

The Gospel of **LUKE**

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The Good News According to **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,¹ 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.² 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.³

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 over⁴ 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 turn⁵ toward their children,⁶ and the disobedient toward the outlook of the righteous: a prepared people will be arranged for the Lord."

¹ **1:2** Or, "as delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word." The word I translated "became" is the Greek word γίνομαι - gínomai, which usually means became, or came about, or happen. But Luke often uses γίνομαι in place of the simple word in Greek for "to be." That is why most translations translate it here as simply "were." But the reason I did not translate it that way, is that it would result in a non-Lukan use of the title "the Word" for Jesus. For you see, if we say, they were eyewitnesses and servants of the word from the beginning, that would be the only possible explanation of the idea of "being eyewitness of the word." That means they beheld Jesus as the word, in the Johannine concept of I John 1:1 and John 1. Otherwise, what would it mean? That they saw Jesus write the word down? But I do not believe that is what Luke is saying. I believe he is saying that the men who were the first eyewitness of Jesus, were given the trust of being stewards of the word, of the message. See Acts 1:21-22, which Luke also wrote. There we read how it was decided that the original eyewitnesses became official stewards of the word.

² **1:5** The priests were divided up into divisions that took turns in rotation, doing the priestly duties.

³ **1:9** It is said that a priest received only once in his lifetime, if at all, the privilege to enter inside the shrine to burn incense. The Levites were divided into 48 semi-annual rotations. So a particular priest's rotation was on duty only about twice a year. Then as to the individual who would go inside to burn incense, it was the custom of the priesthood to decide whose turn it was by casting lots. Zechariah's lot fell.

⁴ **1:12** See the Septuagint, Psalm 54:5.

⁵ **1:17A** The Greek says John will proceed in the power of Elijah "to turn." The verb for turn, ἐπιστρέφω - epistrephe, is in the infinitive form, ἐπιστρέψαι - epistrepesai. This is an "infinitive of result," a Hebraism.

⁶ **1:17B** The wording "the Fathers," in English tends to mean "all the fathers." But in this context, the number of fathers is set by verse 16, "He will turn many." Thus, there would be many fathers whose hearts will turn ἐπὶ τέκνα - epi tekna (toward children.) There is no possessive pronoun "their" here in the Greek. But if we leave it out here, in English, if someone's heart "turns toward children," that might be understood to mean, he decides he now wants to have children. This verse must be an allusion to Malachi 4:6 in the Hebrew, and not the Septuagint. In the Hebrew it is fathers, plural, and children, generic. The Septuagint says ὁς ἀποκαταστήσει καρδίαν πατρός πρὸς υἱόν, "who will turn the heart of the father to the son." Several translations make the word πατήρ (pater) generic here, and so translate it as "parents to their children." I can understand that. But so many people already have an understanding of this verse, based on what seems to be a reality in this world that there are more children and fathers estranged, than children from their mothers. For example, the Bible says "Who ever heard of such a thing as a mother

¹⁸Zechariah said to the angel, "By what will I know this?⁷ 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?"⁸

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,⁹ 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, nothing¹⁰ 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.¹¹ ⁴⁵Blessed is she who believed that there will be a completion of the things announced to her from the Lord!"

killing her child and eating him?" Apparently, it is harder to believe that a mother would do that to her child, than a father. Note that Malachi in the Hebrew also says that He will turn the hearts of the sons to the fathers. The question is, what is broken? Is it more fathers estranged from their children, and children angry at their fathers? Or mothers to the same extent? I think it is the former. That is why I am leaving it fathers and children, because that is more what is broken in the absence of the power of the Spirit.

⁷ **1:18** Zechariah may have felt his question justified in that Abraham asked the same thing— for a sign. See Genesis 15:8. But this reflects a lack of belief in God's statements. Jesus said later, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah." (Diatess. 11:17-18; Mt 12:38-39; Lk 11:16, 20) The apostle Paul said, "For Jews require a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom..." (I Cor. 1:22)

⁸ **1:34** "I am not knowing a man," with the verb for know in the continuous aspect, is a euphemism meaning, "I am not being intimate- having sex with a man, now or in the near future."

⁹ **1:35** The one to be born would already have been called holy, in that it would be a firstborn male; see Exodus 13:2, 14-16.

¹⁰ **1:37** Literally, "Because with God every saying will not be impossible," ὅτι οὐκ ἀδυνατήσει παρὰ τοῦ θεοῦ πᾶν ῥῆμα. The BDF grammar states that ῥῆμα - hrēma here is Hebraistic in use: "thing, matter, event," and that οὐκ...πᾶν is also a Semitism, resulting in the whole to mean, "nothing will be impossible with God." But I can't help but feel that Mary's response, "Let it be to me according to your hrēma," harks back to the use of hrēma by the angel, and that the angel told of Elizabeth's case as assurance that "therefore, in view of this, as for my statements to you also, not one statement will be impossible." Still, this is reminiscent of Genesis 18:14 in the Septuagint: Μὴ ἀδυνατήσῃ παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ῥῆμα? "Is anything too hard for the LORD?" That was when the angel of the LORD had announced to the aged Sarah that she would bear a son. There, the word ῥῆμα - hrēma is used as meaning "anything."

¹¹ **1:44** Leapt in ἀγαλλιάσις - agalliasis. This word is found only in Biblical and ecclesiastical literature. It refers primarily to messianic exultation. Some of the other occurrences are: later in this chapter, v. 46, where Mary rejoiced in "God my Savior,"

Mary's Song

⁴⁶And Mary said:

"My soul does magnify the Lord,¹²
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,¹³
⁵⁰and his mercy
 to those who fear him,
 into age after age.¹⁴
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.

i.e., God + a form of the word Yeshua; in Psalm 44:8, exulting in God; Hebrews 1:9, the Messiah is anointed with the oil of gladness more than his peers; Acts 2:46, the church fellowshiped in Messianic exultation; and Jude 24, it is an exceeding joy found in the presence of God himself.

¹² **1:46** Mary probably had in mind Psalm 34:3, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together," and "My soul shall make its boast in the Lord," Psalm 34:2. And so she says, "My soul **does** magnify the Lord." It is reminiscent also of the "Bless the Lord, O my soul...bless his holy name" of Psalm 103:1; and also of 104:1, 35, and 146:1, where in the Septuagint the Greek sentence is startlingly identical to Mary's, only that the imperative mood of the verb 'magnify' is changed to the indicative. Note: It was Semitic to use the nominative case for vocative, so Mary could still have been addressing her soul, as in the Psalms, i.e., "Magnify the Lord, O my soul." The songs of Mary and Zechariah are the most Semitic parts of Luke.

¹³ **1:49** ...ὁ δυνατός, καὶ ἅγιον τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ, καὶ τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ εἰς γενεὰς καὶ γενεὰς τοῖς φοβουμένοις αὐτόν. Traditionally, this ὁ δυνατός, καὶ ἅγιον τὸ ὄνομα is considered an example of the Hebraistic use of καὶ to co-ordinate words with independent clauses; so Friedrich Blass, and thus read: "The Mighty One did great things for me, wherefore his name is holy." But ἅγιον is ambiguously both masculine and neuter, and the flow seemed to group together "his name and his mercy" as that which is holy. In the Greek, ἅγιον τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ, καὶ τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ...τοῖς φοβουμένοις, "holy his name and his mercy," the words 'holy,' 'name,' and 'mercy' are all three neuter singular; 'name' and 'mercy' are subjects; and 'holy' is the predicate adjective, and there is no verb, except the implied copula verb ἐστίν, 'is'. The O-V-S syntax is more common when a single verb has a double subject. Ἔστιν is by far the copula most frequently omitted but implied in Greek, and a preference for omission is observed in (1) proverbs, (2) impersonal constructions, especially those expressing possibility or necessity, (3) questions, and (4) exclamations. And the τοῖς φοβουμένοις, "to those who fear him," is something like an "ethical dative," (also a Semitism), thus meaning, "his name and his mercy will be holy in the eyes of those who fear him." For is not the kindness and forbearance of God meant to lead you to repentance and holiness? (Romans 2:4) For other examples of the ethical dative, see Jonah 3:3, Acts 7:20, II Peter 3:14, and possibly the ἔρχομαί σοι of Rev. 2:5. We have examples of the ethical dative in English literature also. See Milton's Paradise Lost, Book I, Lines 25-26: "I may assert Eternal Providence, And justify the ways of God to men." In other words, justify the ways of God in the eyes of men, in the sight of men.

¹⁴ **1:50** Mary through the anointing of the Holy Spirit looks both backward and forward: backward to the "from everlasting to everlasting, to generation of generations" of Psalm 103:17, and forward, as in Psalm 146:10, "into age after age," in harmony with Paul in Ephesians 2:7, that God sent Yeshua "so that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." In Psalm 89:1, the "From everlasting until everlasting" covers both past, present and future. But the "time" tense here is still relative to and set by verse 48 as the future, where she speaks of "all the ages from now on." Her phrase in the Greek, "into age after age," εἰς γενεὰς καὶ γενεὰς, is almost identical to the Greek phrase of Psalm 146:10. This same phrase is also used in Lamentations 5:19, and Psalm 49:11 (and many others) as a parallelism to "for ever." Psalm 146 is clearly a Psalm she loved. Psalm 45:17 says, "I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever." This shows that "all generations" is a parallelism to "for ever and ever." See the preceding footnote about the verb "is" being omitted when expressing possibility. "And holy may be his name, and his mercy to those who fear him."

⁵⁴He helped his servant Israel,
and remembered¹⁵ 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,¹⁶ "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 horn¹⁷ 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

¹⁵ **1:54** The Greek verb is an infinitive, an infinitive of illustration or result, a Hebraism; so also several instances in Zechariah's song.

¹⁶ **1:63** Literally, "he wrote, saying...," ἔγραψεν λέγων, a Semitism for "he wrote as follows:..."

¹⁷ **1:69** *Horn* in the Old Testament symbolizes *strength*.

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.¹⁸ 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 him¹⁹ 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!"²⁰

¹⁸ **2:1** *The whole inhabited earth...* This is hype, commonly used in order to magnify the emperors. The meaning is *the whole empire*. The registration here is the recording of the names for the purpose of adding everyone to the tax rolls. The phrase could also be translated *that a census should be taken of all the inhabited earth*. The tax is a poll tax, or head tax, or a capitation, as forbidden in the constitution for the U.S.A. This was a form of tribute forced upon the conquered by the conqueror.

¹⁹ **2:7** Or swathed, or podded. In this practice, the baby was bound up tight with bands of cloth = *band-ages*, for reasons which may be reasonably guessed. The cloth would absorb any blood, amniotic fluid and wax still present after cleaning; this would have both practical and ceremonial cleanness ramifications, since the mother's blood was ceremonially unclean. The dead were wrapped somewhat similarly. Furthermore, the infant wrapped in such a way would be prevented from rolling. This last reason could have been especially applicable in Jesus' case, since he was placed in a stone feeding trough. The stone surface was not necessarily level or even. In addition, swaddling could have prevented the infant from rolling or flopping its limbs during travel on an animal. Native Americans swaddled a papoose to a sled of sorts to facilitate traveling. Traveling or not, a woman of that circumstance had a heavy burden of chores, and the swaddling could have kept the infant out of trouble while mother's eye was not upon it. Many Mediterranean lands practiced swaddling well over a thousand years later. See also Job 38:8,9; Ezekiel 16:4-6. Note that the Ezekiel passage implies that a baby not swaddled, is unclean, and undignified. (The passage refers to Jerusalem.) It is important that a translation of this Luke text use the same word as used in Job and Ezekiel, so that the reader catches the connection.

²⁰ **2:14** txt εν ανθρώποις εὐδοκία ⲛ¹ B¹ E G H K L M P U Γ Δ Θ Λ Ξ Ψ 053 0233^{vid} f¹ f¹³ 2 28 157 180 205 565 579 597 700 892 1006 1009 1010 1071 1079 1195 1216 1241 1242 1243 1253 1292 1342 1344 1365 1424 1505 1546 1646 2148 2174 2882 *Byz Lect* (syr^{pal}ms εὐδοκία σου) cop^{bo} arm eth geo slav Origen^{2/5} Ps-Gregory-Thaumaturgus Eusebius Ps-Athanasius Apostolic Consituions Didymus-Philo-Carpasia Epiphanius Severian Chrysostom Marcus-Eremita Paul-Emesa Cyril Proclus Theodotus-Ancyra Hesychius Theodoret // εν ανθρώποις εὐδοκίας "to mortals of his good pleasure" ⲛ* A B* D W 23 it^d vg^{ww,st} cop^{sa} goth Irenaeus^{lat} Origen^{gr2/5,lat} Cyril-Jerusalem Gaudentius Jerome^{4/15} Augustine^{2/41} NA27 {A} // *hominibus bonae voluntatis* (=ανθρώποις εὐδοκίας 372) it^{a,aur,b,β,c,e,f,(ff2),l,q,r1} vg^{cl} Irenaeus^{lat} Origen^{lat} Athanasius^{lat}; Hilary Ambrosiaster Ambrose Chromatius Jerome^{11/15} Augustine^{39/41} ms^{acc.} to Erasmus // και εν ανθρώποις εὐδοκία syr^{(s),(p),h} Origen^{1/5} // *lacuna* C N Π? 33. The UBS textual commentary says that the majority text reading is probably a scribal oversight, because, "at the end of a line εὐδοκίας would differ from εὐδοκία only by the presence of the smallest lunar sigma, little more than a point, for which it might have been taken— thus εΥΔΟΚΙΑ^c." Also according to the UBS textual commentary, the earlier reading is a Semitizing construction characteristic of Luke chapters 1 and 2. This Semitic expression is found in Hebrew in the Dead Sea Scrolls in

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 Moses²¹ 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 womb²² shall be called holy to the Lord,"²³ 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."²⁴

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,²⁵
and the glory of your people Israel."

³³And the child's father²⁶ 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

several Qumran Hymns: "the sons of his (God's) good pleasure," 1 QH iv.32 f.; xi.9; and "the elect of his (God's) good pleasure," viii.6; and also in Aramaic, in a fragment from Qumran, "among men of his good pleasure," see J. A. Fitzmeyer, S.J. (Theological studies, XIX [1958], pp. 225-227. The Sahidic translation of this phrase of the angels' song reads, "And peace upon earth among men of his desire." Similarly, later in this gospel, a voice from heaven says about Jesus, "You are my beloved son; in you I had good pleasure." See Galatians 6:16. Interesting that the same people who object to the NA27 text in Luke 2:14 where instead of "peace, goodwill toward men," it limits the blessing to "men of his good pleasure," yet in Revelation 22:21 where the NA27 text says "the grace of the Lord Jesus be with all," they object, and prefer that that blessing be only to the saints. This shows that the TR-only and KJV-only mentality is not reasonable, neither spiritual, but a cult following of one translation, and carnal, like where Paul says some say, "I am of Paul," and others, "I am of Apollos," etc.

²¹ **2:22** Leviticus 12:1-8

²² **2:23a** Or, "every male to inaugurate a womb," or "every offspring first to open a womb, if it is male."

²³ **2:23b** Exodus 13:2,12-16

²⁴ **2:24** Leviticus 12:8

²⁵ **2:32** In a physical sense, as is intended here, a *Gentile* is any person or nation that is not Israelite; that is, not a blood descendant of Jacob. (God had changed Jacob's name to *Israel*).

²⁶ **2:33** txt ὁ πατήρ αὐτοῦ ⲛ B D L W 131 700 1241 f¹ vg it^d syr^s cop^{sa,bopt} Cyril-Jerusalem Jerome Aug NA27 {B} // Ἰωσήφ ὁ πατήρ αὐτοῦ 157 165 176 eth^{PP} // ὁ Ἰωσήφ A N Ψ 579 // Ἰωσήφ E G K M U Γ Δ Θ Λ Π f¹³ 2 28 33 180 205 565 597 892 1006 1010 1071 1243 1292 1342 1424 1505 1582c it^{a,aur,b,β,c,e,f,ff²,l,q,r¹} vg^{mss} syr^{p,h,pal} cop^{bopt} (ethTH) Hesychius^{vid} Hilary RP // lac ϣ⁴⁵ ϣ⁷⁵ C F P Q T E. Erasmus has πατήρ "father" in all 5 of his editions. Said he, "In some Greek manuscript I read 'Joseph' instead of 'father'; in my opinion it has been changed by someone who feared that Joseph be called Jesus' father" ("In Graecis aliquot codicibus lego pro pater, Ioseph; quod arbitrator immutatum a quopiam, qui vereretur Ioseph vocare patrem Iesu..."; 'aliquot' added in 1519—ASD VI–5, p. 484 ll. 42–44; similarly in *Resp. ad annot. Ed. Lei*, ASD IX–4, p. 126 ll. 506–509). So we see that Erasmus figured that copyists changed the original "father" to Joseph, for the very same reasons that KJV Onlyists prefer the reading "Joseph." But they forget that the KJV calls Joseph Jesus' father in several other passages. Erasmus was correct, but the KJV does not follow him here.

Israel,²⁷ 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,²⁸ 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.²⁹ 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?"³⁰ 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.³¹ 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 tetrarch³² of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias as tetrarch of Abilene,

²⁷ **2:34** "I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone..." "A stone of stumbling, a rock of offense..." "The person who trips over that stone will be turned into powder..." On the other hand, many new Israelites will rise up or stand up, as a result of Gentiles being grafted into the Olive Tree. This is the same word as used for resurrection, and also for some brand new thing or person coming into existence. See for example Isaiah 56:6-8.

