Jesus was indignant, and said to them, "Let the little children come to me. Do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God is made of such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will certainly not enter it." ¹⁶And wrapping them in his arms, he is blessing them, placing his hands on them.

The Rich Young Man

¹⁷And as he was going forth onto the road, someone ran up to him and fell on his knees before him, asking him, "Good teacher, what should I do so that I will inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸And Jesus said to him, "Why are you calling me good? No one is good except one, God. ¹⁹The commandments you know: Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother."

²⁰And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept since my youth."

²¹And Jesus looked at him and loved him, and said to him, "One thing you are lacking. Go sell what things you own and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come follow me."

²²But he with face aghast because of this word, went away regretting, for he was owner of much property.

²³And looking around, Jesus says to his disciples, "How hard it will be for the ones who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁴The disciples were astonished at his words. But in response Jesus says to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God. ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter into the kingdom of God."

²⁶And they became even more astonished, saying to each other, "Who, then, can be saved?"

²⁷Jesus looking at them says, "With human beings it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

²⁸Peter began to tell him, "Behold how we have left everything and followed you."

²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mothers or children or fields for my sake and for the cause of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundred times as much in this present time, of houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and fields, along with persecutions, and, in the coming age, eternal life. ³¹But many first ones will be last, and the last ones first."

Jesus Again Predicts His Death

³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going on ahead of them; they were stunned, while those following were fearing. And taking the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them the things about to happen to him. ³³"See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the Torah scholars. And they will condemn him to death, and hand him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him, and spit on him, and flog him, and execute *him*. And after three days he will rise again."

The Ambition of James and John

³⁵And James and John the sons of Zebedee come up to him, saying to him, "Teacher, we wish that you would do for us whatever we will ask you."

³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"

³⁷And they said to him, "Grant to us that in your glory, we may sit one on your right, and one on your left."

³⁸And Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you are asking. Are you able, to drink the cup I am drinking, or to be baptized the baptism I am being baptized?"

³⁹And they said to him, "We are able."

And Jesus said to them, "The cup which I drink you will drink, and the baptism I am baptized you will be baptized. ⁴⁰But to sit on my right or on my left is not for me to grant; they belong rather to those for whom they have already been prepared."

⁴¹And when the ten heard, they began to be angry about James and John. ⁴²And Jesus calling them together says to them, "You know that the ones considered to be rulers among the nations, lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³Not so among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first among you shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

An Obnoxious Beggar Gets His Wish

⁴⁶And they come into Jericho. And as he was going away from Jericho, plus his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (the Son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting beside the road. ⁴⁷And hearing that it is Jesus the Nazarene, he began to shout, and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁸And many were telling him to be quiet. But he kept shouting much more: "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they call the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart! Get up! He's calling you!" ⁵⁰So throwing his cloak aside, he jumped up *and* came to Jesus.

⁵¹In answer to him, Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man said to him, "Rabboni, that I could see."

⁵²And Jesus said to him, "Go. Your faith has healed you." And immediately he saw, and was following him in the way.

Chapter 11

The Triumphal Entry

¹And when they had come close to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sends two of his disciples, ²and tells them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it you will find a colt tied, upon which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it. ³And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing that?' say, 'The Lord needs it and is sending it back here shortly.'"

⁴And they went, and found a colt tied at a doorway, outside in the street. And they are untying it. ⁵And some people standing there said to them, "What are you doing untying the colt?"

⁶And they said to them as Jesus said, and they allowed them. ⁷And they bring the colt to Jesus, and throw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.

⁸And many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others, fronds cut from the fields. ⁹And those proceeding ahead of him, and those following after, were shouting:

"Hosha na!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!"

¹⁰"Blessed is the coming kingdom
of our father David!"

"Hosha na in the highest!"

¹¹And he went into Jerusalem to the temple, and after looking around at everything, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve, since the hour was now late.

Jesus Clears the Temple

¹²And the next day as they were on their way from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³And seeing from afar a fig tree that had leaves, he went, if perchance he would find something on it. And coming upon it he found nothing but leaves. (For it was not the season of figs.) ¹⁴And in response he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard.

¹⁵And they come into Jerusalem. And when he had entered the temple, he proceeded to drive out the ones selling and the ones buying in the temple, and the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of the ones

selling doves he overturned, ¹⁶and he did not allow anyone to carry stuff through the temple courts.

¹⁷And he started teaching, and said to them, "Is it not written:

" 'My house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations'?"

But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

¹⁸And the chief priests and the Torah scholars heard, and they were looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the entire crowd was being held enrapt during his teaching.

The Withered Fig Tree

¹⁹And when it got late, they would go outside the city.

²⁰And early, as they were traveling along, they saw the fig tree, withered from the roots. ²¹And reminded, Peter says to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered."

²²And in response Jesus says to them, "Have faith in God. ²³Truly I tell you, whoever can say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it is not being questioned in his heart, but he is believing that what he is saying is happening, it will happen for him.

²⁴"Therefore I tell you, all things, whatever you are asking for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will happen for you. ²⁵Also, when you stand praying, forgive, if you are holding anything against anyone, so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

The Authorities Question Jesus' Authority

²⁷And they arrive again in Jerusalem, and as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the Torah scholars come up to him, along with the elders, ²⁸and they were saying to him, "By what authority are you doing these things? Or, who gave you this authority, that you may do these things?"

²⁹And Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question. You answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ³⁰John's baptism— was it from heaven, or from human beings? Answer me."

³¹And they were discussing it among themselves, as follows: "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' ³²On the other hand, dare we say, 'From human beings?'" (They were fearing the people, for the people all held that John really was a prophet.)

³³And in answer they say to Jesus, "We do not know."

And Jesus says to them, "Neither am I telling you by what authority I do these things."

Chapter 12

The Parable of the Tenants

¹And he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, and put a hedge around it, and dug a winepress, and built a watchtower, and leased it out to tenant-farmers, and journeyed away. ²And in the time of harvest he sent a servant to the tenants, that he might be paid by the tenants out of the fruit of the vineyard. ³And seizing him they beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴And again he sent a servant to them, a different one. That one they wounded in the head and insulted. ⁵Yet another he sent, and that one they killed. And he sent many others; some they beat, some they killed.

⁶One alone he still had, a beloved son. Finally, him he sent to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

⁷"But those tenants said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ⁸And taking him they killed him, and cast him outside the vineyard.

⁹"What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill the tenants, and he will give the vineyard to others.

¹⁰"Have you not read this scripture:

' A stone which the builders rejected,
this one has become the chief cornerstone;

¹¹from the Lord this came about,
and it is marvelous
in our eyes?"

¹²And they were looking for a way to arrest him, for they knew he had told the parable in reference to them. Yet they were afraid of the crowd. And they went away, leaving him alone.

Paying the Tribute Tax to Caesar

¹³And they send some of the Pharisees and Herodians, in order to trap him in a saying. ¹⁴And coming, they say to him, "Teacher, we know that you are honest, and it matters not to you about anyone, in that you pay no attention to the personage of people, but rather on the basis of truth you

teach the way of God. Is it permissible to pay the tribute to Caesar, or not? Should we pay, or should we not pay?"

¹⁵But he, perceiving their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius, so that I may look at it." ¹⁶And they brought one. And he says to them, "Whose image is this, and inscription?"

They say to him, "Caesar's."

¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Caesar's things give back to Caesar, and God's things to God."

And they were amazed at him.

Marriage and the Resurrection

¹⁸Then some Sadducees come up to him (Sadducees say there is no resurrection), and they questioned him as follows: ¹⁹"Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves behind a wife and does not leave behind a child, that the brother of *the deceased* should take the woman and raise up descendants for his brother.

²⁰"There were seven brothers. And the first one took a wife, and dying, he left no descendant. ²¹And the second one took her, and he died, leaving no descendant. It was the same with the third. ²²Indeed, the seven left no descendant. Last of all, the woman also died.

²³"In the resurrection, when they rise again, of which of them will she be wife? For all seven had her as wife."

²⁴Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? ²⁵For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels in heaven. ²⁶Now about the dead, that they do rise, have you not read in the scroll of Moses, at the part about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? ²⁷He is not the God of dead people, but of living. You are badly mistaken!"

The Weightiest Commandment

²⁸And one of the Torah scholars who had approached, after listening to them debating, recognized that Jesus had answered them well. He asked Jesus, "Teacher, out of all of them, which commandment is primary?"

²⁹Jesus answered, "Primary is this: 'Hear, O Israel, Yahweh is our God, Yahweh alone.'" ³⁰And you shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹Secondmost is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

³²And the Torah scholar said to him, "Well done, Teacher. It is on true basis you have said, that there is one, and there is no other but him; ³³and to love him with all your heart, with all your intelligence, and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself, is more important than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴And Jesus, having seen him, that he had answered thoughtfully, said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Whose Son Is the Messiah?

³⁵And continuing to teach in the temple, Jesus said, "How do the Torah scholars say that the Messiah is the Son of David? ³⁶David himself said, by the Holy Spirit,

" 'Yahweh said to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand
until such time I put your enemies
under your feet." ' "

³⁷David himself calls him 'Lord,' so how is he his son?"
And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

Jesus Denounces the Torah Scholars

³⁸Also in his teaching he was saying, "Look warily at the Torah scholars, those loving to walk around in robes, greetings in the marketplaces, ³⁹and chief seats in the synagogues, and places of honor at banquets; ⁴⁰who eat up the houses of widows, and for a front, make lengthy prayers. These will receive extra damnation."

The Widow's Offering

⁴¹And while sitting opposite the temple treasury, he was watching how the crowd was dropping copper into the donation chest. And many rich people put in much. ⁴²And when one poor widow came, she put in two lepta (which is equivalent to one quarter of a penny).

⁴³And calling his disciples to him, he said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all the others putting into the treasury. ⁴⁴For they all put in out of the extra they had. But she out of her lack put in everything, all she had to live on."

Chapter 13

Signs of the Times

¹And as he is going forth out of the temple, one of his disciples says to him, "Teacher, look! What large stones. What great buildings."

²And Jesus said to him, "Do you see all these great buildings? By no means will there be a stone left upon a stone that will not be thrown down."

³And as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign that these are all about to be accomplished?"

⁵And Jesus proceeded to tell them, "See that no one misleads you. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am He,' and they will deceive many. ⁷But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. *Such* must happen, but the end is not yet. ⁸Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, there will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹"But you, you watch yourselves. They will deliver you over to courts, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will be stood before governors and kings, for my sake, to be a witness to them. ¹⁰Indeed the gospel must first be preached to all nations.

¹¹"So when they take you delivering you to trial, do not concern yourself beforehand what you will speak. Rather, whatever is given you in that hour, that you are to speak. For you are not the ones speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

¹²"And a sibling will betray a sibling to death, and a parent a child, and children will rise up against parents and put them to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all because of me. But the person remaining to the end, that one will be rescued.

¹⁴"But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where it should not, (Reader, understand), then the ones in Judea should flee to the mountains, ¹⁵the one on the rooftop should not come down or go inside to take anything out of his house, ¹⁶and the one in the field should not turn back to take his coat. ¹⁷And alas for the ones who are pregnant, and the ones giving milk during those days! ¹⁸And pray that it not happen in winter. ¹⁹For those will be days of suffering, such that has not happened from the beginning of creation which God created until now, nor ever will *again*. ²⁰And if the Lord had not made those days short, no flesh would survive. But, because of the elect, those whom he has chosen, he has made the days short. ²¹And at that time, if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' *or*, 'Look, there!' do not believe it. ²²For false Messiahs and false

prophets will appear, and they will do signs and miracles, trying to deceive, if possible, the elect. ²³But you, you be watchful; I have told you everything ahead of time.

²⁴"But in those days, after that suffering,

" 'the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵and the stars will be falling from the sky,
and the forces in space
will be shaken.'

²⁶"And at that time they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds, with great power and glory. ²⁷And at that time he will send forth the angels, and they will gather together his elect out of the four winds, from the farthest points of the earth to the farthest points of the horizon.

²⁸"Now learn the parable from the fig tree. When its twig has already become tender and it puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹And likewise you, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰Truly I tell you: by no means will this age pass away before all these things have happened. ³¹Sky and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

³²"But as to that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, not even the Son, but only the Father. ³³Watch, be alert, for you do not know when the time is. ³⁴It is like a man going away on a journey, leaving his house and giving the authority *of it* to his servants, each his task, and the doorman he admonished to keep watch. ³⁵Thus you must keep watch, for you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn; ³⁶no good if he comes suddenly, and finds you sleeping. ³⁷And what I am saying to you, I am saying to all: 'Keep watch!'"

Chapter 14

Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany

¹And the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were two days away. And the chief priests and the Torah scholars were seeking how they might kill him after arresting him in stealth. ²For they were saying, "Not in the festival, or there will be a riot of the people."

³And when he was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the Leper, and reclining, a woman came holding an alabaster bottle of very expensive perfume ointment, pure oil of nardroot. Breaking the alabaster, she poured down upon his head.

⁴But there were some who were saying indignantly to themselves, "Why has this waste of perfume occurred? ⁵For this perfume could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they were scolding her.

⁶But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why are you causing her hardship? She has performed a good work with me. ⁷For the poor you always have with you, and you can do well with them whenever you want, but me you do not always have. ⁸She did what was available to her. She was early to anoint my body in preparation for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is preached throughout the whole world, what she has done will also be told, as an honorable remembrance of her."

¹⁰And Judas of Kerioth, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests, to betray him to them. ¹¹And hearing *this* delighted them, and they promised to give him silver. Then he was planning how he might betray him the most timely.

The Passover Supper

¹²And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they would sacrifice the Passover lamb, his disciples say to him, "Where are you wanting us to go to make preparations so you may eat the Passover?"

¹³And he sends two of his disciples and tells them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴And wherever he enters say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says: Where is my guestroom, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. And there you shall make preparations for us."

¹⁶And the disciples left and went into the city, and found things just as he had told them. And they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And as evening is coming on, he arrives with the Twelve. ¹⁸And as they are reclining and eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you: one of you will betray me. One who is eating with me."

¹⁹They began to be very sad and to say to him one by one, "Surely not I?"

²⁰And he said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, the one dipping into the bowl with me. ²¹Therefore indeed the Son of Man is going just as it is

written about him. But woe to that one through whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born!"

²²And when they were eating, taking a loaf of bread *and* blessing, he broke *it* and gave to them, and said, "Take ye. This is my body."

²³And taking a cup *and* giving thanks, he gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, being shed on behalf of many. ²⁵Truly I tell you: By no means will I drink of the fruit of the vine any more, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out toward the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denials

²⁷And Jesus is saying to them, "You will all be scandalized, for it is written: 'I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

²⁹But Peter said to him, "Even if everyone else will be scandalized, not I."

³⁰And Jesus says to him, "Truly I tell you: today, this very night, before the rooster crows two times, you yourself will disown me three times."

³¹But he kept saying vehemently, "Even if I have to die with you, no way will I disown you." And the rest of them were saying things similar.

Gethsemane

³²And they come to an orchard the name of which was Gethsemane, and he says to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³And he takes Peter, and also James and John with him. And he began to be overwhelmed with dread and heaviness. ³⁴And he says to them, "My soul is too sad, to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake."

³⁵And going forward a little, he dropped to the ground, and prayed that if it is possible, the hour might pass aside from him. ³⁶And he was saying, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will."

³⁷And he comes back, and finds them sleeping, and he says to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Had you not the self-control to keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray, that you not come into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

³⁹And going away again, he prayed, saying the same thing. ⁴⁰And when he returned, he again found them sleeping, for their eyelids were weighing down; and they did not know what to say to him.

⁴¹And he comes the third time and says to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us go. Behold, the one betraying me has come near."

The Arrest of Jesus

⁴³And right then while he was still speaking, Judas comes, the one of the Twelve, along with a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the Torah scholars and the elders.

⁴⁴And the one betraying him had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss is he; him you arrest and lead away under guard." ⁴⁵And coming straight up to him, he says, "Rabbi," and fervently kissed him. ⁴⁶And they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷Then a certain one of those standing near drew a sword and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

⁴⁸And Jesus said to them in response, "As though after a bandit, you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹Day after day I was right next to you in the temple, teaching, and you never arrested me. But, may the scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰Then everyone fled, abandoning him.

⁵¹And a certain young man had accompanied him, a linen wrap thrown over his bare body. And they are seizing him, ⁵²but he escaped naked, leaving the linen behind.

Jesus' Trial by the Sanhedrin

⁵³And they led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the Torah scholars are gathering together. ⁵⁴And Peter followed him at a distance, right up to within the courtyard of the high priest, and remained, sitting with the guards and warming himself by the fire.

⁵⁵And the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were trying to find evidence against Jesus in order to put him to death, and they were not finding it. ⁵⁶For many were bearing false witness against him, yet their statements were not consistent.

⁵⁷Then some appeared *and* bore false witness against him as follows: ⁵⁸"We heard him saying, 'I will destroy this handmade temple, and by three days I will build another, not handmade.'" ⁵⁹Yet not even their testimony was so consistent.

⁶⁰And after standing up in front of them all, the high priest examined Jesus, saying, "You are not making any answer? What about this testimony these are bearing against you?" ⁶¹But he was keeping silent, and making no answer at all.

Again, the high priest was examining him, and saying to him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

⁶²And Jesus said, "I am, and you will all see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

⁶³Then the high priest tearing his robes says, "What more need do we have for witnesses? ⁶⁴You have heard the blasphemy. What does it look like to you?" And they all condemned him as deserving to be put to death.

⁶⁵And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face and punch him, and say to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him with slaps.

Peter Disowns Jesus

⁶⁶And with Peter still below in the courtyard, one of the maidservants of the high priest comes, ⁶⁷and having seen Peter warming himself, and having peered at him, she says, "You were also with that Nazarene, Jesus."

⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he moved away, outside into the forecourt.

⁶⁹And the maidservant who had seen him began again to say to those standing around, "This fellow is *one* of them." ⁷⁰Again, he was denying it.

And after a little while, again, those standing around were saying to Peter, "You surely are one of them, for you also are Galilean."

⁷¹Then he began to curse and to swear: "I do not know this man of whom you are speaking." ⁷²And immediately a rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered the statement as Jesus had said it to him: "Before a rooster crows two times, you will disown me three times." And when he thought upon *it*, he wept.

Chapter 15

Jesus' Examination by Pilate

¹And as soon as it was early morning, the chief priests, having made a consultation with the elders and Torah scholars and the whole Sanhedrin, after first restraining Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

²And Pilate examined him: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

And he in answer to him says, "You are the one saying *it*."

³And the chief priests were charging him with many things. ⁴So Pilate again examined him, as follows: "You are not answering anything? Look how many things they are charging you with!"

⁵But Jesus made no further answer, causing Pilate to be astonished.

⁶Now every Festival he would release for them one prisoner, whomever they would make plea for. ⁷And there was one named Barabbas, bound with the rebels who had committed murder during the uprising. ⁸And when the crowd came up, they began to ask that *Pilate* do for them just as he usually did.

⁹And Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you wish that I release to you the king of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he knew it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed him over.

¹¹But the chief priests had stirred up the crowd *to ask* that he release Barabbas to them instead.

¹²And Pilate when he answered again, said to them, "What then should I do with the one you call the king of the Jews?"

¹³And they shouted back, "Crucify him."

¹⁴And Pilate said to them, "Why? What crime has he committed?"

But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!"

¹⁵So Pilate, wanting to make the crowd contented, released Barabbas to them, and Jesus, after scourging him, he handed over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

¹⁶And the soldiers led him away, inside the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and they are calling together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they are draping on him a purple robe, and setting around him a crown of interweaving thorns. ¹⁸And they began to salute him: "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹And they were striking his head with a cane, and spitting on him. And dropping their knees, they were doing homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple robe and put his *own* garments on him.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

And they are leading him out to crucify him. ²¹And a certain Simon passing by, a Cyrenian coming from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, they conscript to carry his cross. ²²And they bring him to the place *Gulgoltha*, which when translated is "skull" place. ²³And they were holding out to him wine mixed with myrrh. He, however, did not take it. ²⁴And they crucify him. And they divide his garments, casting a lot for them, who would take what.

²⁵And it was 9:00 a.m. when they crucified him. ²⁶And the notice of the charge against him was written above him: THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁷And with him they crucify two bandits, one to the right and one to the left of him. ²⁹And those passing by were defaming him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha, the one destroying the temple and building in three days! ³⁰Save yourself by coming down from the cross."

³¹Likewise also the chief priests, making fun with one another along with the Torah scholars, were saying, "Others he saved. Himself he cannot save. ³²Let the Messiah, the king of Israel, come down now from the cross, so that we may see and believe."

Even the ones crucified with him were shaming him.

The Death of Jesus

³³And when it was twelve o'clock noon, darkness came over the whole land, until 3:00 o'clock p.m. ³⁴And at 3:00 p.m. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Elohi, Elohi, lema shevaqtani?"— which when translated is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

³⁵And some of the bystanders hearing were saying, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." ³⁶And one ran, *and* after filling a sponge with sour wine, stuck it on a reed *and* was helping him to drink, saying, "Back off. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down."

³⁷But Jesus expired, letting out a loud cry.

³⁸And the veil of the temple was rent in two from top to bottom. ³⁹And the centurion, standing across from and facing him, seeing the way that he died, said, "This man truly was the Son of God."

⁴⁰And there were also women watching from a distance, among whom were both Mary the Magdalene and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses; and Salome, ⁴¹*they* who when he was in Galilee used to follow him and provide for him, plus many others who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

The Burial of Jesus

⁴²And evening had now come, *and* since it was Preparation *Day*, that is, before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea comes, a respected council member, himself also looking forward to the kingdom of God, who, taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴But Pilate doubted that he was already dead, and calling the centurion to him, asked him if he had already died. ⁴⁵And knowing from the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph.

⁴⁶And having bought linen, he took him down and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a tomb which was hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone up against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷And Mary the Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were watching where he was laid.

Chapter 16

The Empty Tomb

¹And when the Sabbath had passed, Mary the Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, they are coming upon the tomb, as the sun broke. ³And they were saying to each other, "Who will roll away for us the stone from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And when they look up, they behold: the stone has been rolled away! For it was very large. ⁵And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe. And they were greatly alarmed.

⁶But he says to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are seeking Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. ⁷But go tell his disciples and Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

⁸And going out, they fled from the tomb. For trembling shock was holding them; and they said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

[⁹And having risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary the Magdalene, from whom he had expelled seven demons. ¹⁰She went and reported to the ones mourning and weeping, who had been with him. ¹¹And they, upon hearing that he is living and was seen by her, did not believe *it*.

¹²And after these things he was manifested in a different form to two of them as they were walking along in the country. ¹³And those went and reported to the rest; neither did they believe those.

¹⁴And finally, once when they had reclined, he was manifested to the Eleven themselves, and he denounced their disbelief and hardness of heart, in that they had not believed the ones who had seen him risen. ¹⁵And he said to them, "After you have gone into all the world, proclaim the good news to the whole creation. ¹⁶The person who believes and is baptized will be saved, but the person who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak in new tongues, ¹⁸they will pick up serpents, and should they drink something deadly it would in no wise hurt them; they will lay their hands on sick ones, and they will have health again."

¹⁹And so the Lord after speaking to them was taken up to heaven, and sat at the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went forth *and* preached everywhere, the Lord co-working and confirming the word by the signs accompanying.]]

Luke

Chapter 1

Introduction

¹Since many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things fully attested among us, ²as delivered to us by the original eyewitnesses who became stewards of the word, ³it seemed good to me also, having meticulously traced everything again from the top, to write it down in sequence for you, O most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the reliability of things you have been told.

The Birth of John the Baptizer Foretold

⁵It came about in the time of Herod, king of Judea, that there was a priest, Zechariah by name, of the rotation of Abijah. He had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶Both were upright in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. ⁷But a child they did not have, because Elizabeth was barren. And they were both advanced in age.

⁸And it came about, that once when his rotation was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, his lot fell ⁹(normal custom for the priesthood) to go into the temple of the Lord, and to burn incense.

¹⁰The hour of incense came, and all the people in the assembly were praying outside. ¹¹Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²Seeing it disturbed Zechariah, and fear fell over him. ¹³But the angel said to him: "Fear not, Zechariah, for your request was heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴Joy and gladness will be with you, and many will rejoice over his birth. ¹⁵For he will be great in the eyes of the Lord. Wine and intoxicating beverages by no means shall he drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, beginning yet in his mother's womb. ¹⁶He will turn many of the children of Israel toward the Lord their God. ¹⁷And he will procede in front of Him, in the spirit and power of Elijah, such that the hearts of fathers will turn toward their children, and the disobedient toward the outlook of the righteous: a prepared people will be arranged for the Lord."

¹⁸Zechariah said to the angel, "By what will I know this? For I am old, and my wife is well advanced in age."

¹⁹In answer the angel said to him, "I am Gabriel, one who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you these glad announcements. ²⁰And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak, until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time."

²¹And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondering about his delay in the temple. ²²And when he came out, he was not able to speak to them, and they knew: a vision he had seen in the temple. He kept motioning to them, and remained mute. ²³And when his days of service were completed, he went home.

²⁴After those days, his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she hid herself for five months. ²⁵"The way the Lord has done this for me," she said, "these are days he has looked with concern upon me, to take away my disgrace among the people."

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent out from God, to a town in Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And the angel went in to her, and said, "Hail, O favored one! The Lord is with you."

²⁹She was very troubled by the utterance, and wondered what sort of greeting it might be. ³⁰Then the angel said to her, "Fear not, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹You shall conceive in your womb, and shall bear a son, and you are to call his name Jesus. ³²This man will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen, since I am not knowing a man?"

³⁵And in answer the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. For this reason also, the one to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, Elizabeth your relative, even she in her old age, has conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her, she who was called barren. ³⁷Therefore with God, nothing will be impossible."

³⁸"Here am I, the slave girl of the Lord," Mary said. "May it be to me according to your statement." Then the angel left her.

Mary Stays With Elizabeth

³⁹At that time Mary got up and went with speed to the hill country, to a town of Judah, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah, and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby in her womb did leap, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴²And she shouted out in a loud voice, saying, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why does it come to me, that to me the mother of my Lord should come? ⁴⁴For when the sound of your greeting came into my ears, the baby in my womb did leap in exultation. ⁴⁵Blessed is she who believed that there will be a completion of the things announced to her from the Lord!"

Mary's Song

⁴⁶And Mary said:

"My soul does magnify the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit did rejoice
in God my Savior,
⁴⁸because he looked toward
the lowly station of his servant.
So behold: all generations after now
will consider me blessed,
⁴⁹because the Mighty One
did great things for me.
And holy will be his name,
⁵⁰and his mercy
to those who fear him,
into age after age.
⁵¹Power he wrought with his arm.
He scattered those who were proud
in the thoughts of their heart.
⁵²He pulled down rulers from
their thrones
and lifted high the humble.
⁵³Hungry ones he filled up
with good things
and rich ones he sent away empty.
⁵⁴He helped his servant Israel,
and remembered about mercy
⁵⁵'to Abraham and his seed for ever,'

as he said to our fathers."

⁵⁶Mary remained with her about three months, and then returned to her home.

The Birth of John the Baptizer

⁵⁷And the time was fulfilled for Elizabeth to give birth, and she produced a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had magnified his mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹And it came about that on the eighth day, they came to circumcise the child, and they were about to call him by the name of his father, Zechariah, ⁶⁰and his mother responded and said, "No! He shall be called John."

⁶¹And they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives called by that name."

⁶²Then they signaled to his father, to find out what he wanted him to be called. ⁶³And he asked for a tablet, and wrote as follows, "His name is John." Everyone was surprised. ⁶⁴And immediately his mouth was opened, and also his tongue, and he spoke, blessing God.

⁶⁵An awe came over everyone who lived around them, and all through the hill country of Judea these things were being discussed. ⁶⁶And everyone who heard, kept thinking about it, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was certainly with him.

Zechariah's Song

⁶⁷And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he prophesied, saying:

⁶⁸"Blessed be the Lord,
the God of Israel,
because he has turned to concern himself
and has accomplished redemption
for his people.

⁶⁹He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of David his servant

⁷⁰as he has said through the mouths
of his holy prophets
since eons ago,

⁷¹salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us—

⁷²to demonstrate mercy to our fathers

to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
⁷⁴to give us rescue from the hand
 of our enemies,
 that we may serve him without fear
⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him
 all our days.
⁷⁶And you, child, will be called
 a prophet of the Most High;
 for you will go on before the Lord
 to prepare his paths,
⁷⁷to give his people the knowledge of
 salvation
 through the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸because of the tender feelings of our God
 with which the Sunrise from on high
 will look over us
⁷⁹to appear to those sitting in darkness
 and in the shadow of death,
 to guide our feet along the path of peace."

⁸⁰And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he was in the deserts, until the days of his being presented to Israel.

Chapter 2

The Birth of Jesus

¹And it came about in those days, that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that all the inhabited earth should be registered. ²This was the first registration that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all were making their way to be registered, each to his own town.

⁴Thus Joseph also went up, from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was from the house and line of David; ⁵to be registered along with Mary, the one pledged to him, who was pregnant. ⁶And it came about that while they were there, the days for her to give birth were completed, ⁷and she bore her firstborn son. And she swaddled him and placed him in a feeding trough, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸And there were shepherds in that same region, camping out in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone all around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not. For behold, I am announcing to you a great joy that will be with all the people. ¹¹Because for you is born this day, in the town of David, a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign to you: you will find a baby swaddled, and lying in a feeding trough."

¹³And suddenly, there was with the angel a great company of the army of heaven, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest realms! And on earth peace, good will toward men!"

