

The Good News According to Luke

Introduction

1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an orderly account about the things that have been fulfilled among us,² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word delivered them to us,³ it seemed good to me also, having traced the course of all things accurately from the first, to write to you in order, most excellent Theophilus,⁴ so that you might know the certainty concerning the things about which you were instructed.

Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

⁵In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zechariah, of the *priestly* division of Abijah, and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking without blame in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord.⁷ And *yet* they had no child because Elisabeth was barren, and they both were advanced in their days.

⁸Now it came to pass, while he was serving as a priest in his division's turn before God,⁹ he entered into the sanctuary of the

Lord, having been chosen by lot (according to the custom of the priesthood) to burn the incense offering.¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense.¹¹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of altar of incense.¹² And Zechariah was startled when he saw *him*, and fear fell upon him.¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your supplication has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will call his name John.¹⁴ And there will be joy and jubilation for you, and many will rejoice at his birth,¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. And he must not ever drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with holy spirit, even from his mother's womb.¹⁶ And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God.¹⁷ And he will go before him in *the* spirit and power of Elijah, **to turn the hearts of fathers to their children**, and the defiant to the good sense of the righteous, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared *for him*."

¹⁸And Zechariah said to the angel, "By what *sign* will I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife *is* advanced in her days."

¹⁹And the angel, answering, said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to tell

you this good news. ²⁰And Behold!, you will be silent and not able to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time.”

²¹And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the sanctuary. ²²And when he came out, he was not able to speak to them. And they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary; and he kept making signs to them, and remained unable to speak. ²³And it came to pass when the days of his priestly service were completed, he departed to his house. ²⁴And after these days Elisabeth his wife conceived, and she hid herself five months, saying, ²⁵“The Lord has done this for me. He has looked with favor in these days to take away my disgrace among people.”

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin who was betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸And coming to her he said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you!” ²⁹But she was greatly perplexed at the saying, and tried to discern what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid,

Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And Behold!, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and will call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” ³⁴And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, seeing I am not knowing a man?” ³⁵And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you, and for that reason the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶And Behold!, your relative Elizabeth, she also has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸And Mary said, “Behold!, the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰and entered into the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And it came to pass when Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with holy spirit ⁴²and cried out with

a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And how is this *happening* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For Behold!, when the voice of your greeting came into my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed, because there will be a fulfillment of the things that have been spoken to her from the Lord.”

Mary’s Song (The Magnificat)

⁴⁶And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior ⁴⁸because he has looked upon the low estate of his servant. For Behold!, from now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has done a mighty deed with his arm; he has scattered *those who are* proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has pulled down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. ⁵³He has filled the hungry with good things, and he has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He helped his servant Israel, remembering his mercy ⁵⁵to Abraham and his seed for ever, just as he said to our fathers.”

⁵⁶And Mary stayed with her about three months, and returned to her house.

The Birth of John the Baptist

⁵⁷Now Elizabeth’s time was fulfilled for her to give birth, and she brought forth a son. ⁵⁸And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy towards her, and they were rejoicing with her. ⁵⁹And it came to pass on the eighth day that they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call him Zechariah, after the name of the father. ⁶⁰And his mother answered and said, “No! He will be called John.” ⁶¹And they said to her, “None of your relatives are called by that name.” ⁶²And they motioned to his father, *as to* what he wanted him called. ⁶³And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is John.” And they all were amazed. ⁶⁴And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue *loosed*, and he spoke, praising God. ⁶⁵And fear came on all who lived around them, and all these things were talked about throughout all the hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶And everyone who heard laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child become?” For indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Zechariah’s Prophecy (Benedictus)

⁶⁷And his father Zechariah was filled with holy spirit, and

prophesied, saying, ⁶⁸“Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and brought about redemption for his people, ⁶⁹and he has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ⁷⁰(just as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from ancient times), ⁷¹salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, ⁷²to show mercy to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³(the oath that he swore to Abraham our father), ⁷⁴to grant to us that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, 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 before the Lord to prepare the way for him, ⁷⁷to give *the* knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins ⁷⁸because of the bowels of compassion of our God, by which the Rising Sun from on high will visit us, ⁷⁹to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

⁸⁰And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

Jesus Born in Bethlehem

2 Now it came to pass in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus to register all the

inhabited world *for taxation*. ²This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. ³And everyone went to be registered, each to his own city. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, ⁵to be registered along with Mary, who had been betrothed to him and was pregnant.

⁶Now it came to pass while they were there, the days were fulfilled for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling-cloth and laid him in a manger because there was no space for them in the guestroom.

Shepherds Testify to Birth of Christ

⁸And there were shepherds in the same area, living out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were frightened with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for Behold!, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be to all the people. ¹¹For to you was born this day in the city of David the Savior, who is Christ *and* Lord. ¹²And this *will be* the sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a

manger.”¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying,¹⁴ “Glory in the highest *heavens* to God, and on earth peace among men with whom he is well pleased.”

¹⁵ And it came to pass, when the angels had departed from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.

¹⁷ And after they saw it, they made it known about the message that was spoken to them concerning this child.¹⁸ And all who heard it were amazed at the things that were told to them by the shepherds.¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, just as it was spoken to them.

Jesus Presented in the Temple

²¹ And when eight days were completed for him to be circumcised, his name was called Jesus, the *name* he was called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.²² And when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him

to the Lord²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, **Every male that *first* opens the womb will be called holy to the Lord**),²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, **A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.**

²⁵ And Behold!, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and *deeply* religious, waiting for the comforting of Israel, and holy spirit was upon him.²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the holy spirit, that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

²⁷ And he came by the spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him according to the custom of the law,²⁸ then he took him into his arms, and blessed God and said,²⁹ “Now Master, you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word,³⁰ since my eyes have seen your salvation,³¹ which you have prepared before the face of all peoples,³² **A light for revelation to the Gentiles**, and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And his father and his mother were amazed at the things that were being said about him.

³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Take notice!, this *child* is appointed to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign *that will be* continually opposed,³⁵ (yes, and a

sword will pierce through your own soul), so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher (she was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until the age of eighty-four), who did not depart from the temple, serving with fasting and supplications night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God, and to speak of him to all those who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

³⁹And when they had completed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Jesus in the Temple at 12 Years Old

⁴¹And every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom. ⁴³And when they had completed the days of the feast, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem and his parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but assuming him to be in the caravan,

they went a day’s journey. And they were diligently searching for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, diligently searching for him. ⁴⁶And it came to pass, after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

⁴⁸And when they saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Child, why did you do this to us? See!, your father and I have been looking for you in great distress.”

⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why is it that you were searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the statement that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and he was subject to them. And his mother was keeping all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men.

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

3 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of

Abilene,² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah, in the desert.³ And he went into the whole region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for remission of sins,⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

The voice of one crying in the desert, "Make ready the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight!

⁵Every valley will be filled and every mountain and hill will be made low, and the crooked will become straight, and the rough ways smooth,⁶ and all flesh will see the salvation of God."

⁷So he *began* saying to the multitudes that went out to be baptized by him, "You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?⁸ Come now, bring forth fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say within yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I say to you, that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.⁹ Indeed, the axe is already laid down at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the multitudes asked him, saying, "What then must we do?"¹¹ And he answered and said to them, "He who has two coats, let him give *one* to him who has none, and he who has food, let him do likewise."¹² And tax collectors also

came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what must we do?"

¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than that which you have been ordered to."¹⁴ And soldiers also asked him, saying, "And we, what must we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats, neither accuse *any one* wrongfully, and be content with your wages."

¹⁵And as the people were in a state of expectation, and everyone reasoned in their hearts concerning John, whether he was the Christ,¹⁶ John answered, saying to them all, "I indeed baptize you in water, but the one who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to loosen. He will baptize you in holy spirit and fire,¹⁷ whose winnowing fork is in his hand to thoroughly cleanse his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So then indeed, exhorting regarding many and various *subjects*, he told Good News to the people.¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him on account of Herodias his brother's wife and for all the evil things that Herod had done,²⁰ added this also to them all—he locked up John in prison.

The Baptism of Jesus

²¹Now it came to pass when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also was baptized, and as he was praying, the heavens were opened ²²and the holy spirit descended in a bodily form as a dove upon him, and a voice came out of heaven, “You are my Son, the beloved *one*, with you I am well pleased.”

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

²³And Jesus himself, when he began *to teach*, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as *it* was assumed) of Joseph, the *son* of Heli, ²⁴the *son* of Matthat, the *son* of Levi, the *son* of Melchi, 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 Melchi, the *son* of Addi, the *son* of Cosam, the *son* of Elmadam, the *son* of Er, ²⁹the *son* of Jesus, the *son* of Eliezer, the *son* of Jorim, the *son* of Matthat, the *son* of Levi, ³⁰the *son* of Symeon, the *son* of Judas, 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 Arni, the *son* of Hezron, the *son* of Perez, the *son* of Judah, ³⁴the *son* of Jacob, the *son* of Isaac, the *son* of Abraham, the *son* of Terah, the *son* of Nahor, ³⁵the *son* of Serug, the *son* of Reu, the *son* of Peleg, the *son* of Eber, the *son* of Shelah ³⁶the *son* of Cainan, the *son* of Arphaxad, the *son* of Shem, the *son* of Noah, the *son* of Lamech, ³⁷the *son* of Methuselah, the *son* of Enoch, the *son* of Jared, the *son* of Mahalaleel, the *son* of Cainan, ³⁸the *son* of Enos, the *son* of Seth, the *son* of Adam, the *son* of God.