²⁸ **2:42** Greek, καὶ ὅτε ἐγένετο – kai hote egeneto, "and when he became" twelve... Luke does not use " kai hote egeneto" as a transitional phrase. Never once in his gospel or in Acts did Luke use even just the word "hote" in a transitional phrase, but rather, he always used it to indicate precisely the timing of something. Here Jesus, the Lamb of God, is just turning twelve shortly before the Passover festival. This may mean that Jesus' birthday was in our late March or early April. The Magi that knew of Jesus' birth and came from the east, were astrologers. For them, signs involving the planet Jupiter (Zeus) represented royalty and kings. So if there was a sign or conjunction involving Jupiter, the Magi would take note. Jupiter was in retrograde motion in April of the year 6 B.C. Thus, that star would "stand still." We know from the gospel of Luke that the shepherds were "keeping watch over their flocks by night." They only did that during birthing time, to protect the ewes and newborn lambs. In other words, they did that during Spring time. Furthermore, Luke says here that Jesus turned 12 years old around Passover time. Astronomer Michael Molnar (<http://www.eclipse.net/~molnar/>) has found that there was a conjunction of Jupiter (while retrograde and "standing still") with the moon, in Aries, on April 17, 6 B.C. This would harmonize with Luke's spring timing, and also with the fact that both Matthew and Luke say Jesus was born during the reign of Herod, who died in 4 B.C. Thus I say it is practically certain that Jesus was born in spring time, and that April 17, 6 B.C. is the best theory put forth yet as to his exact day of birth. One thing we know for certain is that his birthday was not December 25th, or any time in the winter, when the sheep in Judea would be in pens, and not in the field in the cold.

²⁹ **2:47** The Greek says literally, "were amazed at his understanding and his responses." This is probably an example of hendiadys, which according to BDF §442(16), when used with the conjunction καὶ (and), accomplishes the coordination of two ideas, one of which is dependent on the other, and serves in the NT to avoid a series of dependent genitives. Blass gives this verse, Lk 2:47, as an example of hendiadys.

³⁰ **2:49** Jesus is not remarking against the fact that his parents came to find him, but that it took them a 3-day search to find him. But Jesus is saying that no searching around was necessary because they should have figured he would be in the temple, and look there first. For the temple is "his Father's things."

³¹ **2:51** Compare Genesis 37:11.

²during the high priesthood of Hananiah³³ 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.'³⁴"

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,³⁵ was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph,³⁶

³² **3:1** From the Greek *tetra*, four, and *arche*, to rule. As a *monarch* is a one and only ruler of a realm, in the same way a *tetrarch* is a ruler of one fourth of a realm. (Which implies that there must exist three other one-fourth divisions of the realm.)

³³ **3:2** The Greek says *Hannas*, which is short for the Greek, *Hananos*, which in turn is the Greek form of the Hebrew name *Hananiah*.

³⁴ **3:6** Isaiah 40:3-5a

³⁵ **3:23a** καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἰησοῦς ἀρχόμενος ὡσεὶ ἑτῶν τριάκοντα.. Most translations render this something like, "And Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry." The trouble with that is that the words "his ministry" are not in the Greek. The usual reasoning for this rendering is that the word "began," ἀρχω is reminiscent of Luke's use of the same word, and in the same middle voice, in Acts 1:1, where he says he wrote about all that Jesus "began both to do and to teach." I find this an unacceptable leap. The KJV says, "And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age..." The trouble with that is, how can you *begin* to be *about* thirty? The thirtieth year has a beginning, but "about thirty" does not. So what was it that was beginning? The lexical authorities on koine Greek tell us that the word ἀρχω in the middle voice is often *pleonastic* or superfluous, in accordance with late Jewish usage; so Josephus, Dalman, Worte; and JWHunkin on the Pleonastic ἀρχομαι in the New

the son³⁷ 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,³⁸

Testament. Acts 1:1 is specifically given as an example of this; thus Acts 1:1 would be "everything he did and taught." Here in Luke 3:23, both εἶμι and ἄρχω are in the continuous aspect. The word αὐτὸς could be its demonstrative use. Thus I translated this passage, "And *this* Jesus, being about thirty years old, was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph..."

³⁶ **3:23b** See the endnote at the end of this document, comparing this genealogy to Matthew's genealogy.

³⁷ **3:23c** Probably, son-in-law of Eili. (In Hebrew this name Eili starts with the consonant Ayin, a guttural stop. The NA27/UBS Greek text and the 1550 Textus Receptus have it spelled Eili, but the Hodges & Farstad "Majority Text" has a Greek rough breathing mark in front, so spelled "Heli.") In that culture, the word "son" was used more broadly. Ben Crick of England has a good commentary on this, as follows: "The genealogies in Matthew 1 and Luke 3 are both ostensibly of Joseph, not of Mary. But whereas Matt. 1:16 gives Jacob as the father of Joseph, Luke 3:23 states that Joseph was the son of Heli. How do we explain this? We know that Mary had a sister (John 19:25), but nowhere is a brother mentioned. So if Heli had no son, his inheritance would pass to his nearest male relative, in this case his son-in-law (Numbers 27:1-11), provided he was of the same tribe (Numbers 36:1-9). Therefore we should read in Luke 3:23 that Joseph was son-in-law of Heli. So Heli was Mary's father, and Mary was descended from David. Gabriel's words to Mary, "the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David," (Luke 1:32) confirm this.

³⁸ **3:33** txt τοῦ Ἀμιναδάβ τοῦ Ἀράμ (Matt 1:3,4) A (D Ἀμειναδαβ) E G H N^c U 565 1079 1230 1253 Byz^{p1} l184 l292 l2211 l^{AD} it^a,aur,c,d,f,ff2,l,q,r1 vg syr^p goth geo² TR RP | τοῦ Ἀμιναδάμ τοῦ Ἀράμ Π Ω 2 33 118 1424 | τοῦ Ἀδάμ τοῦ Ἀδμὶν τοῦ Ἀρνεὶ ϙ^{4vid} **κ*** 1241 cop^{sa} and other versions | τοῦ Ἀμιναδάβ τοῦ Ἀδμὶν τοῦ Ἀράμ 0102 | τοῦ Ἀμιναδάμ τοῦ Ἀδμὶν τοῦ Ἀράμ 1216 | τοῦ Ἀδάμ τοῦ Ἀρνεὶ (syr^s added "between the lines: Burkitt) WH^mg | τοῦ Ἀμιναδάβ τοῦ Ἀδμὶν τοῦ Ἀρνὶ (κ¹ Ἀρνεὶ) (L Ἀδμειν) X (f¹³ Ἀρηῖ for Ἀρνὶ) 69 124 346 788 cop^{bo} NA27 {C} // Ἀμιναδάμ τοῦ Ἀμὴν τοῦ Ἀρνὶ 157 // Ἀμιναδάβ τοῦ Ἀλμειν τοῦ Ἀρνὶ Γ // τοῦ Ἀμιναδάβ τοῦ Ἀράμ τοῦ Ἀλμει τοῦ Ἀρνεὶ 1582 // τοῦ Ἀμιναδάμ τοῦ Ἀράμ τοῦ Ἀλμει τοῦ Ἀρνεὶ 1 // τοῦ Ἀδμειν τοῦ Ἀρνεὶ B WH | τοῦ Ἀμιναδάβ τοῦ Ἀράμ τοῦ Ἰωραμ K M^c Y Δ Λ Ψ (180 1010 Ἰωραράμ) 700 (892) 2542 2882 it^{b,e} (syr^h) | τοῦ Ἀμιναδάμ τοῦ Ἀράμ τοῦ Ἰωραμ M^s S | τοῦ Ἀμιναδάβ τοῦ Ἀράμ τοῦ Ἀρνὶ N | τοῦ Ἀμιναδάβ τοῦ Ἀράμ τοῦ Ἀδμὶ τοῦ Ἀρνὶ Θ pc arm geo | Ἀμιναδάμ τοῦ Ἰαράμ τοῦ Ἀράμ 28* | Ἀμιναδάμ τοῦ Ἀράμ τοῦ Ἰωράμ 1242 1344 | Ἀμιναδάμ τοῦ Ἰωράμ τοῦ Ἀράμ 28^c 205 (1292 Ἰωραράμ) | τοῦ Ἀμιναδάμ τοῦ Ἀράμ τοῦ Ἀλμει του Ἀρνὶ τοῦ Ἰωράμ 1365 | του Ἀμιναδάβ τοῦ Ἀδμὶν τοῦ Ἀράμ τοῦ Ἰωράμ 1646 2174 | τοῦ Ἀράμ τοῦ Ἀμιναδάβ του Ἀρμὶν του Ἀρνὶν syr^{palms,ms}) | τοῦ Ἀμιναδάμ τοῦ Ἰωράμ τοῦ Ἀράμ 1009 | τοῦ Νηρὶ τοῦ Ἀμιναδάμ τοῦ Μελχὶ τοῦ Ἀράμ τοῦ Ἀδδὶ 1546 | lac ϙ⁴⁵ ϙ⁷⁵ C F P Q T Ξ syr^c. There is, in the words of the Editorial Committee of the UBS' Greek New Testament, a "bewildering array of readings" for the first half of this verse. They go on: "the Committee adopted what seems to be the least unsatisfactory form of text, a reading that was current in the Alexandrian church at an early period. Although the reading τοῦ Ἀμιναδάβ τοῦ Ἀράμ - τοῦ Aminadāb τοῦ Arām is supported by an impressive range of witnesses (A D 33 565 1079 many versions), with a reading that involves three names (such as that adopted by the Committee) Luke's entire genealogy of Jesus falls into an artistically planned pattern, even more elaborate than Matthew's (cf. Mt 1:17); thus, from Adam to Abraham, 3 x 7 generations; from Isaac to David, 2 x 7 generations; from Nathan to Salathiel (pre-exilic), 3 x 7

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, ³⁹
 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.'⁴⁰"

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.'⁴¹"

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.'⁴²"

¹²Jesus answered and said to him, "It says: 'You shall not test Yahweh your God.'⁴³"

¹³And having carried out every sort of temptation, the devil left him until an opportune time.

generations; from Zerubbabel (post-exilic) to Jesus, 3 x 7 generations, making a total of 11 x 7, or 77 generations from Adam to Jesus."

³⁹ **3:36** txt τοῦ Καϊνὰμ ϣ^{40id} Ⲛ B L f¹ 33 pc NA27 {} // τοῦ Καϊναν A K M N U Γ Δ Θ Λ Π Ψ 0102 f¹³ 2 (28) 69 118 124 157 700 (1071) 1424 ⲛⲓ syr^{p,h} cop^{sa^{mss},bo^{pt}} TR RP // τοῦ Καϊνὰ 565 // Elam syr^s // omit ϣ^{75vid} D it^d // lac ϣ⁴⁵ C F P Q T E syr^c. The man Kainan does not appear in this spot in the Hebrew text, but does in the Septuagint. The genealogy in the Sepuagint differs very greatly from that in the Hebrew. Which also changes the number of years in human history.

⁴⁰ **4:4** Deuteronomy 8:3 Some later manuscripts add, "...but on every word of God," and still others add, "...but on every word proceeding through the mouth of God." The Editorial Committee for the United Bible Societies' Greek text says, "The shortest reading, which has good and early support, must be original; the longer forms of text have been assimilated by copyists to the Matthaean parallel (Mt 4:4) or to the Septuagint of Dt 8:3, either verbatim or according to the general sense. If any of the longer forms of text had been original, its omission from Ⲛ B L W 1241 syr^s cop^{sa,bo} would be unaccountable."

⁴¹ **4:8** Deuteronomy 6:13

⁴² **4:10-11** Psalm 91:11,12

⁴³ **4:12** Deuteronomy 6:16

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 me⁴⁴
to preach good news to the poor,
to announce release for the prisoners
and sight for the blind,
to send off the crushed into liberty,
¹⁹to proclaim the year
of Yahweh's favor..."⁴⁵

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.

⁴⁴ **4:18** txt *omit* Ⲛ B D L W Ξ f¹³ 33 579* 700 892* lat syr^s cop^{sa,bo} goth Origen Eusebius Didymus NA27 {} // *include* ἰάσασθαι τοὺς συντετριμμένους τὴν καρδίαν "to heal the brokenhearted" A F K M U Γ Δ Θ Λ Π Ψ 0102 f¹ 2 28 69 124 157 346 565 788 1071 1241 1424 2882 ⲙ it^f vg^{cl} syr^{p,h,pal} cop^{bo,mss} Irenaeus^{lat} TR HF RP // lac. Ⲫ⁴⁵ Ⲫ⁷⁵ C N P Q T. The standard textual criticism arguments are: (1), *lectio brevior lectio potior* ("the shorter reading is the better reading" - unless homoioteleuton or otherwise explains omission), and (2), that the first reading best explains the other reading; that is, there is no good explanation why scribes might have omitted the phrase, but an explanation why scribes might have added the phrase is that the additional phrase completes the gap compared to the Isaiah passage- it harmonizes Luke to Isaiah. But there would be nothing remarkable about Jesus selecting and reading only the phrases that were pertinent to what he wanted to say. Indeed, all Greek editions agree that Jesus did not finish the sentence from Isaiah; and that is why some translations, including mine, end the quotation with an ellipsis..." Moreover, Jesus also adds a phrase from a totally different passage in Isaiah, 58:6, "to set at liberty those who are oppressed." To me, the fact that Jesus selected another phrase from a completely different passage as well, just proves how selective he was being for phrases, and that lends more credibility to the idea that he skipped one phrase from the Isaiah 61 passage. Another interesting fact is that the phrase sight to the blind here in Luke 4:18 is not found in the Hebrew of Isaiah 61, but only in the Septuagint, the ancient translation of the Old Testament into Greek.

⁴⁵ **4:19** Isaiah 61:1,2 When Jesus read this passage, he did not read to the end of the sentence. The next phrase was about the Lord's vengeance.

³³And in the synagogue there 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.⁴⁶

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.⁴⁷ And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, saying, "Lord, if you are willing, you can cleanse me."

⁴⁶ **4:44** There are five different readings here in the Greek manuscripts. Where the earliest say he was preaching in the synagogues "of Judea," some manuscripts say, "of the Jews," others say, "to the Jews," others say, "of Galilee," and others say "their synagogues." It is apparent that the copyists responsible for the reading "of Galilee" were trying to correct the seeming difficulty of the words "of Judea," when the context before and after indicates that Jesus was traveling in Galilee; and other copyists were motivated by the desire to harmonize Luke with the accounts of Matthew and Mark. The reading "of Judea," however, can be translated as "the land of the Jews," or something to that effect, which in meaning would be inclusive of Galilee.

⁴⁷ **5:12** The Greek word was used for various diseases of the skin— not necessarily leprosy.

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!⁴⁸ 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 agent⁴⁹ 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

⁴⁸ **5:21** The Greek for blasphemy is in the plural, an idiomatic pluralization of abstract topics that frequently serves as a designation of concrete phenomena. Here it would mean something more like "words of blasphemy," referring to the one incident of blasphemy in verse 20. Other examples of this kind of plural are Matthew 14:9, 15:19.

⁴⁹ **5:27** The Greek word here translated "revenue agent" is τελώνης, a combination of the words τέλος for excise off the end tally, and the word ὠνέομαι which means to "buy." Hence, tax-buyers, or tax owners. The accounts receivable which the due taxes represented were purchased by something like collection agencies. According to Bauer, the τελῶναι were not the holders of the 'tax farming' contracts themselves, (the actual holders were called publicani), but were subordinates (Latin, portitores) hired by the publicani. The higher officials, the publicans, were usually foreigners, but their underlings were taken, as a rule, from the native population, from the subjugated people. The prevailing system of tax collection afforded the collector many opportunities to exercise his greed and unfairness. Moreover, since the tax was forced upon the conquered by the conqueror, the collectors of the tax were personal reminders to the populace that they, the payers of the tax, were conquered. Hence the collectors of the tax were particularly hated and despised as a class. They were pre-judged to be both embezzlers, and traitors or collaborators with the occupying foreign power.

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.⁵⁰ ²But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what on a Sabbath is not permissible?"⁵¹

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,⁵² 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 son⁵³ of James; ¹⁶and Judas of Kerioth,⁵⁴ 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,
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,

⁵⁰ **6:1** This was the allowable practice of "plucking the heads," see Deuteronomy 23:24, 25, "If you enter your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat grapes until you are fully satisfied, but do not put any in a container. If you enter your neighbor's grainfield, you may pluck the heads with your hands, but you must not put a sickle to your neighbor's standing grain."

⁵¹ **6:2** The Greek word translated "permissible" is the impersonal participle ἔξεστιν - éxestin, which is derived from the same root as ἐξουσία - exousía, the word for authority. If an activity was ἔξεστιν, that means it was "loosed," or ruled by the rabbis to be something "allowed" by the Torah. If something was not ἔξεστιν, as is the case here, that means it was "bound," that is, the rabbis had adjudged that it was forbidden by the Torah.

⁵² **6:11** Greek, ἀνοία - anoia, a word much like our English word 'mad,' which can mean both anger and insanity. You could say Jesus' opponents went out of their minds with rage. Anger often overcomes better judgment. Thus anoia is often translated as 'folly.'

⁵³ **6:16a** Or *brother*

⁵⁴ **6:16b** This man's name is usually written Judas Iscariot. "Iscariot" is probably from the Hebrew words יִשְׁכַּרְיֹתָי יִשְׁכַּרְיֹתָי יִשְׁכַּרְיֹתָי יִשְׁכַּרְיֹתָי יִשְׁכַּרְיֹתָי, ish Qerioth, which mean *a man from Kerioth*. Kerioth was a town in southern Judea, which would make this Judas the only one in the circle of thirteen (Jesus and the twelve disciples) that was not from Galilee.

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 children of the Most High, for he is kind to the unthankful and evil. ³⁶Be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.⁵⁵

The Law of Reciprocity

³⁷Do 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, shaken⁵⁶ 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."⁵⁷

⁵⁵ **6:36** Exodus 34:6-7; Psalm 103:8-14; Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:10-11

⁵⁶ **6:38** In other words, settled. Along with being pressed down and compacted, the container would be holding the most it possibly could.

⁵⁷ **6:42** Note that Jesus is not forbidding the correcting of others, nor telling us not to remove a speck from someone else's eye. But strangely enough, that is how many people interpret this passage. Rather, what this passage is saying is that we should examine ourselves before we correct others. And then do correct others. See Luke 17:3, and several other passages in the New Testament.