¹⁵And it came about that when the angels had departed from them into heaven, the shepherds were saying to one another, "Let's go over to Bethlehem, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

¹⁶And they went speeding, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the feeding trough. ¹⁷And once they had seen, they revealed about the message spoken to them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹As for Mary, she kept these words, and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, because of the fact that all the things which they had heard and seen, were just as it had been told to them.

Jesus Presented in the Temple

²¹And when the eighth day had arrived, the time to circumcise him, he was called the name Jesus, the name called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

²²And when the days of their cleansing according to the Law of Moses had been completed, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, ²³as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male to open a womb shall be called holy to the Lord," ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice, in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

²⁵And behold, a man was in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶It had been communicated to him by the Holy Spirit, that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Anointed. ²⁷And he came by the Spirit into the temple, at the same time that the parents of the child Jesus brought him to do for him what the custom of the

Law required. ²⁸And Simeon took him into his arms and blessed God, and said:

²⁹"Now, Master, keeping your word,
you are dismissing your slave in peace.

³⁰For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the sight
of all the peoples;

³²a light to be a revelation for the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

³³And the child's father and mother were marveling at the things being said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary, his mother: "Behold, this one is being laid down to cause the stumbling or rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be continually denounced – ³⁵a sword will be run through your own soul too– so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed."

³⁶And there was also a prophetess, Hannah, daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. This woman had grown to be very old, having lived with a husband for seven years after her virginity, ³⁷and then being a widow to eighty-four years of age, one who hardly left the temple, but served night and day, in fasting and praying. ³⁸And coming up at that very time, she gave thanks to God, and spoke about the child to all those expecting redemption in Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had completed everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

The Boy Jesus at the Temple

⁴¹Now his parents would go every year to Jerusalem for the festival of Passover. ⁴²And when he turned twelve years old, they went up, according to the custom of the Festival. ⁴³And when the days were completed and they were returning home, the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and his parents were not aware of it. ⁴⁴Thinking he was in their company, they went a day's journey, and then began looking for him among their relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵And when they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶And it came about that after three days they found him, sitting in the temple, in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and questioning them. ⁴⁷And all those who heard him were amazed

at the understanding of his responses. ⁴⁸And when *his parents* saw him, they were stunned. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us this way? Look at how distressed your father and I are, searching for you."

⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why would you be searching for me? Shouldn't you have known that I would have to be among my Father's things?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them.

⁵¹Then he went down with them and arrived in Nazareth, and continued to subordinate himself to them. But his mother was recording all these words in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus kept growing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

Chapter 3

John the Baptizer Prepares the Way

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, with Pontius Pilate governor of Judea, and Herod as tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias as tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Hananiah and Kayafa, the word of God came upon John the son of Zechariah in the desert. ³And he appeared, in all the areas around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the scroll of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

"The voice of one calling in the desert,
Prepare the way for the Lord,
make the paths straight for him.

⁵Every valley shall be filled up,
every mountain and hill laid low.

The crooked places shall be made straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶And all flesh shall see
the salvation of God."

⁷So John would say to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You spawn of snakes! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?" ⁸Then produce fruit characteristic of repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that God can raise up children for Abraham from these stones. ⁹Even now the axe is poised at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds would ask him, "What should we do then?"

¹¹And in answer he would say to them, "The person who has two tunics should give away to the one who has none, and the person who has foodstuffs should do the same."

¹²Revenue agents also came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

¹³He said to them, "Collect nothing in excess, beyond what is prescribed for you."

¹⁴Some soldiers were also questioning him, saying, "And us, what should we do?"

And he told them, "You should no longer shake down anyone, nor frame anyone, always staying content with your pay."

¹⁵And all the people were waiting expectantly, wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Anointed One.

¹⁶John responded speaking to everyone, "I baptize you in water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire: ¹⁷his winnowing fork is in his hand to clear out his threshing floor, gathering the wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn up in unquenchable fire."

¹⁸And with many and varied other exhortations John was preaching the good news to the people.

¹⁹But when Herod the Tetrarch was rebuked by him, regarding Herodias his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰Herod piled this on top of them all: he shut John up in prison.

The Baptism of Jesus

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, the heavens were torn open, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in the bodily form of a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

The Genealogy of Jesus

²³And this Jesus, being about thirty years old, was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph,

the son of Eili, ²⁴the son of Matthat,
 the son of Levi, the son of Melki,
 the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,
²⁵the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos,
 the son of Nahum, the son of Esli,
 the son of Naggai, ²⁶the son of Maath,

the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein,
 the son of Josech, the son of Joda,
²⁷the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa,
 the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel,
 the son of Neri, ²⁸the son of Melki,
 the son of Addi, the son of Cosam,
 the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,
²⁹the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer,
 the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat,
 the son of Levi, ³⁰the son of Simeon,
 the son of Judah, the son of Joseph,
 the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,
³¹the son of Melea, the son of Menna,
 the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan,
 the son of David, ³²the son of Jesse,
 the son of Obed, the son of Boaz,
 the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon,
³³the son of Amminadab, the son of Aram,
 the son of Hezron, the son of Perez,
 the son of Judah, ³⁴the son of Jacob,
 the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham,
 the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,
³⁵the son of Serug, the son of Reu,
 the son of Peleg, the son of Eber,
 the son of Shelah, ³⁶the son of Cainan,
 the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem,
 the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,
³⁷the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch,
 the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel,
 the son of Cainan, ³⁸the son of Enos,
 the son of Seth, the son of Adam,
 the son of God.

Chapter 4

The Temptation of Jesus

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the desert, ²being tempted forty days by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³And the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, speak to this stone, that it become a loaf of bread."

⁴And Jesus responded to him, "It is written, 'A human being shall not live on bread alone.'"

⁵Then leading him up, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the inhabited earth, in a moment of time. ⁶And he said to Jesus, "All this authority and their glory I will give to you, for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷Now then, if you worship in front of me, it will all be yours."

⁸In answer Jesus said to him, "It is written: 'You shall worship Yahweh your God, and him only shall you serve.'"

⁹Then the devil led him into Jerusalem, and had him stand on the gable of the temple. And he said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰For it is written:

He will command his angels
concerning you
to guard you carefully;
¹¹they will bear you up in their hands,
so you will not strike your foot against a stone."

¹²Jesus answered and said to him, "It says: 'You shall not test Yahweh your God.'"

¹³And having carried out every sort of temptation, the devil left him until an opportune time.

Jesus Begins to Preach

¹⁴And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and a rumor about him spread throughout the whole region. ¹⁵And he taught in their synagogues, being praised by everyone.

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of Yahweh is upon me,
because he has anointed me;
He has sent me
to preach good news to the poor,
to announce release for the prisoners

<http://bibletranslation.ws/palmer-translation/>

and sight for the blind,
to send off the crushed into liberty,
¹⁹to proclaim the year
of Yahweh's favor..."

²⁰And having closed the scroll, he gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹And he began to speak to them: "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

²²All were speaking well of him and amazed at the gracious words coming from his mouth. And they were saying, "Isn't this Joseph's son?"

²³And he said to them, "No doubt you will quote to me this proverb: 'Physician, heal yourself! The things we heard were happening in Capernaum, do here in your home town.'"

²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his home town. ²⁵I tell you, in Elijah's days, during the three years and six months that the sky was shut and there was a great famine covering the whole land, it is a fact that there were plenty of widows in Israel. ²⁶Yet it was not to any of them that Elijah was sent, but to Zarephath *in the country* of Sidon, to a widow woman *there*. ²⁷Again, in the case of Elisha the prophet, there were plenty of lepers in Israel, and not one of them was cleansed; only Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸And all the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard these things. ²⁹They got up and drove him outside the town, intending to throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But he walked right through them, and went on his way.

Jesus' Teaching Has Authority

³¹And he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach them. ³²And they were amazed at his teaching, because his word was authoritative.

³³And in the synagogue was a man who had a demon, an unclean spirit. He shouted out with a very loud voice, ³⁴"Ha! What business do you have with us, Jesus, you Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

³⁵And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And the demon threw him down before them all and came out of him, doing him no damage.

³⁶And astonishment overwhelmed them all, and they spoke to each other, saying, "What is this message, that with authority and power he

commands unclean spirits, and they come out?" ³⁷And a rumor went out about him into every place in that region.

Jesus Heals All in Capernaum

³⁸And rising up out of the synagogue, he went into the home of Simon. And Simon's mother-in-law was suffering a high fever, and they asked him about her. ³⁹So he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And she got up at once, and proceeded to wait on them.

⁴⁰And as the sun was setting, everyone who had anyone ill with various kinds of sickness brought them to him, and laying his hands on each one of them, he was healing them. ⁴¹Moreover, demons were coming out from many, shouting and saying, "You are the Son of God!" And he would rebuke *them*, not allowing them to speak, because they knew him to be the Messiah.

Jesus Keeps Moving

⁴²And when day came, he left and went off to a solitary place. And the crowds were searching for him, and they came up to him and detained him from leaving them. ⁴³But he said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because on that basis I was sent." ⁴⁴And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Jewdom.

Chapter 5

The Calling of Simon, Andrew, James, and John

¹And it came about that as he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing urgently around him and listening to the word of God, ²he saw two boats standing idle by the lake; the fishers had gotten out of them, washing the nets. ³And getting on board one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from shore. And sitting down, he taught the people from the boat.

⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch."

⁵And in response Simon said, "Master, working hard through the whole night we took nothing. But on the basis of your word, I will let down the nets."

⁶And when they had done so, they had enclosed a great number of fish, and their nets were beginning to tear. ⁷So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came, and they filled both the boats, such that they began to sink.

⁸And when Simon Peter saw *this*, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹For astonishment had seized him and all those with him, at the catch of fish that they had taken, and likewise also James and John the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

¹⁰But Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on you will be catching human beings." ¹¹And when they had pulled the boats to shore, they gave it all up and followed him.

A Leper Healed Spreads the Word

¹²And it came about that he was in one of the towns, and behold, a man covered with leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, saying, "Lord, if you are willing, you can cleanse me."

¹³And reaching out his hand, he touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be cleansed." And immediately the leprosy left him.

¹⁴And he ordered him to tell no one, but "Go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

¹⁵But word about him was spreading all the more, and many crowds would walk alongside to listen, and to be healed of their sicknesses. ¹⁶And he would take retreat in deserted places, and pray.

The Paralytic Lowered Through the Roof

¹⁷And it came about during one of the days that, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the Torah also were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick.

¹⁸And behold, men carrying on a pallet a man who was paralyzed. And they were trying to carry him in, to lay him before him. ¹⁹And not finding a way to carry in because of the crowd, they went up onto the roof, and lowered him with his bed down through the tiles, into the middle, in front of Jesus.

²⁰And when Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you."

²¹And the Torah scholars and Pharisees began to reason as follows: "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

²²But knowing their reasonings, Jesus in response said to them, "Why are you debating *this* in your hearts? ²³Which is easier: to say 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ²⁴But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." He said to the

paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, pick up your mat and be on your way home." ²⁵And immediately he stood up, in full view of them, and taking up that upon which he had been lying, he went away toward home, praising God. ²⁶Everyone was stunned with amazement. And they glorified God, and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen remarkable things today."

A Revenue Agent Joins Jesus

²⁷And after these things he went out, and he saw a revenue agent by the name of Levi, sitting at the taxes post, and he said to him, "Follow me." ²⁸And he rose up and followed him, giving it all up.

²⁹Then Levi held a great banquet for him at his house. And there was also a large crowd of revenue agents and others who were reclining with him. ³⁰And the Pharisees and Torah scholars grumbled to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with revenue agents and sinners?"

³¹And Jesus responded and said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are sick. ³²I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Jesus Questioned About Fasting

³³They then said to him, "The disciples of John are often fasting and making prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking."

³⁴And Jesus said to them, "Can you make the members of the bridegroom's party fast during *days* in which the bridegroom is with them? ³⁵But the days will come. Yes, when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then in those days they will fast."

³⁶And he also spoke a parable to them: "No one tears a patch from a new garment *and* places it onto an old garment. For then, he will both tear the new, and the patch from the new will not match the old. ³⁷And no one puts new wine in old wineskins. For then, the new wine will burst the wineskins, and it will be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. ³⁸On the contrary, new wine must be put in new wineskins. ³⁹And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for he says, 'The old is better.'"

Chapter 6

Man Over the Sabbath

¹And he happened during a Sabbath to be passing through grainfields, and his disciples were plucking and eating the heads, rubbing them in their

hands. ²But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what on a Sabbath is not permissible?"

³And in answer to them Jesus said, "Have you never read what David did when he and those with him were hungry? ⁴How he went into the house of God, and taking the loaves of offering, he ate, and gave to the ones with him, which was not permissible to eat, except for the priests only?"

⁵Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

⁶And it came about that on another Sabbath, he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. ⁷And the Torah scholars and the Pharisees were carefully watching him, whether he would heal on the Sabbath, in order to obtain cause to prosecute him. ⁸But he knew their reasoning, and said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Get up and stand in view." And he got up and stood.

⁹Then he said to them, "I ask you, which is permissible on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or destroy it?"

¹⁰And looking around at them all, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹And they were filled with rage, and discussed with each other what they should do to Jesus.

The Twelve Apostles

¹²And it came about in those days that he went out into the hills to pray, and spent the whole night praying to God. ¹³And when it was day, he called his disciples to him, and from them he selected twelve, whom he then designated apostles: ¹⁴Simon, whom he also named Peter, and his brother Andrew; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; ¹⁵Matthew and Thomas; James son of Halphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas son of James; ¹⁶and Judas of Kerioth, who became a betrayer.

Blessings and Woes

¹⁷And when he came down, he stopped at a level place with them and with a large crowd of his disciples, and with a great multitude of the people from all of Judea and Jerusalem, and from the coastal areas of Tyre and Sidon ¹⁸who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those being oppressed by unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And the entire crowd was trying to touch him, because power was going out from him, and curing everyone.

²⁰And he lifted his eyes toward his disciples, and began to speak:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

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for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹Blessed are you who are going hungry now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are weeping now,
for you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you
when people hate you,
excommunicate you and shame you
and cast out your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³Rejoice in that day, and skip for joy! For behold, great is your reward in heaven, because the same things their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴But woe to you who are rich,
because you have received
your share of comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

²⁵Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶Woe to you when all people
speak well of you,
for the same their ancestors did
to the false prophets.

Love Your Enemies

²⁷But I say to you who are listening, love your enemies, treat well the ones hating you, ²⁸bless the ones cursing you, pray for the ones insulting you. ²⁹To the one striking you on the cheek, offer the other cheek also. And the person taking your jacket, do not prevent him from taking your shirt as well. ³⁰To everyone asking you, give, and from the one forcefully taking your things, do not demand them back. ³¹And just as you wish people would do to you, do likewise to them.

³²And if you love the ones loving you, what credit is that to you? For the sinners also love the ones loving them. ³³And if you do good to the ones doing good to you, what credit is that to you? The sinners also do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to the ones from whom you foresee repayment, what credit is that to you? Sinners also lend to sinners, in such a way they may receive the equal back. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good and lend, expecting nothing, and great will be your reward, and you will be

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children of the Most High, for he is kind to the unthankful and evil. ³⁶Be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.

The Law of Reciprocity

³⁷"Do not be judgmental, and you will not be judged. Do not be condemning, and you will not be condemned. Be forgiving, and you will be forgiven.

³⁸"Be giving, and it will be given to you. A generous container: compacted, shaken and running over they will hand into your arms. For with the standard you measure out, it will be measured back to you."

Correcting Others

³⁹And he also spoke a parable to them: "Can a blind person lead a blind person? Will they not both fall into a ditch? ⁴⁰A student is not above the teacher, but rather, every student when fully trained will be like his teacher.

⁴¹"Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but the log that is in your own eye you do not consider? ⁴²How are you able to say to your brother, 'Brother, allow me to take out the speck that is in your eye,' while you are not seeing the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first get the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly the speck that is in your brother's eye, to remove it.

A Tree and its Fruit

⁴³Now there is no good tree producing bad fruit, nor again a bad tree producing good fruit. ⁴⁴For each tree is known by its own fruit. For they do not gather figs from thornbushes, neither do they pick a grape from a brier.

⁴⁵"The good person, out of the good stockpile of his heart, brings forth good, and the evil person out of the evil, brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart one's mouth speaks.

The Two Kinds of Builders

⁴⁶"And why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord,' and yet not do the things which I say? ⁴⁷Anyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what that person is like. ⁴⁸That person is like a man building a house, who dug and deepened and laid a foundation on the rock. And when a flood occurred, the river dashed against that house, but was not able to shake it, because it was well built.

⁴⁹"But the one who has heard them and not done them, is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation, against which dashed

the river, and very soon it collapsed, and the destruction of that house was great."

Chapter 7

One Centurion's Faith with Authority

¹When he had finished all his sayings in the ears of the people, he entered Capernaum. ²And the slave of a certain centurion, who was very valuable to him, was sick and about to die. ³And having heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. ⁴So when they came to Jesus, they were pleading earnestly with him, saying, "He is worthy that you confer this upon him, ⁵for he loves our nation, and he built us the synagogue."

⁶So Jesus went with them. And when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends saying to him as follows: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I am not fit that you should enter under my roof. ⁷So also neither did I consider myself worthy to come to you. But say with a word that my slave must be healed. ⁸For I too am a man stationed under authority, having soldiers under myself. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does."

⁹And when Jesus heard these words, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, not in Israel have I found such faith."

¹⁰And when the ones who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave well.

Jesus Raises a Dead Man at Nain

¹¹And it came about that on the next day he went into a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹²And as he approached the town gate, behold, a dead person was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³When he saw her, the Lord was moved with pity for her, and he said to her, "Don't cry."

¹⁴And he went up to the coffin and touched it, and the pallbearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise up!" ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak. And he gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶And fear took hold of all, and they praised God, saying, "A great prophet has been raised up among us," and, "God has come to help his

people." ¹⁷And this news about him spread throughout the land of the Jews and the surrounding country.

Jesus and John the Baptizer

¹⁸And John's disciples reported to him about all these things. And after calling a certain two of his disciples to him, John ¹⁹sent word to the Lord, as follows: "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect another?"

²⁰And when they had come to him, the men said, "John the Baptizer sent us to you saying, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect another?'"

²¹In that same hour he healed many *people* of diseases and sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. ²²And in answer, he said to them, "Go and report back to John what things you saw and heard: The blind see again, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and good news is preached to the poor. ²³And *tell him*, 'Blessed be whoever is not offended on account of me.'"

²⁴And as John's messengers were leaving, he began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed being swayed to and fro by the wind? ²⁵On the contrary, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in delicate clothes? Behold, those in expensive clothes and living in luxury are in royal palaces. ²⁶On the contrary, what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes indeed I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is the one about whom it is written:

'Behold, I am sending my messenger
before your face,
who will prepare your way
before you.'

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John the Baptizer. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

²⁹(And all the people who heard, even the revenue agents, vindicated God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. ³⁰But the Pharisees and the lawyers, not baptized by him, rejected the purpose of God for themselves.)

³¹"To what, then, shall I compare the people of this generation? And what are they like? ³²They are like children sitting in a marketplace and calling out one to the other, who say:

'We played the flute for you,

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and you didn't dance;
 we sang a dirge,
 and you didn't cry.'

³³For John the Baptizer came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' ³⁴The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Behold a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of revenue agents and sinners.' ³⁵Regardless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

A Prostitute Washes Jesus' Feet with her Tears

³⁶But a certain one of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined. ³⁷And behold, a woman who was being a sinner in that town came, who having learned that he is reclining at the Pharisee's house, had brought an alabaster bottle of perfume, ³⁸and appeared behind Jesus, weeping at his feet. And with the tears she began to bathe his feet. And with the hairs of her head she was wiping off, and earnestly kissing his feet, and anointing them with the perfume.

³⁹When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he thought to himself as follows, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and of what sort is the woman touching him— that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰And Jesus spoke up, and said to him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he says.

⁴¹"Two men were debtors to a certain moneylender. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²And as they did not have the money to pay him back, he freely forgave them both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³In answer Simon said, "I suppose the one whom he freely forgave more."

And he said to him, "You have judged correctly." ⁴⁴And turning toward the woman, he was saying to Simon, "Do you see this woman? Your house I entered. Water you did not give me for my feet, but this woman bathed my feet with her tears, and wiped them off with her hair. ⁴⁵A kiss you did not give me, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped earnestly kissing my feet. ⁴⁶With oil you did not anoint my head, but this woman with perfume anointed my feet. ⁴⁷For which reason, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven, that she loved much. But someone who has been forgiven little, loves little."

⁴⁸And he said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

⁴⁹And those reclining with him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go with peace."

Chapter 8

Jesus' Financiers

¹And it came about after this that he traveled about through one city and village after another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, ²and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary, called the Magdalene, from whom seven demons had come out; ³and Joanna the wife of Kuza, the manager of Herod's household; and Susanna; plus many others; these women were providing for them out of their own means.

The Parable of the Sower

⁴And when a great crowd was coming together, people from every one of those towns coming toward him, he spoke by means of a parable: ⁵"The sower went out to sow his seed. And in the process of sowing, some seed fell beside the way and was trampled on, and the birds of the sky devoured it. ⁶And other seed fell on rock, and after it grew, it withered, having no way to get moisture. ⁷And other seed fell in the midst of thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. ⁸And other seed fell into good soil, and when grown it produced fruit a hundredfold."

After he said these things, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, hear."

The Parable of the Sower Explained

⁹And his disciples asked him the intent of this parable, ¹⁰and he said, "To you it is given such that you will know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, so that,

"Though seeing, they will not see,
and though hearing,
they will not understand."

¹¹ "This, then, means the parable: The seed is the word of God. ¹²And the ones beside the way are those who when they hear, next comes the devil, and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who when they hear, receive the word with joy. They are also ones who have no root, and

believe for a time, and in the time of trial shrink back. ¹⁴And the seed falling in the thorns, these are those who hear, and as they go, are choked by the worries and riches and pleasures of life, and do not bear fruit to the end. ¹⁵And the seed in good soil, these are those who when they hear the word, retain it in a good and worthy heart, and bear fruit with perseverance.

¹⁶"Now no one after lighting a lamp covers it with a bucket, or puts it under a bed, but instead puts it on the lamp stand, so that those coming in may see the light. ¹⁷For there is nothing hidden that will not be made manifest, nor secret, that will not become clearly known, and come into illumination. ¹⁸Watch therefore how you listen, for whoever has, it will be granted him, and whoever has not, even what he seems to have will be taken away from him."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

¹⁹And his mother and brothers came to him, and were not able to get near him because of the crowd. ²⁰And it was reported to him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."

²¹But he in answer said to them, "These are my mother and brothers, the ones hearing and doing the word of God."

Jesus Commands the Elements

²²And it came about in one of the days that he and his disciples had gotten into a boat, that he said to them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." And they put out to sea.

²³And as they sailed, he fell asleep. And a storm of wind came down onto the lake, and they were being swamped, and in great danger.

²⁴And after approaching him, they roused him, saying, "Master, we are going to die!"

And when he was awake, he rebuked the wind, and the roughness of the water, and they stopped, and it was calm. ²⁵And he said to them, "Where is your faith?"

But they were amazed and fearful, saying to one another, "Who then is this? For he even commands the wind and the water, and they obey him!"

The Legion of Demons Near Gadara

²⁶And they sailed down into the territory of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷And as he was going on shore, a certain man from the town met him, demon-possessed, and not having put clothes on for quite some time, and who was living not in a house but in the tombs.

²⁸And when he saw Jesus, he fell down before him crying out, and in a loud voice he said: "What business is there between you and me, O Jesus, you son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torture me!"

²⁹For Jesus was commanding the evil spirit to come out of the man. For many times it had possessed him, and he would be bound with chains and leg irons and guarded, but tearing the bonds apart, he would be driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰And Jesus questioned him: "What is your name?"

And he said, "Legion." For many demons had entered into him. ³¹And they begged him that he would not order them to depart into the Abyss.

³²And a considerable herd of pigs was feeding there on a hillside, and they pled with him that he allow them to enter into them, and he allowed them.

³³So coming out from the man, the demons entered into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and drowned.

³⁴And seeing what had happened, the herders fled, and reported to the town and to the farms. ³⁵And they came out to see what had happened. And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed, and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And the ones who had seen reported to them how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷And all the population of the neighborhood of the Gadarenes asked him to go away from them, for they were overcome with great fear. So he got into the boat *and* turned back.

³⁸But the man from whom the demons had gone out begged to accompany him. But he sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your house, and recount all the things God has done for you." And he went throughout the whole town, proclaiming what things Jesus had done for him.

A Dead Damsel and a Sick Woman

⁴⁰And upon his return a crowd was welcoming him, for they were all expecting him. ⁴¹And behold, a man had come whose name was Jairus, and he was a synagogue ruler. And falling at Jesus' feet, he begged him to come to his house, ⁴²because he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

And as he was on his way, the crowds were pinching him in. ⁴³And a woman suffering a flow of blood since twelve years, who had not been able to get healing from anyone, ⁴⁴came up behind and touched the tassel of his cloak, and immediately her flow of blood stopped.

⁴⁵And Jesus said, "Who was it touching me?"

When everyone denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are pushing in together and jostling you."

⁴⁶But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I sensed power going out from me."

⁴⁷Then the woman, seeing that she was not going unnoticed, came, trembling. And falling at his feet, she related before all the people the reason she had touched him, and how she had been instantly healed. ⁴⁸And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go with peace."

⁴⁹While he was still speaking, someone comes from the synagogue ruler's, saying, "Your daughter has died. Don't trouble the teacher any more."

⁵⁰But having heard, Jesus responded to him, "Don't be afraid. Only believe, and she will be healed."

⁵¹And when he went into the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him except Peter and John and James, and the father of the maiden and the mother. ⁵²And all were weeping and wailing for her. But he said, "Do not weep. She is not dead but sleeping." ⁵³And they laughed scornfully at him, knowing that she had died.

⁵⁴Then, holding her hand, he called out, as follows: "Damsel, wake up!" ⁵⁵And her spirit returned, and she stood up at once, and he ordered that she be given something to eat. ⁵⁶And her parents were astonished. Then he charged them not to tell anyone what had happened.

Chapter 9

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

¹And having called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority over all the demons and diseases, in order to heal. ²And he sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to cure, ³and said to them: "Take nothing for the journey— neither staffs, nor knapsack, nor bread, nor silver, neither have two tunics each.

⁴And into whatever house you might enter, there remain, and from there go forward. ⁵And all the *places* that do not welcome you, going forth from that town, shake the dust off your feet, as a testimony against them."

⁶And going forth they went throughout all the villages, preaching the good news, and healing everywhere.

Herod Hears of Jesus

⁷Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was going on, and kept becoming perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised

from the dead, ⁸and by some that Elijah had appeared, and still others that a prophet, one of the Ancients, had come back to life.

⁹But Herod said, "John, I beheaded. Who, then, is this I hear such things about?" And he tried to see him.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹⁰And when the apostles returned, they reported to him what things they had done. Then he took them, and retreated in private toward a town called Bethsaida. ¹¹But the crowds who knew, followed him. So, welcoming them, he spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and the ones having need of healing, he cured.

¹²But the daylight began to decline, and the twelve approached *and* said to him, "Dismiss the crowd, so they can go to the surrounding villages and farms to sleep and find supplies. Because here, we are in a remote place."

¹³And he said to them, "You give them something to eat."

But they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we were to go and buy food for all this crowd." ¹⁴For there were about five thousand men.

And he said to his disciples, "Get them to recline in groups of about fifty each." ¹⁵And they did so, and got them all to recline. ¹⁶And taking the loaves and the two fish, *and* looking up to heaven, he blessed them and broke them, and gave to the disciples to set before the people.

¹⁷And they all ate and were satisfied, and their leftovers picked up were twelve large baskets of fragments.

Peter's Confession of Messiah

¹⁸And it came about that, when he was praying in private, the disciples were with him, and he queried them, saying, "Who do the crowds maintain me to be?"

¹⁹And they in answer said, "John the Baptizer; and others, Elijah; and others that a prophet, one of the Ancients, has risen again."

²⁰And he said to them, "But you, who do you maintain me to be?"

And Peter in answer said, "The Christ of God."

Jesus Predicts His Death

²¹But he, admonishing them, charged them to tell this to no one, ²²saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and Torah scholars, and be killed, and on the third day be raised again."

²³Then toward everyone he was saying, "If someone wants to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴For whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake, this one will save it. ²⁵For how does it benefit a human being when he has gained the whole world, but has lost or been forfeited his very self? ²⁶For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, that person the Son of Man will be ashamed of, when he comes in his glory, and of the Father, and of the holy angels. ²⁷But truly I say to you: There are some, of the ones standing here, who will certainly not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

The Transfiguration

²⁸And it came about, something like eight days after these words, that having taken Peter and John and James, he went up into the mountain, to pray. ²⁹And it came about that as he prayed, the appearance of his face *was* different, and his clothes *were* a glistening white. ³⁰And behold, two men were conversing with him, who were Moses and Elijah, ³¹who, having been made visible in glory, were relating about the exodus of him, which was soon to be coming true in Jerusalem.

³²But Peter and the ones with him were heavy-eyed with sleepiness. But when they had fully woken up, they saw his glory, and the two men standing with him. ³³And it came about that as those were moving off from Jesus, Peter said to him, "O Master, it is good for us to be here, and we should make three shelters, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." (Not knowing what he is saying.)

³⁴And as he was saying these things, a cloud came, and it overshadowed them. And they were afraid as they went into the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, the Chosen One; listen to him." ³⁶And when the voice happened, they found Jesus alone. And they kept quiet and told no one in those days anything that they had seen.