The Temptation in the Desert

4 And Jesus, full of holy spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led about in the spirit in the desert ²for forty days, being tempted by the Slanderer. And he ate nothing in those days, and when they were completed, he was hungry. ³And the Slanderer said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone so that it becomes bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, **Man will not live by bread alone.**” ⁵And he led him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the inhabited world in a moment of time. ⁶And the Slanderer said to him, “To you I will give all this authority, and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and to whomever I want, I give it. ⁷Therefore, if you will bow down in worship before me, it will all be

yours.”⁸ And Jesus answered and said to him, “It is written, **You will worship the Lord your God, and him only will you serve.**”⁹ And he led him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down from here,¹⁰ for it is written, **He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,**¹¹ and, **On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.**¹² And Jesus answering said to him, “It is said, **do not put the Lord your God to the test.**”¹³ And when the Slanderer had completed every temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Jesus Begins to Preach

¹⁴And Jesus returned in the power of the spirit into Galilee, and news about him went out through all the surrounding area.¹⁵ And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

Jesus Announces His Ministry

¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and as his custom was he entered into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.¹⁷ And he was given the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. And he opened the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸**The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he anointed me to tell Good News to the poor, he has sent me to proclaim release to the**

captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised,¹⁹ to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him.

²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your ears.”²² And all gave *good* testimony about him, and were amazed at the words of grace that proceeded out of his mouth, and they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?”²³ And he said to them, “Doubtless you will speak this parable to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done at Capernaum, do also here in your home town.’”

²⁴And he said, “Truly I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his own country.²⁵ But of a truth I say to you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land,²⁶ and to none of them was Elijah sent, but only to Zarephath *in the land* of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸And all in the synagogue were filled with wrath as they heard these things,²⁹ and they rose up, and cast him out of the city, and led him

to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But he, passing through the midst of them, went his way.

Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit

³¹And he came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath day, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word was with authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit, (that is to say an unclean demon), and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Ha! What do we have in common with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ³⁵And Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him.” And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed, and they were talking together, one with another, saying, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits and they come out.” ³⁷And news concerning him went forth into every place in the surrounding area.

Many Healed in Capernaum

³⁸And he arose *and walked* out of the synagogue, and entered into the house of Simon. And Simon’s wife’s mother was taken

with a great fever, and they asked him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose up and ministered to them.

⁴⁰And when the sun was setting, all those who had any *who were* sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out from many, crying out, and saying, “You are the Son of God.” And rebuking them, he did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴²And when it was day, he came out and went into a solitary place. And the multitudes were searching for him and came to him, and were trying to keep him from going away from them. ⁴³But he said to them, “I must tell the Good News of the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose.” ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

The Calling of Disciples

5 Now it came to pass, while the multitude was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³And he entered into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the

land. And he sat down and taught the multitudes out of 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 Simon answered and said, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a great multitude of fish, indeed, their nets were being torn. ⁷And they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats so that they began to sink. ⁸But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” ⁹For he was amazed, and all who were with him, at the catch of the fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so were also James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Jesus Heals a Leper; Prays Alone

¹²And it came to pass, while he was in one of the cities, Behold!—a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored him, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, you are able to make me clean.” ¹³And he stretched forth his hand, and touched

him, saying, “I am willing, be made clean.” And immediately the leprosy departed from him. ¹⁴And he instructed him to tell no one, “But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.” ¹⁵But the word about him was spreading even more, and great multitudes came together to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. ¹⁶But he withdrew himself into the solitary places and prayed.

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

¹⁷And it came to pass on one of those days that he was teaching, and there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by who had come out of every village of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸And Behold!, men bring on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and to lay him before him. ¹⁹And finding no way to bring him in because of the multitude, they went up to the housetop, and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰And seeing their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”

²¹And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who is able to forgive sins but God alone?” ²²But Jesus

perceiving their reasonings, answered and said to them, “Why do you reason in your hearts? ²³Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you;’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk?’ ²⁴But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins (he said to the paralyzed *man*), ‘I say to you, arise and take up your bed and go to your house.’” ²⁵And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that on which he had been lying, and departed to his house, glorifying God. ²⁶And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God, and they were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen strange things today.”

Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew)

²⁷And after these things he went forth, and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax office, and said to him, “Follow me.” ²⁸And he left everything, and rose up and followed him.

²⁹And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a great multitude of tax collectors and of others who were reclining *to eat* with them. ³⁰And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?” ³¹And Jesus answering said to them, “Those who are in health have no need of a physician, but those who are sick *do*. ³²I have

not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

Jesus Questioned About Fasting

³³And they said to him, “The disciples of John fast often, and offer supplications, likewise also the *disciples* of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink.” ³⁴And Jesus said to them, “Are you able to make the sons of the bride-chamber fast while the bridegroom is with them? ³⁵But the days will come, and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days.”

³⁶And he also spoke a parable to them: “No man tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment, otherwise he will tear the new, and also the piece from the new will not match with the old. ³⁷And no man puts new wine into old wineskins, otherwise the new wine will burst the skins, and itself will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. ³⁸But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. ³⁹And no man having drunk old *wine* desires new, for he says, ‘The old is better.’”

Lord of the Sabbath

6 Now it came to pass on a Sabbath that he was passing through the grain fields, and his disciples plucked the ears, and were eating, rubbing them in their hands. ²But certain of the Pharisees said, “Why do you do that which it is not

lawful to do on the Sabbath day?”
³And Jesus, answering them, said,
“Have you not read even this, what
David did when he was hungry, he,
and those who were with him, ⁴how
he entered into the house of God and
took and ate the Bread of the
Presence, and also gave *some* to
those who were with him, which it is
not lawful to eat except for the
priests alone?” ⁵And he said to them,
“The Son of Man is lord of the
Sabbath.”

Healing a Hand on the Sabbath

⁶And it came to pass on
another Sabbath, that he entered into
the synagogue and taught, and there
was a man there, and his right hand
was withered. ⁷Now the scribes and
the Pharisees were watching him
closely, *to see* if he would heal on
the Sabbath, so that they might find
a reason to accuse him. ⁸But he
knew their thoughts and said to the
man who had his hand withered,
“Rise up, and stand forth in the
midst.” And he arose and stood
forth. ⁹And Jesus said to them, “I ask
you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do
good or to do harm, to save a life or
to destroy it? ¹⁰And he looked
around on them all, and said to him,
stretch forth your hand.” And he did,
and his hand was restored. ¹¹But
they were filled with irrational
anger, and discussed with one
another what they might do to Jesus.

The Twelve Apostles

¹²And it came to pass in
those days, that he went out into the
mountain to pray, and he continued
all night in prayer to God. ¹³And
when it was day, he called his
disciples, and he chose from them
twelve, whom also he named
apostles: ¹⁴Simon, whom he also
named Peter, and Andrew his
brother, and James and John, and
Philip and Bartholomew, ¹⁵and
Matthew, and Thomas, and James
the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who
was called the Zealot, ¹⁶and Judas
the son of James, and Judas Iscariot,
who became a traitor.

The Sermon on the Plain

¹⁷And he came down with
them and stood on a level place. And
a great multitude of his disciples and
a great number of the people from
all Judea and Jerusalem and the
coastal region of Tyre and Sidon,
who came to hear him and to be
healed of their diseases, ¹⁸and those
who were troubled with unclean
spirits, were healed. ¹⁹And the whole
multitude was trying to touch him,
because power was coming from
him, and he was healing *them* all.

Beatitudes (Blessings) and Woes

²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on
his disciples and said,
“Blessed *are* you poor, for yours is
the kingdom of God.

²¹Blessed *are* you who hunger now, for you will be filled.

Blessed *are* you who cry now, for you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you *from their company*, and reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap *for joy*, for Behold!, your reward is great in heaven, for in the same manner did their fathers to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort.

²⁵Woe to you who are satisfied now, for you will hunger.

Woe, to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and cry.

²⁶Woe *to you*, when all men speak well of you, for the same did their fathers to the false prophets.

Teaching on Love

²⁷But I say to you who hear: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹*To* whoever strikes you on the *one* cheek, offer the other also, and from him who takes away your cloak do not withhold your coat also. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks you, and of him who takes away your goods do not ask for them again. ³¹And just as you want people to do to you, do to them likewise.