A Tree and its Fruit

⁴³"Now 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,⁵⁸ 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 that⁵⁹ 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 word⁶⁰ that my slave must be healed.⁶¹ 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.

⁵⁸ **7:2** A Roman military officer commanding from 50 to 100 men, 100 if the cohort was a complete one. A full cohort— 1,000 men, would have ten *centurions*, each commanding 100 of the men.

⁵⁹ **7:4** Interestingly, this message from the Roman centurion in Luke 7:4 contains a Latinism in the Greek. In the phrase ἄξιός ἐστιν ᾧ παρέξῃ τοῦτο, the use of the relative pronoun instead of the customary ἵνα (hina) is a Latinism: *dignus qui* with the subjunctive.

⁶⁰ **7:7a** "Word" here, is in the dative case, as instrumental. Here the word λόγος is used to contrast with "in deed, in active work." It is exactly the same form of the word as in I John 3:18, "Let us not love in word, but in deed." In other words, the centurion believes of Jesus, "You don't have to DO anything, just command it by word. You don't have to be there in person hands-on; you can heal him by declaration or command, with a word. Your word has the authority to cause reality."

⁶¹ **7:7b** The Greek verb for heal here, ἰάομαι, is in the 3rd person, singular, aorist, imperative, passive form, ἰαθήτω. This is difficult to construe, and that is why later copyists changed it to the simple future indicative passive form ἰαθήσεται in conformity with the Matthew account in 8:8. Perhaps the copyists thought that the imperative form reflected badly on the centurion as being too demanding, as thus: "Say in a word, and let my servant be healed." And if the copyists felt a desire to do this, it is also very possible that here is an instance of Matthew making more palatable the Greek of a written Greek original *Spruchquelle* as compared to Luke's more conservative and word for word reproduction, rather than the scenario that Matthew translated the Aramaic of an Aramaic *Spruchquelle* into the future indicative in Greek, but Luke into the aorist imperative. As for the word 'and' here, καί, it is here used as an explicative καί and introducing a command in indirect quotation; in other words, to particularize the word to be spoken, as thus: "But say in a word, namely, that my slave be healed." This use of καί is not terribly uncommon in the New Testament, and this rendering preserves an imperative mood. Moreover, it is preceded here by εἰπον, which regularly precedes discourse. As for the centurion's peremptory tone, how remarkable is it that a soldier, and a commanding officer at that, would have that kind of personality? He was a bold man, but he humbled his tone well enough by twice stating that he was not worthy. It is commendable to be bold in this way, as indeed the Lord commended him for it. But how bold really was it? For after all, he had heard that Jesus was already doing such things as he was requesting, and was doing it for everybody who asked, and also some who did not ask. So it wasn't so bold and demanding after all, with the exception of expecting the same for a Gentile, which he covered by admitting his unfitness.

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.' "⁶²

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.'⁶³

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,
and you didn't dance;

⁶² **7:23** Why did Jesus tell John this? Would John be offended by all the good works here recently listed? Not likely. It is more likely that what John would be offended by was Jesus' non-abstentious lifestyle, or even what in John the ascetic's view might be "shady" practices. John had already testified earlier, emphatically and with certainty, that Jesus was the Expected One. But now it appears, John was having his doubts about him. Jesus was apparently a contrast to John in the following: He did not worry too much about ceremonial washing (Diatess 5:45, 14:1-10; 5:25; Matt. 15:1-20; Mark 7:1-23; John 3:25,26, John 2:6). He de-emphasized the concept of clean v. unclean foods (Diatess 14:9; Matt. 15:11,17; Mark 7:15-19). He did not fast, or at least did not teach his disciples to fast (Diatess. 7:24; Matt. 9:14; Mark 2:18; Luke 5:33). He drank alcohol, enabling Pharisees to dare call him a "drunkard," (Luke 7:33, 34; Matt. 11:18-19; Diatess. 10:30). He associated with "shady" characters (Diatess 7:22, 10:30, 10:35-36, 21:1, 24:19; Matt. 9:11; Mark 2:16; Luke 5:30; Matt. 11:19; Luke 7:34, 7:39, 15:1-2, 19:7). He violated the Sabbath by allowing his disciples to husk grain (Mark 2:23-28; Matt. 12:1-8; Lk 6:1-5). He did not pay the two-drachma tax, except for only the 2 people who were discovered, out of the total of 13 in his party (Diatess. 17:22-26; Matt. 17:24-27). On this tax, which was voluntary at best, and illegal at worst, see my endnote in my translation of the gospel of Matthew.) It remains today, that some who consider themselves righteous are offended by these truths about Jesus' lifestyle. But "Blessed be whoever is not offended on account of me." "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." Romans 14:17

⁶³ **7:27** This quote appears to be a blend of Exodus 23:20 and Malachi 3:1.

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."⁶⁴

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.⁶⁵ 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,⁶⁶ 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."⁶⁷

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,⁶⁸ 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.

⁶⁴ **7:35** Greek τέκνον; perhaps a misunderstanding of the Aramaic for "works." Which would make sense: emphasis on ALL. You have to look at ALL the works of a person, not judge on superficial things like eating and drinking, which in fact Paul says in Romans 14:17, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

⁶⁵ **7:36** In that time and culture, those eating a meal lay on a futon of sorts, on their sides and resting on an elbow, with their feet off the floor. That is how the woman could both stand behind him at his feet, and wipe his feet with her hair.

⁶⁶ **7:41** A *denarius* was a coin worth about a day's wages.

⁶⁷ **7:47** Verse 47 is difficult in terms of Greek exegesis, and can't help but be influenced by one's existing beliefs regarding sin and salvation. Are the woman's many sins forgiven because she loved much? Or does she love much because her many sins are forgiven? Consult the many English translations, and you will be surprised to see which falls on which side of this problem. Nevertheless, a few things are clear: Jesus means to point out that the woman loved more because she was forgiven more. And also clear is where Jesus declared in verse 50 that it was her faith that had saved her. And it was not faith without repentance. For her weeping and humility could indicate repentance, and since Jesus knew the hearts of all humans (John 2:24-25; Diatess. 5:36), he apparently knew that in her was true repentance.

⁶⁸ **8:2** A *Magdalene* is someone who is from the town of *Magdala*, just as a Seattleite is someone who is from the city of Seattle.

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 intent⁶⁹ 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,⁷⁰ so that,

"Though seeing, they will not see,
and though hearing,
they will not understand."⁷¹

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.

¹⁶Now 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.

⁶⁹ **8:9** The Greek word is the 3rd person, singular, present, optative form of the verb 'to be.' It says, literally, "What is the being of this parable?" Except in optative mood. "What is this parable supposed to be? Except there must be a word which encompasses both 'meaning' and 'reason for being.' Thus, "What is this parable meant to accomplish?" The word 'essence' comes to mind, but 'essence' does not include the "reason why you speak in parables" idea. The word 'intent' encompasses the meanings "import, significance, and meaning," and also the mood of potential. We know this 'why' meaning must be part of the meaning of the disciples' question, both because of Jesus' answer, explaining 'why' he used parables; and also from the parallel account in Matthew 13:10, where the disciples say simply, "Why do you speak to the people in parables." (In Mark it is very ambiguous.) Luke elsewhere in his Greek uses the word 'to be' for the meaning and intent of impersonal events. See for example, Acts 2:12, where in reference to the disciples' speaking in dozens of languages simultaneously, the onlookers say, literally, "What does this wish to be?" But instead of the verb 'to be' in the optative mood, 'to be' is an infinitive, and the verb 'thelo' for 'wish, will' is used with it. However, Luke uses the exact same inflection of this same verb in Luke 3:15 as here in 8:9, where the crowd wonders if John the Baptizer might possibly be the Messiah.

⁷⁰ **8:10a** Or, "To you it is granted (perfect tense) to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, so that..." The problem with this latter reading is determining what verb is to be implied or supplied for the phrase "but to the rest in parables." This is why I interpreted the infinitive as one of result: "such that you will know." Then the same idea, that is the idea, "in such a way," easily carries over to the "but to them in parables."

⁷¹ **8:10b** Isaiah 6:9

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,⁷² 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."⁷³ 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 tassel⁷⁴ 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.⁷⁵ 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."

⁷² **8:26** Some manuscripts say Gerasenes, some Gadarenes, some Gergesenes. Topographically (the right cliffs, and the prepositional phrase of Lk 8:26, "down to the territory of..."), and culturally (the raising of pigs), Gadarenes is the most likely, which is the reading of Matthew 8:28. For Luke 8:26, both the UBS4 and NA26 read Γερασηνῶν, and the UBS4 gives that a {C} rating of certainty.

⁷³ **8:30** Among the Romans a *legion* was a select body of soldiers— a complete army of cavalry and infantry, numbering from 4,200 to 6,000 men, usually with approximately an equal number of auxiliary troops, thus totaling about 10,000. The *legion* was divided into ten cohorts of 1,000 each. In this case, a more general meaning of the word *legion* probably applies: a very large number.

⁷⁴ **8:44** See Numbers 15:38, Deut. 22:12

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!"⁷⁶ 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,⁷⁷ and said to them: "Take nothing for the journey— neither staffs,⁷⁸ nor knapsack, nor bread, nor silver, neither have two tunics each.⁷⁹

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.

⁷⁵ **8:47** The reason for her fear was probably because she knew she had violated the Rabbi's cleanness. As a woman with a flow of blood, she was perpetually unclean ceremonially (Leviticus 15:25-31), and the others in the crowd, were they to touch her, would be unclean as well.

⁷⁶ **8:54** The Greek verb is ἐγειρω - egeirō and would generally mean "rouse yourself; wake up; get up." In figurative use it means, "wake up from death," or in the passive, "be raised from the dead." So also with the Greek word ἀνίστημι - anistēmi, which means "stand up," but which spiritually means "rise from the dead."

⁷⁷ **9:2** txt ἰάσθαι B 2206 syr^{c,s} WH NA25 // ἄσθενοῦντας θεραπεύειν 1424 // ἰάσθαι τοὺς ἀσθενεῖς Ⲙ A D L Ξ Ψ f¹ 33 38 157 205 579 1071 1241 1612 2786 it^a,aur,b,c,d,e,ff²,l,q,r¹ vg arm (eth) geo [NA27] {C} // ἰάσασθαι τοὺς ἀσθενεῖς 070 // ἰάσασθαι τοὺς ἀσθενοῦντας F W // ἰάσθαι τοὺς ἀσθενοῦντας C E H K M U X Γ Δ Θ Λ Π 0211 f³ 28 69 180 565 597 700 892 1006 1009 1010 1079 1195 1216 1230 1242 1243 1253 1292 1342 1344 1365 1505 1546 1646 2148 2174^{vid} 2882 ⲙ Lect slav TR RP // ἰάσθαι πάντας τοὺς ἀσθενοῦντας 407 435 it^f // lac Ⲙ⁴⁵ Ⲙ⁷⁵ G N P Q T. I think the additions were only natural and that the variety of them betrays their spuriousness.

⁷⁸ **9:3a** txt μήτε ῥάβδους A C¹ K U Γ Δ Θ Λ Π 28 565 700 2882 ⲙ TR RP // μή ῥάβδους 2 // μή πῆραν μήτε ῥάβδον 579 // μήτε ῥάβδον Ⲙ B C* D E* F L M W Ψ f¹ f³ 33 157 1071 1424 NA27 {\} // lac Ⲙ⁴⁵ Ⲙ⁷⁵ G N P Q T. The UBS (singular) reading would mean Jesus is saying, "Take nothing for the journey, neither a staff..." Whereas in Mark 6:8, both Greek texts say that Jesus instructed them "that they should take nothing for the trip except a staff only." Did an Alexandrian copyist accidentally change the number of this word to the singular in conformity with the surrounding subjects in the phrase? Or did a later copyist that gave us the Byzantine tradition change it to the plural in an attempt to eliminate the contradiction with Mark 6:8? Some interpreters say that the plural of staffs is similar to how Jesus tells them, later in the same verse of Luke 9:3, not to take more than one tunic. So let us suppose that that is true, that Jesus told them to take only one staff each, instead of more than one staff each. Then the question arises: why would anyone take more than one staff anyway? And have you ever seen anyone use more than one staff at a time? I think I have seen that once or twice in my lifetime, and that was because the person was lame or injured. (Actually, in 2007 I just met a guy who does use two walking sticks; he is not injured. They are metal, somewhat like ski poles. It seemed ridiculous to me; he is apt to catch one on something and trip over it.) But we have no reason to think here that any of the disciples was lame or injured. The only other reason that I could come up with as a reason why the disciples might take more than one staff each, was to carry a spare staff. To do that would not make much sense to me though, as someone who has done a lot of hiking in my lifetime (for lack of automobile roads in my part of New Guinea). I would not want to carry the extra weight or bulk for insufficient reason. But then again, I hiked in rain forest, where I could cut myself a new walking stick at any time without any trouble finding one. The disciples, on the other hand, were hiking in a place much more arid, where it would not be near as easy to find another walking stick after the rocky surface had worn down their first one.

⁷⁹ **9:3b** txt ἀνὰ δύο A C³ D E* H K M W X Γ Δ Θ Λ Π Ψ f¹ f³ 2 28 33 157 180 205 565 597 700 892 1006 1010 1071 1243 1292 1424 1505 2786 2882 Lect it^d syr^h Basil TR RP (NA27: [ἀνὰ] δύο) {C} // δύο Ⲙ B C* F L Ξ 070 0202 0211 372 494 579 1241 1342 1513 2411 2737 2796 l547 it^a,aur,b,c,e,f,ff²,l,q,r¹ vg syr^{s,c,p,pal} cop^{sa,bo} arm eth geo slav W-H // "and not even two" syr^s // lac Ⲙ⁴⁵ Ⲙ⁷⁵ G N P Q T.

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 Christ⁸⁰ 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 exodus⁸¹ 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.)

⁸⁰ **9:20** That is, the Anointed One of God, or God's anointed; the one God chose and enabled to be the Messiah, prophet, priest and king of Israel.

⁸¹ **9:31** A euphemism for death, like our phrase, "passing on."

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; ⁸²listen 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 into⁸³ 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.⁸⁴ And they were afraid to ask him about this statement.

Who Is the Greatest?

⁴⁶So⁸⁵ contention came into⁸⁶ them, as to who of them was greatest.⁸⁷

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."

⁸² **9:35** txt ἐκλελεγμένος P⁴⁵ P⁷⁵ B L Ξ 892 1241 1342 ita,aur,ff²,l vgst syrs,hmg cop^{sa,bo} arm (eth) NA27 {B} // ἐκλελεγμένος 579 // ἐκλεκτός Θ 1 1582* f547 // ἀγαπητός (Mk 9:7) A C* E G H K N P U W Γ Δ Λ Π ϖ³ 2 28 33 69 118 124 157 180 346 565 579 597 700 788 892 1010 1071 1243 1292 1424 1582^c 1505 2882 f253 f292 f1552 π itb,c,e,f,q vgcl,ww syr(c),p,h,pal geo slav Marcion^{T,E} Cyril Tertullian Ambrose TR RP // ἀγαπητός, ἐν ᾧ ηὐδόκησα D Ψ // ἀγαπητός, ἐν ᾧ εὐδόκησα C³ M *Lect* it^d (cop^{bo}ms) // *lac* F Q T 13. It is much easier to explain why copyists would change it to "beloved," than why they would change it to "chosen." This is an example of "scribal assimilation," where the copyists, whether deliberately, or merely because they were more familiar with the other gospels, changed the reading to harmonize it with Matthew's gospel, or even Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus, where God says, "My beloved Son." Or perhaps the concept of "chosen son," since God had only one son, was too difficult, leading copyists to change it to agree with Matthew.

⁸³ **9:44** Turned over to, delivered into the custody or jurisdiction of.

⁸⁴ **9:45** The verb "to see" in the Greek is in the infinitive form, which DeBrunner [§391(5)] says is an "infinitive of result." This would mean that, instead of the meaning being hidden "with the intended purpose that they would not see it," the sense would be a little weaker, that it was hidden from them, "and the result was that they did not see it."

⁸⁵ **9:46a** Verse 46 begins with the conjunctive or transitional particle δὲ - δὲ. The sense seems to be still connected to v. 45, in that there, Jesus admonished them to be sure to understand that he was soon going to be apparently defeated, but they did not understand this, and indeed, as illustration that they did not understand, a contention next arose in them as to who of them is greatest in Jesus' imminent (so they thought) rising to rule over Israel.

⁸⁶ **9:46b** The Greek phrase is the verb εἰσέρχομαι - eisérchomai combined with the prepositional phrase ἐν αὐτοῖς- en autoíis. Eisérchomai means "enter into," and the preposition "en" would usually mean "in," but speaking of a group, as here, could mean "among." The BAG lexicon gives two possibilities for eisérchomai, both "entered into them," 1 b β on p. 232d, and "arose among them," 2 b on p. 233b. The BDF Greek Grammar in §202 under "Eis-" says the preposition "en" here is used as "eis," or "into." And in §218, Blass is adamant that the "en" here in Luke 9:46 is an example of the "hyper-correct use of "en" (in) for "eis" (into), the most obvious and certain of which are Lk 9:46 'came into them, into their hearts' (cf. v. 47)... The thing for Blass that re-inforces in his mind that the debate "entered their hearts," is that in the next verse, it says Jesus "knew what was in their hearts." This makes much sense. Yet no English translation that I possess follows Blass in this. But for me, the combination of Bauer and Blass are authorities too great to controvert.

⁸⁷ **9:46c** The Greek verb "to be" here is in the optative mood, which DeBrunner says is an example of Luke's use of the optative when following a secondary tense, to introduce indirect discourse.

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 stop⁸⁸ him; for he is not following *you* together with us."⁸⁹

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?"⁹⁰

⁵⁵But when he turned *to them*, he rebuked them.⁹¹ ⁹² 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."