The Disciples Accused of Impotence to Heal

³⁷And it came about that during the following day, as they were coming down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. ³⁸And behold, a man in the crowd shouted out, saying, "Teacher, I beg of you to look at my son; because he is my only born, ³⁹and behold, a spirit takes over him and he suddenly cries out, and it convulses him with foaming *at the mouth*. And it hardly goes away from him, wearing him out. ⁴⁰And I pleaded with your disciples that they cast it out, and they were not able to."

⁴¹And in response Jesus said, "O unbelieving and perverted generation, how long must I be with you, and put up with you? Bring your son here."

⁴²And even as he was approaching Him, the demon dashed him to the ground, and thrashed him back and forth. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and the child was restored to wholeness, and He gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were struck by the majesty of God.

And while everyone marvelled at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, ⁴⁴"You place into your ears these words. For the Son of Man is about to be transferred into the hands of human beings."

⁴⁵But they were not understanding this statement, and *the meaning* was being kept hidden from them, with the result that they did not see it. And they were afraid to ask him about this statement.

Who Is the Greatest?

⁴⁶So contention came into them, as to who of them was greatest.

⁴⁷And Jesus, knowing the contention of their hearts, took a child by the hand, *and* stood him next to himself. ⁴⁸And he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child on the basis of my name, is welcoming me, and whoever welcomes me, is welcoming the one who sent me. For the person who is smallest among you all, that is who is great."

Do Not Hinder Other Camps of God's People

⁴⁹And in response, John said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him; for he is not following *you* together with us."

⁵⁰But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop *such*, for someone who is not against you is for you."

Jesus Rejected by a Samaritan Village

⁵¹And it came about that the days leading to his being taken up were running out, and he set his face to head toward Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent out messengers before his face. And when they proceeded forth they went into a Samaritan village, so as to prepare *it* for him. ⁵³And they did not welcome him, because his face was heading toward Jerusalem.

⁵⁴And when they saw *this*, the disciples James and John said, "Lord, do you will that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

⁵⁵But when he turned *to them*, he rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they moved on, to a different village.

The Cost of Following Jesus

⁵⁷And as they were proceeding on the way, someone said to him, "I will follow you, wherever you might go."

⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have dens, and the birds of the sky, nestling places, but the Son of Man has nowhere he can lay his head."

⁵⁹And to another *man*, he said, "Follow me."

But he said, "Lord, give me leave to first go and bury my father."

⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Leave those who are dead to bury their dead themselves; and you, after you have come away, you publicize the kingdom of God."

⁶¹And another also said, "I will follow you, Lord. But first give me leave to say farewell to my household."

⁶²But Jesus said, "No one putting hand to plow and looking back to the things behind, is cut out for the kingdom of God."

Chapter 10

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

¹And after these things, the Lord appointed another seventy-two, and sent them out two by two before his face, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he was saying to them, "The crop is large, but the workers are few. Request therefore of the lord of the harvest, that he send out workers into his harvest. ³Be on your way. Behold, I am sending you out like sheep in the midst of wolves. ⁴You must carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one along the way.

⁵And into whatever house you enter, first you say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶And if a child of peace is there, your peace will settle upon him. Otherwise, it will bounce back onto you. ⁷And in that same house you are to remain, eating and drinking the things belonging to them; for the worker is worthy of his pay; you are not to be moving from house to house.

⁸And into whatever town you enter that they welcome you, eat the things being set before you, ⁹and heal the sick in it, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has drawn over you.' ¹⁰But into whatever town you enter that they do not welcome you, go out into the streets of it, and say, ¹¹'Even the dust sticking to us from your town onto our feet, we are shaking off to you. Even so, know this, that the kingdom of God has drawn near.' ¹²I assure you, it will be more bearable for Sodom in That Day, than for that town.

¹³"Woe to you, Khorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that took place in you took place in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴In any case, it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to heaven? You will go down to Hades!

¹⁶"The person who listens to you is listening to me, and the one rejecting you, is rejecting me. And the one rejecting me, is rejecting the one who sent me."

¹⁷And the seventy-two returned, with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit themselves to us in your name."

¹⁸And he said to them, "I was watching as Satan fell from heaven like lightning.

¹⁹"Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will by any means harm you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits submit to you; but rejoice that your names are written down in heaven."

²¹In that same hour, he exulted in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I praise you, Father, O Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the learned and intelligent, and revealed them to babes. Yes, O Father, for that is what was pleasing in your sight.

²²"Everything has been turned over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is, except the Father; and who the Father is, except the Son, and those to whom the Son decides to reveal it."

²³And after he had turned toward his disciples privately, he said, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. ²⁴For I tell you, many prophets and kings wanted to see what you are seeing, and did not see it, and to hear what you are hearing, and did not hear it."

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵And behold, a lawyer arose, testing him, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶And he said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

²⁷And he in answer said, "You shall love Yahweh your God from your whole heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

²⁸And He said, "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰In reply, Jesus said, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among bandits. And they, when they had stripped him and inflicted wounds, went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹And by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he avoided *him*. ³²And likewise also a Levite, when he came near that place and saw, passed on around. ³³But a certain Samaritan came traveling by him, and when he saw, was moved with pity. ³⁴And he approached *and* stopped up his wounds, *and* applied olive oil and wine. And mounting him on his own animal, he took him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And on the morrow, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him, and whatever you spend beyond *this*, I will reimburse you when I return."

³⁶"Which of these three seems to you a neighbor for the one who fell among bandits?"

³⁷And he said, "The one who did the mercy with him."

And Jesus said to him, "Go yourself and do likewise."

Jesus at Mary and Martha's House

³⁸And when he moved on, he entered a certain village. And a woman by the name of Martha housed him. ³⁹There was also a sister to that one, named Mary, and she having sat down at the Lord's feet, was listening to his word.

⁴⁰But Martha was being drawn away by many chores of hospitality. But when she did come over, she said, "Lord, doesn't it concern you that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her therefore that she should help carry the load with me."

⁴¹But in answer, Jesus said to her, "Martha, Martha. You are getting concerned and agitated over many things. ⁴²But there is only one thing that warrants it. For Mary has selected the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Chapter 11

Prayer

¹And it came about when he was praying in a certain place, that as he was finishing, a certain one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, even as John taught his disciples."

²And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

" Father, hallowed be your name.

May your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,
 for we ourselves forgive
 everyone who is indebted to us.
 And lead us not into temptation.' ”

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you shall have a friend, and will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶because a friend of mine has shown up, from a journey toward me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

⁷"That one inside may say in answer, 'Do not cause me hassles. The door is already shut up, and my children are in bed with me. I can't get up to give you something.' ⁸I tell you, even if he will not get up and give you something because of being your friend, yet because of brash persistence on your part he will get up, and give you as much as you need.

⁹"So I say to you: Keep asking, and it will be given to you; keep seeking, and you will find; keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who keeps asking, receives; and the person who keeps seeking, finds; and to the one who keeps on knocking, it will be opened.

¹¹"And which father among you, if his child will ask for a fish, will hand him a snake instead? ¹²Or again, if he asks for an egg, will hand him a scorpion? ¹³If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father from heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Jesus and Baalzibbul

¹⁴And he was casting out a demon of muteness. And it came about that after the demon went out, the mute man spoke. And the crowd was amazed.

¹⁵But some of them said, "It is by Ba'al-zibbul, the prince of demons, that he drives out the demons." ¹⁶And others, testing, wanted from him a sign out of heaven.

¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is desolated, and a house divided against itself falls. ¹⁸So also, if Satan was divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim I drive out the demons by Baal-zibbul. ¹⁹Now if I drive out the demons by Baal-zibbul, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. ²⁰But if I am driving out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²¹"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own castle, his possessions are safe. ²²But when a stronger one than he comes and overpowers him, he takes away the armor upon which his confidence was based, and divides out the spoils.

²³"The person who is not with me is against me, and the one not gathering with me is scattering."

²⁴"When an evil spirit comes out of a human being, it goes through waterless places, seeking rest. And not finding it, at that time it says, 'I will return to the house from which I came out.' ²⁵And when it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they come inside and live there. And the final condition of that human is worse than the first."

²⁷And it came about that as Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd lifted up her voice and said to him, "Blessed are the womb that bore you, and the breasts on which you sucked."

²⁸But he replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

The Sign of Jonah

²⁹And as the crowds were pressing together upon him, he began to say, "This generation is a wicked generation; it asks for a sign. And no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰For just as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation. ³¹The Queen of the South will be raised at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, one greater than Solomon is here. ³²The men of Nineveh will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, one greater than Jonah is here.

The Light of the Body

³³"No one after lighting a lamp puts it out of view, or under a basket, but rather on the lamp stand, so that those who come in may see the light. ³⁴The lamp of the body is your eye. When your eye is open and generous, your entire body is brightly lit also. But when your eye is suspicious and stingy, your body is in darkness also. ³⁵See to it, therefore, that the light in you is not darkness. ³⁶If then your whole body is brightly lit, not having any part dark, it will all be lighted, like when the lamp by its brightness illumines you."

Six Woes

³⁷And as he was speaking, a Pharisee asks him to have lunch with him; so having gone inside, he reclined. ³⁸And the Pharisee when he saw, was shocked that he did not first baptize before the meal.

³⁹And the Lord said to him, "As it is, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and platter, but the inside of you is loaded with acquisitiveness and wickedness.

⁴⁰"O foolish ones! Did not the one who made the outside, make the inside also? ⁴¹But the things lying within give to the poor, and behold, all things are now clean for you.

⁴²"But woe to you, Pharisees! For you tithe the mint, and even the rue and every kind of garden herb, and neglect the justice and the love of God. But these latter things you ought to practice, without leaving the former undone.

⁴³"Woe to you, Pharisees! For you love the prominent seats in the synagogues, and the greetings in the marketplaces.

⁴⁴"Woe to you! For you are like graves that are not marked, and the people when walking over them do not know it."

⁴⁵And in response, someone from the class of lawyers says to him, "Teacher, in saying these things, you are insulting us also."

⁴⁶But he said, "And to you lawyers also, woe! For you make people carry loads oppressive to bear, and you yourselves, not one of your fingers do you touch to such loads.

⁴⁷"Woe to you! For you build mausoleums for the prophets, and it was your forefathers who murdered them. ⁴⁸So then, approving witnesses you are, to the deeds of your forefathers; for they kill them, and you build.

⁴⁹"For this reason also the wisdom of God has said, 'I am sending to them prophets and apostles; and some of them they will kill, and some of them they will persecute,' ⁵⁰with the result that the blood of all the prophets spilled since the founding of the world will be demanded of this generation, ⁵¹from the blood of Abel, up until the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary; yes, I tell you, *all* will be demanded of this generation.

⁵²"Woe to you, lawyers! For you have taken away the key *to the door* of knowledge. You yourselves have not gone in, and the ones going in you have barred."

⁵³And then as he went forth from there, the Torah scholars and Pharisees began to be extremely hostile, and to provoke him to speak

unpreparedly about a great variety of topics, ⁵⁴ambushing him, to pounce on something coming from his mouth.

Chapter 12

Warnings and Encouragements

¹When a vast multitude had gathered, such that they were trampling on one another, he began to say to his disciples first, "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ²But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and *nothing* secret that will not be made known. ³Therefore, what things you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken close to an ear in the cellars, will be proclaimed on the housetops.

⁴"I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of the ones killing the body, and after that having nothing worse left to do. ⁵But I will suggest to you whom you should fear. Fear the one who after the killing, has the power to cast into Gehenna. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

⁶"Are not five sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷But in your case, even the hairs of your head, each is numbered. You should not be afraid; you matter more than many sparrows.

⁸"But I tell you, whoever stands up for me before human beings, the Son of Man also will stand up for him before the angels of God. ⁹Whereas the one disowning me before human beings, will be disowned before the angels of God. ¹⁰And everyone who will speak a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him. But to the person who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.

¹¹"And when they deliver you over to the synagogues, and to the rulers and to the authorities, do not worry how or what you should defend, or what you should say. ¹²For the Holy Spirit will instruct you in that very hour what needs to be said."

False Financial Security

¹³And someone in the crowd said, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who appointed me judge or arbiter over you *two*?"

¹⁵And he said to them, "Watch out, and be on your guard against every form of covetousness. For the life of one is not from the increase of one's possessions."

¹⁶And he spoke a parable to them as follows: "The land of a certain rich man yielded abundantly, ¹⁷and he was thinking to himself, 'What shall I do? For I have no place where I can stack my produce.'

¹⁸And he said, "This is what I will do. I will pull down my warehouses, and build bigger ones, and there I will stack all my wheat, and all my goods.

¹⁹And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have much goods sitting there into many years. Relax, eat, drink, be merry." '

²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool, this very night they are demanding your soul back from you, and the provisions you have made, whose will they be?'

²¹"Such is the person saving up for himself, and not becoming rich to God."

True Financial Security

²²And to his disciples, he said, "Because of this I say to you, do not worry about life, what you will eat, nor about the body, what you will wear.

²³For life means more than food, and the body more than clothes.

²⁴"Consider the ravens, that they neither sow nor reap, and God feeds them. How much higher priority you are than birds!

²⁵"Now which of you by worrying is able to add onto his lifespan one foot? ²⁶If therefore you cannot accomplish even this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷"Consider the lilies, how they grow. They neither labor nor weave. But I tell you, not even Solomon, in all his splendor, was bedecked like one of these. ²⁸Now if God thus clothes the wild grass, which is here this day and the next is thrown into the stove, how much more would he rather clothe you, O you of little faith?

²⁹"And you also should not seek after how you will eat, and how you will drink; that is, do not be anxious. ³⁰Because all these things, the nations of the world are striving for. But your Father knows that you have need of these things. ³¹Only seek instead his kingdom, and these things will be included for you.

³²"Do not be afraid, little flock; for it has given your Father pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the poor: make for yourselves money bags unfailing, a stockpile not shrinking; in the heavens, where neither a thief ever gets close, nor a moth ever destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be Ready

³⁵"You must keep your waists girded and your lamps burning, ³⁶and you must be like people waiting for their own master, *waiting* for when he returns from the wedding celebrations, so that when he arrives and is knocking, they may immediately open for him. ³⁷Happy are those slaves who when the master arrives, he finds watching. Truly I tell you, he will gird himself and bid them recline, and after coming in, he will serve them. ³⁸Those *slaves* are happy, whether he arrives and finds them in the second, or even in the third watch. ³⁹And this you know, that if the manager of the household knew what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be the same, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you would not think he would."

⁴¹And Peter said, "Lord, are you saying this parable to us, or to everyone else as well?"

⁴²And the Lord said, "So who is the faithful and sensible steward, whom the master will place over his domestic service, to be giving out rations in due time? ⁴³Happy will be that slave who when his lord comes, he finds doing so. ⁴⁴Truly I tell you, he will place him over all his possessions.

⁴⁵"But if that slave says in his heart, 'My lord is taking his time to come,' and he begins to slap around the workboys and the workgirls, and to eat and drink and get drunk, ⁴⁶the lord of that slave will come at an hour he is not expecting, and at a time he does not know, and will cut him in two, and appoint him his inheritance with the unbelieving.

⁴⁷"And that slave, knowing the will of his lord, and not having prepared or done in accordance with his will, he will be lashed many times. ⁴⁸Whereas the one not knowing, and having done things deserving of scourgings, he will be lashed few times. So then, anyone to whom much has been given, much will be required of him, and from him to whom much has been entrusted, that much more will be demanded.

Jesus Causes Division

⁴⁹"I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to be baptized, and how tormented I am until that has been accomplished.

⁵¹"You think that I have come to provide peace on the earth. Not at all, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on, five in one household will be divided: three against two, and two against three. ⁵³A father will be divided against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother, a mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Judge For Yourselves

⁵⁴And he was also saying to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, right away you say, 'A rainstorm is coming,' and it happens so. ⁵⁵And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It will be hot,' and it happens. ⁵⁶Hypocrites! The face of the earth and sky you know how to interpret, but this present time you do not know how to interpret?"

⁵⁷"And why also do you not judge for yourselves what is right? ⁵⁸For as you are going with your adversary to court, on the way make every effort to be free of him, lest he drag you before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison. ⁵⁹I tell you, no way will you come out of that place, until you have paid back the very last penny."

Chapter 13

Repent or Perish

¹And some who were present at that time, were reporting to him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. ²And in response he said to them, "Do you think that because they suffered these things, those Galileans were sinners, more so than all the rest of the Galileans? ³Not at all, I tell you; but on the other hand, if you do not repent, you shall all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen, on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think they were debtors worse than all the rest of the people living in Jerusalem? ⁵Not at all, I tell you; but on the other hand, if you do not repent, you shall all likewise perish."

⁶And he continued with this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. And he came seeking fruit on it, and did not find any. ⁷And he said to the vine dresser, 'Look, it has been three years already I have been coming, seeking fruit on this fig tree and not finding it. Cut it down. Why is it still using up the soil?'"

⁸"But in answer, he says to him, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, until such time I have dug and put manure around it; ⁹and if in the future it does produce fruit, so much the better. But if not, then you would cut it down.'"

A Crippled Woman Healed on the Sabbath

¹⁰And he was teaching in one of the synagogues during the Sabbath. ¹¹And behold, a woman having had a spirit of disability for eighteen years. And she was bent over double, and not able to look up at all. ¹²And when Jesus saw her, he called to her and said to her, "Woman, be set free from

your disability." ¹³And he laid hands on her; and she became erect at once, and was praising God.

¹⁴But in response, the synagogue ruler, being indignant that Jesus had healed during the Sabbath, was saying to the crowd, "There are six days in which *you are* supposed to work; you should therefore be coming during those to be healed, and not during the day of rest."

¹⁵But the Lord answered him, and said, "You hypocrites! Who among you on the Sabbath does not free his ox or his donkey from its stall, and after leading it out, give it drink? ¹⁶But this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound to these eighteen years, she should not be freed from this bondage on the day of rest?!"

¹⁷And with his saying these things, all his opponents were being humiliated, and the whole crowd was cheering, for all the glorious things being accomplished by him.

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

¹⁸Then he said, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what may I compare it? ¹⁹It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and cast into his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the sky nested in its branches."

²⁰And again he said, "To what may I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹It is like yeast that a woman took and folded into three measures of dough until the whole was leavened."

The Narrow Door

²²And he was going through every city and village teaching, even as he was making his journey toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, "Lord, are those being saved going to be few?"

And he said to him, ²⁴"Make every effort to go in through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will try to enter, and not be able to. ²⁵Once the master of the house has gotten up and closed the door, after that you may begin to stand outside, and knock *on* the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' and in answer he will say to you, 'I don't know where you are from.' ²⁶At that time you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷And then at that time he will say to you as follows: 'I don't know where you are from. Get away from me, all you workers of unrighteousness.' ²⁸In that place there will be weeping, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you are being cast outside, ²⁹and *people* will have

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come from the east and the west, and from the south and the north, and be reclined in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, there are those who are last, who will be first; and there are those who are first who will be last."

Jesus Laments Jerusalem

³¹In that hour, some Pharisees came up to him, saying to him, "You should move on, and get out of this place, because Herod is trying to kill you."

³²And he said to them, "Go tell that fox: 'Behold, I am casting out demons and accomplishing healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³Regardless, I would have to be continuing on today and tomorrow and the next day. For it is not possible for a prophet to be killed outside Jerusalem!"

³⁴"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that kills the prophets, and stones those sent to it! How often I have wished to gather your children, as a hen does her brood under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵Now behold, your house will be abandoned to you. I tell you, you will not see me, until the day when you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Chapter 14

Jesus at a Pharisee's House

¹And it came about that when he went into the house of a certain ruler of the Pharisees on a Sabbath, to eat bread, they were watching him closely. ²And behold, a certain man with dropsy was right in front of him.

³And in response, Jesus said to the lawyers and Pharisees as follows: "Is it permissible during a Sabbath to heal, or is it not?" ⁴But they kept quiet. And after grasping him, he healed him, and dismissed him.

⁵And he said to them, "Who among you whose son or ox should fall into a pit during the Sabbath day, would not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they were not able to rebut these *words*.

⁷And toward those who had been invited, he was speaking a parable, referring to how they were claiming the most prestigious seats, saying to them as follows: ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a banquet, do not recline at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you is invited by him, ⁹and the one who invited both you and him comes and says to you, 'Yield place to this person.' And then you would proceed with embarrassment to make for the last seat. ¹⁰Instead, when you are invited, make your way to the least desirable place and recline, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better

place.' Then there will be honor for you in front of all your fellow dinner guests. ¹¹For anyone who exalts himself will be humbled; and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²And he was also saying to the man who had invited him, "When you make a breakfast or dinner, do not call your friends, or your siblings or relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back in return, and that would be repayment for you. ¹³Instead, when you make a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they do not have the means to repay you. For it will be repaid to you, you see, at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Parable of the Great Banquet

¹⁵And after hearing these things, one of the dinner guests said to him, "Blessed is that person who will eat bread in the kingdom of God."

¹⁶And Jesus said to him, "A certain man held a great banquet, and invited many people. ¹⁷And at the hour of the banquet, he sent his slave out to tell those who were invited, 'Come, for it is now ready.'

¹⁸"And they all alike began to ask to be excused. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I urgently have to go out and see it. I ask you, consider me excused.'

¹⁹"And another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. I ask you, consider me excused.'

²⁰"And another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for this reason I am not able to come.'

²¹"And when he came back, the slave reported these things to his master. Angered then, the master of the house said to his slave, 'Quick, go out into the boulevards and lanes of the town, and the poor, the crippled, the blind, the lame, lead them here.'

²²"And the slave said, 'Master, what you have commanded has been done, and still there is room.'

²³"And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the trails and the fence lines, and urgently invite them to come in, so that my house will be filled. ²⁴You can be sure, I tell you, that not one of those men who were invited, will taste of my banquet!'"

Jesus Qualifies the Crowds

²⁵And great crowds were going along with him, and he turned around, and said to them, ²⁶"If someone is coming with me, and does not spurn his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers, and sisters, and

yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Anyone that does not take up his own cross and follow after me, cannot be my disciple.

²⁸For who of you wishing to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough for completion? ²⁹It would be no good if he lays the foundation, and not being able to finish, all those observing start to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build, and was not able to finish.'

³¹Or what king, going out to another king to meet in battle, does not first sit down to consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand, to match the one who is coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²For indeed if not, while he is still at a distance he sends out a delegation, and asks what are the conditions for peace.

³³In the same way, then, any of you who does not say good-bye to everything that he has, cannot be my disciple.

³⁴Salt then is a good thing; but if the salt itself becomes bland, what will it be spiced with? ³⁵It is fit neither for the soil, nor for the manure pile; they throw it out.

"Whoever has ears to hear, hear."

Chapter 15

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹And all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming up next to him, to listen to him. ²And both the Pharisees and the Torah scholars were complaining, saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners, and eats with them."

³But he spoke this parable to them, as follows: ⁴"What man among you who has a hundred sheep and is missing one of them, does not leave behind the ninety-nine in the desert, and go out after the lost one, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he places it on his shoulder, rejoicing. ⁶And upon returning home he gathers his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷I tell you, in just the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner repenting, than over ninety-nine righteous persons having no need of repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸Or what woman having ten drachmas, if she loses one drachma, does not light a lamp and sweep the house clean, and search diligently until such time she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she gathers her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me; for I have found the drachma

that was lost.' ¹⁰In just the same way, I tell you, rejoicing breaks out among the angels of God over one sinner repenting."

The Parable of the Lost Son

¹¹And he said, "A certain man had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to the father, 'Father, pay out to me the applicable share of the holdings.' So he divided to them the life savings.

¹³And not many days later, having gathered everything together, the younger son journeyed off, to a far away country, and there he wasted his estate, living indulgently. ¹⁴And after he had spent everything he had, a severe famine took place over that whole country, and he himself began to be without. ¹⁵And so going forth, he joined on with one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to tend swine. ¹⁶And he was craving to be fed of the carob pods that the swine were eating, and no one gave him any.

¹⁷And when he came to himself, he was saying, 'How many hired men of my father's have more than enough food, and here I am, perishing with hunger. ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men." ' '

²⁰And he arose and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and was moved with pity. And he ran out, flung his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹But the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²²But the father said to his servants, 'Quick, bring out the best robe and drape it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes to his feet, ²³and bring the fattened calf, and slaughter it, and let us feast and celebrate; ²⁴for this my son was dead and is alive again; was lost and has been found!' And they proceeded to celebrate.

²⁵But his elder son was in the fields. And as he was getting close to the house, he heard the sound of music and of dancing. ²⁶And calling over one of the workboys, he was asking what it was all about.

²⁷And he told him, 'Your brother has returned, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf, because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸Then he was angry, and refused to go inside. And his father, after coming out, was pleading with him. ²⁹But in response he said to his father, 'All these years I have been serving you, and not once did I ever deviate from your instructions. Yet to me, you have never given so much as a baby goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours

comes who ate up your life savings with prostitutes, you slaughter for him the fattened calf!

³¹"But he said to him, 'Dear child, you are always with me, and everything that is mine is yours. ³²But to celebrate, and be cheered up, is only right; for this your brother was dead and is alive again; was lost, and has been found! "

Chapter 16

The Shrewd Money Manager

¹And then toward his disciples he was saying: "There was a certain rich man, who had a business manager. And accusations were brought to him against this man, that he was wasting his property. ²So having summoned him, he said to him, 'What is this I am hearing about you? Surrender the records of your management; for you can no longer be manager.'

³And the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking away the management from me? I am not strong enough to dig. I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I know what I will do, so that after I am removed from my management, people will welcome me into their homes.'

⁵And calling in each and every one of his master's debtors, he said to the first one, 'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶And he said, 'A hundred baths of olive oil.'

"And he told him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write "fifty." '

⁷Then, to another one he said, 'And you, how much do you owe?'

"And he said, 'A hundred kors of wheat.'

"He says to him, 'Take your bill and write "eighty." "

⁸And that master gave credit to the unrighteous manager, in that he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this age are more shrewd toward their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And as for me, I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the undependable wealth, so that when it fails, they may welcome you into perpetual dwellings.

¹⁰The person who is faithful with little, is also faithful with much, and the one who is undependable with little is also undependable with much. ¹¹If therefore you do not prove faithful with the undependable wealth, who will trust you with the true? ¹²And if with someone else's property you have not turned out to be faithful, who will grant you property of your own?

¹³No house slave is able to serve two masters; for he would either spurn the one and love the other, or devote himself to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Wealth."

¹⁴And the Pharisees had been listening to all this and, being moneylovers, were sneering at him.

¹⁵And he said to them, "You are ones who justify yourselves before human beings, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among human beings, is detestable in God's sight.

¹⁶"The law and the prophets were until John; from that time on the kingdom of God is being proclaimed, and everyone is pushing their way into it. ¹⁷But it is easier for sky and earth to pass away, than for one serif of the law to fall. ¹⁸Everyone dismissing his wife and marrying another is committing adultery, and he who marries her who has been dismissed by a husband, is committing adultery.

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹"Now a certain man was rich, and used to put on a purple robe and fine linen, and live it up splendidly every day. ²⁰But a beggar, Lazarus by name, was laid at his gate, covered with sores, ²¹and he kept longing in vain to eat the scraps dropping from that rich man's table. In contrast, even the dogs at least would come and lick his sores.

²²"Now the beggar came to die, and was carried off by the angels to Abraham's side. And the rich man also died, and was buried. ²³And in Hades, when he lifted up his eyes, from being in torment, he sees Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his comforting presence. ²⁴So after calling out to him, he said, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water, to cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

²⁵"But Abraham said, 'Son, recall that in your lifetime, you received your good things, while Lazarus likewise received his bad; so now here, he is comforted, and you are suffering. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, such that those who want to go from here to you are not able to, neither can anyone cross over from there to us.'

²⁷"And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, please send him to my father's house, ²⁸since I have five brothers, so that he can be warning them not to also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹"But Abraham says, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

³⁰"And he said, 'Hardly, father Abraham; but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

³¹"And he said to him, 'If they are not listening to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.'"

Chapter 17

A Brother Who Sins

¹And he said to his disciples, "It is not possible for there not to come things that cause people to fall. Nevertheless, woe to that person by whom such comes! ²It would be better for him if a mill stone is lying around his neck and he is thrown into the sea, than that he cause one of these little ones to fall.

³"Watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times he turns toward you, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him."

Faith and Duty

⁵And the apostles said to the Lord, "Give us more faith."

⁶But the Lord said, "If you have faith as *small as* a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Now who of you having a servant plowing or tending sheep, when he comes in from the field would say to him, 'Come right over here and recline'? ⁸Would he not instead say to him, 'Fix something I can eat, and after you have girded yourself, serve me while I eat and drink, and after these things, you shall eat and drink'? ⁹Neither does he thank the servant, that he has done what he has been told. ¹⁰In the same way, you also, when you have done all the things that were prescribed for you, you should say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we are supposed to have done.'"

Ten Healed of Leprosy

¹¹And it came about that as he was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing through the middle of Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he was coming into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him, who stopped and stood at a distance. ¹³And they called out loudly, saying, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

¹⁴And when he saw this, he said to them, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And it came about that as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵And one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned and came back, praising God with a very loud voice. ¹⁶And he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, thanking him.

¹⁷And in response Jesus said, "Were there not ten cleansed? Where then are the other nine? ¹⁸Were none found to have come back to give glory to God, except this foreigner?"

¹⁹And he said to him, "Get up and go your way; your faith has saved you."

The Coming of the Kingdom of God

²⁰And when he was questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them as follows: "The kingdom of God does not show with careful observation, ²¹neither will people say, 'Behold, here,' or 'There.' For behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

²²And he said to the disciples, "Days are coming, when it is one of the days of the Son of Man you will long to see, and you will not have that experience. ²³And people will say to you, 'Behold, there!' 'Behold, here!' Do not go, neither follow after *them*. ²⁴For just as lightning shines forth flashing from one end of the sky to the other, so shall it be with the Son of Man. ²⁵But first he must suffer much at the hands of this generation and be rejected.