³²And if you love those who love you, what credit is *that* to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is *that* to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those of whom you hope to receive, what credit is *that* to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive the same *amount*. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do *them* good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward shall be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind toward the unthankful and evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Judging and Hypocrisy

³⁷And do not judge and you shall by no means be judged, and do not condemn and you shall by no means be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸Give, and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, *and* running over, will they give into your lap. For with what measure you measure it will be measured to you again.”

³⁹And he also spoke a parable to them, “Are the blind able to guide the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰The disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

⁴¹“And why do you see the splinter that is in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the beam that is in your own eye? ⁴²Or how are you able to say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the beam that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first cast the beam out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to cast out the splinter that is in your brother’s eye.

Know Them by Their Fruit

⁴³“For there is no good tree that brings forth corrupt fruit, nor again a corrupt tree that brings forth good fruit. ⁴⁴For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorn *bushes*, nor from a bramble bush do they gather grapes. ⁴⁵The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good, and the evil *man* out of the evil *treasure* brings forth that which is evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

The Wise and Foolish Builders

⁴⁶“And why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things that I say? ⁴⁷Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you to whom he is like. ⁴⁸He is like a man building a house, who dug deep, and laid a foundation upon the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream beat

against that house and was not strong enough to shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹But he who hears and does not *act*, is like a man who built a house upon the ground without a foundation, against which the stream beats, and immediately it falls in, and the ruin of that house was great.”

The Faith of the Centurion

7 After he had ended all his sayings in the ears of the people, he entered into Capernaum. ²Now a certain centurion’s servant, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and at the point of death. ³Now when he heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him that he would come and cure his servant. ⁴And they, having come to Jesus, entreated him earnestly, saying, “He is worthy that you should do this for him, ⁵for he loves our nation, and he built the synagogue for us.” ⁶And Jesus went with them. Now when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying to him, “Lord, do not trouble *yourself*, for I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. ⁷That is why I did not consider myself worthy to come to you, but say the word, and my boy *will* be healed. ⁸For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me, and I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my

servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”
⁹And when Jesus heard these things, he was amazed at him, and turned and said to the multitude who followed him, “I say to you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.”¹⁰And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant in good health.

Jesus Raises a Widow’s Son

¹¹And it came to pass soon afterwards, that he went to a city called Nain. And his disciples were going along with him, and a great multitude.¹²Now when he drew near to the gate of the city, Behold!, one who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not cry.”¹⁴And he went near and touched the bier, and those carrying *it* stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.”¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother.¹⁶And fear seized them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us,” and, “God has visited his people.”¹⁷And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

Jesus and John the Baptist

¹⁸And the disciples of John told him of all these things.¹⁹And John having called near a certain two of his disciples, sent *them* to the Lord, saying, “Are you he who comes, or do we look for another?”²⁰And when the men were come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the coming one, or should we look for another?’”²¹In that hour he cured many *people* of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and to many who were blind he bestowed sight.²²And he answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things that you have seen and heard: *the* blind receive their sight, *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, *the* dead are raised up, *and the* poor have Good News told to them.²³And blessed is he, whoever shall find no reason to fall away in me.”²⁴And when the messengers of John had departed, he began to say to the multitudes concerning John, “What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed being shaken by the wind? ²⁵But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold!, those who are gloriously clothed and live in luxury are in kings’ courts.²⁶But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and much more than a prophet.²⁷This is he about whom it is written, **Behold!, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.**²⁸I say

to you, among those who are born of women there is none greater than John, yet he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

²⁹And all the people when they heard, even the tax collectors, declared God righteous, having been baptized with the baptism of John.

³⁰But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not being baptized by him.

³¹“To what then will I compare the men of this generation, and to what are they like? ³²They are like children in the marketplace, sitting and calling one to another, who say, ‘We piped to you and you did not dance, we sang a dirge and you did not cry.’ ³³For John the Baptist has come neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ ³⁴The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look!, a gluttonous man, and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ ³⁵Yet wisdom is declared righteous by all her children.”

Jesus Forgives a Sinful Woman

³⁶Now one of the Pharisees was asking him to eat with him. And having entered into the Pharisee’s house, he reclined *to eat*. ³⁷And Behold!, a woman who was in the city, a sinner—and when she knew that he was reclining *to eat* in the Pharisee’s house, brought an

alabaster jar of ointment, ³⁸and standing behind *him* at his feet, crying, she began to wet his feet with her tears. And she kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing his feet, and anointing *them* with the ointment.

³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw *this*, he spoke within himself, saying, “This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what sort of woman *this is* who is touching him—that she is a sinner.” ⁴⁰And Jesus answering said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he says, “Say it, teacher.”

⁴¹“Two men were debtors to a certain lender. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

⁴²When they did not have *the means* to pay, he forgave them both.

Therefore, which of them will love him more?” ⁴³Simon answered and said, “I suppose the one whom he forgave the most.” And he said to him, “You have rightly judged.”

⁴⁴And turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered into your house, *yet* you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

⁴⁷For this reason I say to you, her

sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”⁴⁸ And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”⁴⁹ And those who were reclining with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

Many Women Support Jesus

8 And it came to pass soon afterwards that he traveled through cities and villages, preaching and telling the Good News of the kingdom of God, and the twelve *were* with him,² and *also* certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,³ and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod’s household, and Susanna, and many others, who were providing for them out of their resources.

The Parable of the Sower

⁴Now when a great multitude was gathering, and those of every city were making their way to him, he spoke by way of a parable:⁵“The sower went out to sow his seed, and as he sowed, some fell beside the path and was trampled upon, and the birds of heaven devoured it.⁶ And other *seed* fell upon the rock, and as soon as it grew, it withered away,

because it had no moisture.⁷ And other *seed* fell in *the* midst of thorns, and the thorns grew with it, and choked it.⁸ And other *seed* fell upon the good soil, and grew up and brought forth fruit a hundredfold.” As he said these things he cried out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Parable of the Sower Explained

⁹And his disciples asked him what this parable might be.¹⁰ And he said, “To you it is given to know the sacred secrets of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *I speak* in parables, **so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.**

¹¹“Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.¹² Now those beside the path are those who when they have heard, then comes the Slanderer and takes away the word from their heart so that they may not believe and be saved.

¹³Now those upon the rock *are* those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and *yet* these have no root, who for a while believe, but in a time of temptation they fall away.

¹⁴Now the part that fell into the thorns, these are the ones who heard and, while going along *through life* are choked by worries, and wealth, and *the* pleasures of life, and do not bring fruit to maturity.¹⁵ Now the part in the good soil, these are those who with an honest and good heart,

having heard the word, hold it fast, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Every Secret Will Be Revealed

¹⁶“And no man, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand, that those who enter in may see the light. ¹⁷For nothing is hidden that will not become known, nor *anything* secret that will absolutely not become known and come to light. ¹⁸Take care, therefore, how you hear, for whoever has, to him *more* will be given, and whoever does not have, even that which he seems to have will be taken away from him.”

Jesus’ Mother and Brothers

¹⁹And his mother and brothers came to him, and they were not able to get near to him because of the crowd. ²⁰And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers stand outside, wanting to see you.” ²¹But he answered and said to them, “My mother and my brothers are these—the ones hearing the word of God, and doing *it*.”

Jesus Calms a Storm

²²Now it came to pass on one of those days that he entered into a boat, he and his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake,” and they launched forth. ²³Now as they sailed he fell asleep, and a storm of wind

came down on the lake and they were filling *with water*, and were in danger. ²⁴And they came to him and awoke him, saying, “Master, master, we are perishing.” And having been awakened, he rebuked the wind and the raging of the water, and they ceased, and it became calm. ²⁵And he said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water and they obey him?”

Legion Cast Out of a Man

²⁶And they sailed down to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across from Galilee. ²⁷And when he had gone out onto the land, a certain man out of the city, who had demons, met him, and for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he was not living in a house, but in the tombs. ²⁸And when he saw Jesus he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, “What do I have in common with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore you, do not torment me.”

²⁹For he was commanding the unclean spirit to come out from the man. For many times it had seized him, and he was bound with chains and fetters and kept under guard, and *yet* he would break apart the bonds and be driven by the demon into the solitary places.

³⁰And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered into him. ³¹And they were begging him, lest he command them to depart into the abyss.

³²Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain, and they begged him that he would allow them to enter into them. And he allowed them. ³³And the demons, having come out from the man, entered into the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and were drowned.

³⁴And when the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and to the nearby farms. ³⁵And they went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who saw it told them how he who had been demonized was made whole. ³⁷And all the people of the region around the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were gripped with great fear; and he got into a boat, and returned. ³⁸But the man from whom the demons had gone out was imploring him that he might be with him, but he sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your house and relate in full how much God has done for you.” And he went his way, proclaiming throughout the

whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

A Women Healed and Dead Raised

⁴⁰Now when Jesus returned, the multitude welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. ⁴¹And Behold!, a man named Jairus came, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus’ feet, and was entreating him to come into his house, ⁴²for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. Now as he went, the crowds were pressing around him. ⁴³And a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, ⁴⁴came behind him and touched the border of his garment, and immediately her flow of blood stopped. ⁴⁵And Jesus said, “Who is the one who touched me?” And while they all were denying it, Peter said, “Master, the multitudes crowd you and press in on *you*.” ⁴⁶But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I perceived that power had gone forth from me.” ⁴⁷And when the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she touched him, and how she was immediately healed. ⁴⁸And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you whole. Go in peace.”