⁸⁸ **9:49** The Greek verb for "stop" or "bar," κωλύω - kōlūō, is in the imperfect form, which DeBrunner in §326 says is a "conative imperfect," which means "tried to prevent." A little over half of my English translations agree, and render this as "tried to" stop, or something similar.

⁸⁹ **9:49** According to DeBrunner, BDF §193(1), this is an "associative (committative) dative," thus, not meaning "following us," but rather, "following [you] together with us."

⁹⁰ **9:54** *txt* ϕ^{45/75} ⲛ B L Ξ 17 157 579 700* 854 1241 1342 1612 1627 1675 2735 2786 it^g1, I it^{aur,c,l} vg syr^{s,c} cop^{sa,bo}pt eth^{mss} arm geo¹ Diatess Cyril Jerome NA27 {B} // *add* αὐτοὺς ὡς καὶ Ἠλίας ἐποίησεν "even as Elijah did?" A C D E G H K M U W Γ Δ Θ Λ Π Ψ 0211 f¹ f¹³ 2 28 33 69 124 180 205 346 565 597 700^c 788 1006 1009 1010 1071 1079 1195 1216 1230 1242 1243 1253 1292 1344 1365 1424 1505 1546 1646 2148 2174 2882 ⲛⲓ *Lect* it^{d,f} syr^{p,h,pal} cop^{bo}pt geo² slav Basil (Chrysostom) TR [HF] RP // *add* αὐτοὺς ὡς Ἠλίας ἐποίησεν 892 it^{a,b,(c),q,r}1 vg^{mss} (Ambrosiaster) Gaudentius Augustine.

⁹¹ **9:55** *txt* ϕ^{45/75} ⲛ A B C E G H L S V W Δ Ξ Ψ Ω 047 0211 28 33 157 565 892 1009 1010 1071 1241 1342 1424 1675 2786 *Lect*^{pt}, AD 1/3 it^g1,1 vgst syr^s cop^{sa,bo}pt eth^{pt} slav^{mss} Basil Cyril-Jerusalem Jerome NA27 {A} // *add* καὶ εἶπεν, Οὐκ οἶδατε ποίου πνεύματός ἐστε D 700 1216 2174 it^d geo (Epiphanius) Chrysostom Theodoret^{vid} // *add* καὶ εἶπεν, Οὐκ οἶδατε οἴου πνεύματός ἐστε U Γ Λ 69 124 788 // *add* καὶ εἶπεν, Οὐκ οἶδατε ποίου πνεύματός ἔσται Θ // *add* καὶ εἶπεν, Οὐκ οἶδατε ποίου πνεύματός ἐστε ὑμεῖς f¹ 1365 2148 2882 ℓ^{69m} // *add* καὶ εἶπεν, Οὐκ οἶδατε οἴου πνεύματός ἐστε ὑμεῖς M Y Π f¹³ 2 346 669 1675 it^{a,aur,b,c,f,q,r}1 vg^{cl,ww} syr^{c,p,h,pal} cop^{sa,bo}pt arm goth slav^{pt} Ambrosiaster Ambrose Clement? Chrysostom Epiphanius Didymus TR HF RP // *add* καὶ εἶπεν, Οὐκ οἶδατε οἴου πνεύματός ἔσται ὑμεῖς K // *add* καὶ εἶπεν, καὶ πορευομένων αὐτῶν εἶπεν τίς προς αὐτόν· Οὐκ οἶδατε ποίου πνεύματός (ἔσται Swanson) (ἔστε UBS4) 579. Not counting the latter MS, the main additions are: "...and said, 'You do not know what spirit you are of / will be.'" Following are other witnesses for the TR/RP reading, which are not listed in Swanson or UBS3, so I don't know which of the minor variants they have: 180 205 597 1006 1079 1230 1242 1243 1253 1292 1344 1505 1546 1646 2542.

⁹² **9:55-56** *txt* ϕ^{45/75} ⲛ A B C D E G H L S V W Δ Ξ Ψ Ω 047 0211 28 33 157 565 669 892 1009 1010 1071 1241 1342 1424 1675 2786 *Lect*^{pt}, AD 1/3 it^{d,g}1,1 vgst syr^s cop^{sa,bo}pt eth^{pt} slav^{mss} Basil Cyril-Jerusalem Epiphanius Jerome Marcion Chrysostom Didymus NA27 {A} // *add* Ὁ γὰρ Υἱὸς τοῦ Ἀνθρώπου ἦλθεν ψυχὰς ἀνθρώπων ἀπολέσαι, ἀλλὰ σῶσαι K M Y Π f¹³ 2 346 2542 2882 it^{c,f,q} syr^{c,p,h,pal} cop^{bo}pt arm (goth *omit* ἀνθρώπων) Clement? Ambrose TR HF RP // *add* Ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Ἀνθρώπου ἦλθεν ψυχὰς ἀνθρώπων ἀποκτεῖναι, ἀλλὰ σῶσαι. U 124 700 1216 1230 1253 1646 // *add* Ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Ἀνθρώπου ἦλθεν ψυχὴν ἀνθρώπων ἀποκτεῖναι, ἀλλὰ σῶσαι. Γ // *add* Ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Ἀνθρώπου ἦλθεν ψυχὰς ἀνθρώπων ἀπολέσαι, ἀλλὰ σῶσαι Θ Λ f¹ 69 579 788 1195 it^{a,b,r}1 // *add* Ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Ἀνθρώπου ἦλθεν ψυχὰς ἀπολέσαι, ἀλλὰ σῶσαι it^{aur,e} vg // These are other witnesses for the TR/HF reading, which are not listed in Swanson or UBS3, so I don't know which of the minor variants they have: 180 205 597 1006 1243 1292 1365 1505.

⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Leave those who are dead to bury their dead themselves; and you, after you have come away,⁹³ 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,⁹⁴ 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.⁹⁵

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 that⁹⁶ 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!⁹⁷

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.

⁹³ **9:60** Or, "after you have gone away." It could mean, either after the man leaves Jesus, or after the man leaves (comes away from) the dead. In Greek, the word for "come" was the same as the word for "go." The context here allows the possibility of either. Something else to think about is that in this one conversation between Jesus and the man who wanted to bury his father, three different Greek words are used that could be translated "leave" in English: ἐπιτρέπω - epitrépō ("give me leave"), ἀπέρχομαι - apérchomai (twice, "go off" and "come away"), and ἀφίημι - aphíēmi ("leave").

⁹⁴ **10:1** Many Greek texts say "seventy." See Endnote #1 at the end of this document, which discusses this question.

⁹⁵ **10:4** The meaning of the Greek is such that these commands and prohibitions are generally valid, for the whole campaign, and not just right now as they are first leaving.

⁹⁶ **10:8** A Hebraism, the substituting of καὶ for ὅτι. Also in verse 10.

⁹⁷ **10:15** This sentence is quite different in some manuscripts, as also Matthew 11:23. It appears that what I have above, is the original reading. But various transcriptional factors involving the way Greek was written without spaces between words (see the UBS Textual Commentary) and also seemingly a better contextual sense, caused copyists to change the verbs from "will you be exalted" to "you who are exalted," and from "you will go down," to "you will be brought down." Regarding the "You Capernaum, you who are exalted to heaven," the context speaks of what chance each city had to see the light, and experience the kingdom of God having drawn near over them. It does make sense to me, as perhaps to some of the manuscript copyists, that the point Jesus is making is that Capernaum, having been Jesus' base of operations, and his "own town," had already been lifted up to heaven, compared to any other town, in terms of the kingdom of heaven having drawn near. But the UBS textual commentary says, "The unexpected expression, 'And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?' is a sharp and startling interrogation, entirely in the manner of Jesus' use of vivid language."

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?"⁹⁸

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,⁹⁹ 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, ¹⁰⁰ hallowed be your name.
May your kingdom come. ¹⁰¹

⁹⁸ **10:26** The Greek says literally, "How do you read it?"

⁹⁹ **10:35** One denarius was worth a day's wage.

¹⁰⁰ **11:2a** txt Ɔ⁷⁵ Ɔ B (L arm +ήμων) f¹ 700 1342 it^{aur} vg syr^s Marcion Tertullian Or Cyril NA27 {A} // add ήμων ό εν τοις ούρανοις (*harmonization to Mt 6:9*) A C D K M P U W Γ Δ Θ Λ Π Ψ f¹³ 2 28 118 157 346 565^{sup} 579 700 788 892 1009 1010 1071 1079 1195 1216 1230 1241 1242 1253 1344 1365 1424 (1546) 1582^c 1646 2148 2174 2882 Ɔ Lect it(a),b,(c),d,e,f,(ff²,i),l,q,r^{1*} syr^c,p,h cop^{sa,bo} eth geo Diatess Orig TR HF RP // lac Ɔ⁴⁵ 33 N Q T 565.

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.' ⁷ ¹⁰²

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.¹⁰³

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.¹⁰⁴ 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,¹⁰⁵ 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

¹⁰¹ **11:2b** txt σου ϖ⁷⁵ B L 1 1342 vg syr^{c,s} arm Diatess^{SYR} (Marcion^{acc.} to Tertullian) Or; Tertullian^{vid} Aug^{vid} NA27 {A} // σου γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου ita vgmss cop^{sa,bo}mss geo // σου γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ, οὕτω καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς **N*** // σου γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς οὐρανῷ, καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς F // σου γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς **N**² 070^{vid} A C D P W Δ Θ 892 1079 1195 148 it^{aur,b,c,d,e,f,ff²,i,(l),q,r¹} vgmss syr^{p,h} cop^{bo} eth // σου γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς 1230 // σου γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς 565^{sup} // σου γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς **N**¹ E G H K U X Γ Λ Π Ψ *f*¹³ 2 28 33^{vid} 118 157 180 205 579 597 700 1006 1009 1010 1071 1216 1241 1242 1243 1253 1292 1344 1365 1424 1505 1546 1646 2148 2174 2882 **π** Lect it^{aur,b,c,d,e,f,ff²,i,(l),q,r¹} vgmss syr^{p,h} cop^{bo} eth slav (Titus-Bostra) Cyril TR RP // lac ϖ⁴⁵ N Q T 565.

¹⁰² **11:4** txt ϖ⁷⁵ **N**^{*2} B L *f*¹ 700 1342 it^{aur} vg syr^s cop^{sa,bo}pt arm geo Marcion Tertullian Or Cyril Aug // add ἀλλὰ ῥῶσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ (*harmonization to Mt 6:13*) **N**¹ A C D E F G H K M U W Γ Δ Θ Λ Π Ψ *f*¹³ 2 28 33 118 157 180 205 565 579 597 892 1006 1010 1071 1241 1243 1292 1424 1505 2882 **π** Lect it^{aur,b,c,d,e,f,ff²,i,l,q,r¹*} vgmss syr^{c,p,h} cop^{bo}pt eth slav Diatess^{SYR} (Titus-Bostra) TR HF RP // lac ϖ⁴⁵ N P Q T. (Swanson erroneously cites P here where in fact it has lacuna, acc. to McFall.) The first corrector of Codex Sinaiticus transposes the words to after "earth" in another addition to the text earlier.

¹⁰³ **11:10** The "continuous" aspect of the Greek verbs here is a part of their meaning that is essential to this passage. In fact, the whole point of the parable is persistence, verse 8. So to translate v. 9 as, "Ask, and it will be given to you," would be incorrect and misleading. Someone might interpret it to mean that you will only have to ask once.

¹⁰⁴ **11:14** Greek: ἐκβάλλων δαιμόνιον κωφόν. Later manuscripts read, ἐκβάλλων δαιμόνιον, καὶ αὐτὸ ἦν κωφόν. "And he was casting out a demon, and it was mute. And it came about..." Though that would be in the style of Luke, in a Semitism for saying, "a demon that was mute," the textual evidence for the shorter reading, "a demon of muteness," is just too strong.

¹⁰⁵ **11:15** Some Greek manuscripts, Beelzeboul, others, Beezeboul, Beelzebub. The Textus Receptus, KJV and NKJV say Beelzebub, even though there is not one Greek manuscript that says that; only a few Latin and Syriac. Beelzeboul comes from the Hebrew Ba'al-zibbul. 'Ba'al' means Lord or Prince. Ba'al was a Canaanite god, the son of Dagon, the god of grain. Baal was the bull prince, the bull being a symbol of fertility. Ba'alzebub, as in the Hebrew text of II Kings 1:2, is a derisive alteration of Ba'alzibbul meaning "Prince of flies." In this way the followers of Yahweh made fun of Ba'al. Later the name Baalzebub became associated with the Aramaic Beeldebaba, "enemy." Thus the conflation of Ba'alzebub and Beeldebaba, "Beelzebub," came to be a name for Satan. To avoid confusion in all the names, this author thought it best to revert to the original form of the name.

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 time¹⁰⁶ 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 rather¹⁰⁷ 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.¹⁰⁸ 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

³³No one after lighting a lamp puts it out of view, or under a basket,¹⁰⁹ 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,¹¹⁰ 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.¹¹¹

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 acquisitiveness¹¹² and wickedness.

¹⁰⁶ **11:24** Many early witnesses do not include the word τότε ("then," or "at that time."). It is suspect as a scribal assimilation to the parallel in Matthew 12:44.

¹⁰⁷ **11:28** Or possibly, "Well yes, but blessed more are those who..."

¹⁰⁸ **11:29** Matthew 12:40 (DRP) says, "For 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." And further, according to II Kings 14:25, the prophet Jonah was from Gath Hepher, in Galilee, in the territory of the tribe of Zebulun (Joshua 19:13), only one hill over from Nazareth, if not the same hill. This is yet another way in which Jonah was a sign of Christ.

¹⁰⁹ **11:33** The reading that includes the words "or under a basket" is that of Ⲛ A B C D W δ θ ψ f¹³ 28 33 it^a syr^(c) cop^{bo} al. However, those words are absent from ④^{45, 75} L Ξ 070 f¹ 205 syr^s cop^{sa} arm geo al. The UBS textual commentary says, "Since Luke preferred not to use μόδιον in 8:16, a word which is present in the parallel in Mark (and Matthew), it may well be that the word, with its clause, was absent from the original form of the present passage also. On the other hand, since the clause is attested by weighty and diversified external evidence, a majority of the Committee was unwilling to drop it altogether and compromised by enclosing the words within square brackets."

¹¹⁰ **11:34** Literally, "if your eye is evil." From the Hebrew, /יפאω ηΑωΑρ - ρΑωΑη παψιτν; see endnote at the end of my translation of the gospel of Mark, for a full discussion of this concept: <http://www.bibletranslation.ws/trans/markwgrk.pdf>

¹¹¹ **11:38** The Greek word βαπτίζω - baptizō was used for the ceremonial dunking of not only human beings' bodies (vessels), but for the ceremonial dunking of dishes and hands as well. But because the word has been transliterated into English only in the case of dunking the human body, English speakers have not acquired a full understanding of what it means. This translator therefore thought it best to transliterate the word in every instance.

¹¹² **11:39** Acquisitiveness means continuously acquiring things, always wanting more things. This is wickedness, both because it makes an idol of possessions over and above God, and also because there are so many people who have little. It has already been

⁴⁰"O foolish ones! Did not the one who made the outside, make the inside also? ⁴¹But the things lying within¹¹³ give to the poor, and behold, all things are now clean for you.¹¹⁴

⁴²"But woe to you, Pharisees! For you tithe the mint, and even the rue¹¹⁵ 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."¹¹⁶

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 kill¹¹⁷ 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."¹¹⁸

⁵³And then as he went forth from there, the Torah scholars and Pharisees began to be extremely hostile, and to provoke him to speak unpreparedly¹¹⁹ about a great variety of topics, ⁵⁴ambushing him, to pounce on something coming from his mouth.

established in the gospel of Luke, 3:11, that one fruit characteristic of repentance, was to give away extra things you had, to the poor.

¹¹³ **11:41a** Somewhat a play on words. Their inside is "loaded up" with wickedness, and Jesus segues from that to the idea of the inside of their warehouse, or perhaps their platter, being loaded up with goods, which is evil in itself; but if they give what is lying inside to the poor, the inside of their vessel will be clean. Another play on words is that in New Testament Greek, "vessel" sometimes means your body, which is your container or dish, so to speak.

¹¹⁴ **11:41b** A variable here is the dative case of the words meaning "for you" in the phrase πάντα καθαρὰ ὑμῖν ἐστίν. Some translations say "for you," others "to you," and others leave it untranslated altogether. The rendering "clean for you" is easy enough to understand. Clean "to you" could be an "ethical dative," meaning "clean in your sight." For the N.T. teaches that some things are clean to some people, but unclean to others, depending on their conscience. Perhaps here, the giving to charity changes the evil conscience of the rich. When a rich person is rich selfishly, he has an evil conscience, and his wealth can be unclean in his own eyes, whereas if he is generous, he no longer feels guilty? Something to think about. Paul said in Romans 14:14, "to him that thinks any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean."

¹¹⁵ **11:42** Another garden herb, *ruta graveolens*. Deuteronomy 14:22 commands the Israelites to give God a tithe from all their crops. But according to the Mishna (Shebi'ith IX 1; cf. Billerb. II 189) it was not necessary to tithe the rue. Hence Jesus' words, "even" the rue.

¹¹⁶ **11:44** Jesus is bringing up an analogy much more grave than is apparent, unless one is familiar with Numbers 19:16-22. At stake is whether someone remained an Israelite, or was cut off from Israel. If an Israelite touched a grave, he was unclean for seven days. If after he touched a grave, he did not do the prescribed cleansing process, he was to be cut off from Israel.

¹¹⁷ **11:48** A gnomic, that is, timeless, aorist.

¹¹⁸ **11:52** The Greek verb I translated "barred" is κωλύω - kōlúō, which is related to the word for "limb" of the body, κῶλον - kōlon. Thus we get a picture of someone blocking the way by putting their arm across the way, like a bar. So even after someone figured out how to enter, in spite of the key being withheld, the lawyers would still further block the way, probably by passing a law against it, and enforcing that law. Even as the international pictogram for something which is forbidden by law, is the picture of the activity, with a bar across it. Even when not making it illegal, the "clergy" down through the ages to the present time, have in other ways led the "laity" to believe that the Bible is either too hard to understand or translate without their key, without being initiated into their clergy club, or else it is against church policy, or something like that.