²⁶And just as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷People were eating, drinking, marrying, being given in marriage, up until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

²⁸It was just the same in the days of Lot. People were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building, ²⁹but the day that Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven, and destroyed them all.

³⁰Along those lines will be the day in which the Son of Man is being revealed. ³¹In that day, if someone is on the roof, and his stuff is in the house, he should not go down to get it, and the one in the field should likewise not turn back around. ³²Remember Lot's wife. ³³Whoever tries to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses it will keep it alive. ³⁴I tell you, in that night there will be two men on one couch; one will be taken, and the other left. ³⁵There will be two women together grinding grain; one will be taken, and the other left."

³⁷And they in response are saying to him, "Where, Lord?"

And he said to them, "Where the body is, there also the eagles will be gathered."

Chapter 18

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

¹And he was speaking a parable to them, with the moral that they ought always to pray, and not to lose heart, ²as follows: "There was a certain judge in a certain city, who had no fear of God, and no regard for man. ³But there was a widow in that city, and she kept on coming to him, saying, 'Give me redress from my adversary.'

⁴"And for some time he had been refusing, but after all this, he said to himself, 'Even if I don't fear God, nor have regard for man, ⁵just because this widow is causing me trouble, I will avenge her, lest all her coming in the end wears me out.' "

⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust kind of judge was saying. ⁷So God, would he not bring about the avenging of his elect, who keep crying out to him day and night? And is he slow to respond to them? ⁸I tell you, he would bring about justice for them, in short order. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on the earth at all?"

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Revenue Agent

⁹And also, to some, who were convinced within themselves that they were righteous, and looking down on everyone else, he told this parable: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee, and the other a revenue agent. ¹¹When the Pharisee stood, he was praying inside himself as follows: 'O God, I thank you that I am not like other people, who are swindlers, dishonest, adulterers, or indeed, like this revenue agent. ¹²I fast twice a week, I tithe of everything I get.'

¹³"But the revenue agent, standing a distance off, was not even willing to lift his eyes toward heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'

¹⁴"I tell you, this latter went down to his house justified, rather than the former. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Little Children and Jesus

¹⁵And people were bringing little children to him, so that he would touch them. But when the disciples saw this, they started rebuking them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them over to him, saying, "Allow the children to come to me, and stop preventing them, for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will certainly not enter it."

The Rich Young Ruler

¹⁸And a certain ruler queried him as follows: "Good teacher, with what done will I inherit eternal life?"

¹⁹And Jesus said to him, "Why are you calling me good? No one is good, except God alone. ²⁰The commandments you know: Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not give false testimony, Honor your father and mother."

²¹And he said, "All these I have kept since childhood."

²²And when Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking with you. Everything you have, sell and hand out to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and then come follow me."

²³But hearing these *words* made him very sad, for he was extremely wealthy. ²⁴And when Jesus saw this, he said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to go into the kingdom of God. ²⁵Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for the rich to enter into the kingdom of God."

²⁶And those who heard said, "Who then CAN be saved?"

²⁷And he said, "Things impossible with human beings are possible with God."

²⁸And Peter said, "Behold, we have left behind our own things to follow you."

²⁹And he said to them, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or siblings or relatives or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, ³⁰who will not receive back many times as much in this present time; and in the coming age, eternal life."

Jesus Again Predicts His Death

³¹And after having taken the twelve aside, he told them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be carried out. ³²For he will be handed over to the Gentiles, and be made fun of and mistreated and spit upon, ³³and after scourging him they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again."

³⁴And they understood none of these things. Indeed, this statement was hidden from them, and they did not realize the things being said.

An Obnoxious Beggar Gets His Wish

³⁵And it came about that when he was drawing near to Jericho, a certain blind man was sitting beside the road, begging. ³⁶And when he

heard the crowd going through, he was inquiring what this was all about. ³⁷And they informed him that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by. ³⁸Then he cried out, saying, "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!"

³⁹And those leading the way were rebuking him, that he should be quiet. But he was shouting that much more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁰And after stopping, Jesus ordered that he be brought to him. And when he had come near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you?"

And he said, "Lord, that I could see again."

⁴²And Jesus said to him, "See again; your faith has saved you." ⁴³And at once he saw again, and he was following him, giving glory to God. And all the people also, when they saw, gave praise to God.

Chapter 19

Zacchaeus the Revenue Officer

¹And he entered, passing on through Jericho. ²And behold, there was a man called by the name of Zacchaeus, and he was a revenue officer, and he was rich. ³And he was trying to see who Jesus was, but being prevented by the crowd, since he was short in stature. ⁴And after running on forward ahead, he climbed up onto a sycamore tree, so that he could see him, for he was about to pass that way.

⁵And when Jesus arrived to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Hurry down, Zacchaeus, for today I need to stay at your house."

⁶And he hurried down, and took him in gladly. ⁷And all who had seen this were complaining, saying, "He has gone in to stay the night with a sinful man."

⁸And Zacchaeus stood up, *and* said to the Lord, "Look, one half of all I possess, Lord, I am giving to the poor, and where I have defrauded anyone of anything, I am making restitution threefold."

⁹And Jesus said in reference to him, "Today, salvation has come to this house, in view of the fact that this man too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

The Parable of the Ten Servants

¹¹And as they were listening to these things, he included *and* spoke another parable, because he was drawing near to Jerusalem, and they thought that the kingdom of God was about to be appearing shortly. ¹²He

said therefore, "A certain man well born journeyed off to a far country, to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. ¹³Now after calling ten of his servants, he had given to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business until such time I return.'

¹⁴"But his subjects hated him, and they sent ambassadors behind him saying, 'We do not want this man to be king over us.'

¹⁵"And it came about that when he returned, he had received the kingship. And he ordered his servants to be summoned to him, those to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had earned.

¹⁶"So the first one came, reporting as follows: 'Lord, your mina has grown to ten minas.'

¹⁷"And he said to him, 'Well *done*, good servant. Since with a little you have proven faithful, be therefore ruler over ten cities.'

¹⁸"And the second one came, saying, 'Your mina, Lord, has become five minas.'

¹⁹"So he said to that one, 'And you, you shall be over five cities.'

²⁰"And the other one came, saying as follows: 'Lord, here is your mina, which I have been keeping laid away in a napkin. ²¹For I was afraid of you, since you are a demanding man; you collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'

²²"He says to him, 'By your own mouth I judge you, you wicked servant. You knew, did you, that I am a demanding man, collecting what I did not deposit, and reaping what I did not sow?' ²³Why then did you not put my money on the table of the moneychangers, and I having returned would collect it with interest?' ²⁴And to some standing there he said, 'Take the mina away from him, and give it to the one who has ten minas.'

²⁵"And they said to him, 'Lord, he **has** ten minas!'

²⁶"I tell you, to everyone who has, it will be given, but the one who has not, even such that he has will be taken away from him. ²⁷But as for my enemies, those who had not wanted me to be king over them, bring them here, and slay them in front of me."

The Triumphal Entry

²⁸And having said these things, he was pressing his way onward, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹And it came about that as he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent away two of his disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, in which as you are entering you will find a colt tethered, upon which no one has ever yet sat, and you are to untie it and bring it. ³¹And if someone asks you, 'Why are you untying it,' say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³²And when the ones who were sent went, they found things just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴And they said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing garments of theirs on the colt, they mounted Jesus upon it. ³⁶And as he was proceeding along, people were spreading their cloaks in the road beneath.

³⁷And having come near now to the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole company of disciples started rejoicing, to lift God up with a loud voice for all the miracles that they had seen. ³⁸They were saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!"

³⁹And some Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher! Rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰And he in answer said, "I tell you, if these go silent, the stones will cry out."

⁴¹And as he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, "If you, yes ironically you, had only known what would bring you peace on this very day! But now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³For the days will come upon you that your enemies will throw a palisade up against you, and encircle you, and press in on you from every side, ⁴⁴and throw you to the ground, you and your children within you, and there will not be left within you a stone upon a stone, in retribution for the fact you did not recognize the time of your gracious visitation."

Jesus Clears the Temple

⁴⁵And when he had entered the temple, he proceeded to drive out the vendors, ⁴⁶telling them, "It is written, 'And my house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it 'a haunt of bandits.'"

⁴⁷And he was teaching daily in the temple. And the chief priests and the Torah scholars, along with the leaders of the people, were trying to kill him. ⁴⁸Yet they were not finding any way they could do it, because the entire crowd was hanging on him, listening to him.

Chapter 20

The Authorities Question Jesus' Authority

¹And it came about during one of those days of his teaching the crowd in the temple and preaching the good news, that the high priests and Torah scholars and elders came up, ²and they said to him as follows: "Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things? Or, who is the one who gave you the authority for these things?"

³And in answer Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you something, that you must tell me: ⁴John's baptism, was it from heaven, or from human beings?"

⁵So they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' ⁶But if we say, 'From human beings,' all the people will stone us, because they are convinced that John was a prophet."

⁷And they professed not to know where it was from. ⁸And Jesus said to them, "Neither am I telling you by what authority I do these things."

The Parable of the Tenants

⁹And he began to speak this parable to the crowd: "A man planted a vineyard, and leased it out to tenant-farmers, and journeyed away for quite some time. ¹⁰And in the time of *harvest*, he sent a servant to the tenants, so they could pay him rent out of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants, after beating him, sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he proceeded to send a another servant; and that one also, after beating and insulting him, they sent away empty-handed. ¹²And he proceeded to send a third; and that one also they threw out, after injuring him.

¹³"So the owner of the vineyard said, 'What should I do? I will send my beloved son; maybe him, they will respect.'

¹⁴"But when they saw him, the tenants discussed it among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.'
¹⁵And they threw him outside the vineyard *and* killed him.

"What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come, and he will kill those tenants, and he will give the vineyard to others."

And those who heard this said, "May it never be!"

¹⁷But he, after looking at them, said, "Why then is this written:

'A stone which the builders rejected,
this one has become the chief cornerstone'?"

¹⁸Everyone who trips over that stone will be broken into pieces; upon whomever the stone falls, it will turn him into powder."

¹⁹And at that time, the Torah scholars and high priests wanted to lay their hands on him, yet they were afraid of the people. For they knew that he had spoken this parable in reference to them.

Paying the Tribute Tax to Caesar

²⁰And beginning to watch him closely, they sent spies presenting themselves as sincere, in order to catch some statement of his, such that they could hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor.

²¹And they questioned him as follows: "Teacher, we know that you talk straight, and you teach straight; that is, you do not acknowledge personage, but only on the basis of truth you teach the way of God. ²²Is it permissible for us to pay the tribute to Caesar, or not?"

²³But he perceived their trickery, *and* said to them, ²⁴"Show me a denarius. Whose image does it bear, and whose inscription?"

And they said, "Caesar's."

²⁵And he said to them, "Well then, Caesar's things give back to Caesar, and God's things to God."

²⁶And they were not able to catch him in a saying in the presence of the people; and having been astonished by his answer, they remained silent.

Marriage at the Resurrection

²⁷Then some of the Sadducees approached (Sadducees say there is no resurrection), and they questioned him ²⁸as follows: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, 'If a man's brother dies having a wife, and that *deceased* is childless, that the man should take the wife of his brother, and raise up descendants for his brother.'

²⁹"Well, there were seven brothers. And the first one, who had taken a wife, died childless. ³⁰And the second one ³¹took her, and the third one, and in fact, all seven in the same way, left behind no child, and died. ³²Last of all, the woman also died.

³³"So the woman, in the resurrection, whose wife is she going to be? For all seven had her as wife."

³⁴And Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those considered worthy to taste of that age and of the resurrection from the dead, will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶nor will they be able to die any more, for they will be like the angels and be children of God, since they are children of the resurrection.

³⁷"But that the dead are rising, even Moses intimated so, at the part about the bush, the way he says Yahweh is the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now God is not the God of dead people, but of living for to him all *of those* are alive."

³⁹And one of the Torah scholars said in response, "Teacher, well said."

Whose Son Is the Messiah

⁴⁰Indeed, no longer did any of them dare to question him. ⁴¹So he said in reference to them, "How do they maintain the Messiah to be the son of David? ⁴²For David himself says in the scroll of the Psalms,

Yahweh said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand

⁴³until such time I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."

⁴⁴So, David calls him Lord. How then is he his son?"

Jesus Denounces the Torah Scholars

⁴⁵And with the entire crowd listening, he said to the disciples, ⁴⁶"Beware of the Torah scholars, wanting to walk around in robes, and loving the greetings in the marketplaces, and chief seats in the synagogues, and places of honor at banquets; ⁴⁷they devour the houses of widows, and for a front, make lengthy prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

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The Widow's Offering

¹And when he looked up, he saw rich people putting their gifts into the donation chest. ²Then he saw a certain penniless widow dropping there two lepta, ³and he said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all the rest. ⁴For they all put in their gifts out of the extra they had, but she out of her lack put in all she had to live on."

Signs of the Times

⁵And as some of them were talking about the temple, how with such beautiful stones and gifts it was adorned, he said: ⁶"These things that you

are looking at, days will come in which there will not be left a stone upon a stone that will not be thrown down."

⁷And they questioned him as follows, "Teacher, so when will these things be, and what sign will happen when they are all about to take place?"

⁸And he said, "See to it that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The Lord is near.' Do not go off after them. ⁹So when you hear of wars and unrest, do not be alarmed; for these things need to happen first, but the end does not come immediately."

¹⁰Then, he was saying to them, "Nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, ¹¹and there will be mega-quakes, and famines and epidemics in various places, and frightful and awesome signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, handing you over to synagogues and prisons, being led all the way up to kings and governors for the sake of my name; ¹³it will work out for you to be a testimony. ¹⁴Put it in your hearts therefore, not to be practicing *how* to answer in defense; ¹⁵for I will give you utterance and wisdom that none of those opposing you will be able to stand against or rebut.

¹⁶"But you will also be turned in by parents and siblings and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷And indeed you will be hated by everyone because of my name. ¹⁸Yet not a hair of your head will perish: ¹⁹by your enduring, you will gain your lives.

²⁰"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then you will know that her desolation is near. ²¹Then, those in Judea should flee to the mountains, and those within Jerusalem should get without, and those in the fields should not go into her. ²²For those are days of vengeance, in fulfillment of all that is written. ²³Alas for the ones who are pregnant, and the ones giving milk during those days! For it will be a great calamity upon the land, and wrath toward this people. ²⁴And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be taken captive to all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled over by Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are played out.

²⁵And there will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars, and on earth anxiety of the nations, in uncertainty over the roar and surge of the sea, ²⁶people holding their breath in fear and anticipation because of the things overtaking the world; for the forces of space will be shaken.

²⁷"And then at that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory. ²⁸So when these things are beginning to take place, stand yourselves tall and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹And he spoke a parable to them: "Consider the fig tree, indeed all the trees. ³⁰When they are now putting forth leaves, you see for yourselves *and* know that summer is now near. ³¹So also you, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you: this age will by no means pass away until this all has taken place. ³³Sky and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

³⁴"But watch yourselves, that your hearts not be held back by over-indulgence and drunkenness, and by ordinary concerns of this mortal life, and that day come upon you suddenly ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon everyone who lives on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶So you must be watchful at all times, praying that you might manage to avoid all these things about to come to pass, and stand before the Son of Man."

³⁷And he was spending the days teaching in the temple, and the nights he was going out and lodging on the hill called the Mount of Olives. ³⁸And all the people would get up early to come to the temple and hear him.

Chapter 22

The Contract on Jesus

¹And the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called Passover, was approaching, ²and the chief priests and the Torah scholars were still yet looking for a way to put him to death, because they were still yet fearing the people.

³Then Satan entered into Judas, the one called Ish Keriot, who was one of their number, of the Twelve. ⁴And he went away, and discussed with the chief priests and the commanders of the temple guard how he might hand him over to them. ⁵And they were delighted, and contracted to give him money. ⁶And he accepted, and was looking for the best time for handing him over to them, without the crowd.

The Passover Supper

⁷And the day of Unleavened Bread arrived in which it was customary to slaughter the Passover. ⁸And he sent Peter and John, saying, "Go, prepare the Passover for us so we can eat it."

⁹And they said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare it?"

¹⁰And he told them, "Behold, at the point of your arriving into the city a man carrying a water jar will encounter you. Follow him to whatever house he goes into. ¹¹And say to the owner of the house, "The teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"

¹²And that person will show you a large upstairs room all furnished. You

shall prepare it there." ¹³So when they went, they found things just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour had come, he reclined, and the disciples along with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "It is with great longing and anticipation I have wanted to eat this Passover with you before my suffering. ¹⁶For I tell you: I will certainly not eat it *again* until such time it has been fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷And after taking hold of the cup, he gave thanks, and said, "Take this, and share it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you: By no means will I drink of the fruit of the vine from this point on until such time the kingdom of God has come."

¹⁹And after taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, being given for you. This you should do as a commemoration of me."

²⁰And the cup after the meal in the same way, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, being poured out for you.

²¹"But lo, the hand of the one betraying me is with mine on the table. ²²Therefore indeed the Son of Man is going out exactly as is planned. Even so, woe to that man through whom he is betrayed!"

²³And they began to debate with each other which of them therefore might be the one about to do this.

²⁴Then there also arose another dispute among them, as to which of them was considered to be greater.

²⁵And he said to them, "The kings of the nations lord it over them, and those exercising authority over them are called 'benefactors.' ²⁶But not so with you. Rather, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the leader as the one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater: the one reclining, or the one serving? Is it not the one reclining? Among you though, I am as the one serving.

²⁸"But you are the ones who have stuck with me through my trials; ²⁹and I am assigning to you a kingdom, just as my Father did to me, ³⁰such that you will eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit upon thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Jesus Predicts the Disciples' Crisis of Faith

³¹"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has obtained permission to have you all, to sift you all like wheat. ³²But I have prayed for you, that your faith will not completely die. And you, when you have come back around, strengthen your brothers."

³³But he said to him, "Lord, I am prepared to go with you both to prison and to death."

³⁴But Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter: the rooster will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

³⁵And he said to them, "When I sent you without purse, knapsack and sandals, did you lack anything?"

And they said, "Nothing."

³⁶Then he said, "But now, he who has a purse should bring it, or a knapsack likewise, and he who does not have a sword, should sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷For I tell you, this which is written has to be fulfilled in me:

'And he was considered
one of the outlaws.'

Yes indeed, that about me is reaching fulfillment."

³⁸So they said, "Lord, look. There are two swords here."

And he said to them, "That is enough."

Gethsemane

³⁹And after going out, he proceeded as was his custom to the Mount of Olives; and his disciples followed him also. ⁴⁰And coming upon the place he said to them, "Pray not to come into temptation." ⁴¹And he withdrew from them, about a stone's throw away. And having dropped his knees, he was praying, ⁴²as follows: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. However, not my will, but yours be done." [⁴³And an angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him. ⁴⁴And being in agony, he was praying more earnestly; and his sweat became like drops of blood falling onto the ground.]]

⁴⁵And after rising from prayer and returning to the disciples, he found them sleeping, out of sorrow. ⁴⁶And he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray, that you not go into temptation."

Jesus Arrested

⁴⁷While he was yet speaking, behold, a crowd, and the one called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. And he came up to Jesus, and kissed him. ⁴⁸But Jesus said to him, "Judas, with a kiss you betray the Son of Man?"

⁴⁹And seeing what was going to be happening, those around him said, "Lord, shall we strike with swords?" ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.

⁵¹But in response Jesus said, "Let that be enough of that." And he touched his ear and healed him.

⁵²Then, toward those coming against him, the chief priests, temple officers and elders, Jesus said, "As though after a bandit, you have come out with swords and clubs? ⁵³Every day with me being next to you in the temple you didn't lay your hands on me. But this is the hour for you, and the authority of darkness."

Peter's Denials

⁵⁴And after seizing him, they took him and led him into the house of the high priest; and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵And since people had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and were all sitting together, Peter was sitting among them. ⁵⁶But a certain maidservant noticed him sitting toward the fire, and after studying him, she said, "This man also was with him."

⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "I don't know him, woman."

⁵⁸And shortly thereafter, another person who saw him was saying, "You are also one of them."

And Peter was saying, "Man, I am not."

⁵⁹And after about an hour had passed, someone else was affirming, saying, "Definitely, this man **was** also with him; he is also Galilean."

⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately as he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. ⁶¹And the Lord turned and looked at Peter, and he remembered the statement of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the crowing of the rooster today, you will have denied me three times." ⁶²And he went off outside, and bitterly wept.

Before the Sanhedrin

⁶³And the men guarding Jesus were making fun of him as they beat him up. ⁶⁴After blindfolding him, they were asking him, "Prophecy, who is it that hit you?" ⁶⁵And they were saying many other insulting things against him.

⁶⁶And as the day broke, the elders of the people and the high priests and the Torah scholars were assembled, and they brought him over into their Sanhedrin, ⁶⁷saying, "Tell us whether you are the Christ."

And he said to them, "If I told you, you would certainly not believe, ⁶⁸and if I asked questions, you would certainly not answer. ⁶⁹Nevertheless, from now on, the Son of Man will be sitting at the right hand of the power of God."

⁷⁰So they all said, "You are the Son of God then?"

And he was saying to them, "You are saying that I am."

⁷¹And they said, "What more need do we have for witnesses? For we ourselves have heard from his own mouth."

Chapter 23

Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

¹And the whole assembly of them got up, and they took him before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, as follows. "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be a king himself, the Christ."

³So Pilate examined him, saying, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

And he in answer to him was saying, "You are the one saying that."

⁴And Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no *causa capitalis* in this man."

⁵But they were getting more insistent, saying, "He incites the people, teaching throughout the entire land of the Jews, starting from Galilee and all the way to here."

⁶And when Pilate heard this, he asked, "Is the man a Galilean?" ⁷And when he had confirmed that he is in fact from Herod's jurisdiction, he referred him to Herod, who was in Jerusalem too for those days.

⁸Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus. He had been wanting for some time to meet him, because of hearing about him, and he hoped to see something miraculous happening through him. ⁹So he was plying him with a considerable amount of questions; but Jesus never gave any response at all. ¹⁰And the chief priests and the Torah scholars were standing there throughout, vehemently accusing him.

¹¹Then Herod, together with his soldiers, after treating him with contempt and mocking him by draping a splendid robe around him, sent him back to Pilate. ¹²Which caused Herod and Pilate to become friends with each other that same day (for they had previously always been hostile toward each other).

¹³And Pilate summoned the high priest, together with the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and he said to them, "You have brought this man up to me as someone inciting the people to treason, and here now is my finding after trying him in your presence. I have found in this man no basis for the charges you are bringing against him. ¹⁵And neither has Herod, for he has sent him back to us. So you see, nothing being done by him is worthy of death. ¹⁶Therefore, having scourged him, I will release him." [¹⁷Now he

was obligated by custom according to the festival to release one person to them.]]

¹⁸But they all together shouted back, saying, "Away with this man! Release to us Barabbas!" ¹⁹(He was someone who had been thrown in prison because of a certain uprising and murder that took place in the city.)

²⁰But Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, called out to them again. ²¹But they cried out, saying, "Crucify him, crucify him!"

²²But a third time, he said to them, "Why? What crime has this man committed? Having scourged him therefore, I will release him."

²³But with loud shouts the crowd kept urgently demanding that he be crucified. And their shouts prevailed, ²⁴and Pilate decided to grant their request. ²⁵And he released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one whom they had asked for, and Jesus he handed over to their will.

The Crucifixion

²⁶And as they led him away, they seized a certain Cyrenian who was returning from the country, and they placed the cross on him, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷And a great multitude of the people were following him, and women who were mourning and lamenting him.

²⁸But Jesus turned to them, and he said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. ²⁹For behold, days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰At that time they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Now two others, criminals, were also being taken with him to be executed. ³³And when they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots, for dividing out his clothing.

³⁵And the people stood there, watching. And the rulers were sneering at him, saying, "He saved others; he should save himself, if this is the one chosen the Christ of God."

³⁶And the soldiers, when they were approaching bringing him vinegar, also made fun of him. ³⁷They also were saying, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸Now there was also a notice inscribed above him: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

³⁹And one of the criminals hung there was deriding him, saying, "If you really are the Christ, save yourself and us."

⁴⁰But in response the other one was rebuking him, saying, "Don't you fear God at all, considering that you yourself are in this same judgment?"

⁴¹And we indeed justly; for we have gotten back what was fitting to how we have lived. But this man, he has done nothing wrong."

⁴²And then he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³And he said to him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Jesus' Death

⁴⁴And it was now about noon, and darkness came across the whole land until 3:00 p.m., ⁴⁵for the sun was darkened.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶And crying out with a loud voice, Jesus said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." And after he had said this, he expired.

⁴⁷Now the centurion when he saw what had happened, was giving glory to God, by saying, "This really must have been a righteous man."

⁴⁸And all the crowds who had gathered around for this spectacle, when they observed what took place, they were turning away, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed with him from Galilee, stood off at a distance throughout, watching these things.

Jesus' Burial

⁵⁰And behold, there was a council member named Joseph, who was a good and righteous man ⁵¹(he was not going along with their decision and actions), from Arimathea, a city in Judea, who was looking forward to the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³And when he had taken it down he wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a hewn-out tomb, which no one was lying in yet. ⁵⁴And it was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was coming on.

⁵⁵Now some women had followed close behind, which were the ones who had come with him from Galilee; they observed the tomb, and how his body was interred. ⁵⁶Then when they returned home, they prepared spices and perfumes. And for the Sabbath though, they did rest, in keeping with the commandment;

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The Resurrection

¹but at the crack of dawn on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. ²But they found the stone had been rolled away from the tomb.

Jesus Appears to the Women

³And when they went inside, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴And it happened that as they stood hesitating about this, behold, two men appeared to them, in gleaming robes.

⁵And when terror came over them, such that they had bowed their faces down to the ground, the *men* said to them, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but is risen! Recall how he spoke to you while still in Galilee, ⁷saying that the Son of Man must be transferred into the hands of sinful mortals, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

⁸And they did recall his statements. ⁹And when they returned from the tomb, they related all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest.

¹⁰Now it was the Magdalene Mary, and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and the others with them who were telling these things to the apostles; ¹¹and these statements appeared to them as nonsense, and they did not believe them.

¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb, and after stooping down, he sees only the linen bandages. And he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

On the Road to Emmaus

¹³And behold, that same day, two of them were on their way to a village named Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴And these two were conversing with each other about the outcome of all these things.

¹⁵And it came about, that they are in conversation, and Jesus himself has come up, walking along with them. ¹⁶Their eyes, however, were being restrained, so as not to recognize him.

¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this discussion you are having with each other as you walk along?" And they came to a stop, looking dismal.

¹⁸And in response, the one named Cleopas said to him, "Are you just visiting Jerusalem, and unaware of the things happening in her during these days?"

¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?"

And they said to him, "The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet powerful in deed and in word, in the eyes of both God and all the people; ²⁰how the chief priests and our rulers handed him over for the sentence of death, and how they crucified him. ²¹And here we had been hoping he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, he is already spending his third day *in the grave* since when these things took place.

²²"And not only that, now some of our women have confounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and not finding his body, they came back, claiming also to have seen a vision of angels, which were maintaining that he was alive. ²⁴So some of our number went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see."

²⁵And he said to them, "O you thick headed, and slow of heart to believe on all the things the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Were not these things required for the Christ to suffer in order to go on into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses, and through all the prophets, he interpreted for them the things in all the writings that were about himself.

²⁸And they came near to the village to which they were going, and he pretended to go on farther. ²⁹And they urged him insistently, saying, "Lodge with us, because it is near evening, and the daylight is almost gone." And he went inside, to lodge with them.

³⁰And it came about that as he reclined with them, he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and was distributing it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he disappeared from them.

³²And they said to each other, "Weren't our hearts burning within us as he talked to us on the road, as he explained the scriptures to us?" ³³And after rising up that very hour, they returned to Jerusalem, and found the Eleven and those with them all gathered together, ³⁴who were saying that the Lord really was risen, and had appeared to Simon. ³⁵And then the former were recounting the events on the road, and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus Appears to the Apostles

³⁶And while they were speaking these things, he stood in the midst of them, and he is saying to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷But alarmed they were, and terrified, thinking they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And for what reason are doubts arising in your hearts? ³⁹Behold my hands and my feet, that I am me. Touch me, and know, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as

you see me having." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹But, since they were still not believing, out of joy and astonishment, he said to them, "What do you have to eat in this place?" ⁴²So they handed him a piece of broiled fish. ⁴³And he took it, and ate it in front of them.

The Ascension

⁴⁴And he said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, how all the things written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then at that time he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.

⁴⁶And he said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ was to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for forgiveness of sins is to be preached in all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And I am sending my Father's promise down upon you. So you are to stay put in the city until such time you are endued with power from on high."

⁵⁰And he led them outside, as far as Bethany. And after lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹And it came about that as he was blessing them, he parted from them, and was taken up into heaven.

⁵²And they, after worshiping him, returned back to Jerusalem with great rejoicing. ⁵³And throughout those days they were continually at the temple, praising God.

John

Chapter 1

The Word Became Flesh Among Us

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning.

³Through him all things were made, and without him not one thing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light for humankind. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not mastered it.

⁶There came a man sent from God; his name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify about that light, so that through him all people might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; *he came* rather to bear witness to the light. ⁹The true light, which gives light to every human being, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, and his own did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, to those believing on his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³*children born*, not from bloods, nor from body desire, nor from a man's decision, but born of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh, and moved his tent in among us; and we beheld his glory, the glory as of an only begotten from a Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵John testifies concerning him, and he has cried out, saying: "This is he of whom I said, "The one coming after me has outranked me, because he existed before me.""

¹⁶And out of his fulness we have all received, yes, grace upon grace.

¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; but the Only Begotten Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

The Pharisees Question John

¹⁹And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem in order to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰And he confessed, and did not resist; but confessed, "I am not the Anointed One."