⁴⁹While he was still

speaking, someone came from *the house* of the ruler of the synagogue, saying, "Your daughter has died, do not trouble the Teacher any longer."⁵⁰ But Jesus hearing it, answered him, "Do not fear, only believe, and she will be made whole."⁵¹ And when he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him except Peter, and John, and James, and the father of the child and her mother.⁵² Now they were all crying and mourning for her, but he said, "Do not cry, for she is not dead, but sleeping."⁵³ And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.⁵⁴ But he, taking her by the hand, called, saying, "Child, arise."⁵⁵ And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately, and he commanded that *something* to eat be given to her.⁵⁶ And her parents were amazed, but he instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

9 And he called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.² And he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.³ And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, neither staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor silver; neither have two tunics."⁴ And into whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart.⁵ And as many as do not receive you, when you depart from

that city, shake off the dust from your feet for a testimony against them."⁶ And they departed, and went throughout the villages, telling the good news, and healing everywhere.

Herod Perplexed About Jesus

⁷ Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was happening. And he was greatly perplexed because it was said by some that John had been raised out from among *the* dead,⁸ but by some that Elijah had appeared, *and* yet by others that one of the prophets of old had risen.⁹ And Herod said, "John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?" And he kept trying to see him.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹⁰ And when the apostles returned, they told him all that they had done. And taking them, he withdrew by himself to a city called Bethsaida.¹¹ But the multitudes, having learned *this*, followed him. And having welcomed them, he was speaking to them about the kingdom of God, and those who had need of treatment he was healing.

¹² Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the multitude away, in order that they may go into the villages and surrounding countryside, and lodge and get provisions, for we are here in a remote place."¹³ But he said to them,

“You give them *something* to eat.” But they said, “We do not have more than five loaves and two fish unless we go buy food for all these people.”¹⁴(For there were about five thousand men). But he said to his disciples, “Have them recline *to eat* in groups, about fifty each.”¹⁵ And they did so, and made them all recline.¹⁶ And he took the five loaves and the two fish, *and* looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and broke *them*, and kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before the multitude.¹⁷ And they ate, and were all filled, and what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Peter’s Confession of Christ

¹⁸And it came to pass as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him, and he asked them, saying, “Who do the multitudes say that I am?”¹⁹ And they answering said, John the Baptist, but others *say*, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen.²⁰ And he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answering said, “The Christ of God.”²¹ Now he warned them, and instructed *them* to tell this to no one,²² saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up.”

Take Up Your Cross

²³And he said to all, “If any man wants to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.²⁴ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake, he is the one who will save it.²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory, and *the glory* of the Father, and of the holy angels.²⁷ But I tell you truly, there are some of those who stand here who shall in no way taste of death until they see the kingdom of God.”

The Transfiguration

²⁸And it came to pass about eight days after these sayings that he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up into the mountain to pray.²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing *became* white *and* dazzling.³⁰ And Behold!, two men were talking with him, who were Moses and Elijah,³¹ who appeared in glory, and spoke of his decease which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory, and the two men who stood with him.³³ And it came to pass as

they were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here. And let us make three tabernacles, one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not knowing what he said.³⁴ And while he said these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered into the cloud.³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my chosen: listen to him."³⁶ And when the voice came, Jesus was found alone. And they held their peace, and told no man in those days any of the things that they had seen.

A Demonized Boy Healed

³⁷And it came to pass, on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great multitude met him.³⁸ And Behold!, a man from the multitude cried, saying, "Teacher, I implore you to look upon my son, for he is my only child,³⁹ and Behold!, a spirit takes hold of him and he suddenly cries out, and it throws him into convulsions with foaming *at the mouth*, bruising him, and it scarcely ever leaves him."⁴⁰ And I implored your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able to."⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long will I be with you, and bear with you? Bring your son here."⁴² And as he was still coming, the demon tore him, and threw him into

convulsions." But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

⁴³And they were all amazed at the majesty of God.

But while all were marveling at all the things that he did, he said to his disciples,⁴⁴"Let these words sink into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be delivered up into the hands of men."⁴⁵ But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them, so they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

Who is the Greatest?

⁴⁶And an argument arose among them *as to* which of them was the greatest.⁴⁷ But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their heart, took a little child and set him by his side⁴⁸ and said to them, "Whoever shall receive this little child in my name receives me, and whoever will receive me receives him who sent me, for he who is least among you all, the same is great."

For or Against

⁴⁹And John answered and said, "Master, we saw one casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he does not follow us."⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid *him*, for he who is not against you is for you."

Jesus in Samaria

⁵¹And it came to pass, when the days were approaching for him to be taken up, that he resolutely set his face to go to Jerusalem, ⁵²and sent messengers before his face. And they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. ⁵³And they did not receive him, because his face was *as though he were* going to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, “Lord, do you want us to call fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went to another village.

The Cost of Following Jesus

⁵⁷And as they went on the way, a certain man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have holes, and the birds of heaven have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere where to lay his head.” ⁵⁹And he said to another, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰But he said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹And another also said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those who are at my house.” ⁶²But Jesus said to him, “No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

10 Now after these things the Lord appointed seventy-two others, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place where he himself was about to come. ²And he said to them, “The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Therefore, implore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go! Take notice! I am sending you out as lambs in *the* midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no traveling-bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵And into whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace *be* to this house.’ ⁶And if a son of peace be there, your peace will rest upon him, but if not, it will turn to you again. ⁷And in that same house remain, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Do not go from house to house. ⁸And into whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you, ⁹and heal the sick that are in it, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God is come near to you.’ ¹⁰But into whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into the streets of it and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust from your city that clings to our feet we are wiping off *as a witness* against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God is come near.’ ¹²I say to you, it will be more tolerable

in that day for Sodom, than for that city.

¹³“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon that were done in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment, than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to the grave.

¹⁶“He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

The Seventy-Two Return

¹⁷And the seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name.” ¹⁸And he said to them, “I saw the Adversary falling like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Take notice!, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and by no means will anything hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

²¹In that same hour he was full of joy through the holy spirit, and said, “I thank you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you hid these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to

babes. Yes, Father, for so it was well-pleasing in your sight. ²²All things have been delivered 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 he to whomever the Son desires to reveal *him*.”

²³And turning to the disciples, he said privately, “Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things that you see, ²⁴for I say to you, that many prophets and kings desired to see the things which you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear them.”

Obtaining Everlasting Life

²⁵And Behold!, a certain lawyer stood up, testing him, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit life *in the Age to come*?” ²⁶And he said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read *it*?” ²⁷And he answering said, **Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.** ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered right. This do, and you will live.”

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁹But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus answered and said, “A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and

he fell among robbers who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

³¹And by chance a certain priest was going down that way, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²And likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

³³But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was, and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion ³⁴and came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them*; and he set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

³⁵And on the next day he took out two denarii, and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back again.' ³⁶Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?

³⁷And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go, and do likewise."

Jesus Visits Mary and Martha

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered into a certain village, and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet, and heard his word. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she came up to him, and said, "Lord,

do you not care that my sister left me to serve alone? Speak to her, then, in order that she help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary; for Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Teaching on Prayer (Lord's Prayer)

1 1 And it came to pass as he was praying in a certain place, that when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, even as John also taught his disciples."

²And he said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

³Give us day by day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not bring us into temptation.'"

⁵And he said to them, "Which of you will have a friend, and will go to him at midnight, and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him.'

⁷And he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me. The door has already been shut, and my children are with me in bed. I am not able to get up and give you *anything*.' ⁸I say to you, though he

will not get up and give him *anything* because he is his friend, yet because of his shameless persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

⁹And I say to you, keep asking, and it will be given you; keep seeking, and you will find; keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

¹¹“And what father *is there* among you, *if* his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a snake? ¹²Or *if* he will ask for an egg, he will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give holy spirit to those who ask him?”

A House Divided

¹⁴And he was casting out a mute demon. And it came to pass, when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the multitudes were amazed. ¹⁵But some of them said, “By Beelzebub, the prince of the demons, he casts out demons.” ¹⁶And others, testing *him*, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house *divided* against a house falls. ¹⁸And

also, if the Adversary is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebub.

¹⁹And if I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if I by the finger of God cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²¹“When the strong *man*, fully armed, guards his own court, his possessions are in peace. ²²But when a stronger *man* than he comes upon him, and overcomes him, he takes from him his armor in which he had trusted, and distributes his plunder.

²³“He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters.

Return of an Unclean Spirit

²⁴“When the unclean spirit goes out of the man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and finding none. Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵And when it is come, it finds it swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter in and live there, and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first.”

True Blessedness

²⁷And it came to pass, as he said these things, a certain woman

out of the multitude lifted up her voice, and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that carried you, and the breasts which you sucked.”²⁸ But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God, and keep it.”