¹¹⁹ **11:53** The Greek verb I translated "to provoke to speak unpreparedly" is ἀποστοματίζω - apostomatízō, of which we do not have a large sampling in Greek literature. You will find a great variety of renderings of it in the English translations. I have stuck with the most ancient and traditional interpretation.

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. ²But¹²⁰ 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?¹²¹ 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.¹²² 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."¹²³

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,¹²⁴ and the provisions you have made, whose will they be?'

¹²⁰ **12:2** The particle δὲ is hard to render here. "But" is possible. For there is a contrast made, between hypocrisy, in v. 1, and the disclosure of v. 2. For hypocrisy entails a covering up of one's true inner motives, a pretention.

¹²¹ **12:6** Literally, "two assarion," which were little fragments of brass coin. It means, practically, "a pittance, a trifle, a doit." We say, "I sold it for peanuts." We don't say exactly how many peanuts, like "I sold it for three peanuts." That is not the point.

¹²² **12:8** This is not a standard Greek sentence, but "Biblical Greek," like that in the Septuagint, which is to say, Greek influenced strongly by the Semitic languages. Here we have a very unusual use of the Greek preposition ἐν - en, the lexical gloss of which is "in" in English; thus: "Whoever confesses in me before humans, I will also confess in him before the angels of God." It is a Semitic principle of, "You do something in my advantage, something 'for' me, and I will do something in your advantage, something 'for' you, in exchange." Blass, §220(2), and Bauer, IV 5, say it means "whoever acknowledges me before men, him also I will acknowledge before the angels of God."

¹²³ **12:15** Greek: οὐκ ἔστιν ἐκ τῶν ὑπαρχόντων αὐτῷ. The preposition ἐκ -ek (from) is the word posing some difficulty. Bauer, 3 f, says this means, "He does not live because of..." For the whole 3 f section he gives the meaning, "of the reason which is a presupposition for something: *by reason of, as a result of, because of.* This calls to my mind the verse in Proverbs where it says, "Guard your heart, for out of it are the issues of life."

¹²⁴ **12:20** Bauer says this is a figure of speech, found in other writers such as Cicero, and Epictetus, using the concept of a human being's life as a loan. And that now, "they," the creditors, are demanding payment in full, of the loan, "calling in the loan." The Greek verb for "demand back," ἀπαιτέω - apaitéō, is used only twice in the N.T., both times by Luke, one time here, and the other time being in the Sermon on the Mount in Luke 6:30b, "...from the one forcefully taking your things, do not demand *them* back." It is used nine times in the Septuagint: four times for the demanding of repayment of loans, twice for extortion; once for the demand by Pharaoh for all the gold and silver of the land; and finally, one time in Isaiah 30:33, very much like Luke's use here. That occurrence is also for God's demanding of someone's life prematurely, the life of the king of Assyria. The exact phrase there is Σὺ γὰρ πρὸς ἡμερῶν ἀπαιτηθῆσθαι, the same 3rd person, singular, passive inflection on ἀπαιτέω as on the verb ἐκζητέω in Luke 11:50, "so that the blood of all the prophets that has been spilled from the foundation of the world, would be demanded of this generation." However, here in Luke 12:20 we have 3rd person plural, and active voice: "they are

²¹"Such is the person saving up for himself, and not becoming rich to God."¹²⁵

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?¹²⁶ 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

demanding." Apart from Bauer's explanation, this reminds me of the place in the prophet Daniel, in chapter 4 verses 13 & 17, where it says, "This sentence is by the decree of the angelic watchers, and the decision is the command of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind..." It implies in v. 17 that there exists a council of some sort, composed of "holy ones," that is, angels, who make decisions on behalf of God. See also Psalm 82:1, "God stands in the assembly of gods, and in their midst, he judges gods." Sometimes angels are referred to as gods, or "sons of god." But the point I am making is that such a council of angels, like the group who decided when Nebuchadnezzar was to die, are a "they," plural, like when God told the rich man here in Luke, "they are demanding your soul back from you."

¹²⁵ **12:21** Though he was rich in his own eyes, and rich to his neighbors, he was not rich to God. To God, he was "wretched, pathetic, poor, blind, and naked," Revelation 3:17-18. It is preposterous for a human being to think he is rich, when his very life he possesses only as a loan. The Greek word translated "to" in the phrase "to God," is the preposition εἰς - eis, used with the accusative form of the word God. Luke also uses this preposition with the accusative as meaning "in." Thus Tyndale translated this, "and is not rich in God." His rendering may well be right. It is perhaps possible this could alternatively mean, "becoming rich with God as the goal, becoming rich for the sake of God," as opposed to becoming rich for oneself. Scripture elsewhere teaches us that there exists a very rare breed: a rich believer, who makes much money for the purpose of giving it away for the cause of spreading the gospel, or otherwise advancing the kingdom of God. And in the lists of spiritual gifts, there is a gift called "the gift of giving." Certainly, people cannot keep giving as their full-time ministry, unless they keep earning. Though it is naturally impossible for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, with God it is possible.

¹²⁶ **12:25** Literally, one cubit. There was an expression in classical Greek, πῆχυον ἐπὶ χρόνον = "only one cubit of time." It is legitimate therefore to translate this as "a single hour to his life."

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,¹²⁷ 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.¹²⁸ 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.¹²⁹ 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.¹³⁰ 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."

¹²⁷ 12:58 That is, by satisfying him, coming to a settlement with him.

¹²⁸ 13:1 Bauer says this means, "whom Pilate ordered to be slain even as they were sacrificing." And so, their own blood would mingle on the ground with the blood of the animal they were sacrificing. A literal rendering of this is a vivid and grabbing figure of speech, and it is a shame to turn this into a bland dynamic equivalent in English.

¹²⁹ 13:9 The words "so much the better" are not in the Greek text, but we have to put something there. This is a legitimate ellipsis. The Greek says only, "And if indeed in the future it does produce fruit— but if not, then you would cut it down."

¹³⁰ 13:11 It is uncertain whether εἰς τὸ παντελῆς modifies ἀνακύπτω and thus means "unable to straighten up *completely*," or whether it modifies μὴ δυναμένη and means "unable *at all* to straighten up." The various versions throughout the history of the church have differed.

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?!"¹³¹

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 measures¹³² 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 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.'¹³³ 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, your¹³⁴ house will be abandoned to you.¹³⁵ I tell you, you will not see me, until the day when you say,¹³⁶ 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"¹³⁷

¹³¹ **13:16** The number six signifies human effort, which falls short of seven, God's perfection or completion. This woman was enslaved for eighteen years, three times six, three times the normal human effort. What better day than the seventh, the day of rest, for someone to be set free from the slavery of working six days three times? See Deuteronomy 15:1, "Every seventh year you must cancel debts." And 15:12, "If a fellow Hebrew, a man or a woman, sells himself to you and serves you six years, in the seventh year you must let him go free." This woman was kept in bondage three sets of six years, and not being set free. Yet this synagogue ruler was telling her to keep working six days for the rest of her life! For a fuller discussion of this important concept, see my treatise entitled, "What is Sabbath?"

¹³² **13:21** Greek: three *sata*, about 5 gallons, or 22 liters.

¹³³ **13:32** The Greek for the last phrase, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ τελειοῦμαι could also possibly be translated, "and on the third day I will be finished." But this saying of Jesus seems related to verse 22 of this same chapter, that he was making his way to Jerusalem. The verb τελειόω - teleiōō can also mean to reach the end of something, like a journey, so it makes sense to translate it that way in view of what he says in verse 33. That verse implies that he will reach Jerusalem in three days. Reaching his goal of arriving in Jerusalem, he says, is essential, because it is not possible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.

¹³⁴ **13:35a** The Greek pronoun for "you" is plural, as also the "you" all three times in this same verse.

¹³⁵ **13:35b** txt {A} ὑμῶν Ɔ75 Ɔ A B K L S W Y Γ Δ Π Ω ƒ1 124 565 579 597 788 1006 1010 1243 1292 1582* 2542 Byz^{pt} *Lec*^{pt} itaur,e,ff²,i vg^{ww,st} syr^s cop^{sa,bo}^{pt} arm slav Ir^{latv.1}. Epiphanius; Aug NA27 {B} // ὑμῶν ἔρημος D E G H M N U Δ Θ Ψ ƒ13 2 28 33 118 157 180 205 346 700 892 1071 1241 1342 1424 1505 1582^c Byz^{pt} *Lec*^{pt,AD} it^{a,b,c,d,f,l,q,r1} vg^{cl} syr^{c,p,h} cop^{bo}^{pt} geo

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.¹³⁸

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 for¹³⁹ 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 the person who will eat bread in the kingdom of God."

¹⁶And Jesus¹⁴⁰ 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.'

¹⁸And 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.'

Irlat TR RP // *lac* \mathfrak{P}^{45} C F P Q T. Many manuscripts add the word ἔρημος - *érēmos*, "desolate." This is quite obviously to harmonize Luke with Matthew 23:38. But this was not necessary, since the word ἀφίημι - *aphiēmi*, translated "left" in most translations, also can mean "abandon." The meaning seems to be, that their house, whether it means their temple, or their lineage, or their houses, will be abandoned by Jesus, since he tells them they will not see him again until he fulfills Psalm 118:26. Abandoned to them alone without him. What is their temple without the high priest? What is their lineage without the Lion of Judah? What are their homes without the Light of Humankind?

¹³⁶ **13:35c** txt ἕως [ἤξει ὅτε] εἶπητε (ἤξει ἢ ἡμέρα it^{a,b,f} syr^{c,h}) D WH NA27 {C} // ἕως ἂν ἤξει ὅτε εἶπητε E G (H 176 ὅτι) U Γ Ψ 124^c 180 565 597 700 788 1006 1195 1230 1292 1344 1365 1505 1646 2174 ByzP^t LectP^t.AD itaur.(d).d.(ff²).l.q.r¹ vg slavmss Aug TR RP // ἕως ἂν ἤξει (itazism for ἤξει?) ὅτε εἶπητε A N S W Λ Ω 2 28 (579 ἤξει ὅταν) 1009 1216 1242^z 1243 1253 1342 1424 ByzP^t LectP^t Cyril^{lem} // ἕως εἶπητε \mathfrak{P}^{75} B L 892 1242^{txt} // ἕως ὅτε εἶπητε K Π 1079 1546 // ἕως ἂν εἶπητε \mathfrak{P}^{45} X M X f¹³ 1 124* 157 205 346 1010 1071 1292^{1/2} 1514 11552 (Epiphanius) (ἕως or ἕως ἂν it^{c,i} vg^{ms} cop^{sa}mss,fay arm eth geo slavmss) // ἀπ' ἄρτι ἕως ἂν εἶπητε Θ 1241 1950 cop^{sa}mss,bo // ἀπ' ἄρτι ἕως ἂν ἤξει ὅτε εἶπητε Δ // *lac* C F P Q T. According to the UBS textual commentary, there was apparently an effort to smooth over a very rare usage on Luke's part of ὅτε with the subjunctive mood, as found in Codex D. Or they may have succumbed to the temptation to assimilate Luke to Matthew 23:39. Note that the footnote in the UBS4 Greek New Testament is erroneous in its citation of \mathfrak{P}^{75} and \mathfrak{P}^{45} , having them switched.

¹³⁷ **13:35d** Psalm 118:26

¹³⁸ **14:2** The sentence opens with καὶ ἰδοὺ - *kaì idou*, "And behold." Perhaps the "behold" could mean similar to the exclamation, "what do you know." Like this: "And what do you know, there was a man with dropsy right in front of him." At any rate, it was apparently a set-up.

¹³⁹ **14:9** The Greek verb κατέχῃ - *katéchō*, which I translated "make your way toward," generally means to take, to occupy. But the verb also was a nautical term meaning "head for, make for, steer toward." I chose that shade of meaning here, because the emphasis seems to be the embarrassment you would feel the whole time you are picking your way, in front of everyone, toward the back seat all the way from the front one. The emphasis seems to be on the long, embarrassing process, rather than on the point of taking the seat.

¹⁴⁰ **14:16** The Greek says "he," not "Jesus."

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.

²⁸"For 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.'

³¹"Or 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.¹⁴¹

³³"In the same way, then, any of you who does not say good-bye to everything that he has, cannot be my disciple.

³⁴"Salt 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;¹⁴² 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.

¹⁴¹ **14:32** DeBrunner, §155(2), regarding double accusatives, says this phrase ἐρωτᾷ τὰ πρὸς εἰρήνην, with both τὰ and εἰρήνην being accusative case, is equivalent to the Hebrew ≤|λAH|λ λαεAH - HAεαλ λ|HAL|μ, and that it means "he inquires after his well-being." He says there are several examples in the Septuagint, and refers us to R. Helbing, "Die Kasussyntax der Verba bei den Septuaginta," 40. Another possibility according to DeBrunner, is: "he greets him (and pays homage to him)." He then refers us to Foerster. This translator does not have access to Helbing's or Foerster's works, so looked for LXX examples himself, and the closest thing he found was Psalm 122:6, Ερωτήσατε δὴ τὰ εἰς εἰρήνην Ἱερουσαλήμ, "Pray now for the things that lead to the peace of Jerusalem."

¹⁴² **14:35** For salt at that time, do not picture purely refined, white, fine-grained sodium chloride like we use now. There are many speculations as to what this verse implies about the salt of that day. Bauer says that salt was sometimes used as fertilizer. Another scholar says that salt was sometimes used to make the soil of one's enemies infertile! And why would someone put salt on a dung heap? To preserve it? Or was it to amend it, stretch it? The best explanation I have heard is that the word salt would have been understood to mean any substance that tasted salty, including, say, potassium nitrate, which could be used for fertilizer. And Ben Crick of England says that the word salt would have been used of any chemical salt, which would include a whole range of substances called "halides" (the Greek word for salt here is "halas"), such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine and astatine. Fortunately, the moral of the parable remains clear: unless you give up all your possessions, and take up your cross and follow like Jesus, you are salt that is not salty, so is not useful for anything.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸"Or what woman having ten drachmas,¹⁴³ 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.

¹³"And 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 of¹⁴⁴ the carob pods¹⁴⁵ that the swine were eating, and no one gave him any.

¹⁷"And when he came to himself,¹⁴⁶ 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."'

²⁰"And 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.'

²²"But 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.

²⁵"But 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.

²⁷"And he told him, 'Your brother has returned, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf, because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸"Then 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!' "

¹⁴³ **15:8** A *drachma* was worth about a day's wage.

¹⁴⁴ **15:16a** Some manuscripts, instead of "to be fed of," χορτασθῆναι ἐκ , have "to fill his belly from," γέμισαι τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπό, and Codex Washingtonianus conflates the two readings and says "to fill his belly and be fed from." On the basis of age and diversity of text-type of witnesses, the Editorial Committee for the UBS Greek text preferred the reading χορτασθῆναι ἐκ, and give it a B rating of certainty.

¹⁴⁵ **15:16b** Greek, κεράτιον - kerátion, meaning "little horn," so named because of the shape of the pods of the species *Ceratonia siliqua*, Arabic "kharrubah," meaning bean pod; aka. Cods of Syria, aka. St. John's Bread, alluding to an erroneous notion, based on folk etymological comparisons of the Greek for "husk" and "locust", that the locusts John the Baptizer lived on were instead carob pods; from a leguminous tree having pods 9 inches long and 1 inch broad, once common in the forests of Galilee (Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, Sinai & Palestine in connection with their history, ii 146, **1858**), and considered a food grain of lower grade; the pods that the Prodigal Son eyed longingly in the pig pens, Luke 15:16; cf. Lychophron, from 675 to 678, **III BC**. For further examples showing that "carob pod" was the meaning of the Greek word *keration*, see Aristotle, Polybius, 26, 1, 4, **II BC**; Dioscurides 1, 114, **I AD**; Aëtius, Treatment of Diseases of the Eye, 160, 3, **VI AD**; F. G. Kenyon & H. I. Bell, Greek Papyri in the British Museum I-V, 131, 7, 1893-1917.

¹⁴⁶ **15:17** That is, "came to his senses." There was another expression as antonym, "he was beside himself," said of Jesus in Mark 3:21, that is, "he is out of his senses" or "out of his mind."

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.'

³"And 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.'

⁵"And calling in each and every one of his master's debtors, he said to the first one, 'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶"And he said, 'A hundred baths of olive oil.'

"And he told him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write "fifty." '

⁷"Then, 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."'

⁸"And 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 undependable¹⁴⁷ wealth, so that when it fails, they may welcome you into perpetual dwellings.

¹⁰"The 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?

¹³"No 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 were¹⁴⁸ 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.¹⁴⁹

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 would at least come and lick his sores.

¹⁴⁷ **16:9** The Greek word "adikos" here is usually rendered "unrighteous, but can also mean "untrustworthy, undependable," as indeed Jesus uses it here and in vv. 10-11 with that meaning. Jesus is also making a play on words, on the word Mammon (here rendered Wealth), which word is based on a Semitic root for "dependable, reliable." The idea of mammon was a wealth to such an extent that one could relax and feel secure and confident financially. But Jesus here is saying that it will fail. Jesus calls it the wealth that is ἀδικίας - adikias, which means "unrighteous, unreliable, fraudulent, false, untrustworthy." When Jesus says "unrighteous Mammon," he is saying something like "insecure security." And this is the same word he used to describe the manager. A false manager, an undependable manager. Another play is the contrast of the undependable property with the "true" or "real" property. Wherever I have the word "undependable," you can substitute the word "false, dishonest" as in whoever is false with little, is also false with much;" and, "false wealth."

¹⁴⁸ **16:16** There is no verb in this sentence in the Greek. But the only word in Greek customarily allowed to be omitted but implied, is the simple copula. That is, the verb "is." And since it is talking about something that was in the past, and plural, therefore we supply the word "were."