²¹And they asked him, "Who then? Are you Elijah?"
And he says, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

And he answered, "No."

²²They said therefore to him, "Who are you? So we may give an answer to those who sent us, what do you say about yourself?"

²³He said, "I am just as Isaiah the prophet said: 'the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord.' ' '."

²⁴And those who were sent were of the Pharisees. ²⁵And they questioned him and said to him, "Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Anointed One, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶John answered them as follows, "I baptize in water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷the one coming after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

²⁸These things happened in Bethany, on the other side of the Jordan.

Behold the Lamb of God

²⁹The next day he sees Jesus coming toward him, and says, "Behold! The lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me will come a man who has outranked me because he existed before me.' ³¹And I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing in water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

³²Then John testified, saying: "I have seen the Spirit come down from heaven like a dove, and it remained upon him. ³³And I myself had not known him, but the one who sent me to baptize in water, he told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit coming down and remaining upon, this is the one who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And now I have seen, and *now* I have testified, that this is the Son of God."

John and Andrew Have Found the Messiah

³⁵The next day, again, John was standing with two of his disciples. ³⁶And seeing Jesus walking, he says, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷The two disciples heard him saying this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸And Jesus turned around; and seeing them following, says to them, "What do you want?"

And they said to him, "Rabbi," (which when translated is Teacher), "where are you staying?"

³⁹He says to them, "Come, and you will see."

They went therefore, and saw where he was staying, and spent the rest of that day with him, it being about 10 a.m.

⁴⁰Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two hearing from John and following Jesus. ⁴¹This man first thing finds his own brother

Simon, and he tells him, "We have found the Messiah" (which when translated is Anointed One).

⁴²He led him to Jesus.

Looking at him, Jesus said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Kephas" (which when translated is Rock.)

Philip and Nathaniel

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go forth into Galilee; and he finds Philip. And Jesus says to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴And Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip finds Nathaniel, and tells him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law, and also the prophets wrote: Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

⁴⁶And Nathaniel said to him, "Is it possible for anything good to be from Nazareth?"

Philip says to him, "Come and see."

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathaniel coming toward him, he says about him, "Behold a true Israelite, in whom there is no artifice."

⁴⁸Nathaniel says to him, "Where do you know me from?"

And Jesus answered and said to him, "I saw you while you were under the fig tree, before Philip called you."

⁴⁹Nathaniel answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the King of Israel."

⁵⁰Jesus answered and said to him, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You shall see greater things than that." ⁵¹He then says to him, "Truly, truly I say to you, you shall *all* see heaven torn open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Chapter 2

Water Into Wine

¹And on the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and both Jesus and his disciples had been invited to the wedding. ³And when wine was lacking, Jesus' mother says to him, "They have no wine."

⁴Jesus says to her, "What business is there between you and me, woman? My time has not yet come."

⁵His mother says to the servants, "Whatever he tells you, do."

⁶And there were six stone water jars lying there, for the ceremonial washing of the Jews, each holding from two to three measures.

⁷Jesus says to them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim.

⁸And he tells them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the master of the banquet." And they took some.

⁹When the master of the banquet tasted the water become wine, not knowing where it had come from, but the servants having drawn the water knowing, the master of the banquet calls the bridegroom, ¹⁰and says to him, "Everyone sets out the good wine first, and the cheaper after they have become drunk. You have kept the good wine till now."

¹¹This, the first of the miraculous signs, Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

¹²After this he went down to Capernaum, he and his mother, and brothers, and his disciples, and there they stayed for a few days.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹³And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴And in the temple he found those selling cattle, sheep and doves, and the money changers sitting. ¹⁵And having made like a whip out of ropes, he expelled all from the temple, including the sheep and the cattle, and he poured out the coins of the money changers, and overturned the tables, ¹⁶and he said to those selling the doves, "Take these out of here! Do not make the house of my Father a house of commerce!"

¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: "The zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸The Jews responded therefore and said to him, "What sign are you showing us, that you *can* do these things?"

¹⁹Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it."

²⁰Then the Jews said, "This temple was built in forty-six years, and you in three days will raise it?" ²¹But he had spoken of the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture, and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³And while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover during the Festival, many believed in his name— seeing the miraculous signs he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part did not commit himself to them, because he knew all people, ²⁵and because he had no need that anyone testify about a person, for he knew what was in the person.

Chapter 3

You Must Be Born Again

¹And there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night, and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one would be able to do these miraculous signs you are doing, unless God were with him."

³Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly I say to you, Unless one is born again from above, it is not possible to see the kingdom of God."

⁴Nicodemus says to him, "How is it possible for someone who is old, to be born? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless one is born from water and spirit, it is not possible to enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶That born from flesh is flesh, and that born from Spirit is spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it will, and the sound of it you hear, but you do not know where it is coming from, and where it is going. Such is everyone born from the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus answered and said to him, "How can these things be?"

¹⁰Jesus answered and said to him, "You are Teacher for Israel, and not familiar with these things? ¹¹Truly, truly I tell you, we are saying what we know, and testifying to what we have seen, and you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³And no one has gone up into heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, in like manner the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him would not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸The person who believes in him is not condemned. The person who does not believe, is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of God's only begotten Son.

¹⁹And this is the condemnation:

The light
has come into the world.
And human beings
loved the darkness

more than the light,
because their works
were continually evil.

²⁰For everyone practicing evil things, hates the light, and does not come toward the light, so that his works not be exposed. ²¹But one doing the truth comes toward the light, so that his works may be manifest, that they have been accomplished in God."

"He Must Increase; I Must Decrease"

²²After these things, Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean territory, and there he was spending time with them, and baptizing. ²³And John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water there, and they were coming and getting baptized. ²⁴For John was still not yet thrown into prison.

²⁵Then a dispute arose between the disciples of John and a certain Jew about ceremonial washing. ²⁶And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you on the other side of the Jordan, about whom you testified, behold, that man is baptizing, and everyone is moving to him."

²⁷John answered and said, "A human being is not able to receive a thing that is not given to him from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves bear me witness that I said, 'I am not the Anointed One, but am sent ahead of him.' ²⁹The one possessing the bride is bridegroom, and the one standing and hearing him, the friend of the bridegroom, who rejoices with a joy on account of the voice of the bridegroom. That joy, my joy, is therefore fulfilled. ³⁰He must increase, and I must decrease.

³¹"The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth is of the earth, and speaks of the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all; ³²what he has seen and heard, this he testifies to, and no one accepts his testimony. ³³The person who accepts his testimony has vouched that God is truthful. ³⁴For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God; because *to him* God gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand. ³⁶The person who believes in the Son, has eternal life, but the one who disobeys the Son will not see life, but rather, the wrath of God remains upon him."

Chapter 4

The Samaritan Woman at the Well

¹Then, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John, ²(although Jesus himself was not baptizing, but his disciples), ³he left Judea, and went back into Galilee.

⁴But he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵Thus it is he comes to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶And Jacob's well was there. So there Jesus was, sitting down by the well, tired from the journey. It was about 6 p.m.

⁷A woman of Samaria comes to draw water. Jesus says to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹Then the Samaritan woman says to him, "How is it you, being a Jew, are asking a drink from me, being a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not use *dishes* in common with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹She says to him, "Sir, you do not have a bucket, and the shaft is deep. Where then do you hold the living water? ¹²Are you greater than our forefather Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and also his sons and his animals?"

¹³Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks from this water will thirst again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks from the water which I will give him will by no means ever thirst again. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into life without end."

¹⁵The woman says to him, "Sir, give me this water. Then I wouldn't get thirsty, and neither would I have to keep coming over here to draw."

¹⁶He says to her, "Go call your husband, and come back here."

¹⁷The woman answered and said, "I do not have a husband."

Jesus says to her, "Commendably, you said, 'I do not have a husband.'
¹⁸For you have had five husbands, and he you now have is not your husband. This you have said honestly."

¹⁹The woman says to him, "Sir, I am perceiving that you are a prophet.
²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that the place where *one* must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹Jesus says to her, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You *Samaritans* worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, for salvation is of the Jews. ²³Nevertheless, a time is coming, and is now come,

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when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for indeed that is the kind the Father seeks as those worshiping him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those worshiping him, must worship in spirit and in truth."

²⁵The woman says to him, "I do know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will teach us everything."

²⁶Jesus says to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

Lift Your Eyes, See My Food and My Harvest

²⁷And at this point his disciples came, and they were surprised that he was talking with a woman. Still, no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you talking with her?"

²⁸Then, the woman left her water jar, and went away into the town. And she says to the people, ²⁹"Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could he be the Messiah?"

³⁰They were proceeding out of the town and coming toward him. ³¹In the meantime, his disciples were pleading with him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

³³His disciples therefore were saying to each other, "Has someone brought him something to eat?"

³⁴Jesus says to them, "That I may do the will of him who sent me, is food to me, and that I may finish his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'There is four months yet, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look upon the fields. For they are white even now for harvest.

³⁶The one harvesting is taking his wages, and gathering fruit resulting in eternal life, so that the one sowing and the one harvesting may rejoice together. ³⁷For the saying, 'One is the sower and another is the reaper,' is true in this: ³⁸I have sent you to harvest what you have not worked. Others have done the hard work, and you have joined in their labor."

The Woman's Talk Bears Fruit

³⁹And many of the Samaritans from that town had believed in him because of the woman's word testifying, "He told me everything I ever did."

⁴⁰When therefore the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to remain with them, and he remained two days. ⁴¹And, because of his word, many more believed.

⁴²And to the woman they said, "No longer because of your talk do we believe; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man truly is the Savior of the world."

The Official's Son Stays Alive

⁴³And after the two days he departed from there into Galilee. ⁴⁴(Now Jesus himself testified, that in his own native place a prophet has no honor.) ⁴⁵When then he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him— having seen all the things that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival, for they also had gone to the festival.

⁴⁶He came again therefore to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And there was a certain royal official there whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷When this man heard that Jesus was coming out of Judea into Galilee, he went to him and asked that he would come and heal his son, for he was about to die.

⁴⁸Jesus therefore said to him, "Unless you *people* see miraculous signs and terrifying omens, you will never believe."

⁴⁹The royal official says to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

⁵⁰Jesus says to him, "Go. Your son stays alive."

The man believed the word that Jesus had said to him, and departed. ⁵¹And even as he was going back down, his servants met him saying that his boy was living. ⁵²He therefore ascertained from them the exact time in which he had gotten better. They therefore said to him, "The fever left him yesterday at 7 p.m."

⁵³Then the father realized: that *was* the hour in which Jesus had said to him, "Your son stays alive." And he and his whole household believed.

⁵⁴Again, this second miraculous sign Jesus performed while coming out of Judea into Galilee.

Chapter 5

Jesus Heals in the Spa on the Sabbath

¹After these things, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Hebrew is called Bethesda, having five colonnades. ³In these a great number of disabled people used to lie, the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁵And one man was there who had had a disability thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying *there* and learned that he had had *his condition* now for a long time, he says to him, "Do you want to get well?"

⁷The invalid answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred, and while I am going, someone else goes down ahead of me."

⁸Jesus says to him, "Stand up. Pick up your mat and walk." ⁹And immediately the man became well, and he picked up his mat and walked. And that day was during a Sabbath.

¹⁰The Jews therefore said to the man who had been healed, "It is a Sabbath, and not lawful for you to carry your mat."

¹¹He answered them, "The man who made me well, he told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

¹²They asked him, "Who is the man telling you to pick up and walk?"

¹³But the man who was healed had not known who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, a crowd being in the place.

¹⁴After these things Jesus finds him at the temple and said to him, "Behold, you are well. Do not sin any longer, or something worse might happen to you." ¹⁵The man went away and reported to the Jews that Jesus was the one who had made him well.

Hear the Voice of the Son and Live

¹⁶And for this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and looked for a way to kill him, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷But he answered them, "My Father is working continuously up to now, so I also am working." ¹⁸For this reason the Jews tried all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was also saying God was his own father, making himself equal to God.

¹⁹Therefore Jesus responded and said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, the Son is not able to do anything of himself, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever things that One does, these things also the Son does likewise. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son, and shows him every thing that he does. And indeed, greater works than these he will show him, such that you will be constantly amazed. ²¹For just as the Father raises the dead and makes them alive, in this way also the Son makes alive those whom he wishes. ²²Moreover, the Father judges no one, but instead has given all judgment to the Son, ²³that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. The person who does not honor the Son is not honoring the Father who sent him.

²⁴"Truly, truly I say to you, the person who hears my word and believes the one who sent me, has eternal life, and is not going into judgment, but has crossed over out of death into life. ²⁵Truly, truly I say to you, a time is coming, and is now come, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and the ones who hear will live. ²⁶For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted to the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷And to him he has given authority to do the judging, because he is the son of a human.

²⁸"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming, when all those in the graves will hear his voice, ²⁹and stream out, the ones who have done good into a resurrection of life, and the ones who have done evil into a resurrection of judgment. ³⁰I of myself am not able to do a thing; only as I hear do I judge, and my judgment is righteous, because I am not seeking my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

Testimonies About Jesus

³¹"If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid. ³²There is another who testifies about me, and I know that the testimony which he testifies about me is true.

³³"You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴I do not accept testimony from a human being; but I am saying these things so that you may be saved. ³⁵That one was a burning and shining lamp, and in his light you were willing to exult, for a time.

³⁶"But I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works which the Father has given me to finish, the same works which I am doing, they testify about me that the Father has sent me. ³⁷And the Father who sent me, he has testified about me. You have neither heard his voice at any time nor seen his form. ³⁸And his word, you do not have living in you, because the one he has sent, him you do not believe. ³⁹You diligently study the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life. And these are the ones that testify about me. ⁴⁰Yet you refuse to come to me so that you may have life.

⁴¹"I do not accept praise from human beings; ⁴²but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves. ⁴³I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if someone else comes in his own name, him you will accept. ⁴⁴How is it possible for you to believe, accepting praise from one another, and not seeking the praise from the only God?

⁴⁵"But do not think that I will accuse you before the Father. The one accusing you is Moses, on whom you have placed your hope. ⁴⁶For if you were believing Moses, you would be believing me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷But since you are not believing his writings, how will you believe my statements?"

Chapter 6

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹After these things, Jesus went across to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (the *Sea of Tiberias*). ²And a large crowd followed him, because they had seen the miraculous signs he had been performing on the sick.

³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he was sitting, with his disciples. ⁴And the Passover was near, the festival of the Jews. ⁵Then, lifting up his eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus says to Philip, "Where might we buy loaves so that these *people* can eat?" ⁶But he said this testing him, for he himself had known what he was about to do.

⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii are not enough loaves for them to each get a little!

⁸One of his disciples, Andrew the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, ⁹"There is a youth here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they in the face of so many?"

¹⁰Jesus said, "Get the people to recline." Now there was plenty of green grass in the place. The men therefore reclined, the number about five thousand. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and after giving thanks, he distributed to those reclining, and likewise from the fish, as much they wanted.

¹²And when they were full, he says to his disciples, "Gather the fragments that are left over, so that nothing is wasted." ¹³So they gathered, and filled twelve large baskets with fragments of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴Then the people, having seen the miraculous sign he had done, were saying, "This surely is the Prophet who was to come into the world."

¹⁵Jesus therefore, knowing that they were about to come and take him by force to try to make him king, withdrew again into the mountain, himself alone.

Jesus Walks on the Water

¹⁶And when evening had come, his disciples had gone down to the lake, ¹⁷and gotten into a boat, and were proceeding across the lake toward Capernaum. And now darkness came, and Jesus had not yet come to them, ¹⁸and as a great wind was blowing, the lake was becoming very rough. ¹⁹Then, after having rowed about twenty-five or thirty stadia, they behold him walking on the lake, and getting close to the boat, and they were afraid.

²⁰But he says to them, "It is I. Don't be afraid."

²¹Then they willingly took him into the boat. And immediately the boat was at the shore to which they were headed.

I Am the Bread Come Down out of Heaven

²²The next day, the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the lake realized that no other boat had been there except one, and that Jesus had not gotten into the boat with his disciples, but his disciples had gone away alone. ²³(Other boats, from Tiberias, arrived near the place where they had eaten the loaves, *where* the Lord had given thanks.) ²⁴When therefore the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

²⁵And finding him across the lake, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶Jesus answered them, and said, "Truly, truly I say to you, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and were satisfied. ²⁷Do not work for food that perishes, but for food that abides, resulting in eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For him God the Father has sealed."

²⁸They therefore said to him, "What should we do in order to be working the works of God?"

²⁹Jesus answered, and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in that one whom he has sent."

³⁰So they said to him, "What miraculous sign then are you performing, so that we may see, and believe you? What *works* are you working? ³¹Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.'"

³²Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, the bread out of heaven is not given you by Moses; no, the real bread out of heaven my Father is giving you. ³³For the bread of God, is the one coming down out of heaven and giving life to the world."

³⁴They said therefore to him, "Sir, give us that bread evermore."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. The person who comes to me, would by no means hunger, and the one believing in me would by no means thirst, ever. ³⁶But as I told you, you have seen me and still you are not believing. ³⁷All *flesh* that the Father gives to me will come to me, and the one who comes to me, I would certainly not drive away. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me: that of all *flesh* that he has given me, I would not lose any of it, but raise it up at the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the

will of my Father: that anyone looking to the Son and believing in him would have eternal life, and I would raise him up at the last day."

⁴¹Then the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread having come down out of heaven." ⁴²And they were saying, "Isn't this the Jesus son of Joseph whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down out of heaven'?"

⁴³Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I would raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets: 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly I say to you, the person who does believe in me, has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, and they died. ⁵⁰But this is bread coming down out of heaven such that one may eat of it and would not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread come down out of heaven. If someone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. Namely, the bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

⁵²Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

⁵³Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴The person eating my flesh and drinking my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶The one eating my flesh and drinking my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father has sent me, and I live by means of the Father, so also that one eating me will live by means of me. ⁵⁸This bread coming down out of heaven is not like the bread the forefathers ate and then died. The person eating this bread will live for ever." ⁵⁹These things he said while teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

A Teaching Too Scandalous for Some

⁶⁰Then many of his disciples hearing said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can listen to it?"

⁶¹But knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "This is shocking you? ⁶²Then what if you were seeing the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? ⁶³Spirit is what makes alive; flesh counts for nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit, and they are life. ⁶⁴Yet some of you are not believing." For Jesus had known from the beginning who the ones not believing were, and who

the one was, who would betray him. ⁶⁵He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one has the ability to come to me, unless it is given to him from the Father."

⁶⁶From this, many of his disciples drew back, and no longer went along with him.

⁶⁷Jesus therefore said to the twelve, "You are not thinking of leaving too, are you?"

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹And we have believed and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God."

⁷⁰Jesus responded to them, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve, for myself? Yet one of you is a devil." ⁷¹He was speaking of Judas, son of Simon of Kerioth; for he, one of the Twelve, was going to betray him.

Chapter 7

Jesus' Brothers Judge Him Falsely

¹And after these things, Jesus was walking around in Galilee, for he was not wanting to walk in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. ²But the Jewish Festival of Booths was near. ³So his brothers said to him, "Remove yourself from here and go to Judea, so that your disciples *there* also may see the miracles you are doing. ⁴For no one who wants to become famous, acts in secret. If you *really* are doing these things, show yourself to the world." ⁵For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

⁶Jesus therefore said to them, "The time for me has not yet come. But for you the time is always suitable. ⁷The world cannot hate you, but me it hates, because I testify about it, that its works are evil. ⁸You go up to the festival. I am not going up to this festival, because for me the time is not yet fully come." ⁹And having said these things, he remained in Galilee.

Jesus Goes Up for Sukkot

¹⁰And when his brothers had gone up to the festival, then he also went up, not openly, but in secret. ¹¹The Jews therefore were looking for him in the festival, and saying, "Where is that fellow?"

¹²And there was much whispering about him in the crowds. Some were maintaining, "He is a good man."

"No," others would say. "He is misleading the people." ¹³Though none would speak about him openly, for fear of the Jews.

¹⁴And when it was already the middle of the festival, Jesus went up to the temple, and was teaching. ¹⁵The Jews then were marveling, saying, "How does this man know letters, not having received instruction?"

¹⁶Jesus therefore answered them and said, "My teaching is not mine, but rather his who sent me. ¹⁷If someone is inclined to do His will, he will find out about the teaching, whether it is from God, or I am speaking from myself. ¹⁸One who speaks from himself is seeking his own glory. But one seeking the glory of Him who sent him, such a one is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him. ¹⁹Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you performs the law. Why are you trying to kill me?"

²⁰The crowd responded, "You have a demon. Who is trying to kill you?"

²¹Jesus answered and said to them, "One work I did, and you are all appalled. ²²Why is it Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but rather from the patriarchs) and during the Sabbath you circumcise a man? ²³If a man receives circumcision during the Sabbath so that the law of Moses not be broken, why are you incensed at me that I have made the whole man whole during the Sabbath? ²⁴Judge not by appearances, but judge the righteous judgment."

Is Jesus the Anointed One?

²⁵Then some of the Jerusalemites were saying, "Is this not the man they are trying to kill? ²⁶And behold he is speaking openly, and they say nothing to him. Could it be the authorities have actually come to know that this is the Christ? ²⁷Except this man, we know where he is from; but the Christ, when he comes, no one will know where he is from."

²⁸Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, "Yes, me you know, and you know where I am from. Yet I have not come of myself. True rather is the one who sent me; him you do not know. ²⁹I know him, because I am from him, and that one has sent me."

³⁰Then they were trying to seize him, yet no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. ³¹But many of the crowd put trust on him, and they were saying, "When the Christ comes, will he perform more signs than this man has done?" ³²The Pharisees heard these whisperings of the crowd about him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.

³³Jesus continued and said, "Just a short time more I am with you, and then I am going away, to the one who sent me. ³⁴You will look for me, and will not find me, and where I am, you are not able to come."

³⁵The Jews therefore said among themselves, "Where is this man about to go, that we will not find him? Is he about to go into the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? ³⁶What is the meaning of this statement that he said, 'You will look for me and will not find me, and where I am you are not able to come?'"

³⁷And in the great and final day of the festival, there stood Jesus. And he cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, he should come to me; and drink, ³⁸he who believes on me. As the scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from His belly." ³⁹Now this he said in reference to the Spirit, whom those believing in him were about to receive. For the Spirit was not yet present, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

⁴⁰Some in the crowd therefore who heard these words were saying, "Surely this man is the Prophet."

⁴¹Others were saying, "This man is the Christ."

The former were then saying, "What? The Christ comes from Galilee? ⁴²Didn't the scripture say that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" ⁴³A split therefore occurred among the crowd because of him. ⁴⁴And some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him.

Unbelief of the Jewish Authorities

⁴⁵Then the officers went to the chief priests and Pharisees, and those said to them, "Why have you not brought him?"

⁴⁶The officers answered, "Never has someone spoken so, like this man speaks."

⁴⁷The Pharisees therefore answered them, "Have you also been deceived? ⁴⁸Has anyone of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed on him? ⁴⁹As for this crowd, cursed are they, not understanding the law."

⁵⁰Nicodemus, the one who had come to him previously, who was one of them, says to them, ⁵¹"Our law does not judge the man unless it first hears from him, and knows what he is doing, does it?"

⁵²They answered and said to him, "You aren't from Galilee too, are you? Investigate and see, that no prophet arises out of Galilee."

The Woman Caught in Adultery

⁵³And each went to his home.

Chapter 8

¹But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²And at dawn, he showed up in the temple again, and all the people were coming toward him. And having sat down he was teaching them. ³And the Torah scholars and the Pharisees are bringing a woman caught in adultery. And after they stood her in the midst, ⁴they say to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵In the Law, Moses charged us to stone such women. What then do you say?" ⁶But this they were saying tempting him, in order that they might obtain basis to accuse him.

But Jesus bent down *and* was writing on the ground with his finger. ⁷And after they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "The one among you who is sinless should be first to throw a stone at her." ⁸And after bending down again, he continued writing on the ground.

⁹And after they heard this, they went away, one by one, starting with the oldest, until he alone was left, and the woman still in the midst. ¹⁰And Jesus straightened up, and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹And she said, "No one, sir."

And Jesus said, "Neither am I condemning you. Go your way, and from now on, sin no more."

The Validity of Jesus' Testimony

¹²Jesus then spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. The person who follows me will not walk around in the darkness, but on the contrary, he will have for himself the light of life."

¹³The Pharisees therefore said to him, "You are testifying about yourself. Your testimony is not valid."

¹⁴Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I testify about myself, my testimony is valid, because I know where I came from, and where I am going. But you do not know where I am coming from, or where I am going.

¹⁵You judge by the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶But even if I judge, my judgment is valid, because I am not alone: it is I and the one who sent me.

¹⁷Now even in your law it is written, that the testimony of two persons is valid. ¹⁸I am one testifying about myself, and the one who sent me is testifying about me, the Father."

¹⁹Then they were saying to him, "Where is your father?"

Jesus answered, "Neither me nor my Father do you know. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰These statements he spoke in the treasury, teaching in the temple, and no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

²¹Continuing, he said to them, "I am going; and you will seek me, and you will die in your sins. Where I am going, you are not able to come."

²²So the Jews were saying, "Is he going to kill himself, that he says, 'Where I am going, you are not able to come?'"

²³And he said to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. ²⁴I said to you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I am *who I am*, you will die in your sins."

²⁵Therefore they were saying to him, "Who are you?"

Jesus said to them, "Why am I speaking to you at all? ²⁶I have many things to say about you, and to judge. But the one who sent me is true, and I, what things I hear from him, those are the things I speak in the world."

²⁷They did not understand that he was speaking to them of the Father. ²⁸Then Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will find out that I am *he*, and of myself I do nothing, but rather exactly as the Father has taught me, those things I speak. ²⁹And the one who sent me is continually with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do the things pleasing to him." ³⁰As he was speaking these things, many believed in him.

The Children of Abraham

³¹Jesus was therefore saying to the ones who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are true disciples of mine, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

³³They responded to him, "We are seed of Abraham, and to no one have we ever been enslaved. How do you mean, that we will become free?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly I say to you, everyone doing sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵And the slave does not abide in the house in perpetuity; the Son abides in perpetuity. ³⁶If therefore the Son should make you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are seed of Abraham; yet you are trying to kill me, because my word has no room in you. ³⁸The things that I have seen with the Father I speak, and you then the things you have heard from your father you are doing."

³⁹They answered and said to him, "Our father is Abraham."

Jesus says to them, "If you were children of Abraham, you would be doing the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰But as it is, you are trying to kill me, someone who has spoken to you the truth he has heard from the Father. This, Abraham did not do. ⁴¹You are doing the works of your father."

They said to him, "**We** were not conceived in fornication. We have one father: God."

The Children of the Devil

⁴²Jesus said to them, "If God were your father, you would love me, for I went out from God and have arrived here. For neither did I come of myself, but that One sent me. ⁴³What is the reason you do not understand my speech? Because you are not able to tolerate my word. ⁴⁴You are of your father, the Devil, and the yearnings of your father you want to do. That one has been homicidal from the beginning, and in the truth he has never stood still, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he is speaking from his own things, for he is a liar, and the father of the lie. ⁴⁵So I, because I am saying the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶Who of you is convicting me of a sin? If I am saying the truth, why is it you do not believe me? ⁴⁷The ones who are of the Father hear the statements of the Father. This is why you do not hear; you are not of God."

The Authorities Attempt Stoning for Claim of Pre-Eminence of Abraham

⁴⁸The Jews answered and said to him, "Do we not rightly say that you are a Samaritan, and have a demon?"

⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon. Quite the opposite, I am honoring my Father. And you are dishonoring me. ⁵⁰It is not me seeking my glory. There is One seeking, and judging. ⁵¹Truly, truly I say to you, If someone follows my word, death he will by no means see, into all time."

⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and also the Prophets, and you say, 'If someone follows my word, death he will by no means experience, into all time.' ⁵³Are you greater than our forefather Abraham, who died? And the Prophets also died. What sort of man do you reckon yourself?"

⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, that glory of mine is worthless. My Father is the one glorifying me, the one that you say is your God. ⁵⁵And you have never known him, but I know him. Now if I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him, and his word I am following. ⁵⁶Abraham, your forefather, made exultation yearning to see my day. And he saw it, and was thrilled."

⁵⁷The Jews therefore said to him, "You are not yet fifty, and you have beheld Abraham?"

⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹Then they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus hid himself, and went forth from the temple.

Chapter 9

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

¹And as he was going along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples queried him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?"

³Jesus answered, "Neither that this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must be working at the works of him who sent me, while it is day. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶When he had said these things, he spit on the ground, and made mud with the saliva, and rubbed the mud on the man's eyes. ⁷And he said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of 'Siloam'" (which when translated is 'Sent'). He went therefore and washed, and came back seeing.

⁸His neighbors therefore, and those who had previously observed him being a beggar, were saying, "Isn't this the man usually sitting and begging?"

⁹Some were saying, "This is the same man."

Others were saying, "No; he only looks like him."

He himself kept saying, "I am the one."

¹⁰They were saying therefore to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

¹¹He answered, "The man named Jesus made mud and rubbed my eyes with it, and he told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So when I went and washed, I saw."

¹²And they said to him, "Where is that man?"

He says, "I don't know."

The Authorities Investigate the Healing

¹³And they take him to the Pharisees, the man who had once been blind. ¹⁴And the day on which Jesus had made mud and opened his eyes had been a Sabbath. ¹⁵So again, the Pharisees also asked him how he came to see. And he told them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶Some of the Pharisees therefore were saying, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others were saying, "How can a sinful man do such miracles?" So there was a split among them.

¹⁷Then they are talking to the blind man again: "What do you say about him? For *it was* your eyes he opened."