The Sign of Jonah

²⁹And when the multitudes were gathering together to him, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation, it seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah.³⁰ For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation.³¹ The queen of the south will rise up in the judgment along with the men of this generation, and will condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and look!, a greater than Solomon is here.³² The men of Nineveh will stand up in the Judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and look!, a greater than Jonah is here.

Let Not Your “Light” Be Darkness

³³“No man, when he has lighted a lamp, puts it in a cellar, neither under the bushel, but on the stand, that they who enter in may see the light.³⁴ The lamp of your body is your eye. When your eye is pure, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is evil, your body also is full of darkness.³⁵ See to it, then, that

the light that is in you is not darkness.³⁶ If therefore your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly full of light, as when the lamp with its bright shining gives you light.”

What is Clean and Unclean

³⁷Now as he spoke, a Pharisee asks him to dine with him, and he went in and reclined *to eat*.³⁸ And when the Pharisee saw it, he was amazed that he had not first washed himself before dinner.³⁹ And the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter, but inside of you, you are full of extortion and wickedness.⁴⁰ You senseless ones, did not he who made the outside make the inside also?⁴¹ But give those things that are within as charitable gifts, and see!, all things are clean to you.

Woe to the Pharisees and Lawyers

⁴²“But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every garden plant, and pass over justice and the love of God, but *it is* these you ought to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

⁴³“Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the most important seats in the synagogues, and the salutations in the marketplaces.

⁴⁴“Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and the men who walk over *them* do not know it.

⁴⁵And one of the lawyers answering says to him, "Teacher, in saying this you reproach us also."

⁴⁶And he said, "Woe to you lawyers also! For you load men with burdens *that are* grievous to be borne, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

⁴⁷"Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. ⁴⁸So you are witnesses and fully approve of the works of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build *their tombs*.

⁴⁹Because of this, the wisdom of God also said, I will send to them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they will kill and persecute ⁵⁰in order that the blood of all the prophets that was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, ⁵¹from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zachariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I say to you, it will be required of this generation.

⁵²"Woe to you lawyers! For you took away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."

⁵³And when he had come out from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press upon *him* vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things, ⁵⁴laying wait for him, to catch something out of his mouth.

Teaching the Crowds: Hypocrisy

12 In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were stepping upon one another, he began to say to his disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

²Indeed, there is nothing covered up, that will not be revealed, and hidden, that will not be known. ³Therefore whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops.

Fear God Not Men

⁴"And I say to you my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵But I will warn you whom you shall fear: fear him, who after he has killed, has power to cast into Gehenna. Yes, I say to you, fear him. ⁶Are not five sparrows sold for two assaria? And not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God. ⁷But even all the hairs of your head have been counted. Do not be afraid, you are of more value than many sparrows.

Acknowledge Jesus Before Men

⁸And I say to you, everyone who shall confess me before men, him will the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God,

⁹but he who denies me in the presence of men will be denied in the presence of the angels of God. ¹⁰And everyone who will speak a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him, but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit it will not be forgiven.

¹¹“And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious how or what you shall answer, or what you will say, ¹²for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

Teaching Against Greed

¹³And one out of the multitude said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on guard against every *form of greediness*, for a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things which he possesses.”

¹⁶And he spoke a parable to them, saying, “The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully. ¹⁷And he reasoned within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, because I have no place to store my fruits?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘This I will do. I will pull down my barns, and build larger *ones*; and I will store all my grain and my goods there.’

¹⁹And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul,

you have much goods laid up for many years. Relax, eat, drink, *and be merry.*’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You senseless one, this night is your soul required of you, and the things which you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

Serving God Without Anxiety

²²And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I say to you, do not be anxious for *your* life, what you shall eat, nor for your body, what you shall put on. ²³For the life is more than the food, and the body than the clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens, that they do not sow, neither reap, which have no storeroom nor barn, and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious is able to add a cubit to his lifespan? ²⁶If then you are not able to do even that which is least, why are you anxious concerning the rest?”

²⁷“Consider the lilies, how they grow. They do not toil, neither do they spin, yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more *will he clothe* you, O you of little faith? ²⁹And do not seek what you shall eat, and what you shall drink, and do not keep

worrying. ³⁰For all these things do the nations of the world seek after, but your Father knows that you have need of these things. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²“Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell that which you have, and give to the needy. Make for yourselves purses which do not become worn out, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief draws near, neither moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Remain Watchful

³⁵“Let your loins be girded, and your lamps burning, ³⁶and you yourselves be like men waiting for their lord, when he shall return from the marriage feast, so that when he comes and knocks, they may immediately open to him.

³⁷“Blessed are those servants, whom the lord, when he comes, will find watching. Truly I say to you, that he will gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and will come and serve them. ³⁸And if in the second or if in the third watch he comes, and finds *it* so—blessed are those *servants*. ³⁹But know this, that if the head of the house had known in what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched, and not have left his house to be broken

through. ⁴⁰You also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.”

⁴¹And Peter said, “Lord, do you speak this parable to us, or even to all?” ⁴²And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his lord will set over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? ⁴³Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he comes will find so doing. ⁴⁴Of a truth I say to you, that he will set him over all that he has. ⁴⁵But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My lord will be a long time in coming,’ and begins to beat the menservants and the servant-girls, and to eat and drink, and to be drunk, ⁴⁶the lord of that servant will come in a day when he does not expect, and in an hour when he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and appoint his portion with the unfaithful.

⁴⁷“And that servant, who knew his lord’s will, and did not make ready, nor did according to his will, will be beaten with many *stripes*, ⁴⁸but he who did not know, and did things worthy of stripes, will be beaten with few *stripes*. And to whomever much is given, of him will much be required, and to whom they commit much, of him will they ask the more.

Not Peace but Division

⁴⁹“I came to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were

already kindled! ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and what stress I am under until it is accomplished. ⁵¹Do you think that I am come to give peace in the earth? I tell you, no, but rather division, ⁵²for from now on there will be five in one house, divided three against two, and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against her mother; mother in law against her daughter in law, and daughter in law against her mother in law.”

Interpreting the Times

⁵⁴And he also said to the multitudes, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘There comes a shower,’ and so it comes to pass. ⁵⁵And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be a scorching heat,’ and it comes to pass. ⁵⁶You hypocrites, you know how to interpret the face of the earth and the heavens, but how is it that you do not know how to interpret this time?”

Making a Right Judgment

⁵⁷“Moreover, why do you not also judge for yourselves what is right? ⁵⁸For *example*, when you are going with your adversary to the magistrate, on the way make an effort to be released by him, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge

will deliver you to the officer, and the officer will cast you into prison. ⁵⁹I say to you, by no means will you come out from there, until you have paid the very last lepton.”

Repent or Perish

13 Now there were some present at that very season who told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered and said to them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the Galileans, because they have suffered these things? ³I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all in like manner perish. ⁴Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the men who live in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And he spoke this parable: “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it, and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, without finding any. Cut it down. Why even *let it* deplete the soil?’ ⁸And he answering says to him, ‘Lord, let it alone this year also, until I shall dig around it and dung it. ⁹And if indeed it bears fruit, *fine*, but if not, soon after you may cut it down.”

A Woman with a Spirit of Infirmity

¹⁰And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath, ¹¹and Behold!, *there was* a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and she was being bent double, and was not able to straighten herself at all. ¹²And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” ¹³And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight and glorified God.

¹⁴And the ruler of the synagogue, being moved with indignation because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, answered and said to the multitude, “There are six days in which men ought to work. In them therefore come and be healed, and not on the day of the Sabbath.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him, and said, “You hypocrites, does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?” ¹⁶And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom the Adversary had bound, lo, *these* eighteen years, to have been loosed from this bond on the day of the Sabbath?” ¹⁷And as he said these things, all those who oppose him were being put to shame, and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that he did.

Kingdom is Like a Mustard Seed

¹⁸He said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what will I compare it? ¹⁹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and cast into his own garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of heaven lodged in the branches of it.”

The Kingdom is Like Leaven

²⁰And again he said, “To what will I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until it was all leavened.”

Work Hard for Everlasting Life

²²And he passed through cities and villages, teaching, and journeying on to Jerusalem. ²³And one said to him, “Lord, are there *just* a few who are being saved?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Exert yourself intensely to enter in by the narrow door, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter in and will not succeed. ²⁵When once the head of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock *on* the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us.’ Then he, answering, will say to you, ‘I do not know where you are from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets,’ ²⁷and he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you workers of

unrighteousness.’²⁸“There will be the sobbing and the gnashing of teeth, when you will see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and yourselves cast forth outside.²⁹ And they will come from the east and west, and from the north and south, and will sit down in the kingdom of God.³⁰ And Look!, there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last.”

Lament over Jerusalem

³¹In that very hour certain Pharisees came, saying to him, “Get away and go from here, for Herod wants to kill you.”³² And he said to them, “Go and say to that fox, ‘Take notice!, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I am perfected.’³³ Nevertheless I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the *day* following, for it cannot be that a prophet perish outside of Jerusalem.