¹⁴⁹ **16:18** Why is this said here, at this time? The context is Jesus scolding the Pharisees for being apparently righteous, but being detestable in God's sight. Therefore I believe that what is happening here is that the Pharisees commonly divorced and remarried, and would justify it somehow. But Jesus was known to have taught a stricter view of divorce than even the strictest school of the Pharisees.

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.¹⁵⁰ 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,¹⁵¹ 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,¹⁵² 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 the 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?"

¹⁵⁰ **16:23** Literally, "in the bosom of Abraham." Also in v. 22, εἰς τὸν κόλπον Ἀβραάμ "Abraham's side." Compare John 13:23, where John's place at the Passover meal was ἐν τῷ κόλπῳ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ "in the bosom of Jesus," and John 1:18, where Jesus Christ the Son is said to be εἰς τὸν κόλπον τοῦ πατρὸς "in the bosom of the Father."

¹⁵¹ **17:2** Or possibly, "a mill stone is lying around his neck and he is lying in [the bottom of] the sea."

¹⁵² **17:4** Or possibly, as some translations say, "seven times a day." This latter reading would be a great deal more forgiving to do. Yet, Jesus in another place said we must forgive someone "seventy times seven" times, or perhaps "seventy-seven times." It seems to me, that the spirit of the teaching would also apply if someone sins against you seven times every day, but does turn to you seven times each day, saying, "I repent." Because really, that about describes our relationship with God, how many times he has to forgive us. And most of us don't even repent that many times a day, though we have need of it.

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.

²⁸"It 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."¹⁵³

³⁷And they in response are saying to him, "Where, Lord?"

And he said to them, "Where the body is, there also the eagles¹⁵⁴ 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?"¹⁵⁵

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

¹⁵³ **17:36** The King James Version has verse 36, "Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left." But if you read an original 1611 King James Version, you will find a marginal note that says that the verse 17:36 was absent from most of their Greek manuscripts. You can view an actual scan of this marginal note, from just such a KJV, at: <http://www.bibletranslation.ws/gfx/luke17-36.jpg>

¹⁵⁴ **17:37** Greek: ὁ ἀετός - ho aetós, a word used for both eagles and vultures. Yet this is apparently a quote by Jesus of the parable in Job 39:30, where the parallel in the Septuagint to ho aetós is ἰέραξ - hiérax, a hawk, v. 26. Both Aristotle and Pliny in their Histories class the vulture among the eagles. Both eagles and vultures are classified as unclean in the law of Moses, Lev. 11:13, Deut. 14:12, in that they both eat carrion (in Job 39:30 ho aetós is eating carrion). Yet generally speaking, where ho aetós is eating carrion, vultures may be assumed to be meant. Now T.W. Manson, in "Sayings of Jesus," says the eagle would emphasize the swiftness of the coming of the Day of the Son of man. It is true that the eagle in passages such as Job 9:26, and Rev. 12:14, is a symbol of swiftness. I also get some amount of meaning in this verse that the eagles are acting as a form of messenger, which again, the eagle sometimes symbolizes, but not vultures as much. But the main emphasis here about the bird is not that of messenger, but that of a clear sign in the sky. Still, either 'eagles' or 'vultures' would be an acceptable rendering here.

¹⁵⁵ **18:8** "any at all" is from the Greek ἀρα - ara, a particle not directly translatable, but which indicates irritatedness or impatience or displeasure.

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."¹⁵⁶

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 camel¹⁵⁷ 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!"

¹⁵⁶ **18:14** Though the Greek pronouns and articles in this sentence are singular, I have felt free to generalize and neuterize to the plural, in view of the fact that the sentence begins with the Greek word πᾶς - pās, which means "all" or "everyone." This is a general and plural subject.

¹⁵⁷ **18:25** Just as it is impossible, humanly speaking, for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, Jesus says in v. 27 that it is "impossible" for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. Some people teach that Jesus really instead said "rope to go through the eye of a needle," because he was speaking in the Aramaic language, and the Aramaic word for camel was also the word for a kind of rope. Regardless, Jesus would want to invent a simile that was in line with his main point: "something impossible." His illustration must demonstrate something that is impossible, naturally speaking. "Camel" is more impossible than "rope," so at worst, camel works just fine, and at best, camel is the best rendering because it is more impossible.

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."¹⁵⁸ 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 small 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,¹⁵⁹ *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."¹⁶⁰

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,¹⁶¹ 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.¹⁶²

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.'

¹⁵⁸ **18:42** Or, "your faith has *healed* you." As also in many other places in Luke.

¹⁵⁹ **19:8** Some translators interpret ἵστημι here as "stopped," seeing the situation as the grumblers grumbling while Zacchaeus and Jesus were still in their presence. So then Zacchaeus would have stopped and said the things he said in response to those complaining. I do not see it that way. I think that Jesus and Zacchaeus had already gone into Zack's house and were reclined, when Zack stood up to say what he says in verse eight. I could be wrong.

¹⁶⁰ **19:10** Jesus is the Good Shepherd of Ezekiel 34:16, and not a false shepherd of Ezekiel 34:4. The exact same form of the Greek article and noun for "the lost," τὸ ἀπολωλός - τὸ ἀπολόος, occurs also in the Septuagint in Ezekiel 34:4, 16. Some translations render the words here in Luke as "that which was lost." If you do that, then you should word the Ezekiel passages exactly the same, so that the readers get the connection.

¹⁶¹ **19:13** That is, he gave the ten servants one mina each. The mina, which was originally a Semitic word that the Greek language had long since borrowed, was equivalent to 100 drachmas. One drachma was not insignificant in purchasing power. Culling Greek literature, you can find quite a variance: some times and places, one drachma could buy you one sheep, but was only one-fifth the price of an ox. Other times, one drachma could buy you an ox. Either way, a mina was worth at least 100 sheep. That is a lot of money. Anyone could take that amount of money and by investing, turn it into more.

¹⁶² **19:15** "what they had earned" is the earlier Greek reading τί διεπραγματεύσαντο, whereas the Textus Receptus reads τίς τί διεπραγματεύσατο, "what each one had earned," which reading the UBS commentary says seems to be the result of scribal efforts to make the narrative more clear. The editorial Committee of the UBS 4th edition give the first reading, τί διεπραγματεύσαντο, a B rating of certainty, that is, "almost certain."

²⁰"And the other one¹⁶³ 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 colt¹⁶⁴ 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!¹⁶⁵

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."¹⁶⁶

⁴¹And as he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, "If you, yes ironically you,¹⁶⁷ had only known what would bring you peace on this very day!¹⁶⁸ 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

¹⁶³ **19:20** Or, "another one," or, "a different one." There is a theory that this parable of the Ten Minas is drawn from Matthew's parable of the Ten Talants of 25:14-30, in which there are only three servants, and here Luke has "fatigued" of maintaining his version's uniqueness from Matthew, and reverted back to following Matthew's version exactly. On the other hand, Jesus may well have used modified versions of the parable at various times. Still, there are things about this Lukan version that do not add up, literally. The first servant is given one mina, and then in most translations, he says, "Your mina has made ten minas more." Then Jesus says in verse 24, 'Take the mina away from him, and give it to the one who has ten minas.' But, if he started with one mina, and made ten minas more, wouldn't he have eleven minas, and not ten? So, perhaps the aforementioned theory is true; or else, the phrase usually translated, "made ten minas more," can be translated something like I have it: "increased to ten minas."

¹⁶⁴ **19:30** πῶλος - pōlos, a young mount animal, a word used for the foals of both donkeys and horses. But we know from the other accounts that this was the foal of a donkey.

¹⁶⁵ **19:38** Psalm 118:26

¹⁶⁶ **19:40** A few manuscripts (Γ Δ al.) have the verbs "be quiet" and "cry out" in the subjunctive mood, which in English would be, "If these were to keep silent, the stones would cry out." But the original reading is so certainly with the verbs in the future inflection, that this difference is not noted at all in the apparatus of the United Bible Societies' Greek New Testament, nor in their textual commentary. I have been translating the gospels long enough to have seen a trend, that copyists sometimes thought the future awkward, and changed it to the subjunctive. Because indeed the rule was, according to BDF §373, when the clause begins with ἐάν as here, a subjunctive verb is expected. Thus, it is far more likely that copyists would have corrected an original future reading to a subjunctive one, than the other way around. But the future indicative here makes Jesus' statement that much more emphatic.

¹⁶⁷ **19:42a** Jesus says, "yes, even you," because of the irony that the city of Jerusalem, whose name includes the Semitic root word for peace, did not recognize what would bring it peace, and did not recognize the Prince of Peace.

¹⁶⁸ **19:42b** This exact phrase, τὰ πρὸς εἰρήνην appeared also in Luke 14:32, where I translated it, "the conditions for peace."

side, ⁴⁴and throw you to the ground,¹⁶⁹ 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."¹⁷⁰

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,'¹⁷¹ but you have made it 'a haunt of bandits.'¹⁷²"

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,

¹⁶⁹ **19:44a** The Greek verb for "dash to the ground," ἐδαφίζω - edaphízō, in reference to a city, means both "raze to the ground," as in the Septuagint in Isaiah 3:26, and also "dash to the ground," as in Psalm 136:9, Hosea 10:14, 14:1 and others. Here both meanings have to apply for the one instance of the word: you, referring to Jerusalem, the city, will be razed to the ground, and her children will be dashed to the ground.

¹⁷⁰ **19:44b** The Greek words usually translated "because," here, "because you did not recognize," are the words, ἀντί - antí followed by the relative pronoun. A literal translation of this would be, "in exchange for the fact that you did not recognize your gracious visitation." For the previously mentioned disasters were also a visitation. A visitation, rendered in Greek by the word ἐπισκοπή - episkopḗ, could be both a negative one, or a positive one. A gracious visitation was predicted for them and offered many times in the Hebrew scriptures, and earlier in the gospel of Luke, in Zechariah's song in Luke 1:78, where he said "because of the tender feelings of our God with which he Sunrise from on high will look over - ἐπισκέπτομαι - episképtomai - us. Since they forfeited their gracious episkopḗ, God would give them a calamitous one in exchange, in repayment, in retribution, instead.

¹⁷¹ **19:46a** Isaiah 56:7

¹⁷² **19:46b** Jeremiah 7:11

this one has become the chief cornerstone?"¹⁷³

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 tribute¹⁷⁴ 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.'¹⁷⁵

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,

¹⁷³ **20:17** Psalm 118:22

¹⁷⁴ **20:22** The Greek word translated "tribute" is phoros. The Roman Caesar would charge a head tax (capita tax) based on a head count or census. The Latin root word for head is *cap*. Thus, this tax was a *per capita* tax, or a *capitation*. It was a flat tax, having no relation to graduated percentages, or ability to pay. It was not an *income* tax. Every head had to cough up the same amount. Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Ed., defines a Capitation tax thusly: "A poll tax. A tax or imposition upon the person. It is a very ancient kind of tribute, and answers to what the Latins called '*tributum*,' by which taxes on persons are distinguished from taxes on merchandise, called '*vectigalia*.'" Remember, a census was forbidden by God, and King David incurred God's wrath when he numbered the people. (A census tax or capita tax is also the kind expressly prohibited by the Constitution for the United States of America.) Black's Law Dictionary defines Tribute in turn as: "A contribution which is raised by a prince or sovereign from his subjects to sustain the expenses of the state. A sum of money paid by an inferior sovereign or state to a superior potentate, to secure the friendship or protection of the latter." Now as for coinage, Jesus obviously knew some principles of law. When he said in verse 25, "Caesar's things give back to Caesar," he recognized that every single coin circulated that bore Caesar's portrait and inscription, already belonged to Caesar. The Jewish religious taxes, on the other hand, were paid in weight of silver—shekels, or even drachmas, but not in Roman coins.

¹⁷⁵ **20:28** Deuteronomy 25:5; Genesis 38:8

'Yahweh¹⁷⁶ said to my Lord:
 "Sit at my right hand
⁴³until such time I make your enemies
 a footstool for your feet."¹⁷⁷

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."

Chapter 21

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,¹⁷⁸ 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 shall gain your lives."¹⁷⁹

¹⁷⁶ **20:42** Εἶπεν κύριος τῷ κυρίῳ, "The LORD said to my Lord," from the Hebrew יְהוָה יְהוָה לַאֲדֹנָי - nə'um Yəhōvah la'dōnōi of Psalm 110:1. In this verse, both the Tetragrammaton יהוה (YHVH) and Adonai are found, together. But one could hardly say, "Adonai said to Adonai." In an attempt to avoid this, the Masoretes inserted a paseq in between, one of these: |, to make them be in separate phrases, and thus the Masoretic text reads: יְהוָה | לַאֲדֹנָי.

¹⁷⁷ **20:43** Psalm 110:1

¹⁷⁸ **21:2** Two small, thin copper coins, totaling about one fourth of one cent.

¹⁷⁹ **21:19** κτήσασθε (Ⲭ L R W Δ 047 131 1071 κτήσασθαι) D E G H K M X Γ Λ Π Ψ 063 2 69 118 157 180 205 565 (579 κτίσασθαι) 597 700 788 828* 892 1006 1009 1010 1071 1079 1216 1230 1241 1242 1243 1292 1342 1344 1365 1424 1505 1546 1646 2148 2174 2882 Ⲛⲓ *Lect* it^{d,i} Origen Apostolic Constitutions Gregory-Nyssa Macarius/Symeon Marcus-Eremita Cyril Hesychius TR HF RP NA27 {C} // κτήσεσθε (A 13 828^c κτήσεσθαι) B Θ Ω f³ 1 33 124 346 1195 (1253 κτίσησθε) ita,c,e,f,ff²,l,q,r¹,s vg syr^c,s,p,h,(pal) cop^{sa,bo}pt arm eth geo slav Jerome Augustine WH Weiss Trg NA25 // σώσετε (ἑαυτοὺς *for* τὰς ψυχὰς ὑμῶν) Marcion^{acc} to Tertullian // lac Ⓕ⁴⁵ Ⓕ⁷⁵ C F N P Q T 28. The UBS editorial committee says it is slightly more probable that the reading of Codex Sinaiticus and many other early witnesses, is the correct one, which have the verb κτάομαι - ktáomai in the imperative mood. That would be a command to the disciples to preserve their lives. The committee says it would

²⁰"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then you will know¹⁸⁰ 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 days¹⁸¹ 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,¹⁸² 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 back¹⁸³ 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.¹⁸⁴

be more likely that copyists would have changed this verb to conform it to the future tense of the rest of the verbs in the context, more likely than the other way around. Note that the other gospels have the same idea in the future indicative. In some languages the difference between the two readings would not be translatable. I note that in the UBS4 apparatus, the reading of the Syriac is not given. (Is there a translatable difference between "you will gain your lives" and "you shall gain your lives"?)

There is also discrepancy as to the reading of it⁹. And the apparatuses show f¹ in support of κτήσασθε, yet manuscript 1 itself, after which the whole family is named, supports κτήσεσθε.

¹⁸⁰ **21:20** The Greek word for "know" here, γινώσκω - ginōskō, is in the form of γνῶτε - gnōte, which could be either imperative or subjunctive mood, since in this case the form would be identical. Imperative would be in English, "when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know - or then you should know,- that her desolation is near." Subjunctive would be in English, "when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then you know - or would know - or will know, - or should know, that her desolation is near."

¹⁸¹ **21:22** In the Greek, the word for "day" is anarthrous here, that is, without the article. You will see some translations saying "the days" or "the time," and others saying "days," or "a time." This question regarding the Greek definite article is one of the translation issues most revealing of the translators' doctrinal preconceptions. Here, for example, it can reveal whether you believe that the prophecies will have a double fulfillment, or only one fulfillment. That is, are these prophecies partially fulfilled in the time and deeds of Titus in 70 A.D., and more fully fulfilled in the tribulation? Or are they solely fulfilled during the time of Titus? Or solely or primarily fulfilled in the tribulation? And prior to the time of Titus, some of God's people no doubt believed that these prophecies had been fulfilled during the time and deeds of Antiochus Epiphanies, either partially or primarily. I have 24 English translations on hand, and they split down the middle; half say "the days" and half say "days" or equivalent. We must interpret this passage by the rest of scripture, and do it in reliance on the anointing of the Holy Spirit, which leads us into all truth. We also must use common sense in light of the context here. This passage, in light of v. 24, seems to be including the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D. Therefore, we must say in v. 22 about the Great Tribulation, that those are "days" of tribulation, not the only ones.

¹⁸² **21:23** Or, "upon the earth"

¹⁸³ **21:34** Or, "desensitized." The Greek word is βαρέω - barēō, which normally means "weighed down." But this is a metonymous meaning, as is the word for heart. The heart is not literally weighed down. The spiritual strength, alertness, sensitivity, sharpness, and passion might be lessened by the things mentioned.

¹⁸⁴ **22:2** This verse makes no sense unless you take into consideration the imperfect aspect of the Greek verbs for 'trying' and 'fearing.' Imperfect here means just that: incomplete and ongoing action. They had been trying to kill him already since Luke 19:47-48, and 20:19. The reason they still had not accomplished killing him, was because they were STILL YET fearing the people. So if someone tells you that the aspect (continuous vs. punctiliar) of N.T. Greek verbs is unimportant, don't believe them,

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 slaughter¹⁸⁵ 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*¹⁸⁶ 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."¹⁸⁷

²⁰And the cup after the meal¹⁸⁸ 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,¹⁸⁹ 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,¹⁹⁰ 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.¹⁹¹ ³²But I have prayed for you, that your faith will not completely die. And you, when you have come back around, strengthen your brothers."

no matter how big a name they are. Those big names are the ones who came up with the nonsensical mainstream rendering, as follows: "And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to kill him, for they feared the people." This makes it sound like the reason they wanted to kill Jesus was that they were afraid of the people. But that is not the case. The exact opposite is true: their fear of the people was what was still preventing them killing Jesus. See Endnote #4, at the end of this document, which discusses this more fully.