And he said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The result was the Jews did not believe about him that he used to be blind and then saw; until they summoned the parents of the one who had received his sight. ¹⁹And they questioned them, saying, "Is this your son, the one you say was born blind? And if so, how does he now see?"

²⁰His parents therefore answered and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees, we do not know. Or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he has majority. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said these things because they were fearing the Jews. For the Jews had already decided that anyone who acknowledged Him to be the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. ²³This is why his parents said, "He has majority; ask him."

²⁴Then the man who had been blind they summoned a second time. And they said to him, "Give credit to God. We know that this man is sinful."

²⁵He then answered, "Whether he is sinful, I do not know. One thing I know: Whereas I used to be blind, now I see."

²⁶They said therefore to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

²⁷He answered them, "I told you already, and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

²⁸And they ridiculed him and said, "You are the disciple of that one. We are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know for sure that God has spoken to Moses; but this fellow, we don't know where he comes from."

³⁰The man answered and said to them, "Well, there certainly is something strange in this, that you don't know where he comes from, and he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not hear the sinful. But if someone is God-fearing, and practicing his will, this kind he hears. ³²Since time began, reports have not been heard that someone opened the eyes of one born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he would not have been able to do a thing."

³⁴They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and you are teaching us?" Then they threw him out.

Spiritual Blindness

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and finding him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

³⁶That one answered and said, "And who is he, sir, so that I may believe in him."

³⁷Jesus said to him, "Not only have you seen him, but he is the one talking with you."

³⁸And he said, "I believe, Lord." And he worshipped him.

³⁹And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that those not seeing may see, and that those seeing, may become blind."

⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees heard these words, some who were with him, and they said to him, "And us, we are not blind, are we?"

⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sins. But as you are now saying, 'We see,' your sins remain.

Chapter 10

The Good Shepherd

¹Truly, truly I say to you, the one not entering the sheep fold through the door, but instead climbing up another way, that one is a thief and a bandit. ²But the one entering through the door, is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The doorkeeper opens for this one, and the sheep hear his voice. And he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them forth. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on before them, and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. ⁵But a stranger they will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers."

⁶This parable Jesus told them, but they did not understand what the *principles* were that he was speaking to them.

⁷Again therefore Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and will go in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief does not come, except to steal, and to kill, and to ruin. I have come so that they might have life, and have it more abundantly.

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The wage earner, not being a shepherd, and for whom the sheep are not his own, sees the wolf coming and abandons the sheep and flees, and the wolf seizes them and scatters them. ¹³For he is a wage earner, and it matters not to him about the sheep.

¹⁴"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine, and mine know me. ¹⁵Just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶Other sheep I also have, which are not of this fold. Those also I am to bring, and my voice they will hear, and the result will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason my Father loves me, that I lay down my life, such that I will take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me; I lay it down of myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again; this order I received from my Father."

¹⁹Because of these words, there was again a split among the Jews. ²⁰Many of them were saying, "He has a demon, and he's crazy. Why are you listening to him?"

²¹Others were saying, "These are not the expressions of someone demonized. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

The Authorities Again Attempt Stoning for Claim of Equality With God

²²Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the Portico of Solomon. ²⁴Then the Jews surrounded him, and were saying to him, "How long are you keeping our souls in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us clearly."

²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I am doing in the name of my Father, these testify for me. ²⁶Yet, you are not believing, because you are not of my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸And I give to them eternal life, and they will by no means perish, into all time, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, the one who gave *them* to me, he is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

³¹Again, the Jews lifted up stones in order to stone him. ³²Jesus responded to them, "Many good works I have shown you from the Father. For which work of them are you stoning me?"

³³The Jews answered him, "Not for good works are we stoning you, but for blasphemy, because you, being a human, are making yourself God."

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I have said, "You are gods"'"? ³⁵Why, since he called those to whom the word of God came 'gods,' and the scripture cannot be voided, ³⁶do you say to the one the Father has consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because he said, 'I am the Son of God'?" ³⁷If I am not doing the works of my Father, do not believe me. ³⁸And if I am doing *them*, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may acknowledge and know that the Father is in me, and I in the Father." ³⁹And again they were trying to arrest him. And he got out of their grasp.

⁴⁰And he went back to the other side of the Jordan, to the place where John had earlier been baptizing, and he stayed there a while. ⁴¹And many came to him. And they were saying, "Though John performed no miraculous sign, everything John said about this man was true." ⁴²And many there believed in him.

Chapter 11

The Death of Lazarus

¹Now a certain man was ailing, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²And the Mary who anointed the Lord with perfumed ointment and who wiped his feet off with her hair, was the one whose brother was ailing. ³The sisters therefore sent to him, saying, "Lord, behold, the one you love is ailing."

⁴And when he heard, Jesus said, "This sickness is not to death, but rather for the glory of God, in order that the Son of God be glorified through it." ⁵(But Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.) ⁶When then he heard that he was ailing, at that time he actually remained in the place in which he was, for two days. ⁷Only then, after this, he says to the disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

⁸The disciples are saying to him, "The Jews were just now trying to stone you, and you are going back there?"

⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of day? If someone walks around in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if someone walks around in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not with him."

¹¹He said these things. And after this, he is saying to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going in order to wake him up."

¹²The disciples therefore said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, that will help him." ¹³But Jesus had spoken of his death, whereas they thought he was speaking of the repose of sleep.

¹⁴So then, Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus died. ¹⁵And for your sakes I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

¹⁶Then Thomas, the one called the Twin, said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us go also, and die with him."

"I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

¹⁷Arriving therefore, Jesus found him already in the tomb four days since. ¹⁸Now Bethany was close to Jerusalem, about fifteen stadia apart,

¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them regarding their brother. ²⁰When therefore Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary stayed put in the house.

²¹Martha therefore said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²Even now, I know that whatever things you ask God for, God will grant you."

²³Jesus says to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴Martha says to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection, and the life. The person who believes in me, even though he dies, will live; ²⁶and everyone who is living and believes in me, will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷She says to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one expected to come into the world."

²⁸And having said this she went off, and discreetly invited her sister Mary, as follows, "The Teacher is here, and is asking for you." ²⁹That one then, when she heard, quickly got up and was coming toward him. ³⁰(Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.) ³¹The Jews therefore who were with Mary in the house and consoling her, when they saw how she quickly got up and went out, they followed her, thinking, "She is going to the tomb, to grieve there."

³²Mary therefore, when she arrived where Jesus was, fell at his feet when she saw him, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³Then Jesus, when he saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her weeping, heaved with deep emotion, and churned inside himself.

³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?"

They are saying to him, "Lord, come and see."

³⁵Jesus showed tears.

³⁶The Jews therefore were saying, "See how he loved him."

³⁷But some of them said, "Shouldn't he who opened the eyes of the blind man, also have been able to make it so this man would not have died?"

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

³⁸Then Jesus, again heaving inside himself, arrives at the tomb. And a cave it was, and a stone was there, covering over it. ³⁹Jesus says, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of the one who was dead, says, "Lord, by now he smells; it is the fourth day."

⁴⁰Jesus says to her, "Did I not tell you, that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹They therefore took away the stone. And Jesus lifted his eyes aboveward, and said, "Father, I thank you, that you have heard me. ⁴²But I already knew that you always hear me; only for the sake of the crowd standing around did I say *this*, so that they may believe that it was you who sent me."

⁴³And having said these things, he shouted out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound up with bandages, and his face wrapped in a handkerchief.

Jesus says to them, "Untangle him and allow him to go."

Sanhedrin Decides Jesus Must Die

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, of those who had come to Mary and seen what he did, believed in him. ⁴⁶But some of them went to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees assembled a Sanhedrin.

And they were saying, "What are we doing, that this man is performing *so* many signs? ⁴⁸If we leave him alone like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come, and take away both our place and our nation."

⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You people know nothing. ⁵⁰Neither are you considering how it is expedient for you that one man die for the people, and not the whole nation perish."

⁵¹But this, from himself he did not say. But rather, being high priest that year, he prophesied, that Jesus was about to die for the nation. ⁵²And not for the nation only, but such that the children of God scattered about, he would gather also, into one *people*.

⁵³Thus from that time on they were resolved that they would kill him. ⁵⁴Therefore, Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but departed from there to an area next to the desert, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed, along with his disciples.

⁵⁵But then the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem from out of the country before the Passover, to purify themselves.

⁵⁶They were watching for Jesus therefore, and speaking with one another, as they stood in the temple, "How does it seem to you? That he is not coming to the festival at all?" ⁵⁷Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders, that if anyone knew where he was, he should report it, so that they might arrest him.

Chapter 12

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

¹Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²So they made a supper for him there, and Martha was serving, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³Then Mary, having taken a litre of expensive ointment of pure oil of nardroot, anointed the feet of Jesus, and with her hair, she wiped his feet. And the house was filled with the smell of the ointment.

⁴But Judas the Keriothite, one of his disciples, the one about to betray him, says, ⁵"Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" ⁶But he said this not because it mattered to him about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag, he would lift *from* what was put in.

⁷Jesus said therefore, "Leave her alone. It was that she kept it for the day of my burial. ⁸For the poor you always have with you, but me, you do not always have."

⁹Then the great crowd of the Jews found out that he was there, and they came, not only because of Jesus, but also that they might see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰So the chief priests resolved that they would kill Lazarus also, ¹¹for many of the Jews were going out because of him, and then believing in Jesus.

The Triumphal Entry

¹²The next day, the great crowd that had come for the festival, hearing that Jesus is arriving into Jerusalem, ¹³took the fronds of palm trees, and went out into a merging with him. And they were crying out:

"Hosha na!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord,
the king of Israel!"

¹⁴And Jesus, having found a young donkey, took his seat upon it, just as it is written:

¹⁵"Fear not, O daughter of Zion;
Behold, your king is coming
sitting on the foal of a donkey."

¹⁶These things the disciples did not know at first, but once Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written in reference to him, and that these things they had done to him.

¹⁷The crowd therefore, the one that had been with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead, had been bearing witness. ¹⁸Because of this the crowd had come out to join him, that they had understood him to have done this sign. ¹⁹Then the Pharisees said to each other, "Observe, that you are not prevailing at all. Behold, the world has gone after him!"

Jesus Ponders Crucifixion

²⁰And among those going up to worship at the festival, were some Greeks. ²¹These, then, came up to Philip, he from Bethsaida, Galilee. And they beseeched him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip comes and tells Andrew; Andrew and Philip come and tell Jesus.

²³And Jesus responds to them as follows: "The hour has come, that the Son of Man should be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly I say to you, if a kernel of wheat does not fall to the ground and die, it remains only one; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵The person who loves his life loses it, and the one who hates his life in this world will preserve it into eternal life. ²⁶If someone is serving me, he must follow me; and where I am, there also my servant will be. If someone is serving me, my Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now, my soul has become troubled. And what shall I say— 'Father, save me from this hour?' No, for this very thing I have arrived to this hour."

²⁸"Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven: "I both have glorified *it*, and will glorify again." ²⁹The crowd therefore standing and hearing was maintaining thunder to have happened. Others were saying, "An angel spoke to him."

³⁰Jesus answered and said, "Not for my sake has this voice happened, but for you. ³¹Now comes judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. ³²And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will attract all mankind to me." ³³Now this he was saying signaling what manner of death he was about to die.

³⁴The crowd then responded to him: "We have heard out of the law that the Christ remains for ever, so how is it you are saying that the Son of Man is to be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"

³⁵Jesus therefore said to them, "The light is among you a little while longer. Walk, while you have the light, so that darkness does not overtake

you. For the person walking in darkness does not know where he is going.
³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may be children of light."

Jesus spoke these things, then went away and was hidden from them.

The Authorities Continue in Unbelief

³⁷But, though having done so many signs right in front of them, they were not believing in him, ³⁸so that the word of Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled, which said,

"Lord, who has believed our report?
 And the arm of the Lord,
 to whom has it been revealed?"

³⁹Because of this they were not able to believe: that again, Isaiah said,

⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes,
 and he has hardened their hearts,
 so that they would neither see
 with their eyes,
 nor understand with their hearts,
 nor look back around,
 such that I would heal them."

⁴¹(Isaiah said these things, because he saw Jesus' glory, so he spoke about him.)

⁴²Even so, many even of the rulers believed in him. But, because of the Pharisees, they were not confessing it, for fear they would be put out of the synagogue. ⁴³For:

They loved the approval
 of human beings
 over and above
 the approval of God.

⁴⁴But Jesus cried out, and said, "The person believing in me, is not believing in me but in the one who sent me, ⁴⁵and the one looking upon me, is looking upon the one who sent me. ⁴⁶I have come into the world as a light, so that everyone believing in me may not abide in darkness.

⁴⁷"And if someone hears my sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come in order to judge the world, but to save the

world. ⁴⁸The person rejecting me and not believing my statements, has what judges him: the word which I spoke, that will judge him at the last day. ⁴⁹For I from myself have not spoken; rather, the Father who sent me, he has given me commandment, what I should say, and how I should speak. ⁵⁰And I know, that his commandment means eternal life. Therefore, what things I speak, just as the Father has said *them* to me, I speak them just so."

Chapter 13

The Passover Supper

¹And before the Festival of the Passover, Jesus, aware that the hour had come for him to pass on from this world to the Father, *and* having loved those of his own in the world, loved them to the end. ²And supper having started, with the devil having already put it in the heart of Judas son of Simon of Kerioth to betray him, ³*and* aware that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come forth from God and to God he was going, ⁴Jesus rises from the supper and lays down his clothing, and taking a towel, he fastened it around himself. ⁵Then, he is putting water into a basin. And he began to wash the feet of the disciples, and to wipe them off with the towel in which he was girded.

⁶Thus he comes to Simon Peter. Who says to him, "Lord, **You** are washing **my** feet?"

⁷Jesus answered, and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not know yet, but after these things, you will know."

⁸Peter says to him, "No way will you ever wash my feet."

Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you have no place with me."

⁹Simon Peter says to him, "Lord. Not just my feet, but my hands and my head as well."

¹⁰Jesus says to him, "One who is bathed has no need, except for the feet, to wash, but is clean on the whole. And you *men* are clean; though not all of you." ¹¹For he already knew of the one betraying him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When therefore he had washed their feet and taken his clothes and reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done for you? ¹³You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly you say so, for I am. ¹⁴If therefore I, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash the feet of one another. ¹⁵For I have given an example for you, so that just as I have done, you also might do. ¹⁶Truly, truly I say to you: A servant is not greater than his lord, neither an emissary greater than the one

who sent him. ¹⁷Since these things you are knowing, blessed are you if you do them.

¹⁸"I am not speaking about all of you; I know whom I have chosen; but, so that the scripture is fulfilled, 'Someone eating my bread has lifted up his heel against me.'

¹⁹"Yes indeed: I am telling you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe who I am. ²⁰Truly, truly I say to you, The person who accepts whomever I send, is accepting me; and the person who accepts me, is accepting the One who sent me."

²¹When he had said these things, Jesus was disturbed in his spirit, and he testified, and he said, "Truly, truly I say to you: One of you will betray me."

²²The disciples were looking at one another, puzzling over about whom he was speaking. ²³One of his disciples was reclining close at Jesus' side, the one Jesus loved. ²⁴Simon Peter therefore nods to this one to inquire of *Jesus* about whom he was speaking. ²⁵That one therefore simply leaned back onto the chest of Jesus and says to him, "Lord, who is it?"

²⁶Jesus replied, "It is that one for whom I shall dip and give the piece of bread." After dipping the piece of bread therefore, he takes it and gives it to Judas, the son of Simon of Kerioth.

²⁷And after the bread *transaction*, at that time Satan entered into that one. Then Jesus says to him, "What you are doing, do quickly."

²⁸But none of those reclining knew why he said this to him. ²⁹For some thought that since Judas was in charge of the money bag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy things we need for the festival," or, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰When therefore that one had taken the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

Where Is Jesus Going?

³¹Then after he had gone out, Jesus says, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself, and glorify him at once.

³³"Children, I am with you only a little while longer. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, I now say to you also: 'Where I am going, you are not able to come.'

³⁴"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you also should love one another. ³⁵By this will everyone know that you are my disciples: if you have love among one another."

³⁶Simon Peter says to him, "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you are not able to follow now, but you will follow later."

³⁷Peter says to him, "Why am I not able to follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

³⁸Jesus answers, "You will lay down your life for me? Truly, truly I say to you, a rooster will not crow, until such time you deny me three times."

Chapter 14

¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many abodes. Otherwise, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you in with myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And where I am going, you know the way."

Jesus the Way to the Father

⁵Thomas says to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going—how is it we know the way?"

⁶Jesus says to him, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you have come to know me, you will come to know my Father as well; indeed, from now on you know him, and have seen him."

⁸Philip says to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and that will satisfy us."

⁹Jesus says to him, "All this time I have been with you, and you have not come to know me, Philip? The person who has seen me has seen the Father; how is it you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The statements which I say to you I do not speak from myself, but the Father abiding in me is doing his works.

¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. But if not, believe because of those works. ¹²The person who believes in me, truly, truly I say to you, the works that I do, that one also shall do, and even greater than these *shall do*, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Indeed, whatever you shall request in my name, this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me for something in my name, I will do it.

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he may be ever with you, ¹⁷the Spirit of truth, which the world is unable to receive, because it neither perceives him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides among you, and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹Just a little while longer and the world will be seeing me no more; but you will be seeing me. Because I will be living, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know, that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹The person who has my commandments and also keeps them, that is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me, will be loved by my Father, and I also will love him, and will reveal myself to him."

²²Judas (not the Keriothite) says to him, "Lord, and on what basis is it that, to us, you intend to reveal yourself, and not to the world?"

²³Jesus answered, and said to him, "If someone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him; and we will come to him, and make our abode with him. ²⁴One who does not love me will not keep my word. And the word that you are hearing is not mine, but the Father's, who sent me.

²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, that one will teach you all things, and remind you of all the things I have said to you.

²⁷"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

²⁸"You heard how I said to you, 'I am going away, and will be coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you, before it happens, so that when it happens, you will believe. ³⁰I will not speak with you much longer, for the ruler of this world is coming. And he has no pull in me; ³¹but, just as the Father has commanded me, this I do, so that the world may know that I love the Father.

"Arise, let us leave here."

Chapter 15

"I Am the Vine, You Are the Branches"

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer. ²Every branch in me bearing no fruit, he removes, and every branch bearing the fruit, he cleans, so it may bear more fruit. ³You are now clean, because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. Just as the branch is not able to bear fruit from itself, unless it abides in the vine, in the same way neither are you, unless you abide in me.

⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who abides in me and I in him, this one bears much fruit, for without me you can produce nothing. ⁶If someone does not abide in me, he is thrown aside like the branch that is withered; they gather such and put them in the fire; and it is burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my sayings abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it will happen for you. ⁸In this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and show to be my disciples.

⁹"Just as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you; abide ye in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you are abiding in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and am abiding in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²This is my commandment: that you love one another, as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: that one lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends, if you practice the things I am commanding you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his lord is doing. But you I have called friends, because all things that I have heard from my Father, I have made known to you. ¹⁶You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and appointed you, that you go and bear fruit, and that your fruit might abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, it may be granted to you. ¹⁷These instructions I am giving you, so that you will love one another.

For This the World Hates You

¹⁸"If the world hates you, be assured that it hated me first, before you. ¹⁹If you were of the world, the world would like its own; but because you are not of the world, and indeed rather I have chosen you out of the world, for this the world hates you. ²⁰Be mindful of the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his lord.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they took my word to heart, they will take yours to heart also. ²¹But all these things they will do against you because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me. ²²If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin; but now, they have no excuse for their sin. ²³One who hates me also hates my Father. ²⁴If I had not done

works among them which no one else has done, they would have no sin; but now they have both seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵But so that the word written about them in the law might be fulfilled, 'They hated me without a cause.'

²⁶"When the Counselor has come, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth, who flows forth from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

Chapter 16

¹"These things I have spoken to you so that you may not fall away. ²They will cause you to be put out of the synagogue; but an hour is coming such that everyone who kills you will reckon to be offering up religious service to God. ³And these things they will do, because they have not known the Father, neither me. ⁴But these things I have spoken to you, so that when the hour of them comes, you might remember them, that I told you.

The Holy Spirit Will Finish My Work

"And I have not told you these things from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now, I am going to the one who sent me, and none of you is asking me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶Instead, because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷But I am telling you the truth: it works out better for you that I go away, for if I were not to go away, the Counselor would not come to you. Whereas if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he has come, that one will refute the world concerning sin, and concerning righteousness, and concerning judgment; ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will be observing me no longer; ¹¹and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

¹²"I have many things yet to say, but you are not able at the present time to bear *it*. ¹³But when that one comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you in all the truth. For he will not speak from himself, but rather, whatever things he hears he will speak; and he will report to you the things that are coming. ¹⁴That one will glorify me, because from mine he will take, and report *it* to you. ¹⁵Everything the Father has is mine; this is how I said, 'from mine he will be taking, and report *it* to you.'

¹⁶"A little while, and you will be observing me no longer; and another little while, and you will see me."

The Disciples' Pain Will Be Turned to Joy

¹⁷Then some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he is saying to us, 'A little while, and you will not be observing me; and another little while, and you will see me'? And, 'because I am going to the Father'?"
¹⁸They kept saying therefore, "What is this 'little while'? We don't know what he is saying."

¹⁹Jesus knew that they were wanting to query him, and he said to them, "Is it this you are deliberating among yourselves about, that I said, 'A little while and you will not be observing me, and another little while and you will see me'? ²⁰Truly, truly I say to you, You will weep and lament, and the world will be cheered. You will be in pain. But your pain will be turned into joy. ²¹In the case of the woman about to give birth, she has pain, because for her the hour has come. But when she has delivered the child, no longer is she mindful of the distress, because of the joy that a human being is brought forth into the world. ²²Thus you also, now you do have pain; but I will see you again, and your hearts will be cheered, and your joy, no one is taking away from you. ²³And in that day you will not query me at all. Truly, truly I say to you, whatever you will ask the Father in my name, he will grant it to you. ²⁴Up to now you have not asked anything in my name; ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be full.

²⁵"These things I have spoken to you in allegories; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in allegories, but I will tell you about the Father plainly. ²⁶In that day you will make requests in my name, and I am not saying to you that I will make request of the Father on your behalf. ²⁷For the Father himself likes you, because you have liked me, and have believed that I came forth from God. ²⁸I went forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am taking leave of the world, and going my way back to the Father."

²⁹His disciples are saying, "There, now you are talking with clarity and not speaking any allegory. ³⁰Now we know that you know all, and with you there is no need that someone query you. By this we believe that you have come forth from God."

³¹Jesus answered them, "For now you believe. ³²Behold, an hour is coming, and indeed has come, that you will be scattered apart, each to his own, and me you will have abandoned, alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

³³"These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you do have tribulation; but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world."

Chapter 17

Jesus Prays for Himself

¹Jesus spoke these things, and when he had lifted up his eyes to heaven, he said:

"Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son, so that the Son may glorify you; ²inasmuch as to him you have granted jurisdiction of all flesh, so that to all *flesh* that you have given him, he may grant eternal life. ³And this is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and the one whom you have sent, Jesus Christ. ⁴I have glorified you upon the earth, having finished the work which you have given me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify thou me, along with yourself, with the glory which I used to have along with you, before the existence of the world.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶I have made known your name to the humans of the world that you have given to me. They had been yours, and you gave them to me, and they have taken your word to heart. ⁷Now they are persuaded that all the things you have given to me are *indeed* from you; ⁸for the sayings which you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted and knew for sure that I came forth from you, and they believed that you had sent me. ⁹I am making request concerning them; not concerning the world am I making request, but only concerning those whom you have given to me. For they are yours; ¹⁰indeed everything of mine is yours, and of yours is mine. And I am glorified in them; ¹¹yes, no longer am I to be in the world, yet they are in the world, and I am coming to you. O holy Father, keep them in your name, that *flesh* that you have given to me, so that they may be one, just as we are *one*. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, that *flesh* that you have given to me, and I stood guard, and not one of them met destruction, except the Son of Destruction, so that the scripture may be brought to completion.

¹³But now I am coming to you, and I am speaking these things in the world, so that they may have in them my joy brought to completion. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸Just as you sent me into the world, I also

have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And on their behalf I sanctify myself, so that they also may be ones sanctified in truth.

Jesus Prays for All Believers

²⁰And not concerning these only am I making request, but also concerning the ones who through their word believe in me, ²¹that they all may be one. Just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, so let them also be in us, so that the world might believe that you sent me. ²²The glory which you have given to me, I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as we are one: ²³I in them, and you in me, so that they may become fully developed into one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you have loved them just as you loved me.

²⁴O Father, that *flesh* that you have given to me, I desire that where I am, they might also be along with me, so that they may behold that glory of mine, which you have given to me, for you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵O righteous Father, indeed the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you sent me. ²⁶And I have made known to them your name, and will do so in the future, so that the love with which you have loved me might always be in them, and I also in them."

Chapter 18

Gethsemane

¹After he said these things, Jesus went forth with his disciples to the other side of the wadi Kidron, where there was a garden, into which he himself went, and also his disciples. ²And Judas, the one betraying him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples.

Jesus Arrested

³Judas therefore, after taking the cohort and some guards, from the high priests and from the Pharisees, comes there, with lamps and torches and weapons. ⁴Then, aware of all the things coming upon him, Jesus went forward, and he says to them, "Whom are you seeking?"

⁵They answered him, "Jesus the Nazarene."

He says to them, "I am *he*."

And Judas the one betraying him is also standing there with them. ⁶When therefore he said, "I am *he*," they moved away backward, and fell to the ground. ⁷Again therefore, he asked them, "Whom are you seeking?"

And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am *he*. If therefore it is me you are seeking, allow these to go their way." ⁹In order that the word which he had said would be fulfilled: "Of those you have given me, I have not lost even one."

¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And the name of the servant was Malchus. ¹¹Jesus therefore said to Peter, "Put the sword in the sheath. The cup which the Father has given me, am I not to drink it?"

Jesus Taken to Hananiah

¹²Then the cohort and its chiliarch and the guards from the Jews took Jesus prisoner and bound him, ¹³and they led him to Hananiah first, for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest for that year. ¹⁴And Caiaphas was the one having advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man die instead of the people.

Peter's First Denial

¹⁵And Simon Peter was following Jesus, along with another disciple. And that other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter had stopped outside, at the door. The other disciple therefore, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorman, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷Then the maidservant, the doorkeeper, says to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"

He says, "No I am not."

¹⁸And the servants and the guards stood by a fire they had made, for it was cold, and they were warming themselves. So Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

The High Priest Questions Jesus

¹⁹The high priest, then, questioned Jesus, about his disciples and about his teaching.

²⁰Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I always taught in a synagogue or in the temple, where all the Jews come together. ²¹Why ask me? Ask the ones who have heard, what I spoke to them. You see, they know what things I said."

²²As he was saying these things, one of the guards standing by gave Jesus a whack, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

²³Jesus answered him, "If I spoke wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if acceptably, why are you hitting me?"

²⁴Then Hannaniah sent him, bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.

Peter's Second and Third Denials

²⁵And Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore to him, "Are you not also one of his disciples?"

He denied it and said, "No I am not."

²⁶One of the servants of the high priest, who was a relative of him whose ear Peter had cut off, says, "Did I not see you with him in the garden?" ²⁷Again therefore, Peter denied it, and immediately a rooster crowed.

Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

²⁸They then are leading Jesus away from Caiaphas toward the Praetorium; and it was very early. And they entered not into the Praetorium, so that they would not be defiled but rather might eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate came outside to them. And he says, "This man? You are bringing what kind of charge against him?"

³⁰They answered, and said to him, "If he were not doing wrong, we would not have brought him over to you."

³¹Pilate therefore said to them, "You take him, and you judge him according to your law."

The Jews said to him, "For us it is not lawful to execute anyone." ³²So the word of Jesus would be fulfilled, which he had spoken indicating by what means of death he was going to die.

³³So Pilate went back into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus, and he said to him, "You are the king of the Jews?"

³⁴Jesus answered, "From yourself are you saying this, or have others spoken to you about me?"

³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What have you done?"

³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have fought so that I not be handed over to the Jews. But in fact my kingship is not from here."

³⁷Pilate therefore said to him, "So then you ARE a king."

Jesus answered, "You are saying that I am a king; I, for this reason have been born, and for this reason have come into the world: to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth hears my voice."

³⁸Pilate says to him, "What is truth?" And with that said, he went out again to the Jews, and says to them, "I find in him no *causa capitalis*. ³⁹But there is a custom with you that I release to you one prisoner during the Passover. Would you therefore have me release to you the king of the Jews?"

⁴⁰They then shouted back, saying, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Chapter 19

¹At that time therefore, Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. ²And the soldiers, after weaving a wreath of thorns, set it on his head, and threw a purple robe around him. ³Then they were approaching him and saying, "Hail, O king of the Jews," and giving him slaps in the face.

⁴And Pilate went outside again, and says to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you will know that I find no *causa capitalis* in him." ⁵Jesus came outside therefore, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate says to them, "Behold the man."

⁶When therefore the chief priests and their officers saw him, they shouted out, saying, "Crucify! Crucify!"

Pilate says to them, "You take him yourselves and crucify him. As for me, I do not find *causa capitalis* in him.

⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law, he deserves to die because he called himself the son of God."

⁸When therefore Pilate heard this information, he was more afraid, ⁹and he entered the Praetorium again, and says to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus did not give him an answer.

¹⁰Pilate then says to him, "To me you are not speaking? Do you not know, that I have authority to free you, and I have authority to crucify you?"

¹¹Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over me if it had not been given you from above. Because of this, the one who handed me over to you has the greater guilt."

¹²From this point on Pilate tried to free him; but the Jews shouted out, saying, "If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar! Everyone calling himself a king is opposing Caesar."