³⁴“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that kills the prophets, and stones those who are sent to her! How often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen *gathers* her own brood under her wings, and you would not *have it!*³⁵ Look!, your house is left to you *desolate*. And I say to you, you shall by no means see me, until you shall say, **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**”

Healing on the Sabbath

14 And it came to pass when he went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on a Sabbath to eat bread, that they were watching him.² And Behold!, there was before him a certain man who had the dropsy.³ And Jesus answering spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?”⁴ But they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go.⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you will have an ass or an ox fallen into a well, and will not immediately draw him up on a Sabbath day?”⁶ And they could not reply to these things.

Do Not Exalt Yourself

⁷And he *began* speaking a parable to those who were invited, when he observed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them,⁸ “When you are called by any man to a marriage feast, do not sit down in the places of honor, lest a more honorable man than you is called by him,⁹ and the one who called *both* you and him, having come, will say to you, ‘Give this man place,’ and then with shame you will begin to take the lowest place.¹⁰ But when you are called, go and recline *to eat* in the lowest place, that when he who has called you comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher.’ Then will you have glory in the

presence of all who recline *to eat* with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Repaid at the Resurrection

¹²And he said to him also who had called him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, do not call your friends, nor your brothers, nor your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also call you again, and a repayment be made you. ¹³But when you make a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they do not have *the means* to repay you, for you will be repaid at the Resurrection of the Righteous.”

The Parable of the Great Banquet

¹⁵And when one of those who reclined *to eat* with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is he who will eat bread in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁶But he said to him, “A certain man made a great supper, and called many. ¹⁷And he sent forth his servant at supper time to say to those who were called, ‘Come, for *all* things are now ready.’ ¹⁸And they all alike began to make excuse. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. I ask you, have me excused.’ ¹⁹And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am on my way to try them out. I ask you, have

me excused.’ ²⁰And another said, ‘I have married a wife and therefore I am not able to come.’ ²¹And the servant came, and told his lord these things. Then the head of the house, being enraged, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ ²²And the servant said, ‘Lord, what you commanded is done, and there is still room.’ ²³And the lord said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴For I say to you, that none of those men who were called will taste of my supper.’”

Consider the Cost of Discipleship

²⁵Now great multitudes went with him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If any man comes to me, and does not hate his own father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he is not able to be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry his own cross, and come after me, is not able to be my disciple.

²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to complete it? ²⁹Lest, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build, and could not finish.’ ³¹Or what king, as he goes to

encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation, and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any of you who does not renounce all that he has is not able to be my disciple.

³⁴“Salt therefore is good, but if even the salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned? ³⁵It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

The Parable of a Lost Sheep

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners kept drawing near to him to hear him. ²And both the Pharisees and the scribes kept grumbling, saying, “This man receives sinners, and eats with them.” ³And he spoke to them this parable, saying, ⁴“What man among you, having a hundred sheep, and having lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after that which is lost until he find it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will

be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

The Parable of a Lost Coin

⁸“Or what woman who has ten drachmas, if she lose one drachma, does not light a lamp, and sweep the house, and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma that I had lost.’ ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Parable of the Forgiving Father

¹¹And he said, “A certain man had two sons, ¹²and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided to them his living. ¹³And not many days after, the younger son gathered everything together and took his journey into a far country, and there he wasted his property, living loosely. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a mighty famine came upon that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵And he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the carob

pods that the pigs were eating, and no man gave *anything* to him. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many hired servants of my father’s have more than enough bread, but I am perishing here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your opinion. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰And he arose, and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran and fell on his neck, and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your opinion. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and sandals on his feet, ²³and bring the fatted calf *and* kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴for this, my son, was dead, and is alive again. He was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his son, the older one, was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants to him, and inquired what these things might be. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother is here, and your father has killed the

fatted calf because he has received him safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was enraged, and would not go in. And his father came out and began to entreat him. ²⁹But he answered and said to his father, ‘Look!, these many years I have been serving you, and I never transgressed a commandment of yours, and *yet* you never gave me a young goat so that I might make merry with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came—the one who has devoured your living with prostitutes—you killed the fatted calf for him.’

³¹And he said to him, ‘*My* child, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But it was right to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive, and *was* lost, and is found.”’

Parable of the Wise Manager

16 And he said also to the disciples, “There was a certain rich man, who had a house-manager, and this *house-manager* was reported to him, that he was wasting his goods. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear of you? Give the account of your management, for you are no longer able to be *the* house-manager.’ ³And the house-manager said within himself, ‘What shall I do, seeing that my lord takes away the management from me? I have no strength to dig, *and* I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I know what I shall do so that

when I am removed from management, they may receive me into their houses.’⁵ And calling to him each one of his lord’s debtors, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe to my lord?’⁶ And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’⁷ Then said he to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He says to him, ‘Take your bill and write eighty.’

⁸“And his lord commended the unrighteous steward because he had acted prudently. For the sons of this age are in their own generation more prudent than the sons of the light.

Teachings About Wealth

⁹“And I myself say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the tents *in the Age to come*.

¹⁰“He who is faithful in very little is faithful also in much, and he who is unrighteous in very little is unrighteous also in much. ¹¹If, then, you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*?

¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own?

¹³“No servant is able to serve two masters, for either he will hate

the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and look down on the other. You are not able to serve God and Wealth.”

¹⁴And the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they scoffed at him.

¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who make yourselves righteous in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts. For that which is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

¹⁶“The law and the prophets *were* until John. From that time the Good News of the kingdom of God is being told, and every man enters violently into it. ¹⁷But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one ornamentation of the law to fall.

¹⁸“Everyone who puts away his wife, and marries another, commits adultery, and he who marries one that is put away from a husband commits adultery.

Parable of a Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹“Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, celebrating sumptuously every day. ²⁰And a certain beggar named Lazarus was laid at his gate, full of sores, ²¹and desiring to be fed with the *crumbs* that fell from the rich man’s table. Yes, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.

²²“And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried away by the angels into Abraham’s bosom, and the rich man also died, and was buried. ²³And in the grave he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and sees Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴And he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now here he is comforted and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who would pass from here to you are not able, and none may cross over from there to us.’

²⁷And he said, ‘I ask you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, ²⁸for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham says, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if one go to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if one rise out from among *the* dead.’”

Woe Because of Stumbling Blocks

17 And he said to his disciples, “It is impossible for stumbling blocks to not come, but woe to him, through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the lake, rather than that he should cause one of these little ones to fall away. ³Watch yourselves.

Forgiveness, Faith, and Duty

If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴And if he sins against you seven times in the day, and seven times returns to you saying, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”

⁵And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be rooted up, and be planted in the lake,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“But who is there of you, having a servant plowing or keeping sheep, that will say to him when he is come in from the field, ‘Come immediately and sit down to meat,’ ⁸and will not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for me to eat, and gird yourself, and serve me, until I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did the things that were

commanded? ¹⁰Even so you also, when you shall have done all the things that are commanded you, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done only what we were obligated to do.’”

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

¹¹And it came to pass, as he was on his way to Jerusalem, that he was passing through *the border* between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered into a certain village he was met by ten leprous men, who stood at a distance. ¹³And they lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴And when he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And it came to pass, as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵But one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice, ¹⁶and he fell upon his face at his feet, giving him thanks—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷And Jesus answering said, “Were not the ten cleansed? But where are the nine? ¹⁸Were there none found that returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Arise, and go your way. Your faith has made you whole.”

The Coming of the Kingdom

²⁰And being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them and

said, “The kingdom of God does not come accompanied with observation, ²¹neither will they say, ‘Look! Here!’ or, ‘There!’ for, take notice!, the kingdom of God is among you.”

²²And he said to the disciples, “The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. ²³And they shall say to you, ‘Look!, there! Look!, here!’ Do not go out *after them*, nor pursue *them*, ²⁴for just as the lightning, flashing out of the one part under heaven, lights to the other part under heaven, so will be the Son of Man [in his day]. ²⁵But first must he suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

²⁶“And as it came to pass in the days of Noah, even so will it be also in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸It was the same as happened in the days of Lot. They were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, *and* building, ²⁹but in the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and sulfur from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰It will be just the same in the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

³¹“In that day, he who will be on the housetop and his goods in the house, let him not go down to take them away. And similarly, let him

who is in the field not turn back.

³²Remember Lot's wife. ³³Whoever shall seek to gain his life will lose it, but whoever shall lose *his life* will preserve it. ³⁴I say to you, in that night there will be two men on one bed; the one will be taken, and the other will be left. ³⁵There will be two women together grinding *grain*; the one will be taken, and the other will be left. ³⁷And they, answering, say to him, "Where, Lord?" And he said to them, "Where the *dead body is*, there also the vultures will be gathered together."