¹⁸⁵ **22:7** Greek: θύω - thúō. It could also be translated "to sacrifice," or, "to celebrate" the Passover. But the meaning "celebrate" only applied when the celebration included the slaughtering of something.

¹⁸⁶ **22:16** The word "again" is not in the Greek, but implied. Thus, later copyists apparently felt obliged to add the Greek word οὐκέτι - oukēti, to both clarify the meaning, and also to harmonize Luke with Mark 14:25, and perhaps also with Matthew 26:29, which says, "from now on."

¹⁸⁷ **22:19** "This you should do" is referring to the Passover. From now on, they and we should do the Passover in commemoration of Jesus' death on our behalf. Both the unleavened bread and the Passover lamb or kid are His body figuratively.

¹⁸⁸ **22:20** Or possibly, "with" the meal.

¹⁸⁹ **22:26** The youngest, as in Acts 5:6, customarily performed the menial tasks, and submitted to the elders.

¹⁹⁰ **22:30** txt ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ μου **ⲡ**⁷⁵ **Ⲭ** A B K L M N Q T U W Δ Θ Π Ψ 1 124 157 579 700 1071 1241 1582 latt syr cop TR HF NA27 { } // ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ αὐτοῦ 69 // ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ D it^{d,e,l} vg^{mss} syr^c // omit E F G H S V Y Γ Ω 047 2 22 174 230 565 1342 1424 1675 geo3 RP // lac **ⲡ**⁴⁵ C P 28 33 2882. MS 118?

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.'¹⁹²

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.]]¹⁹³

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.¹⁹⁴ 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

¹⁹¹ **22:31** The Greek does not say "all," but we need to put in some indicator in English that the Greek pronoun "you" is in the plural. Jesus was not saying this about Peter only, but about all of the apostles.

¹⁹² **22:37** Isaiah 53:12

¹⁹³ **22:43-44** The words in these verses may be an extra-canonical tradition which got added to the gospel of Luke. They are absent in very early and geographically widespread manuscripts and witnesses. See Endnote #3 at the end of this document which discusses this.

¹⁹⁴ **22:47** The Greek literally says, "And he came up to him, to kiss him." But this is probably a Semitism, called "the infinitive of result."

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." ¹⁹⁵

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." ¹⁹⁶

⁴And Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no *causa capitalis* in this man." ¹⁹⁷

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?" ¹⁹⁸ 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 quite 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,

¹⁹⁵ **22:70** "You are saying that I am" is literally what the Greek says, and this expression comes from the Semitic word " 'amarta." It is neither a yes nor a no. This was a Jewish idiom, and you can find some Rabbinic examples where it was understood as a Yes, and some where it would obviously NOT be understood as a yes. Therefore, we have to conclude that it is not a yes of any kind. At the same time, it is not a denial. Which sometimes some people might take as a yes. But as for translation, it should be translated literally, and left at that. No helper words should be added that might imply an affirmative answer. See the endnote on this topic at the end of my translation of Mark's gospel. The Sanhedrin would not be satisfied with anything less than a vehement denial from Jesus. Thus the Sanhedrin's reaction, of needing no more witnesses or evidence. But even what Jesus had already said here earlier, in 22:69, that Jesus would be seated at the right hand of God, that would be offense enough. What is different about Luke here, is that he uses ἔφη, the imperfect form of φημί - phēmí here, which I translated "kept saying." Luke does not use the continuous aspect indiscriminately or insignificantly.

¹⁹⁶ **23:3** The Greek says literally, "You are saying." See footnote on 22:70, and on Mark 15:3. It is not a "yes" answer.

¹⁹⁷ **23:4** That is, basis for capital punishment. It was understood that the only reason the Jewish authorities would bring a criminal to Pilate, was for adjudication of the death penalty and execution. The Jewish authorities otherwise were allowed to execute judgment with their own courts and laws, short of execution; see John 18:31.

¹⁹⁸ **23:6** The word εἰ here (usually "if") being an interrogative particle, introducing direct interrogative discourse, taking the place of ὅτι. See BAGD V.; BDF § 440(3).

having scourged him, I will release him." [[¹⁷Now he was obligated by custom according to the festival to release one person to them.]]¹⁹⁹

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.'²⁰⁰ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"²⁰¹

³²Now two others, criminals, were also being taken with him to be executed.²⁰² 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."]²⁰³ 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."

¹⁹⁹ **23:17** These words now called verse 17 are not found in Ⓞ⁷⁵ A B K L T Π 070 892* 1241 it^a vg^{ms} cop^{sa}, bo^{pt} and included, with minor variants, as harmonized to Matthew 27:15 and Mark 15:6, in the following: ⚭ E F G H (Ν συνήθειαν for ἀνάγκην) W Δ Θ Ψ f¹ f¹³ 28 157 (180 579 εἶχον - imperfect) 205 565 597 700 892c 1006 1010 1071 (1243 ἕνα δέσμιον- one prisoner) 1292 1342 1424 1505 2882 *Byz Lect* it^{aur}, b, c, e, f, ff², l, q, r1 vg syr^p, h (cop^{bo}^{ms}) arm eth geo slav Eusebian Canons; Augustine. And the following include these words in a different place- after verse 19: D it^d syr^c, s. There is over all a great variation in the additions, not detailed here, which is a sign of inauthenticity. The UBS editorial committee gives the omission an A rating of certainty.

²⁰⁰ **23:30** Hosea 10:8

²⁰¹ **23:31** This sentence employs the Greek preposition ἐν with a dative case object of the preposition. The ἐν could be an indicator of the circumstances in which something happens, or the time in which something happens, or the object to which something happens. So this could also possibly be translated, "...if they do these things to a green (healthy, sap-filled) tree, what will happen to the dry?" It could mean "if these things happen to a righteous, fruitful person, what will happen to the unfruitful?" And it could also mean, "if they do these things in good and prosperous times, what will they do in bad times?" Perhaps this is a proverb current at that time, but no one knows for sure.

²⁰² **23:32** The Greek syntax here may be more properly translated, "Now two other criminals were also being taken with him to be executed." Later Greek manuscripts were possibly modified to take away this possibility. But Jesus had predicted in Luke 22:37 that he would be considered one of the outlaws.

²⁰³ **23:34** omit bracketed: Ⓢ⁷⁵ ⚭¹ B D* W Θ 070 31* 38 435 579 597* 1241 1808* 2622L 2633 it^{a,b,c,d} syr^s cop^{sa}, bo^{ms} NA27 {A} || Include with minor variants: ⚭*,² (A omit "Father") C D¹ (E with *) F G H K L M N Q U Γ Δ Λ Π Ψ 0250 f¹ (f¹³) 2 28 33 131 157 180 205 565 597c 700 828 892 1006 1010 1071 1243 1292 1342 1424 1505 2882 ⚭ *Lect* it^{aur}, b, c, e, ff², l, r1 vg syr^c, p, h, pal cop^{bo}^{pt} arm eth geo slav Diatess Iren^{lat} Clement Or Euseb Chryst Cyr TR RP | lac Ⓢ⁴⁵ P T Y. See the Endnote about this verse at the end of this document.

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 judgement?"²⁰⁴ 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,²⁰⁵ and darkness came across the whole land until 3:00 p.m., ⁴⁵for the sun was darkened.²⁰⁶

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;

Chapter 24

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.

²⁰⁴ **23:40** Or, perhaps an Aramaism as follows, "since you are in this same fate?"

²⁰⁵ **23:44** Greek, "the sixth hour," that is, the sixth hour from 6 a.m. when the daytime starts, which makes this 12:00 noon. So also the remaining references to time in Luke: the darkness lasted until 3:00 p.m. (Grk-the ninth hour), when Jesus cried out to the Father. See the endnote in my Diatessaron regarding the differing clock systems and divisions of the day used by the synoptic evangelists in contrast to John.

²⁰⁶ **23:45** txt τοῦ ἡλίου ἐκλιπόντος Ϙ^{75*} Ϟ C* vid L 070 579 597 968 1012 1451 1626 2528 (2542 ἐκλάμποντος) 2705 0124? ̅384^{1/2} syr^{hmg} (syr^h σκοτισθέντος) slav Origen^{gr,lat} mss^{acc.} to Orig NA27 {B} // τοῦ ἡλίου ἐκλείποντος Ϙ^{75c} B 597 ̅68^{1/2} ̅76^{1/2} ̅211^{1/2} ̅387^{1/2} ̅770^{1/2} ̅773^{1/2} ̅813^{1/2} ̅950^{1/2} ̅1223^{1/2} ̅1780^{1/2} cop^{bo} Origen // ἐσκοτίσθη ὁ ἥλιος ita,b,c,e arm geo Diatessaron // καὶ ἐσκοτίσθη ὁ ἥλιος (A ἐσκορτίσθη) C³ (D it^d ἐσκοτίσθη δὲ) E G H K M Q (S -ὁ) N U W Γ Δ Θ Λ Π Ψ 0117? f¹ f³ 1 2 28 118 157 180 205 565 700 892 1006 1009 1010 1071 1079 1195^{mg} 1216 1230 1241 1242 1243 1253 1292 1342 1344 1424? 1505 1546 1582^{*c} 1646 2148 2174 2882 *Lect* it^{aur,f,ff²},l,q v^g syc^{c,s,p,pal} eth Marcion^{acc.} To Eiphanius^{vid} Origen^{lat} mss^{acc.} to Orig TR HF RP // τοῦ ἡλίου ἐκλιπόντος καὶ ἐσκοτίσθη ὁ ἥλιος C² vid 22 pc (18) // omit C² vid 33 159 443* 1137 1195* 1373* 1424? // *lacuna* Ϙ⁴⁵ F N P T. The phrase with ἐκλείπω could be translated, "from an eclipse of the sun." The Classical Greek writers Thucidides, Herodotus and Aristophanes used this word, when referring to the sun or moon, as meaning "suffer eclipse." But the event in this passage, Jesus' crucifixion, took place during Passover, which was always during a full moon, so an eclipse of the sun by the moon was not possible. Neither are there any astronomical records of the moon eclipsing the sun during that time. So the only rendering that is truly incorrect, would be "eclipse." To most people, an eclipse of the sun would mean that the sun was eclipsed by the moon. I imagine it is theoretically possible for some other kind of heavenly body to have eclipsed the sun, but I know of no astronomical records of such. Regardless, the rendering "eclipse" is just too misleading, since that word almost always means eclipse by the moon. The Majority text reads "καὶ ἐσκοτίσθη ὁ ἥλιος," "and the sun was darkened." But this textual variance need not make any difference, since the lexical authorities say that, in the passive voice, in which both ἐκλείπω and σκοτίζω are, either one of them can mean "was obscured."

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 miles²⁰⁷ 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,²⁰⁸ 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.²⁰⁹

²²And 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.

²⁰⁷ **24:13** Greek: sixty stadia, or about 11 kilometers.

²⁰⁸ **24:18** Or possibly, "Are you the only one living near Jerusalem who is unaware of the things happening..." But this is less likely, because in the Greek, the word for "living," παροικέω - paroikēō, is in the present indicative, not a participle, neither a noun. It seems to be a transitive verb expecting an object. Such as "visiting Jerusalem," or "living IN Jerusalem." And the phrase "who is not aware" would be a stretch. Moreover, the Greek does not say "in Jerusalem," but rather just "Jerusalem." The word παροικέω - paroikēō generally meant "living as a stranger, a pilgrim, living as a visitor," and only rarely meant just "live or inhabit next to" without the connotation of being an alien or stranger.

²⁰⁹ **24:21** DeBrunner says in §129 that rather than the impersonal "it is the third day," that this phrase τρίτην ταύτην ἡμέραν ἄγει ἅφ' οὗ ταῦτα ἐγένετο means "he is already spending the third day" [in the tomb]. Bauer agrees with this as well. The Greek does not supply a subject here, but some third person singular subject is implied, and the verb ἄγω in phrases about time, means "spend."

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 worshipping him, returned back to Jerusalem with great rejoicing. ⁵³And throughout those days they were continually at the temple, praising God.

ENDNOTES

Endnote #1**MATTHEW'S AND LUKE'S GENEALOGIES APPEAR TO GIVE CONFLICTING GENEALOGIES OF JOSEPH THE HUSBAND OF MARY.**

Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:28-38

MATTHEW	LUKE
Abraham	Abraham
Isaac	Isaac
Jacob	Jacob
Judah	Judah
Perez	Perez
Hezron	Hezron
Aram	Aram
Amminadab	Amminadab
Nahshon	Nahshon
Salmon	Salmon
Boaz	Boaz
Obed	Obed
Jesse	Jesse
David	David
Solomon	Nathan
Rehoboam	Mattatha
Abijah	Menna
Asa	Melea
Jehoshaphat	Eliakim
Joram	Jonam
Uzziah	Joseph
Jotham	Judah
Ahaz	Simeon
Hezekiah	Levi
Manasseh	Matthat
Amos/Amon	Jorim
Josiah	Eliezer
Jeconiah	Joshua
Shealtiel	Er
Zerubbabel	Elmadam
Abiud	Cosam
Eliakim	Addi
Azor	Melki
Zadok	Neri
Achim	Shealtiel
Eliud	Zerubbabel
Eleazar	Rhesa
Matthan	Joanan
Jacob	Joda
Joseph	Josech
Jesus	Semein
	Mattathias

	Joseph
	Jannai
	Melki
	Levi
	Matthat
	Heli
	Joseph
	Jesus

It should be noted that though Matthew states in 1:17 that there are three sets of 14 generations, there are only 13 generations in his 3rd set. He also left out two generations from the second set which would have made that set 16 generations. After Josiah came Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin, according to 2 Kings 23:34 – 24:6. Thus it seems Matthew made these sets for some purpose such as to be a memorization aid or teaching aid.

Following is taken from an article on the Internet: <http://www.carm.org/diff/2geneologies.htm>

Both Matthew 1 and Luke 3 contain genealogies of Jesus. But there is one problem. They are different. Luke's Genealogy starts at Adam and goes to David. Matthew's Genealogy starts at Abraham and goes to David. When the genealogies arrive at David, they split with David's sons: Nathan (Mary's side) and Solomon (Joseph's side).

There is no discrepancy because one genealogy is for Mary and the other is for Joseph. It was customary to mention the genealogy through the father even though it was clearly known that it was through Mary.

First, realize that the Bible should be interpreted in the context of its literary style, culture, and history. Breaking up genealogies into male and female representations was acceptable in the ancient Near East culture since it was often impolite to speak of women without proper conditions being met: male presence, etc. One genealogy is of Mary and the other of Joseph, even though both mention Joseph. In other words, the Mary was counted "in" Joseph and under his headship.

Second, do any critics actually think that those who collected the books of the New Testament, and who believed it was inerrant, were unaware of this blatant differentiation in genealogies? Does anyone actually think that the Christians were so dense that they were unaware of the differences in the genealogy lists, closed their eyes and put the gospels into the canon anyway hoping no one would notice? Not at all. They knew the cultural context and had no problem with it knowing that one was of Joseph and the other of Mary.

Third, notice that Luke starts with Mary and goes backwards to Adam. Matthew starts with Abraham and goes forward to Joseph. The intents of the genealogies were different which is seen in their styles. Luke was not written to the Jews, Matthew was. Therefore, Matthew would carry the legal line (from Abraham through David) and Luke the biological one (from Adam through David). Also, notice that Luke's first three chapters mention Mary eleven times; hence, the genealogy from her. Fourth, notice Luke 3:23, "And when He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being supposedly the son of Joseph, the son of Eli," This designation "supposedly" seems to signify the Marian genealogy since it seems to indicate that Jesus is not the biological son of Joseph.

Finally, in the Joseph genealogy there is a man named Jeconiah. God cursed Jeconiah (also called Coniah), stating that no descendant of his would ever sit on the throne of David, "For no man of his descendants will prosper sitting on the throne of David or ruling again in Judah," (Jer. 22:30). But Jesus, of course, will sit on the throne in the heavenly kingdom. The point is that Jesus is not a biological descendant of Jeconiah, but through the other lineage -- that of Mary. Hence, the prophetic curse upon Jeconiah stands inviolate. But, the legal adoption of Jesus by Joseph reckoned the legal rights of Joseph to Jesus as a son, not the biological curse. This is why we need two genealogies: one of Mary (the actually biological line according to prophecy), and the legal line through Joseph.

Again, the early church knew this and had no problem with it. It is only the critics of today who narrow their vision and require this to be a "contradiction" when in reality we have an explanation that is more than sufficient.

Endnote #2

Did Jesus send out seventy, or seventy-two? (ἑβδομήκοντα, or ἑβδομήκοντα δύο ?)

Luke 10:1, 17; Diatessaron 18:10, 15

There are witnesses both ample and ancient to both readings, though somewhat favoring "seventy-two." Both the Nestle-Aland 26th Edition and the UBS 4th Edition of the Greek text put the δύο, the "two," in square brackets, and the UBS editorial committee gives it a [C] rating of certainty. This means that they decided on "72," but had difficulty in deciding to do so, and therefore placed the δύο in brackets to indicate the great degree of doubt that it has a right to be there.

Since the manuscript consideration is almost a stand-off, interpreters then discuss what stronger or more likely numerological symbolism there is for one reading over the other. Discussion invariably leads to Genesis chapter 11, where God broke up the single world language into many nations. There, one can count seventy nations in the Hebrew text. Yet, in the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew scriptures made by Jewish translators in Egypt before the time of Christ, one can count seventy-two nations. If it were only Alexandrian witnesses which read "72" in Luke 10:1, an argument might be made that they were overly influenced by the Septuagint, which was also produced in Alexandria. But this is not the case, since the chief representatives of both the Alexandrian, as well as the Western groups of Greek manuscripts, read "72," along with most of the Old Latin and the Sinaitic Syriac. And on the other hand, Codex Sinaiticus, one of the primary Alexandrian manuscripts, reads "70."