¹³When therefore Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside, and he sat down on the judgment seat, at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew called Gabbatha. ¹⁴And it was Preparation for the Passover, about 6:00 am. And he says to the Jews, "Behold, your king."

¹⁵They then shouted out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"

Pilate says to them, "Shall I crucify your king?"

The chief priests responded, "We have no king but Caesar."

¹⁶At that time therefore he handed him over to them, to be crucified.

The Crucifixion

They took Jesus therefore. ¹⁷And carrying the cross by himself, he proceeded forth, to what is called the Skull Place, which in Hebrew is pronounced Gulgolta, ¹⁸where they crucified him, and with him, two others, one on this side and one on the other, and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹And Pilate also wrote a notice and put it on the cross, and it was inscribed: "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS." ²⁰Many of the Jews therefore read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was close to the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

²¹The chief priests of the Jews therefore were saying to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but rather: 'He SAID, I am King of the Jews.'"

²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

²³The soldiers then, when they crucified Jesus, took his garments and made four shares, a share for each soldier, plus the tunic. For the tunic was seamless, woven continuously from the top through the whole. ²⁴They said therefore to one another, "We should not tear it, but cast lots as to whose it shall be." So that the scripture would be fulfilled,

"They divided my garments
among them;
and cast lots
over my clothing,"

those things therefore the soldiers did.

²⁵And near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, and his mother's sister; and the Mary belonging to Clopas, and the Magdalene Mary. ²⁶Jesus therefore, seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near, says to his mother, "Dear woman, behold your son."

²⁷Then he says to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that time on, that disciple took her into his own home.

Jesus' Death

²⁸Jesus, knowing that after these things, all things were now completed, next says, "I am thirsty," so that the scripture would be fulfilled. ²⁹A

container full of vinegar was sitting there, so after sticking a sponge full of the vinegar around a hyssop stem, they held it out to his mouth. ³⁰When therefore he had received the vinegar, Jesus said, "It is finished." And after he bowed his head, he gave up his spirit.

³¹The Jews therefore, since it was Preparation *Day*, asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken away, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross during the Sabbath; for that day was great among Sabbaths. ³²The soldiers came therefore, and broke the legs of the first one, and of the other crucified with him, ³³but when they came to Jesus they realized he was already dead, and did not in his case break the legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water. ³⁵And the one who has seen has borne witness, and his testimony is reliable, and he knows that he is saying something true; so you may believe. ³⁶And these things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled:

"Not a bone of it shall be broken."

³⁷And again, another scripture says:

"They shall look upon him
whom they have pierced."

Jesus' Burial

³⁸And after these things, Joseph from Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because of the fear of the Jews, made request of Pilate that he might take the body of Jesus; and Pilate consented. He went therefore, and took his body. ³⁹And Nicodemus, the one who earlier had come to Him by night, came as well, carrying a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They then took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths, with the spices, as is the burial custom with the Jews. ⁴¹And there was in the place where he was crucified, a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, one in which no one had ever yet been laid. ⁴²So, since it was Preparation for the Jews, and because the tomb was close at hand, that is where they laid Jesus.

Chapter 20

The Empty Tomb

¹And on the first day of the week, very early while still dark, Mary the Magdalene is coming to the tomb; and she sees the stone having been removed from the tomb. ²She runs therefore, and goes to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and she says to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him."

³Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple also, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴And the two were running together; and the other disciple ran faster ahead, and came to the tomb first. ⁵And after stooping down, he sees the linen cloths lying there. He did not enter inside, however. ⁶Then comes Simon Peter also, following behind him. And he entered into the tomb, and he observes the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and also the sweat cloth which used to be on his head, except not lying with the linen cloths, but folded up in one place apart. ⁸Then at that time the other disciple entered, the one who had arrived to the tomb first; and he saw and believed. ⁹For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Jesus Appears to Mary of Magdala

¹⁰The disciples then went back to their own homes. ¹¹But Mary stayed with the tomb, and there she stands, outside, weeping. ¹²As she thus was weeping, she stooped down into the tomb, and she beholds two angels in white, one sitting at the head and one sitting at the foot of where the body of Jesus had been lying.

¹³And they say to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She says to them, "They have taken my Lord away, and I don't know where they have put him."

¹⁴When she had said these things, she looked toward the rear, and beholds Jesus having been standing; and she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵Jesus says to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?"

She, thinking he is the gardener, says to him, "Sir, if it is you who took him, tell me where you put him, and I will get him.

¹⁶Jesus says to her, "Mary."

She when she turned around, says to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

¹⁷Jesus says to her, "Do not cleave to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers, and tell them: 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father; to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸Mary goes, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and also *announcing* those things he had said to her.

Jesus Appears to the Ten Apostles

¹⁹Then, when it was evening on that first day of the week, with the doors locked where the disciples were, because of the fear of the Jews, Jesus appeared, and stood in their midst. And he says to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰And when he had said this, he showed them both his hands and his side. Therefore the disciples rejoiced, seeing the Lord.

²¹Then Jesus again said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so also I send you." ²²And having said this, he blew, and says to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³Whose ever sins you forgive, they are forgiven them; whose ever you retain, they are retained."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one who was called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples were telling him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and put my finger into the place from the nails, and put my hands into his side, there is no way I will believe."

²⁶And after eight days, his disciples again were inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus is appearing, even though the doors were locked. And he stood in the midst, and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Thereupon he says to Thomas, "Bring your finger here, and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believing."

²⁸Thomas responded and said to him, "My Lord and my God."

²⁹Jesus says to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those believing without having seen."

³⁰While therefore Jesus did also do many other signs in the sight of his disciples which are not written in this book, ³¹these have been written so that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you might have life through his name.

Chapter 21

Resurrection Fish & Bread

¹After these things, Jesus revealed himself another time to his disciples, on the Sea of Tiberius. And this is how he revealed *himself*. ²Simon Peter, and Thomas called the Twin, and Nathaniel from Cana of Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples of his, were together. ³Simon Peter says to them, "I am going to fish."

They say to him, "We are also coming with you."

They went, and embarked in the boat. And throughout that night, they caught nothing. ⁴And now that it is turning morning, Jesus had stood at the shoreline. However, the disciples have not realized that it is Jesus. ⁵Jesus therefore says to them, "Children, have you no fish?"

They answered, "No."

⁶And he said to them, "Cast the net into the area to the right of the boat, and you will find something." They cast it therefore, and they were not strong enough to retrieve it, because of a fullness of fish.

⁷So that disciple whom Jesus loved says to Peter, "It is the Lord." When therefore Simon Peter heard that it is the Lord, he fastened his cloak around himself, for he was stripped for work, and he threw himself into the lake ⁸(for they were not far from shore, but only about two hundred cubits away), while the other disciples came in the boat, towing the fish net. ⁹As they get down therefore onto the beach, they see a fire of coals established, and fish lying on it, and bread.

¹⁰Jesus says to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have now caught." ¹¹Simon Peter therefore got up, and dragged the net to the beach, very full of fish, 153 *of them*; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

¹²Jesus says to them, "Come, eat breakfast." And not one of the disciples got up the courage to challenge him, "Who are you?" For they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus comes, and he takes the bread and distributes to them, and the fish likewise. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus had revealed himself to the disciples after having risen from the dead.

Jesus Reappoints Peter

¹⁵When therefore they had eaten breakfast, Jesus says to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

He says to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

He says to him, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶Again, he says to him a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He says to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

He says to him, "Pastor my sheep."

¹⁷He says to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt that he said to him the third time, "Do you love me." And he says to him, "Lord, you know all. You know that I love you."

Jesus says to him, "Feed my sheep." ¹⁸Truly, truly I say to you: When you were younger, you would dress yourself, and walk around where you wanted; but after you have become old, you will stretch out your hand, and someone else will dress you, and lead you somewhere you will not want."

¹⁹This he said signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And having said this, he says to him, "Follow me."

And What About John?

²⁰Peter turned around, *and* sees the disciple whom Jesus loved following, that is, the one who in the supper had leaned back onto His chest and said, "Lord, who is the one betraying you?" ²¹So when he saw this one, Peter says to Jesus, "Lord, and what about him?"

²²Jesus says to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me." ²³This therefore is the word that got out to the brothers: that that disciple would not die. But Jesus had not said to him that he would not die; rather, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?"

²⁴That disciple is the one who is bearing witness to these things, and the one who wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if written in detail, I reckon not even the world itself would be able to hold the books that would be written.

1 John

Chapter 1

¹That which existed from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have examined, *talking* about the word of life, ²even that life has been revealed, and we have seen *it*, and we are bearing witness and announcing to you eternal life, which was with the Father and has been revealed to us. ³What we have seen and heard we are declaring to you also, so you too may have fellowship with us. And that fellowship of ours is with the Father, and with his son Jesus Christ. ⁴And these things we write, so our mutual joy may be full.

⁵And this is the message that we have heard from him and announce to you: that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we are in fellowship with him, and are walking in darkness, we are lying, and not doing the truth. ⁷If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we are calling him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Chapter 2

¹My children, these things I am writing to you so that you will not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the appeasement for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *the sins* of the whole world.

³And by this we know that we have known him: if we keep his commandments. ⁴Someone who says, "I know him," and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵But whoever keeps his word, that is the person in whom the love of God really is accomplished. By this we know that we are in him. ⁶Someone who claims to abide in him ought also to walk just as he walked.

⁷Beloved, I am not writing to you a new commandment, but an old commandment, that you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸Yet, it is a new commandment I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, since

the darkness passes away and the true light keeps shining even now. ⁹Someone who claims to be in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness as of now. ¹⁰Someone who loves his brother is abiding in the light, and there is no cause of stumbling in him. ¹¹But someone who hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

¹²To you children, I write: “Your sins are forgiven you for his name’s sake.”

¹³To you fathers, I write: “You know him who existed from the beginning.”

To you young men, I write: “You have overcome the evil one.”

¹⁴I have written to you children that you have known the Father. I have written to you fathers that you have known him who existed from the beginning. I have written to you young men that you are strong and the word of God abides in you and you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁵Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If someone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of possessions, is not of the Father, but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world passes away, along with the lust of it, but whoever who does the will of God abides for ever.

¹⁸Children, it is the last hour, and just as you have heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; for which reason we know it is the last hour. ¹⁹They went out from us, but were not of us. For had they been of us, they would have remained with us. But *they went out* so that they be made apparent, that none of them are of us. ²⁰And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and know all. ²¹I have not written to you that you don’t know the truth, but that you do know it. And that every lie is not of the truth.

²²Who is the liar, if not someone denying as follows, “Jesus is not the Anointed One?” This is antichrist, someone denying the Father and the Son. ²³Everyone who denies the Son, does not have the Father either. Someone who confesses the Son, has the Father as well.

²⁴You, what you have heard from the beginning, let it abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also in the Son and in the Father will abide. ²⁵And this is the message that He announced to us: eternal life. ²⁶These things I have written to you because of those deceiving you.

²⁷And you, the anointing that you received from him, it abides in you, and you have no need that someone teach you. But rather, as that anointing from him has taught you concerning all things, and is true and is not a lie, so also, just as it has taught you, you abide in him. ²⁸And now, children, abide in him, so that when he is revealed, we may have confidence, and not feel ashamed because of him at his coming. ²⁹If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of him.

Chapter 3

¹Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God. And we are! The reason the world does not know us is this: it has not known him. ²Beloved, now we are children of God, though it is not yet revealed what *exactly* we will be. We do know that when he is revealed, we will be like him. For we will see him just as he is. ³And everyone who has this hope on Him purifies himself, just as that one is pure.

⁴Everyone practicing sin is also practicing lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. ⁵And you know that he was revealed so that sins be taken away, and there is no sin in him. ⁶Everyone abiding in him does not sin. Everyone who keeps sinning has not seen him, neither known him.

⁷Children, let no one deceive you: someone who practices righteousness is righteous just as that one is righteous. ⁸Someone who practices sin is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. For this purpose the son of God has been revealed: to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹Everyone born of God does not practice sin, because His seed abides in him, and it is not able to sin, because it is born from God. ¹⁰By this the children of God are evident versus the children of the devil: everyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, and also someone who does not love his brother.

¹¹Because this is the message which you have heard from the beginning: that we should love one another. ¹²Not like Cain, who was of the evil one, and killed his brother. And what was the reason he killed him? Because his own works were evil, and those of his brother were righteous.

¹³Do not marvel, brethren, if the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have crossed over out of death into life because we love the brethren. Someone who does not love his brother is still abiding in death. ¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶By this we know love: because He laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

¹⁷Now whoever has the substance of the world, and sees his brother having need *of it*, and closes off his compassion from him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸Children, we should love, not in word or tongue, but in action and truth, ¹⁹and by this we will know that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before him ²⁰that when our heart accuses, that God is greater than our heart, and he knows all. ²¹Beloved, when our heart does not accuse us, we have confidence with God, ²²and whatever we ask, we receive from him, because we are keeping his commandments, and doing the things that are pleasing in his sight.

²³And this is his commandment: that we believe in the name of his son Jesus Christ, and that we love one another, just as he gave us commandment. ²⁴And someone keeping his commandments is abiding in Him, and He in that person. And by this we know that we abide in him: by the Spirit which he has given to us.

Chapter 4

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, is of God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus [Christ has come in the flesh], is not of God. And this is antichrist, which you have heard that he was coming, and now is in the world already. ⁴You are of God, children, and have overcome him, because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. ⁵They are of the world; therefore speak they of the world, and the world hears them. ⁶We are of God. Someone who knows God hears us; someone who is not of of God does not hear us. From this we recognize the spirit of truth versus the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God. ⁸Someone who does not love has not known God, for God is love. ⁹To us the love of God was made known in this: that God sent his only begotten son into the world so we might be saved through him. ¹⁰Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son as the appeasement for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, if that is how God has loved us, we ought also to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God. When we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is accomplished in us. ¹³By this we know that we are abiding in him and he in us: because he has given to us of his Spirit.

¹⁴And we have seen, and we bear witness, that the Father has sent the Son as savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the son of

God, God abides in that person, and that person in God. ¹⁶And we have known and believed the love that God has in us. God is love; and someone who abides in love is abiding in God, and God in him. ¹⁷In this, love is accomplished with us, so that in the day of judgment we may have confidence that just as that one is, we in this world also are. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. Because fear has to do with punishment, and someone who is afraid is not accomplished in love. ¹⁹We can love, because he first loved us.

²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and he hates his brother, he is a liar. For someone who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: that he who loves God must also love his brother.

Chapter 5

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Anointed One is born of God, and everyone who loves the one who begat will also love someone begotten from him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and are doing his commandments. ³For this is love of God: that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not heavy to bear, ⁴because everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world: our faith. ⁵Who is overcomer of the world, except someone who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶He is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ. Not only by water, but by water and blood. And the Spirit is one bearing witness, because the Spirit is truth. ⁷For there are three that bear witness, ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. ⁹If we accept the witness of human beings, the witness of God is greater. For this is the witness of God that he has testified concerning his Son. ¹⁰Someone who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself. But someone who does not trust in God has called him a liar, because he has not trusted the testimony that God has testified concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God has given to us eternal life, and that life is in his Son. ¹²Someone who has the Son of God has life. Someone who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you will know you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have with him, that, if we ask anything in accordance with his will, he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of him.

¹⁶If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not to death, he shall ask, and *God* will give him life, for those not sinning to death. There is sin to death; I am not saying to ask about that. ¹⁷All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not to death. ¹⁸We know that everyone born of God does not practice sin, but instead what was generated of God keeps itself, and the evil one does not touch him.

¹⁹We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *captive* in the evil one. ²⁰And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us the understanding to know the truth. And we are in the truth, in his son Jesus Christ. He is the true God, and eternal life.

²¹Children, keep yourselves from idols.

2 John

Chapter 1

¹The Elder, to the elect lady, and to her children; whom I love in the truth; and not only I, but also everyone who knows assuredly the truth, ²by means of the truth that is dwelling within us, and will stay with us for eternity. ³Grace and mercy and peace shall follow us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

⁴It cheered me greatly that I have found children of yours walking in the truth, in accordance with the commandment we received from the Father. ⁵And now, I beseech you, Lady, not as writing a new commandment to you, but one which we have had from the beginning: that we should love one another. ⁶And this is love: that we walk according to his commandments. This commandment is just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you would walk in it.

⁷For many deceivers have gone out into the world, who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the Deceiver and Antichrist. ⁸Watch yourselves, so that you not lose the things we have worked for, but receive *your* full reward.

⁹Anyone going beyond, and not staying in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Someone staying in the teaching, that person has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house and do not say 'Welcome' to him. ¹¹For someone who says 'Welcome' to him takes part in his evil works.

¹²Though I have many things to write to you, I did not want to do it by paper and ink, but instead hope to come to you and talk face to face, so our joy may be full.

¹³The children of your elect sister greet you.

3 John

Chapter 1

¹The Elder, to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

²Dear friend, I wish for you to prosper and be healthy in every regard, just as your soul is prospering. ³For it cheered me greatly when some brothers came, bearing witness to your truth, how you are walking in the truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than this, hearing that my children are walking in the truth.

⁵Dear friend, you do commendably whatever you labor at for the brothers, and this for strangers, ⁶who have testified before the church about your love. Whom you will do well to supply for their journeys in a manner worthy of God. ⁷Because, you see, for the sake of the Name they have gone forth, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸We therefore ought to take them who are like this under our roof, so we will become co-laborers with them in the truth.

⁹Which I have written to your church; but Diotrefes, who wishes to be leader over them, does not welcome us. ¹⁰For which reason when I come, I will bring up the works that he has been doing, making baseless charges against us with oppressive words. And not satisfied with this, neither does he welcome those brothers. And the ones that try to, he prevents, even throws them out of the church.

¹¹Dear friend, do not imitate the bad, but rather the good. Someone practicing the good is of God. Someone practicing the bad, has not seen God.

¹²Demetrius is borne witness to by all, and by the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true.

¹³I had many things to write to you, but do not wish to write to you by paper and ink. ¹⁴Instead I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.

¹⁵Peace to you. The friends *here* greet you. Greet the friends *there* each by name.

The Epistle of Jude

Chapter One

¹Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are called, beloved to God the Father, and kept by Jesus Christ, ²mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

³Beloved, as I was making all speed to write to you concerning our shared salvation, I felt a need to write to you exhorting that you earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. ⁴For a certain type have crept in, already designated for this fate, ungodly people, turning the grace of our God into licentiousness, and thus contradicting our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

⁵But I want to remind you, though you have known all this at one time, how even though Jesus delivered the people from the land of Egypt, he later nevertheless destroyed the ones who did not believe. ⁶And the angels that did not preserve their high position, but deserted their proper home, those he has held under heavy darkness with eternal chains, for the judgment of the great day. ⁷In the same way, Sodom and Gomorra and the surrounding towns, who engaged in sexual debauchery and went after abnormal flesh, they are set forth as an example of people undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

⁸Yet despite all that, these people, deluded as they are, not only taint the flesh, but dismiss authorities, and sass ethereal powers. ⁹In contrast Michael the archangel, during a dispute with the Devil, when he was arguing over the body of Moses, he dared not make a disrespectful accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you." ¹⁰But this type, what things they don't understand, they denigrate, and things instinctive, like what unreasoning animals understand, by those things they are destroyed.

¹¹Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, for reward rushed headlong in the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

¹²This type are the unseen obstacles in your communion meals, feasting without reverence; shepherding *only* themselves, clouds without water, conducted along by the winds; trees turned fall color without fruiting, doubly dead, uprooted; ¹³wild waves of the sea frothing up their disgrace; planets off course; for whom nether gloom of darkness is reserved for ever.

¹⁴But even Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied these things, saying, "Behold, the Lord has come, with myriads of his holy ones, ¹⁵to pass judgment against all, and to convict every soul concerning all their ungodly acts which they have godlessly done, and concerning all the harsh words

which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." ¹⁶These are grumblers, blamers, proceeding according to their own desires, yet their mouth speaks swelling things admiring important people to gain favor.

¹⁷But you, beloved, recall the matters foretold by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁸how they told you that in latter times there would be imitators, who proceed according to their own impious desires. ¹⁹These are the separators; natural, not having the Spirit.

²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, anticipating the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, into eternal life.

²²And on some you should have mercy, who are doubting; ²³others, save like snatching them from the fire; and others, have the mercy with fear, hating even the garment defiled by their flesh.

²⁴Now to Him who has the power to keep you from stumbling, and to stand you in the presence of his glory blameless *and* exulting, ²⁵to the only God our savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, to him are multiplied glory, rule and authority, in all ages before, and now, and all ages to come. Amen.

Revelation

Chapter 1

Prologue

¹The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to him to show to his servants what things must soon take place, and which he communicated when he sent it via his angel to his servant John, ²who has confirmed as the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, what all things he saw.

³How fortunate the one reading and those listening to the words of the prophecy, and keeping the things written therein, for the time is near.

⁴John, to the seven churches in Asia, grace to you, and peace, from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and ruler over the kings of the earth. To him who loves us, and freed us from our sins with his blood, ⁶and made us into a kingdom of priests for his God and Father— to him be glory and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye shall see him, including of those who pierced him. And all the peoples of the earth shall beat their breasts over him. So let it be, amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Someone Like a Son of Man

⁹I, John, your brother and fellow in the oppression and kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit during the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, like of a trumpet, ¹¹saying, "What you see, write in a book, and send it to the seven churches— to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamum, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

¹²And I turned around to see the voice that was speaking with me. And when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a cloak reaching down to his feet, and gird around at the pews with a golden sash, ¹⁴except his head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes like flames of fire, ¹⁵and his feet like bronze as if made to glow in a furnace, and his voice like the sound of many waters, ¹⁶and he was holding

in his right hand seven stars, and out of his mouth was coming a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in the strength of it.

¹⁷And when I saw him, I fell down by his feet as though dead. And he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not fear. I am the First and the Last, ¹⁸and the Living One, and I was dead, and behold, living for ever and ever, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

¹⁹Write therefore what things you see and what things are now, and also what things are about to take place after these things. ²⁰The mystery of the seven stars which you see upon my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Chapter 2

To the Church in Ephesus

¹To the angel of the church in Ephesus, write: "These things says He who grips the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands: ²I know your works, and your toil and endurance, and how you are not able to tolerate evil people, and have put to the test those who call themselves apostles and are not and have found them to be liars; ³and you have endurance, and have held up for the sake of my name, and not become weary.

⁴But I have against you that you have left your first love. ⁵Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do your first works; otherwise I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

⁶But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷He who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

To the Church in Smyrna

⁸And to the angel of the church in Smyrna, write: "These things says the First and the Last, who was dead and came alive again: ⁹I know your affliction and your poverty (but you are rich) and the blasphemy of those claiming to be Jews and are not but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Don't be afraid of any of the things you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, so that you may be tried, and you will have affliction for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹He who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit is

saying to the churches. He who overcomes will certainly not be harmed by the second death.

To the Church in Pergamum

¹²"And to the angel of the church in Pergamum, write: 'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: ¹³I know where you live, where Satan's throne is; yet you hold fast to my law and have not denied my faith, even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness who was put to death near you, where Satan lives.

¹⁴"But I have a few things against you, that you have some there who hold to the teachings of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat idol sacrifices and to commit sexual immorality. ¹⁵So also in the same way you have some who hold to the teachings of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶Repent therefore. Otherwise I am coming to you soon, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

¹⁷"He who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. He who overcomes, I will give to him from the hidden manna, and I will also give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name is written, which no one knows except the one receiving it.

To the Church in Thyatira

¹⁸"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira, write: 'These things says the Son of God, he who has his eyes like flames of fire and his feet like glowing bronze: ¹⁹I know your works and love and faith and service, and your perseverance, how your last works are greater than your first.

²⁰"But I have against you that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and teaches, and leads my servants astray, to commit sexual immorality and to eat things sacrificed to idols. ²¹And I have given her time to repent, and she is not willing to repent of her sexual immorality. ²²Behold, I am casting her onto a bed, along with the ones committing adultery with her, for an affliction of great magnitude, unless they repent of her works. ²³And her children I will destroy in death; and all the churches will know that I am He who searches minds and hearts, and that I will pay to each of you according to your works.

²⁴"And to the rest of you in Thyatira I say, as many as do not hold to these teachings—the ones who have not known 'the deep things of Satan,' as they say, I am not laying any further burden upon you. ²⁵Except what things you have, hold on to them until I come. ²⁶And he who overcomes and keeps my works to the end, I will give him authority over the nations,

²⁷and he will rule them with a rod of iron, shattering them to pieces like pots of clay, ²⁸even as I also have received from my Father; and I will give to him the morning star.

²⁹“He who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

Chapter 3

To the Church in Sardis

¹And to the angel of the church in Sardis, write: "These things says He who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, how you have the name that you are living, and you are dead. ²Be watchful, and strengthen the things that remain, which are about to die. For I have not found your works complete before my God. ³Remember therefore how you received and how you heard, and maintain that, and repent. Now then, if you are not watchful, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you.

⁴“But you have a few names in Sardis who have not defiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, because they are worthy. ⁵He who overcomes in this way shall be dressed in garments of white, and I will never wipe his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶He who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

To the Church in Philadelphia

⁷And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia, write: ‘These things says the Holy One, the True One, the one holding the key of David, who opens and no one closes, and closes and no one opens: ⁸I know your works, (behold, before you I have provided an open door, which no one is able to close) how you have little power, yet have kept my word, and have not denied my name.

⁹“Behold I will bring of the synagogue of Satan, of those claiming to be Jews and are not, but are lying; behold, I will make them such that they will come and fall down before your feet and know that I have loved you.

¹⁰“Because you have kept my word about endurance, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which is about to come upon the whole inhabited earth, to try those dwelling on the earth.

¹¹“I am coming quickly. Hold fast to what you have, so that no one takes away your reward. ¹²He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will never depart outside anymore, and I will

write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God, and also my new name.

¹³“He who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

To the Church in Laodicea

¹⁴“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea, write, ‘These things says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God: ¹⁵I know your works, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were either hot or cold. ¹⁶Thus, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am about to spew you out of my mouth.

¹⁷“Because you say ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and have need of nothing,’ and do not know that you are wretched and pitiful and poor and blind and naked, ¹⁸I counsel you to purchase from me gold purified by fire so you will be rich, and white garments so you will be clothed and your shameful nakedness not exposed, and salve to anoint your eyes so you will see. ¹⁹All whom I love, I punish and discipline. Be zealous therefore, and repent.

²⁰“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and he with me. ²¹To him who overcomes, I will grant to sit with me on my throne, just as I also overcame and sat with my Father on his throne. ²²He who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

Chapter 4

The Throne in Heaven

¹After these things I looked, and behold, an open door in heaven, and a voice speaking with me, the voice like a trumpet I had heard at first; and it was saying, "Come up here, and I will show you what things must take place after this." ²Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, there was situated in heaven a throne, and on the throne someone sitting, ³like jasper stone and carnelian in appearance. And an aura encircles the throne, like emerald in appearance. ⁴And in a circle around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and on those thrones, twenty-four elders dressed in white, and on their heads crowns of gold. ⁵And from the throne come flashes and sounds and thunderings. And there are seven flaming torches burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God, ⁶and in front of the throne is like a sea of glass, like crystal.

And in between the throne and the circle around the throne are four living beings, full of eyes, front and back. ⁷And the first being is like a lion, and the second being like an ox, and the third being has a human face, and the fourth being is like an eagle in flight. ⁸And the four beings, every one of them has six wings each, which are covered completely around with eyes, even inward. And they take no rest day or night, continually saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come." ⁹And whenever the beings give glory and honor and thanks to the One sitting on the throne, to Him who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders will fall down before the One sitting on the throne, and worship Him who lives for ever and ever, and they will place their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹"You are worthy, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you are the one who created all things, and for your purpose they exist and were created."

Chapter 5

Who is Worthy to Open the Scroll?

¹And I saw upon the right hand of the One sitting on the throne a scroll, written on, inside and back, sealed up with seven seals. ²And I saw a powerful angel, heralding in a loud voice: "Who is worthy to open the scroll, and to break the seals of it?"

³And no one was able, not in heaven, nor on the earth, nor under the earth, to open the scroll, or even to look at it. ⁴And I was weeping greatly, that no one worthy was found to open the scroll, or even to look at it. ⁵Then one of the elders is saying to me, "Do not weep. Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, he has overcome, so as to open the scroll and the seven seals of it."

⁶And I saw in between the throne and the four living beings and the elders, a lamb, postured as though slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took *the scroll* from the right hand of the One sitting on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a lyre and a golden bowl filled with incenses, which are the prayers of the saints,

⁹and they began singing a new song, saying: [*Elders:*] "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open the seals of it, because you were slain, and thereby purchased us for God with your blood out of every tribe and language and people and nation!"

[*Living Beings:*] ¹⁰"And you made them into a kingdom and priesthood for our God, and they will reign on the earth."

¹¹And I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels circled around the throne, and of the living beings and of the elders, and the number of them was myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a very great voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³And every creature that was in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, and all the things that were in them, I heard saying, "Blessing and honor, glory and power, be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, for ever and ever!"

¹⁴And the four beings were saying "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Chapter 6

The Seven Seals

¹And I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. And I heard one of the four living beings saying in a thunderous voice, "Come."

²And I looked, and behold, a white horse, and the one sitting on it holding a bow *and* arrow, and to him was given a crown, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

³And when the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the voice of the second being saying, "Come." ⁴And another horse came, a red one, and the one sitting on it, to him *the order* was given to take peace away from the earth, that is, so that they slaughter one another. To him was given a large sword.

⁵And when the third seal was opened, I heard the voice of the third being saying, "Come." And I looked, and behold, a black horse, and the one sitting on it holding a pair of scales in his hands. ⁶And I heard a voice *from what seemed* like the midst of the four beings, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wage, or three barley loaves for a day's wage. And don't you damage the oil or the wine."