Parable of the Persistent Widow

18 And he spoke a parable to them to the end that they ought always to pray, and not become discouraged, ²saying, "There was in a city a judge who did not fear God and did not regard man. ³And there was a widow in that city, and she came often to him, saying, 'Avenge me of my adversary.' ⁴And he would not for a while, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will avenge her, lest she wear me out by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And *will not* God, by all means, avenge his chosen *ones*, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I say to you, that he will avenge them

speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹And he spoke also this parable to certain ones who were confident in themselves that they were righteous, and treated all others with contempt: ¹⁰"Two men went up into the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee, and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee took a stand and went on praying these things for himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

¹³"But the tax collector, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes to heaven, but smote his chest, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner.' ¹⁴I say to you, this man went down to his house having been made righteous rather than the other, for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Learning From Children

¹⁵And they were bringing to him also their babies, that he should touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Permit the little children to come to

me, and do not forbid them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.
¹⁷Truly I say to you, whoever shall not receive the kingdom of God like a little child, he shall by no means enter it.”

The Rich Young Ruler

¹⁸And a certain ruler asked him, saying, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit life *in the Age to come*?” ¹⁹And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? None is good, except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments, **Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.**”

²¹And he said, “All these things I have kept from *my* youth.” ²²And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute *it* to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and come, follow me.” ²³But when he heard these things, he became deeply grieved, for he was very rich.

Rewards in the Kingdom

²⁴And Jesus looking at him said, “How difficult *it is* for those having wealth to enter into the kingdom of God. ²⁵For it is easier for a camel to enter in through a needle’s eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.” ²⁶And those who heard it said, “Then who is able to be saved?” ²⁷But he

said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

²⁸And Peter said, “See!, we have left our own *homes*, and followed you.” ²⁹And he said to them, “Truly I say to you, there is no man who has left house, or wife, or brothers, or parents, or children, for the kingdom of God’s sake, ³⁰who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the Age to come, life *in that* Age.”

Death and Resurrection Foretold

³¹And he took the twelve *aside* and said to them, “Take notice!, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all the things that are written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. ³²For he will be delivered up to the Gentiles and will be mocked, and shamefully treated, and spit upon, ³³and they will whip and kill him, and the third day he will rise again.” ³⁴And they understood none of these things, and this saying was hid from them, and they did not comprehend the things that were said.

Blind Man Healed at Jericho

³⁵And it came to pass as he drew near to Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the road begging. ³⁶And hearing a multitude passing by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth passes by. ³⁸And he cried, saying,

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.”³⁹ And those who were in front before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace, but he was crying out much more, “Son of David, have mercy on me.”⁴⁰ And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought to him, and when he came near, he asked him,⁴¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” And he said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.”⁴² And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight. Your faith has made you whole.”⁴³ And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Jesus Visits Zacchaeus

19 And he entered and was passing through Jericho.² And Behold!, *there was* a man called by the name of Zacchaeus, and he was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.³ And he was trying to see who Jesus was, and was not able to because of the crowd, because he was little of stature.⁴ And he ran on ahead, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way.⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.”⁶ And he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully.⁷ And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, “He has

gone in to lodge with a man who is a sinner.”⁸ And Zacchaeus stood, and said to the Lord, “See, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have wrongfully exacted something from any man, I restore it fourfold.”⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham.”¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost.”

The Parable of the Ten Minas

¹¹ And as they heard these things, he added and spoke a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and *because* they supposed that the kingdom of God was immediately to appear.¹² He said therefore, “A certain nobleman went into a far country, to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.¹³ And he called ten servants of his, and gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Conduct business until I come.’¹⁴ But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’¹⁵ And it came to pass, when he had come back again, having received the kingdom, that he commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by trading.¹⁶ And the first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten more minas.’¹⁷ And he said to him, ‘Well

done, you good servant. Because you were found faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.¹⁸ And the second came, saying, 'Your mina, Lord, has made five minas.¹⁹ And he said to him also, 'And you are to be over five cities.'²⁰ And another came, saying, Lord, Look!, *here is* your mina, which I kept laid up in a handkerchief,²¹ for I was afraid of you because you are an austere man. You take up that what you have not laid down, and reap that which you did not sow.'²² He says to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I am an austere man, taking up that which I did not lay down, and reaping that which I did not sow.'²³ Then why did you not give my money to the bank, and at my coming, I could have collected it with interest?'²⁴ And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina away from him, and give it to him who has the ten minas.'²⁵ And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas.'²⁶ I say to you, that to everyone who has, *more* will be given, but from him who does not have, even that which he has will be taken away from him.²⁷ But those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in front of me.'"

The Triumphal Entry

²⁸And when he had spoken this, he went on ahead, going up to

Jerusalem.²⁹ And it came to pass, when he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olives, he sent two of the disciples,³⁰ saying, "Go your way into the village opposite *you*, in which as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no man ever yet sat. Loose him, and bring him."³¹ And if any one asks you, 'Why do you loose him?' thus will you say, 'The Lord has need of him.'"³² And those who were sent went away, and found *things* even as he had said to them.³³ And as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?"³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of him."³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and they threw their garments upon the colt, and put Jesus on it.³⁶ And as he went, they spread their garments in the road.³⁷ And as he was now drawing near, *even* at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen,³⁸ saying, "**Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord**, peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

³⁹And some of the Pharisees from the multitude said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples."

⁴⁰And he answered and said, "I tell you that if these become silent, the stones will cry out."

Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem

⁴¹And when he drew near, he saw the city and cried about it, ⁴²saying, “If you had known in this day, even you, the things that belong to peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³For the days will come upon you when your enemies will cast up a bank about you, and surround you, and keep you in on every side, ⁴⁴and will dash you to the ground, and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone *standing* upon another because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

Jesus Cleanses Temple (2nd Time)

⁴⁵And he entered into the temple, and began to cast out those who sold, ⁴⁶saying to them, “It is written, **And my house will be a house of prayer**, but you have made it a **den of robbers**.”

⁴⁷And he was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, ⁴⁸and *yet* they could not find anything they might do, for all the people hung upon him, listening.

Jesus’ Authority Challenged

20 And it came to pass, on one of the days he was teaching the people in the temple and telling the good news, the chief priests and the scribes, with the elders, came upon him, ²and they spoke, saying to

him, “Tell us, by what authority do you do these things, or who is the one who gave you this authority?”

³And he answered and said to them, “I also will ask you a question, and you tell me: ⁴the baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men?”

⁵And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’ ⁶But if we say, ‘From men,’ all the people will stone us, for they are convinced that John was a prophet.” ⁷And they answered that they did not know where *it was* from. ⁸And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

Parable of the Greedy Farmers

⁹And he began to speak to the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, and rented it out to farmers, and went into another country for a long time. ¹⁰And in *the harvest* season he sent a servant to the farmers, in order that they would give him of the fruit of the vineyard. But the farmers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent yet another servant, and they also beat him, and handled him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third, and him also they wounded, and cast him out. ¹³And the lord of the vineyard said, ‘What should I do? I will send my beloved son. It may be they will reverence him.’”

¹⁴But when the farmers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

“Therefore, what will the lord of the vineyard do to them?

¹⁶He will come and destroy those farmers, and will give the vineyard to others.” And when they heard it, they said, “May it not be!” ¹⁷But he looked at them, and said, “What then is this that is written, **The stone which the builders rejected, The same has become the chief cornerstone?**

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but on whomever it falls, it will crush.”

¹⁹And the scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him in that very hour, for they knew that he spoke this parable against them (and *yet* they were afraid of the people).

The Trap About Paying Taxes

²⁰And they watched him, and sent spies who pretended themselves to be righteous, in order that they catch him in some statement, so as to deliver him up to the rule and to the authority of the governor. ²¹And they asked him, saying, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and do not accept the person *of any*, but of a truth teach the way of God. ²²Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ²³But he

perceived their craftiness, and said to them, ²⁴“Show me a denarius.

Whose image and inscription does it have?” And they said, “Caesar’s.”

²⁵And he said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²⁶And they could not catch *him* in his words in the presence of the people, and they were amazed at his answer, and held their peace.

The Trap About the Resurrection

²⁷And some of the Sadducees came to him (those who say that there is no resurrection), ²⁸and they asked him, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote to us, that **if a man’s brother dies, having a wife, and he is childless, his brother should take the wife, and raise up seed to his brother.** ²⁹Now there were seven brothers, and the first took a wife, and died childless, ³⁰and the second, ³¹and the third took her, and in the same way the seven also left no children, and died.

³²Afterward the woman also died.

³³Therefore, in the resurrection, the woman becomes the wife of which one of them? For the seven had her *as a wife.*”

³⁴And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this world marry, and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age, and the resurrection out from among *the* dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for

neither are they able to die any more, for they are equal to the angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed in *the passage about the burning bush*, when he calls the Lord **the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob**. ³⁸Now he is not a God of dead *people*, but of living *people*, for all live for him.”

³⁹And some of the scribes answering said, “Teacher, you have well spoken.” ⁴⁰For they did not dare to question him any more about anything.