The implication some interpreters see, is that by appointing 70, Jesus drew on the Jewish tradition of there being 70 nations in the world, to show that his message was intended for everyone in the whole world. And that that was intended to be in contrast to when he sent the Twelve out earlier, and forbade them to go into any Samaritan village; whereas here in the case of the 70 / 72, there is no such prohibition. Paul says, "the gospel is to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile." (Romans 1:16) The Lord himself said in John 10:16, "Other 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."

Regarding the above-mentioned decision by the Editorial Committee of the United Bible Societies' Greek New Testament to include the "-two" in square brackets, one of the members of the committee disagreed with that decision, for he regarded "72" as undoubtedly the original reading. That member was the late Kurt Aland. His written dissent, as published in the book, *A Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament*, Metzger, Bruce M., on behalf of and in cooperation with the Editorial Committee of the United Bible Societies' Greek New Testament: Kurt Aland, Matthew Black, Carlo M. Martini, Bruce M. Metzger, and Allen Wikgren (Stuttgart, United Bible Societies, Corrected Edition, 1975), is worthy of being printed below, as follows.

The concept of "70" is an established entity in the Septuagint and in Christian tradition. The number of examples of "70" in the Old Testament is overwhelming: there are always 70 souls in the house of Jacob, 70 elders, sons, priests, and 70 years that are mentioned in chronological references to important events. The number 72 appears only once, where, amid many other numbers, 72 cattle are set aside for a sacrificial offering (Num 31:38). If 72 occurs in the Letter of Aristeas (as the number of translators of the Septuagint) as well as in III Enoch, these sporadic instances are not to be compared in significance with the tradition involving 70.

Consequently it is astonishing that the reading ἑβδομήκοντα δύο appears at all in [Luke] 10:1 and 17, and that it has such strong support. A reading that in the Gospels has in its support ⁷⁵ B D, the Old Syriac, the Old Latin, etc., etc., is ordinarily regarded at once as the original reading. If in addition the opposing reading lies under the suspicion of ecclesiastical "normalizing," the testimony becomes irrefutable. The opposing witnesses represent entirely an ecclesiastical normalizing. That they are in the majority is altogether understandable; if they are ancient, this only proves how early the normalizing process began to operate. For these reasons ἑβδομήκοντα δύο should be printed without square brackets. K.A.

In other words, why would some copyists change the number away from the symbolically significant "seventy" to a symbolically insignificant "seventy-two"? It is more likely that the copyists who did the changing of the originals were the ones who changed it to "seventy" in order to make it line up with the strong tradition of 70 in the Bible and Jewish tradition. (This latter is part of what Kurt Aland calls "normalizing." There are many instances in the Greek New Testament where the original reading is very obscure, or is poor grammar, or is a very unpopular teaching. Later copyists tended to smooth over these passages, or "normalize" them.)

There may be no symbolism at all involved in the number "seventy-two." Unless there is significance that it is divisible by twelve. Six times.

Well then, since the messengers were sent out two by two, let's examine how each number is divisible by two. If Jesus sent out seventy, that means there were 35 pairs of them. If Jesus sent out seventy-two, that means there were 36 pairs of them.

There may be no symbolism at all in what number of emissaries Jesus sent out. Yes, it is possible that he did intend some symbolism. But we should beware lest we change original holy writ just because we want a symbolism in it. It is possible Jesus did not intend any symbolism.

I also wonder how the proximity of the other questionable δύο in 10:1 affected the copyists. See Luke 10:1 written out below in both Greek and English.

Μετὰ δὲ ταῦτα
 After these things,
 ἀνέδειξεν ὁ κύριος ἑτέρους ἑβδομήκοντα [δύο]
 the Lord appointed another seventy-two,
 καὶ ἀπέστειλεν αὐτοὺς ἀνὰ δύο [δύο]
 and sent them two by two
 πρὸ προσώπου αὐτοῦ
 before his face,
 εἰς πᾶσαν πόλιν καὶ τόπον οὗ ἤμελλεν αὐτὸς ἔρχεσθαι.
 into every town and place where he himself was about to go.

(FYI: in the third line of the verse above, in N.T. Greek one could say "two by two" either as ἀνὰ δύο without the second δύο, or one could say "two by two" as just δύο δύο, without the ἀνὰ. But the latter, called "distributive doubling," is either a Semitic idiom or a Greek vulgarism not expected of the educated and more literate Luke. As for the mixed expression, ἀνὰ δύο δύο, it is found only later, in Mediaeval Greek.)

Here is a breakdown of some English translations I have checked. Those reading "70" are: Tyndale, KJV, NKJV, ASV, RSV, NRSV, NASB, CBW, JNT, ISV, HCSB, WEB, GW, Phillips, Recovery, Darby, Weymouth, Recovery, The Message. Those reading "72" are: JB, NIV, TNIV, REB, NLT, NCV, CEV, NET, ESV; and the NAB reads "seventy[-two]", and says "seventy-two" in the section heading.

Endnote #3

Luke 22:43-44

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 down onto the ground.

Omit vv 43,44: ϳ⁶⁹, ϳ⁷⁵ ϳ¹ A B N T W 124 579 788 1071* *Lect*^{1/2} it^f syr^s cop^{sa,bo}mss arm geo some Greek mss^{acc}. to Anastasius-Sinaita; Greek and Latin mss^{acc} to Hilary Ambrose Jerome (Recent research by Thomas Wayment* has made the omission in ϳ⁶⁹ certain.)

Transpose Lk 22:43-44 after Mt. 26:39 f¹³

Transpose Lk 22:43-45a (καὶ...προσευχῆς) after Mt. 26:39 *Lect*^{1/2}

Include with minor variants: ϳ^{*.2} D E F G H K L M N Q X Γ Δ* Θ Λ Π* Ψ 0171 0223 f¹ 13^c 28 157 180 205 346 565 597 700 828^{1/2} 892* 1006 1009 1010 1071^c 1230 1241 1242 1243 1253 1292 1342 1344 1365 1424 1505 1546 1646 2148 2174 ϳ {184^{1/2} it^a,aur,b,c,d,e,f²,i,l,q,r¹ vg syr^{c,p,h,pal} cop^{bo}pl¹ eth slav Diatessaron^{arm} Justin Irenaeus^{gr} Hippolytus^{acc}. to Theodoret Origen^{dub} Ps-Dionysius Arius^{acc}. to Epiphanius Eusebian Canons Didymus^{dub} Epiphanius Chrysostom Theodore Nestorius Theodoret all versions and most Greek mss^{acc}. to Anastasius-Sinaita John-Damascus; Hilary Greek and Latin mss^{acc}. to Jerome Augustine Quodvultdeus. The uncial 0171 is defective here, but indicates probable presence of the words.

Include with asterisks or obeli: Δ* Π^c 892^c mg 1079 1195 1216 cop^{bo}mss

Here is what the Editorial Committee of the United Bible Societies' Greek New Testament says about the passage in "A Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament, corrected edition, 1975:

"The absence of these verses in such ancient and widely diversified witnesses as $\Phi^{(69vid).75}$ \aleph A B T W syr^s cop^{sa,bo} arm^{mss} geo Marcion Clement Origen *al*, as well as their being marked with asterisks or obeli (signifying spuriousness) in other witnesses (Δ^* Π^c 892^c mg 1079 1195 1216 cop^{bo}mss) and their transferral to Matthew's gospel (after 26:39) by family 13 and several lectionaries (the latter also transfer ver. 45a), strongly suggests that they are no part of the original text of Luke. Their presence in many manuscripts, some ancient, as well as their citation by Justin, Irenaeus, Hippolytus, Eusebius and many other Fathers, is proof of the antiquity of the account. On grounds of transcriptional probability it is less likely that the verses were deleted in several different areas of the church by those who felt that the account of Jesus overwhelmed with human weakness was incompatible with his sharing the divine omnipotence of the Father, than that they were added from an early source, oral or written, of extra-canonical traditions concerning the life and passion of Jesus. Nevertheless, while acknowledging that the passage is a later addition to the text, in view of its evident antiquity and its importance in the textual tradition, a majority of the Committee decided to retain the words in the text but to enclose them within double square brackets.

In the 4th edition of their Greek New Testament, the committee gives the absence of these verses in the original text an A rating of certainty.

*Thomas A. Wayment, "A New transcription of P.Oxy 2383 (Φ^{69})"; NovT 50 (2008) 351-57

Endnote #4

Is the saying, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing," original scripture?

Luke 23:34

The saying attributed to Jesus while on the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" is not found in most of the earliest (pre-5th century) Greek manuscripts. Neither is it found in the earliest translations of Luke's gospel into other languages.

Omit: $\Phi^{66,75}$ \aleph^1 B D* W Θ 070 0241 31* 38 435 579 597* 1241 1808* 2622L 2633 it^{a,b,c,d} syr^s cop^{sa,bo}mss

Include with minor variants: \aleph^{*2} (A omit "Father") C D² (E with *) F G H (K ειπεν for ελεγεν) L M N Q U X Γ Δ Λ Π Ψ 063 0250= ℓ 1561 f¹ (f¹³) 2 28 33 131 157 180 205 565 597^c 700 828 892 1006 (1009 ποιωσιν) 1010 1071 1079 (1195 α for $\tau\acute{\iota}$) 1216 (1230 1253 Ιησοῦς ἑσταυρωμένος ἔλεγεν) 1242 1243 1292 1342 1344 1365 1424 1505 1546 1646 2148 2174 \aleph *Lect* it^{aur,b,c,e,fi²,l,r1} vg syr^{c,p,h,pal} cop^{bo}pt arm eth geo slav Diatess Irenaeus^{lat} Clement Origen Eusebius Chryostom Cyr

Here is what the Editorial Committee of the United Bible Societies' Greek New Testament says about the passage in "A Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament, corrected edition, 1975:

"The absence of these words from such early and diverse witnesses as Φ^{75} B D* W Θ it^{a,d} syr^s cop^{sa,bo}mss is most impressive and can scarcely be explained as a deliberate excision by copyists who, considering the fall of Jerusalem to be proof that God had not forgiven the Jews, could not allow it to appear that the prayer of Jesus had remained unanswered. At the same time, the logion, though probably not a part of the original Gospel of Luke, bears self-evident tokens of its dominical origin, and was retained, within double square brackets, in its traditional place where it had been incorporated by unknown copyists relatively early in the transmission of the Third Gospel."

When I pondered what reasons could have possibly prompted copyists to add this passage to the gospel, it occurred to me that elements in the early church might not have wanted the Lord himself to be outshined by Stephen. For

Stephen in Acts 7:60 said something similar. Yet Jesus himself predicted in John 14:12, "The 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." (DRP) On the other hand, Stephen may have done what he did because he was following Christ's known example.

Endnote #5

The Linear Aspect in the Gospel of Luke

The primary semantic content of a New Testament Greek verb, other than its lexical definition, was its "aspect" or "kind of action." Of these, there were three primary categories: the punctiliar aspect, the linear aspect, and the combined aspect. See Sections 318 through 356, in the book entitled, "A Greek Grammar of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature," by Blass and DeBrunner, and translated and edited by Funk, the University of Chicago Press, Chicago and London (1961).

Luke used the linear aspect much more discriminatingly than did Mark for example. Because of this, we should pay that much more attention to the linear aspect in Luke, and in fact, this makes all the difference for a proper understanding of several passages, some of which are shown and discussed below.

Luke 1:34 εἶπεν δὲ Μαριάμ πρὸς τὸν ἄγγελον, πῶς ἔσται τοῦτο, ἐπεὶ ἄνδρα οὐ γινώσκω;

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen, since I am not knowing a man?"

Mary asks how she could have a baby nine months from then, since she was not having sex with a man at the time, nor in the near future.

Luke 5:33

Οἱ δὲ εἶπαν πρὸς αὐτόν, Οἱ μαθηταὶ Ἰωάννου νηστεύουσιν πυκνὰ καὶ δεήσεις ποιοῦνται, ὁμοίως καὶ οἱ τῶν Φαρισαίων, οἱ δὲ σοὶ ἐσθίουσιν καὶ πίνουσιν.

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."

Luke 6:46 Τί δέ με καλεῖτε, Κύριε κύριε, καὶ οὐ ποιεῖτε ἃ λέγω;

⁴⁶"And why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord,' and yet not do the things which I say?"

Luke 11:9

καγὼ ὑμῖν λέγω, αἰτεῖτε, καὶ δοθήσεται ὑμῖν· ζητεῖτε, καὶ εὕρήσετε· κρούετε, καὶ ἀνοιγήσεται ὑμῖν.

⁹So I say to you: ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Luke 11:10 πᾶς γὰρ ὁ αἰτῶν λαμβάνει, καὶ ὁ ζητῶν εὕρισκει, καὶ τῷ κρούοντι ἀνοιγ[ήσ]εται.

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.

The moral of that story is the virtue of brash persistence.

Luke 16:21

καὶ ἐπιθυμῶν χορτασθῆναι ἀπὸ τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τοῦ πλουσίου· ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ κύνες ἐρχόμενοι ἐπέλειχον τὰ ἐλκη αὐτοῦ.

²¹and he kept longing in vain to eat the scraps dropping from the table of that rich man. In contrast, even the dogs at least would come and lick his sores.

In this passage, the contrast Jesus is making between the rich man and the dogs, would be lost, unless our translations show the linear aspect. The point is that the beggar kept on longing to eat what was falling from the rich man's table, but never did. His longing never ceased, or ended. The imperfect was not named that for no reason; imperfect means ongoing, uncompleted action in the past. In contrast, the dogs would at least come and lick his sores.

Luke 18:3

χήρα δὲ ἦν ἐν τῇ πόλει ἐκείνῃ καὶ ἤρχετο πρὸς αὐτὸν λέγουσα, Ἐκδίκησόν με ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀντιδίκου μου.

³But there was a widow in that city, and she kept on coming to him, saying, 'Give me redress from my adversary.'

The linear aspect, the continuousness of the widow's coming, is the whole moral of the story. There are not Greek words in the Greek text specifically meaning "kept on" coming. That "kept on" aspect is indicated by the markers affixed to the verb stem, that is, the inflection.

Luke 18:7

ὁ δὲ θεὸς οὐ μὴ ποιήσῃ τὴν ἐκδίκησιν τῶν ἐκλεκτῶν αὐτοῦ τῶν βοώντων αὐτῷ ἡμέρας καὶ νυκτός, καὶ μὴ ἀκροθυμεῖ ἐπ' αὐτοῖς;

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?

Again, as in the previous example, the moral of the parable of the persistent widow, is to come "continually" and "persistently" and "habitually" with the same request, until you get it.

Luke 22:2

καὶ ἐζήτουν οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ οἱ γραμματεῖς τὸ πῶς ἀνέλωσιν αὐτόν, ἐφοβοῦντο γὰρ τὸν λαόν.

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.

This is the passage most dependent on the linear aspect. The passage does not make much sense without it. First, observe how various translations have rendered it. I have put them in groups according to how they rendered the Greek causal coordinating conjunction, γὰρ - gâr.

KJV	And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.
ASV	And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might put him to death; for they feared the people.
Darby	and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.
YLT	and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they may take him up, for they were afraid of the people.
WEB	The chief priests and the scribes sought how they might put him to death, for they feared the people.
CBW	So the high priests and the scribes continued to seek how they might put Him to death, for they were afraid of the people.
Phillips	Now as the feast of unleavened bread, called the Passover, was approaching, fear of the people made the chief priests and scribes try desperately to find a way of getting rid of Jesus..
NASB	and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people.
JB	and the chief priests and the scribes were looking for some way of doing away with him, because they mistrusted the people.
RSV	And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death; for they feared the people.
NKJV	And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people.
NIV	and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people.
TNIV	and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people.
Recov.	And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to do away with Him, for they feared the people.
NAB	and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to put him to death, for they were afraid of the people.
REB	and the chief priests and the scribes were trying to devise some means of doing away with him; for they were afraid of the people.
NRSV	The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

- JNT and the head cohanim and the Torah-teachers began trying to find some way to get rid of Yeshua, **because** they were afraid of the people.
- NCV The leading priests and teachers of the law were trying to find a way to kill Jesus, **because** they were afraid of the people.
- CEV The chief priests and the teachers of the law of Moses were looking for a way to get rid of Jesus, **because** they were afraid of what the people might do.
- ISV So the high priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put him to death, **for** they were afraid of the crowd.
- NET The chief priests and the experts in the law were trying to find some way to put Jesus to death; **for** they were afraid of the people.
- ESV And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death; **for** they feared the people.
- HCSB The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Him to death, **because** they were afraid of the people.
- Tyndl and the high Priests and Scribes sought how to kill him, **but** they feared the people.
- Wey and the High Priests and the Scribes were contriving how to destroy Him. **But** they feared the people.
- Mess The high priests and religion scholars were looking for a way to do away with Jesus **but**, fearful of the people, they were also looking for a way to cover their tracks.
- BBE And the chief priests and the scribes were looking for a chance to put him to death, **but** they went in fear of the people.
- NLT The leading priests and teachers of religious law were actively plotting Jesus' murder. **But** they wanted to kill him without starting a riot, a possibility they greatly feared.
- GW The chief priests and the scribes were looking for some way to kill Jesus. **However**, they were afraid of the people.

I have found no grammatical or lexical authority for a purely adversative meaning. The closest thing to an adversative use is said to be one passage in Matthew where γὰρ - gar is used in combination with other conjunctions; but here in this Luke passage it is used by itself. The Matthew passage:

Matt 15:27

ἡ δὲ εἶπεν, Ναί, κύριε, καὶ γὰρ τὰ κυνάρια ἐσθίει ἀπὸ τῶν ψιγίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τῶν κυρίων αὐτῶν.

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

But if there is any adversative meaning here at all, it would be contained in the conjunction καὶ, not in γὰρ - gar.

Perhaps The Message and the New Living Translation see an ellipsis implied in the Luke passage. Perhaps that is why they supply so many English words that are not indicated in the Greek. I don't see an ellipsis.

I note that none of the above translations except the BBE conveys the imperfect aspect of the Greek verb for "fearing," that is, the leaders were still fearing the people; their fear was "imperfect," that is, ongoing.

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