⁷And when the fourth seal was opened, I heard the voice of the fourth being saying, "Come." ⁸And I looked, and behold, a pale green horse, and the one who is sitting on it, his name is Death, and Hades is trailing after him; and authority is given them over one fourth of the earth, to kill them with war, and famine, and death, and by the wild animals of the earth.

⁹And when the fifth seal was opened, I saw beneath the altar, the souls of those slain for the word of God and for the witness that they were bearing. ¹⁰And they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Until when, O Master, holy and true, are you refraining from adjudicating and avenging our blood from those who dwell on the earth?"

¹¹And they were given each a white robe, and it was prescribed for them that they would take rest a little while longer, until the number of their fellow-servants and brethren was also complete, those about to be killed even as they.

The Sixth Seal

¹²And I watched as he opened the sixth seal, and a mighty earthquake took place, and the sun became black like animal hair sack-cloth, and the full moon became like blood, ¹³and the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree shaken by a strong wind casts its unripe figs, ¹⁴and the sky retreated like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

¹⁵And the kings of the earth, and the great people and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves, and among the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶and they are saying to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of the One sitting on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; ¹⁷for the great day of their wrath has come, and who shall be able to stand?"

Chapter 7

The 144,000 Sealed

¹After this I saw four angels standing at the four points of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow upon the earth, or upon the sea or upon any tree.

²And I saw another angel coming down from the east, holding the seal of the living God, and he cried out in a very great voice toward the four angels to whom *the orders* had been given to harm the earth and the sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

⁴And I heard the number of the ones sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵from the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, ⁶from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, ⁷from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, ⁸from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.

The Multitude out of the Tribulation

⁹After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, and palm branches in their hands; ¹⁰and they are shouting out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels had stood in a circle around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen."

¹³And one of the elders responded saying to me, "These wearing the white robes, who are they, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴And I spoke to him, "My lord, you know."

And he said to me, "These are those coming out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Because of this they are before the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple, and the One sitting on the throne will spread his tent over them. ¹⁶No longer will they hunger, neither will they thirst any more, nor will the sun attack them nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them, and he will lead them to the springs of the waters of life; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Chapter 8

The 7th Seal: the Seven Trumpets

¹And when he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ²And I saw the seven angels which stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. ³And another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer, and many incenses were given to him so that he might present the prayers of all the saints at the golden altar which is before the throne. ⁴And the smoke of the incenses went up before God from the hand of the angel mingled with the prayers of the saints. ⁵And the angel took the censer and filled it with the burning incense, and he hurled it to the earth; and there came rumblings and noises and peals of thunder, and earthquakes. ⁶And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets readied themselves to play.

⁷And the first one sounded his trumpet; and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was rained on the earth. And one third of the earth

was burned up, and one third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

⁸And the second angel sounded his trumpet; and something like a huge mountain burning with fire was hurled into the sea. And one third of the sea was turned to blood, ⁹and one third of the creatures that have lives in the sea died, and one third of the ships were destroyed.

¹⁰And the third angel sounded his trumpet; and a huge star fell from heaven, burning like a lamp, and it fell on a third of the rivers, and on the sources of the waters. ¹¹And the name of the star means "Wormwood." And a third of the waters were turned into bitterness, and many of the people died from the waters because they were made bitter.

¹²And the fourth angel sounded his trumpet; and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon and a third of the stars, such that one third of their *light* was darkened and a third of the daylight would not be shined, and the same with the night.

¹³And I looked, and I heard an eagle flying at zenith saying with a very loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those dwelling on the earth, because of the remaining sounds of the trumpet from the three angels about to sound!"

Chapter 9

The Fifth Trumpet

¹And the fifth angel sounded his trumpet; and I saw a fallen star, *fallen* out of heaven onto earth, and the key to the bottomless pit had been given to him. ²And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke ascended from the pit like smoke from a giant furnace. And the sun and the sky became dark from the smoke of the pit. ³And from the smoke, locusts went out over the earth, and they were given a power like the power that the scorpions of Earth have.

⁴And it was commanded them that they not harm the grass of the earth or anything green or any tree, but only humans who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵And orders were given them that they not kill them, but that they be tormented for five months. And their torment will be like the pain of a scorpion when it strikes a person. ⁶And during those days the people will seek death, and will not find it. Yes, they will long earnestly to die, and death will elude them.

⁷And the appearance of the locusts was like horses outfitted for war, and on their heads something like golden crowns, and their faces like human faces, ⁸and they had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like lions' teeth, ⁹and they had thoraxes like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of many chariot horses rushing to

battle. ¹⁰And they have tails like scorpions, and stingers, and in their tails their power to do harm to humans for five months. ¹¹They have as king over them the angel of the Abyss. His name in Hebrew is Abaddōn, and in Greek he has the name Apollyōn.

¹²The first woe has passed. Behold, even after all this, there are two woes coming.

¹³And the sixth angel sounded his trumpet. And I heard a voice from the horns of the golden altar before God, ¹⁴saying to the sixth angel, "Release the four angels that are bound at the great river Euphrates." ¹⁵And he released the four angels, held ready for that hour and day and month and year in order to kill one third of humanity. ¹⁶And the number of their mounted troops was 200,000,000. I heard the number of them.

¹⁷And this is how I saw the horses in the vision, and those sitting on them: Having breastplates like fire, that is, dusky red and sulphur colored; and the heads of the horses like heads of lions, and from their mouths comes fire and smoke and sulphur. ¹⁸By these three plagues, of the fire and smoke and sulphur coming from their mouths, one third of humanity was killed. ¹⁹Now the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like snakes, having heads, and with these they do harm.

²⁰And the rest of humanity, those who were not killed by these plagues, they did not repent, neither of the works of their hands, such that they worship demons and idols made of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk, ²¹and neither did they repent of their murders, nor their drugs, nor their sexual immorality, nor their thefts.

Chapter 10

The Prophet's Bitter Burden

¹And I saw another powerful angel coming down out of heaven, wrapped in a cloud, and a nimbus above his head, and his face like the sun, and his legs like columns of fire, ²and holding in his hands a little scroll that was opened. And he placed his right foot upon the sea, and his left upon the land, ³and cried out with a great voice, like a lion roaring. And when he had cried out, the seven thunders spoke with their sounds.

⁴And when the seven thunders had spoken, I was about to write, and I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what things the seven thunders have spoken, and do not write them."

⁵And the angel which I had seen standing on the sea and on the land, he lifted his right hand to heaven, ⁶and swore by Him who lives for ever and ever, He who gave birth to the heaven and the things in it, and to the earth

and the things in it, and to the sea and the things in it, *he swore* that there shall be no more time, ⁷but that in the days of the blast of the seventh angel, whenever he is about to sound his trumpet, even then will be brought to completion the mystery of God, as he has announced it to his servants the prophets.

⁸And the voice that I had heard from heaven, it spoke with me again, and said, "Go take the scroll that is opened in the hand of the angel standing on the sea and on the land."

⁹And I went over to the angel, asking him to give me the little scroll. And he says to me, "Take it and eat it, and it will make your stomach bitter, though in your mouth it will be sweet like honey." ¹⁰And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel, and I ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet like honey. And after I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

¹¹And they are saying to me, "You must again prophesy concerning many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

Chapter 11

The Two Witnesses

¹And a reed was given to me, like a measuring rod, as he was saying, "Get up, and measure the temple of God along with the altar and those worshiping in it. ²And the outer courtyard of the temple you shall exclude, and not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles, and they will trample on the holy city for forty-two months. ³And I will give *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days clothed in sackcloth."

⁴These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands which stand before the Lord of the earth. ⁵And if anyone wants to harm them, fire comes from their mouth and consumes their enemies. And if anyone would want to harm them, this is how he ought to be killed. ⁶These have the authority to shut up the sky so that no rain will fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have authority over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with any kind of plague as often as they wish. ⁷And when they complete their witness, the beast coming up out of the bottomless pit will make war with them, and will conquer them and kill them.

⁸And their corpses *lie* on the boulevard of the great city which is spiritually named Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. ⁹And from peoples and tribes and languages and nations they see their corpses for three and a half days. And they are not allowing their corpses to be placed in a grave. ¹⁰And those dwelling on the earth rejoice over them,

and celebrate, and will send gifts to one another. For these two prophets had tormented those dwelling on the earth.

¹¹And after three and a half days, the breath of life from God went into them, and they stood up on their feet. And great fear fell over those watching them. ¹²And they heard a great voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up into heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them. ¹³And in that hour a great earthquake took place, and one tenth of the city collapsed, and 7,000 people were killed. And the survivors were terrified, and they gave glory to the God of heaven.

¹⁴The second woe has passed. Behold, the third woe comes quickly.

The Last Trumpet

¹⁵And the seventh angel sounded his trumpet; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ! And he shall reign for ever and ever!"

¹⁶And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying, "We thank you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, that you have taken that great power of yours and begun to reign. ¹⁸And the nations have become angry, and your anger also has come, and the time for the dead to be judged, and reward to be given to your servants the prophets and to the saints and to those fearing your name, both small and great, and to destroy the ones destroying the earth."

¹⁹And the temple of God in heaven opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen in his temple; and there came peals of thunder, and noises and rumblings and earthquakes, and large hailstones.

Chapter 12

The Woman, Her Seed, and the Dragon

¹And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars, ²and being with child, and crying out with contractions and anguish to deliver.

³And another sign was seen in heaven, and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven crowns, ⁴and his tail is pulling one third of the stars from heaven; and it threw them to the earth. And the dragon took his stand in front of the woman who was about to deliver, so that he might devour the child whenever it was born.

⁵And she bore a son, a male child, who was destined to shepherd all the nations with a rod of iron. And her child was snatched up to God and to his

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throne. ⁶And the woman fled to the desert, to where she has a place prepared there by God, so that there they might take care of her for 1,260 days.

⁷And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels must make war with the dragon. And the dragon made war, and his angels also, ⁸and he was not strong enough, neither was their place found anymore in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown out, that ancient serpent, which is called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world, he was thrown to the earth, and his angels thrown along with him.

¹⁰And I heard a great voice in heaven, saying, "Now has come the salvation and power and kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ; for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown out, the one accusing them before our God day and night, ¹¹and these have overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives even unto death.

¹²"Rejoice over this, O heaven, and you who dwell therein! Woe to the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you with great fury, because he knows that he has but little time."

¹³And when the dragon saw that he was thrown to the earth, he went after the woman that bore the male child. ¹⁴And she was given the two wings of a great eagle to fly to the desert to that place of hers, where she gets taken care of for a time, times, and half a time, away from the face of the serpent.

¹⁵And the serpent poured water from his mouth like a river after the woman, to cause her to be swept away by a flood, ¹⁶and the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the flood that the dragon had poured from his mouth.

¹⁷And the dragon was enraged over the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her seed, those keeping the commandments of God and bearing the witness of Jesus. ¹⁸And he stood at the shore of the sea.

Chapter 13

The First Beast, out of the Sea

¹And I saw a beast coming up from the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, and on its horns ten crowns, and on its heads a name that is blasphemy. ²And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and the feet of it like a bear's, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave his power to him, and his throne, and great authority. ³And one of his heads was as slain to death, and the fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was filled with wonder *and followed* after the beast, ⁴and they worshiped

the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

⁵And there was given to him a mouth speaking big things and blasphemies, and authority was given to him to act for forty-two months. ⁶And he opened his mouth in blasphemies toward God, to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle, those tabernacling in heaven. ⁷And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to conquer them, and authority was given to him over every tribe and people and language and nation. ⁸And they worship him, all those dwelling on the earth, every one whose name is not written in the book of life of the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world.

⁹If anyone has an ear, hear. ¹⁰If anyone is to be taken captive, into captivity he is going. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. Here is the endurance and faith of the saints.

The Second Beast, out of the Earth

¹¹And I saw another beast, coming up from the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, and it spoke as the dragon. ¹²And all the authority of the first beast it exercises before him. And he causes the earth and those dwelling in it to worship the first beast, whose mortal wound had been healed. ¹³And he performs great signs, such that he even causes fire to come down from heaven to earth before the people. ¹⁴And he deceives those dwelling on the earth by means of the signs which were given him to do before the beast, telling those dwelling on the earth to make an image to the beast which has the wound of the sword and yet has lived. ¹⁵And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, such that the image of the beast can even talk, and also to cause anyone who does not worship the image of the beast to be put to death.

¹⁶And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slave, to provide themselves a mark on their right upper extremity or on their forehead, ¹⁷and makes it so that no one is able to buy or sell without having the mark—the name of the beast or the number of his name. ¹⁸Here is wisdom: he who has the understanding should calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a human being; and his number is 666.

Chapter 14

The Lamb and the 144,000

¹And I looked, and behold, the Lamb is standing on Mount Zion, and with him the 144,000 who have his name and the name of his father written on their foreheads. ²And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The sound which I heard was also like lyre players playing their lyres. ³And they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living beings and the elders. And no one is able to learn the song except the 144,000, the ones purchased from the earth. ⁴These are *men* who have not been defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones following the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from humanity as a firstfruits to God and to the Lamb, ⁵and in their mouths no falsehood has been found. They are blameless.

The Three Angels

⁶And I saw another angel flying at zenith, having an eternal gospel to herald above those dwelling on the earth, even over every nation and tribe and language and people, ⁷saying in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and the sources of waters."

⁸And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the great, which had given the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her whoredom. "

⁹And another angel, a third one, followed those, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and takes the mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰he shall himself also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, mixed undiluted in the cup of his anger, and he shall be tormented with fire and sulfur before the holy angels and before the Lamb. ¹¹And the smoke of their torture goes up for ever and ever, and they have no relief day or night, those who worship the beast and the image of him, and anyone who takes the mark of his name."

¹²Here is the endurance of the saints, those keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. ¹³And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead, those dying in the Lord from now on.'"

"Yes," says the Spirit, "in that they shall rest from their labors, with their works, you see, following right with them."

The Angels Harvest the Earth

¹⁴And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and someone like a son of man sitting on the cloud, having a crown of gold on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵And another angel came, from the temple, calling out in a loud voice toward the one sitting on the cloud, "Send out your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, since the harvest has become dry."

¹⁶And the one sitting on the cloud launched his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

¹⁷And another angel came from the temple that is in heaven, he also holding a sharp sickle.

¹⁸And another angel came from the altar, having authority over the fire, and he called out in a loud voice to the one holding the sharp sickle, saying, "Send out your sharp sickle, and collect the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes have peaked." ¹⁹And the angel launched his sickle onto the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and he cast it into the great winepress of God's wrath. ²⁰And the winepress outside the city was trampled, and the blood went out from the winepress as deep as the bridles of the horses for a distance of 1,600 stadia.

Chapter 15

The Seven Bowls Full of Wrath

¹And I saw another sign in heaven, great and awesome: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for with them is completed the wrath of God.

²And I saw like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and the ones overcoming of the beast and of his image and of the number of his name were standing on the glassy sea, holding lyres of God. ³And they are singing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, as follows,

"Great and marvelous are your deeds,

O Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways,

O king of the nations.

⁴Who shall not fear, O Lord,

and glorify your name?

Because you alone are holy.

For all the nations will come,

and will worship before you,

because your righteous judgments
have been revealed."

⁵And after these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony was opened in heaven, ⁶and out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, dressed in clean bright linen and gird around the chest with golden sashes. ⁷And one of the four living beings handed to the seven angels seven bowls made of gold, which were becoming full of the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. ⁸And the temple was filled with smoke, from the glory of God and from his power, and no one is able to go into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels are carried out.

Chapter 16

¹And I heard a great voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God onto the earth."

²And the first one went and poured out his bowl onto the earth. And there came a nasty and painful ulcer on the people who had the mark of the beast and on those worshipping his image.

³And the second *angel* poured out his bowl onto the sea. And it became blood like of the dead, and every living soul died, the ones in the sea.

⁴And the third *angel* poured out his bowl onto the rivers and the sources of the waters. And they became blood.

⁵And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "You are righteous, you who are and who was, O holy one, that you have judged these things, ⁶for they poured out the blood of saints and of prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. They deserve it."

⁷And I heard the altar saying, "Agreed, Lord God Almighty, your punishments are true and just."

⁸And the fourth *angel* poured out his bowl on the sun. And it was given to *the sun* to scorch the people by fire. ⁹And the people were burned a very bad burn, and they reviled the name of God, the one having authority over these plagues, yet they did not repent to give him glory.

¹⁰And the fifth *angel* poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast. And his kingdom became covered in darkness. And they were biting their tongues in pain, ¹¹and they reviled the name of the God of heaven, because of their pains and because of their ulcers, yet they did not repent of their works.

¹²And the sixth *angel* poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates. And it caused its water to dry up, so that a route was prepared for the kings from the east. ¹³And I saw *coming* from the mouth of the dragon, and from the mouth of the beast, and from the mouth of the false prophet, three

unclean spirits, like frogs; ¹⁴for they are spirits of demons performing miracles, which are going out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God Almighty. ¹⁵(Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed are those keeping vigilant and guarding their garments, so they are not walking around naked and *people* seeing their private parts.) ¹⁶And He gathered them together at the place called in Hebrew Harmagedōn.

¹⁷And the seventh *angel* poured out his bowl onto the air. And there came from the temple a loud voice by authority of the throne, saying, "It is done!" ¹⁸And there were lightnings and sounds and thunderings, and a powerful earthquake occurred, such as has not happened since humankind existed on the earth, so great an earthquake it was. ¹⁹And the great city was split into three, and the cities of the Gentiles collapsed. And Babylon the Great, it was remembered in the presence of God to give her the cup of the wine of the fury of God's wrath. ²⁰And every island vanished away, and no mountains were found. ²¹And huge hailstones, about 100 pounds in weight, came down on the people out of heaven; and the people reviled God because of the plague of hail. For severe is the blow of it, extremely.

Chapter 17

The Mysterious Prostitute

¹Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters, ²with whom the kings of the earth have fornicated. And those dwelling on the earth have become intoxicated from the wine of her sexual immorality."

³And he carried me away in the Spirit to a wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that had seven heads and ten horns, which was full of blasphemous names. ⁴And the woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and covered with gold and precious stones and pearls, holding a gold cup in her hand, full of abominations and the uncleanness of her prostitution. ⁵And on her forehead a title was written:

A Mystery
 Babylon the Great,
 the mother of prostitutes
 and of the abominations of the earth.

⁶And I saw the woman drunk from the blood of the saints and from the blood of Jesus' witnesses. And I was astonished when I saw her, with a great astonishment.

⁷And the angel said to me, "Why are you astonished? I will declare to you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast carrying her which has the seven heads and ten horns. ⁸The beast which you saw, was, and *now* is not, and in the future is to rise again from the Abyss, and *then* is going to destruction. And those dwelling on the earth will be amazed when they see the beast, anyone whose name has not been written in the book of life since the foundation of the world, for it was, and is not, and will be.

⁹"Consider this, O mind having wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains, where the woman sits upon them. They are also seven kings. ¹⁰Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet appeared, and when he appears, he must continue a few *years*. ¹¹And the beast which was and is not, he also is an eighth *king*, and from the seven he is, and to destruction he is going.

¹²"And the ten horns which you saw, they are ten kings who have not yet received kingship; they only receive authority as kings for one hour with the beast. ¹³These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because he is lord of lords, and king of kings, and those with him *are* the called, and elect, and faithful."

¹⁵And he says to me, "The waters which you saw, where the prostitute sits, they are peoples and populaces, and ethnic groups and languages. ¹⁶And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the prostitute, and they will lay her waste, and bare, and eat her flesh, and burn her up with fire. ¹⁷For God has given it into their hearts, to carry out that purpose of His, even to accomplish one single purpose, and that is to give their kingdoms to the beast, until the words of God are accomplished. ¹⁸And the woman which you saw is that great city that has rule over the kings of the earth."

Chapter 18

Fallen Is Babylon the Great

¹After these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority, and the earth was lit up from his glory. ²And he cried out in a powerful voice, saying, "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, and has become the dwelling place of demons and the haunt of every unclean spirit and the haunt of every unclean bird, and the haunt of every unclean and detestable beast, ³because every nation has drunk of the wine

of the wrath of her prostitution, and the kings of the earth have fornicated with her, and the merchants of the earth by virtue of her luxury have become rich."

⁴And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Get out, O my people, out of her, that you not be parties to her sins, and not receive of her plagues. ⁵For her sins are piled all the way up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes. ⁶Deal back to her even as she dealt out, and pay to her double, as befits her deeds. In the cup in which she had mixed, mix her a double. ⁷As much as she glorified herself and experienced luxury, that much suffering and mourning deal to her. For she says in her heart, 'I sit as a queen, and no widow am I, and mourning I will never see.' ⁸Because of this, her blows will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be consumed by fire. For able is the Lord God who sentenced her."

⁹And the kings of the earth when they see the smoke of her burning, shall weep and beat their breasts over her, they who had fornicated and experienced luxury with her, ¹⁰standing a long distance away, for the horror of her torment, saying, "Alas, alas, great city! Babylon, strong city! For in a single hour your doom has come!"

¹¹And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargo anymore, ¹²cargo of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls, and of linen, silk, purple and scarlet cloth, and every aromatic wood, and every item of ivory, and every article of expensive wood, copper, iron, and marble, ¹³and cinnamon and cardamom, and incenses, myrrh, and frankincense, and wine, olive oil, finest flour, and wheat, and cattle, sheep, horses and carriages, and the bodies and souls of people.

¹⁴And your fruit, what your soul had lusted for, has left you; yes, all the luxuries and the splendor, have vanished from you, and never shall *men* find them again.

¹⁵Those merchants who became rich from her will stand afar off for the horror of her torment, weeping and mourning, ¹⁶saying, "Alas, alas, great city dressed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and gilded in gold and precious stone and pearl! ¹⁷That this kind of wealth has been ruined in one hour!"

And every pilot and everyone sailing toward the place, and mariners and such as work the sea, stood afar off, ¹⁸and cried out, watching the smoke of her fire, saying, "What *city* is like the great city?" ¹⁹And they threw dust above their heads and cried out weeping and mourning, saying, "Alas, alas, great city, through whom all those owning ships on the sea became rich from her Priceyness. How has she been laid waste in one hour?"

²⁰Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets! For God has adjudicated your redress from her. ²¹And a powerful angel lifted up a stone, like a giant millstone, and threw it into the sea, saying, "With such violence will that great city Babylon be thrown down, and never more be found."

²²"And the sound of guitarists and musicians and flutists and trumpeters will never more be heard in you, nor will any craftsman of any skill be found in you anymore, nor the sound of a factory be heard in you anymore, ²³and the light of a lamp will will not shine in you anymore, and the sound of bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you anymore. For your traders were the lords of the earth, in that by your sorceries all nations were deceived. ²⁴And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, indeed of all the slain upon the earth.

Chapter 19

Hallelujah!

¹After these things I heard something like the sound of a very large multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! The salvation and glory and power of our God! ²How true and right his judgments! For he has judged the great prostitute who was destroying the earth with her prostitution, and has avenged the blood of his servants *spilled* by her hand."

³And a second time they said, "Hallelujah! And the smoke from her ascends for ever and ever."

⁴And the twenty-four elders and the four living beings fell down and worshiped God, the one sitting on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"

⁵And there came a voice from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, and you who fear him, both small and great."

⁶And I heard like the sound of a great multitude, and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of powerful thunderclaps, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty has begun to reign. ⁷Let us rejoice and exult, and give glory to him, for the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready." ⁸And it was given to her that she be dressed in fine linen bright and clean, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

⁹And he says to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.'" And he says to me, "These are true words from God."

¹⁰And I fell down before his feet to worship him. And he says to me, "Watch out! I am your fellow servant, and one of your brothers in having

the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Behold a White Horse

¹¹And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and the one sitting on it called faithful and true, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹²And his eyes are like flames of fire, and on his head many diadems, having a name written on them which no one knows but himself, ¹³and he is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and called by the name "the Word of God."

¹⁴And the armies that are in heaven are following him on white horses, dressed in bright, clean linen. ¹⁵And from his mouth goes out a sharp sword, so that with it he might strike the nations, and then he himself will shepherd them with a rod of iron; and he himself will tread the press of the wine of the passion of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶And he has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

¹⁷And I saw an angel standing on the sun, and he cried out in a very great voice, saying, "To all the birds flying in mid-air, Come, gather toward the great feast of God, ¹⁸that you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of generals, and the flesh of the mighty, and the flesh of horses and of those riding on them; even the flesh of every sort, both free and slave, both the small and the great."

¹⁹And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, gathered together to make war with the one sitting on the horse and with his army. ²⁰And the beast was arrested, and with him the false prophet who did the wonders before him by which he deceived those receiving the mark of the beast and worshiping his image. The two were thrown while living into the lake of fire burning with sulfur. ²¹And the rest were killed by the sword which goes out from the mouth of the one sitting on the horse. And all the birds got fat off their flesh.

Chapter 20

The One Thousand Years

¹And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key to the abyss and a giant chain in his hand. ²And he captured the dragon, the ancient serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³and cast him into the abyss, and closed and sealed it over him, so that he could no longer deceive the nations, until the end of the thousand years; after them he must be released for a short time.

⁴And I saw thrones, and they took their seat on them, and judgeship was given to them, that is, the souls of those beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus, and because of the word of God, and who did not worship the beast, neither the image of him, and did not take the mark on their forehead or on their hand. And they came to life, and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were finished.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy is he who takes part in the first resurrection; over such, the second death has no power, but instead they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

The Last War

⁷And when the thousand years are finished, Satan shall be released from his prison, ⁸and he shall go forth to deceive the nations which are in the four points of the earth, Gōg and Magōg, to gather them together for war, the number of them being as the sand of the seashore. ⁹And they rose up over the breadth of the earth, and surrounded the company of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from heaven and consumed them. ¹⁰And the Devil, the deceiver of them, was cast into the lake of fire and sulfur, where also the beast and false prophet were, and they shall be tormented day and night, for ever and ever.

The Great White Throne of Judgment

¹¹And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away, and their place was found no more. ¹²And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was also opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged from what was written in the books, according to their works. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them, and each was judged according to their works. ¹⁴And Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵And if anyone was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire.

Chapter 21

The New Jerusalem

¹And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and first earth had vanished away, and the sea does not exist anymore. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

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prepared as a bride made beautiful for her husband. ³And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's tent is with men. And he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and he shall be their God; ⁴and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death shall no longer exist, neither sadness, nor crying, nor pain, shall exist anymore. The former things have passed away."

⁵And the One sitting on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

And he says, "Write, 'These words are trustworthy and true.' "

⁶And he said to me, "They are accomplished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To him who is thirsty I will give freely from the spring of the water of life. ⁷He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be to him *his* God and he will be to me a son. ⁸But to the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and fornicators and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their inheritance is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

The Bride and Wife of the Lamb

⁹And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came, and he spoke with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit onto a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God. Her radiance was similar to a precious gemstone, like a jasper stone shimmering as crystal; ¹²having a wall, great and high, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written on them, which are the *names of the* twelve tribes of the sons of Israel; ¹³from the east three gates, and from the north three gates, and from the south three gates, and from the west three gates; ¹⁴with the wall of the city having twelve foundations, and on them twelve names, of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵And the one speaking with me had a measuring rod of gold, to measure the city, and its gates and its wall. ¹⁶And the city lies foursquare, that is, its length is as great as the width. And with the rod, he measured the city at 12,000 stadia. The length and width and height of it are the same. ¹⁷And he measured the wall of it, 144 forearms, the dimension of a man, which is the angel's.

¹⁸And the material of its wall is jasper, and the city is pure gold, clear like crystal. ¹⁹The foundations of the walls of the city are adorned with every precious stone; the first foundation *with* jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰the fifth sardonyx, the sixth

sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh hyacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹And the twelve gates are twelve pearls; each one of the gates was made out of one pearl. And the streets of the city are pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I did not see a temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty is its temple, and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of either a sun or a moon to shine in it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴And the nations walk around by its light; and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it; ²⁵and its gates are never closed by day; in fact, night will not exist there; ²⁶and they will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. ²⁷And no person who is unclean or who practices abomination or falsehood will ever go into it— only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Chapter 22

The River of Living Water

¹And he showed me the river of the water of life, bright like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²in the middle of its boulevard. And on either side of the river, the tree of life producing twelve fruits, according to the month each one yielding its fruit, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³And every accursed thing will no longer exist. And the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will serve him, ⁴and they will look upon his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will no longer exist, and they have no need for the light of a lamp or the light of a sun, because the Lord God will shine on them, and they will reign for ever and ever.

⁶And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. Yes, the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, he has sent his angel to show his servants what things must soon take place."

⁷"And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

⁸And I, John, *was* the hearer and the seer of these things. And when I heard and I saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. ⁹And he says to me, "Watch out! I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers the prophets, and of those keeping the words of this book. Worship God."

¹⁰And he says to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹He who is doing wrong, let him continue to do

wrong, and the unclean continue to be unclean, and he who is doing good continue to do good, and the holy continue to be holy."

Behold, I am Coming Soon

¹²"Behold, I am coming soon, and the repayment from me along with me, to pay back to each one such as his work is. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

¹⁴"Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that access to the tree of life will be theirs, and to the gates, so they may go into the city. ¹⁵Outside are dogs, and sorcerers, and fornicators and murderers and idolaters and anyone who loves or does falsehood.

¹⁶"I Jesus have sent my angel to testify these things to you regarding the churches. I am the root and line of David, the bright *and* morning star.

¹⁷And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And he who is hearing this, let him say "Come." And he who is thirsty, let him come, whoever desires to receive the water of life without cost.

¹⁸I testify to everyone who is hearing these words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of this book of prophecy, God will take away his share of the tree of life and of the holy city, of what is written in this book.

²⁰The one who is testifying these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with everyone.