Jesus’ Question About David’s Son

⁴¹And he said to them, “How do they say that the Christ is David’s son? ⁴²For David himself says in the book of Psalms, **The Lord said to my Lord, sit on my right hand, ⁴³until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet**. ⁴⁴David therefore calls him Lord, and how is he his son?”

Warning About the Scribes

⁴⁵And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, ⁴⁶“Beware of the scribes, who desire to walk in long robes, and like greetings in the marketplaces, and *the* most important seats in the synagogues, and *the* places of honor at the feasts, ⁴⁷who devour widows’ houses, and for a pretence make long prayers. These will receive a harsher punishment.”

The Widow’s Offering

21 And he looked up, and saw the rich men who were casting their gifts into the treasury. ²And he saw a certain poor widow casting two leptons into it. ³And he said, “Of a truth I say to you, this poor widow cast in more than they all, ⁴for all these put in gifts out of their abundance, but she of her lack cast in all the living that she had.”

Signs of the End of the Age

⁵And as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, he said, ⁶“As for these things which you see, the days will come in which there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked him, saying, “Teacher, when therefore will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when these things are about to come to pass?” ⁸And he said, “Take heed that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am *he*,’ and, ‘The time is at hand.’ Do not follow after them. ⁹And whenever you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must come to pass first; but the end is not immediately.” ¹⁰Then said he to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, ¹¹and there will be great earthquakes, and famines and pestilences in various places, and

there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³It will turn out *as an opportunity* for you to *provide* a testimony.

¹⁴Therefore, settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your opponents will not be able to withstand or to deny. ¹⁶But you will be delivered up even by parents, and brothers, and relatives, and friends, and *some* of you they will cause to be put to death. ¹⁷And you will be hated by all men for my name’s sake. ¹⁸And by no means will a hair of your head perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that her desolation is at hand. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of her depart out, and do not let those who are in the country enter her, ²²because these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Woe to those who are with child and to those who are nursing in those days! For there will be great distress upon the land, and wrath against this people. ²⁴And they will

fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress among nations, *which will be* in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶men fainting for fear, and for expectation of the things that are coming on the inhabited world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁷And then will they see **the Son of Man coming in a cloud** with power and great glory. ²⁸But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

The Parable of the Fig Tree

²⁹And he spoke a parable to them: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they put out *leaves*, you see it and know for yourselves that the summer is already near. ³¹Even so you also, when you see these things coming to pass, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I say to you, this generation shall by no means pass away, until all *these* things have happened. ³³Heaven and earth will

pass away, but my words will by no means pass away.

Guard Your Heart

³⁴“But watch yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with drunken hangovers, and drunkenness, and *the* cares of this life, and that day come on you suddenly like a snare, ³⁵for it will come upon all those who live on the face of all the earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, imploring *God* so that you may have *the* strength to escape all these things that are about to come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

³⁷And every day he was teaching in the temple, and every night he went out, and spent the night on the mount that is called “Olives.” ³⁸And all the people came to him early in the morning in the temple, to hear him.

Judas Plots to Betray Jesus

22 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. ²And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might put him to death, for they were afraid of the people.

³And the Adversary entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, *who* was of the number of the twelve. ⁴And he went away, and discussed with the chief priests and *temple* commanders how he might deliver him to them. ⁵And they were

glad, and agreed to give him money.

⁶And he consented, and *began* seeking an opportunity to deliver him to them in the absence of the multitude.

The Last Supper

⁷And the day of Unleavened Bread came, on which the Passover must be sacrificed. ⁸And he sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make ready for us the Passover, that we may eat.” ⁹And they said to him, “Where do you want us to prepare it?” ¹⁰And he said to them, “Take notice! When you have entered into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. ¹¹And you will say to the head of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’” ¹²And he will show you a large, furnished, upper room. Prepare it there.” ¹³And they went, and found *everything* just as he had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour had come, he reclined *to eat*, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶for I say to you, I shall by no means eat it, until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

The “Lord’s Supper” Instituted

¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸for I say to you, by no means shall I drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave *it* to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

²⁰And in the same way he took the cup after they ate, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is being poured out for you.

²¹“But look!, the hand of the one betraying me is with me on the table. ²²For indeed, the Son of Man goes, as it has been decreed, but woe to that man through whom he is betrayed!” ²³And they began to dispute among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

Who is the Greatest?

²⁴And there also arose a contention among them, which of them was regarded to be greatest.

²⁵And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles have lordship over them, and those who have authority over them are called ‘Benefactors.’

²⁶But you—not so! On the contrary, he who is the greater among you, let him become as the younger, and he who is the leader, as he who serves.

²⁷For who is greater, he who is reclining *to eat*, or he who serves? Is not he who is reclining *to eat*? But I

am in the midst of you as he who serves.

²⁸“But you are those who have continued with me in my temptations, ²⁹and I appoint to you a kingdom, even as my Father appointed to me, ³⁰that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Peter’s Denial Foretold

³¹“Simon, Simon, take notice!, the Adversary demanded *permission* to have all of you, that he might sift you as wheat, ³²but I implored *God* for you, that your faith would not fail. And you, when once you have turned again, establish your brothers.” ³³And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” ³⁴And he said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

Prepare for Dark Times Ahead

³⁵And he said to them, “When I sent you forth without purse, and wallet, and sandals, did you lack anything?” And they said, “Nothing.” ³⁶And he said to them, “But now, he who has a purse, let him take it, and likewise *his* provision-bag; and he who has none, let him sell his cloak and buy a sword. ³⁷For I say to you, it is necessary that this which is written

is fulfilled in me, **and he was counted with transgressors**, for that which refers to me is being fulfilled.”

³⁸And they said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” And he said to them, “It is enough.”

Jesus in Gethsemane

³⁹And he came out, and went, as his custom was, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples also followed him. ⁴⁰And when he was at the place, he said to them, “Pray that you do not enter into temptation.”

⁴¹And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and he knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, “Father, if you be willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless not my will, but yours, be done.” ⁴³[And an angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him. ⁴⁴And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground.]

⁴⁵And when he rose up from prayer, he came to the disciples, and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray, that you do not enter into temptation.”

Jesus Betrayed and Arrested

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, look!, a multitude, and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, was preceding them. And he drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but

Jesus said to him, “Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”

⁴⁹And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” ⁵⁰And a certain one of them struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus answered and said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear, and healed him.

⁵²And Jesus said to the chief priests, and commanders of the temple, and elders, that had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and staves? ⁵³When I was daily with you in the temple, you did not stretch out your hands against me. But this is your hour, and the authority of darkness.”

To Caiaphas, and Peter’s Denial

⁵⁴And they seized him, and led him *away*, and brought him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard, and had sat down together, Peter sat in the midst of them. ⁵⁶And a certain servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the light *of the fire*, and looking steadfastly upon him, said, “This man also was with him.” ⁵⁷But he denied, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” ⁵⁸And after a little while someone else saw him, and said, “You also are *one* of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am

not.”⁵⁹ And after the space of about one hour another confidently affirmed, saying, “Of a truth this man also was with him, for he is a Galilean.”⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.⁶¹ And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he said to him, “Before the rooster crows this day, you will deny me three times.”⁶² And he went out, and cried bitterly.⁶³ And the men who held *Jesus* mocked him, and beat him.⁶⁴ And they blindfolded him and asked him, saying, “Prophecy! Who is he who struck you?”⁶⁵ And they spoke many other things against him, reviling him.

The Daybreak Trial of Jesus

⁶⁶And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes, and they led him away into their Sanhedrin *chamber*, saying,⁶⁷ “If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will absolutely not believe,⁶⁸ and if I ask *you*, you will absolutely not answer.⁶⁹ But from now on the Son of Man will be sitting at the right hand of the power of God.”⁷⁰ And they all said, “Then are you the Son of God?” And he said to them, “You say *correctly* that I am.”⁷¹ And they said, “What further testimony do we

need? For we ourselves have heard from his own mouth.”

Jesus Taken to Pontius Pilate

23 And the whole multitude of them arose, and brought him before Pilate.² And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man corrupting our nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ a king.”³ And Pilate asked him, saying, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him and said, “*It is as you say.*”⁴ And Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes, “I find no fault in this man.”⁵ But they were the more urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, and beginning from Galilee even to this place.”

Jesus Taken to Herod

⁶But when Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man were a Galilean.⁷ And when he knew that he was of Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem in those days.⁸ Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad, for he had wanted to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by him.⁹ And he questioned him at some length, but he did not answer him.¹⁰ And the chief priests and the scribes stood, vehemently accusing

him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt, and mocked him, and dressing him in a magnificent robe, sent him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before they were at enmity with each other.

Jesus Before Pilate

¹³And Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, “You brought to me this man, as one who incites the people, and take notice!, having examined him before you, I found no fault in this man touching those things of which you accuse him, ¹⁵no, nor yet Herod, for he sent him back to us, and look!, nothing worthy of death has been done by him. ¹⁶Therefore I will punish him, and release him.” ¹⁸But they all cried out together, saying, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas” ¹⁹(one who for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison). ²⁰And Pilate spoke to them again, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they shouted, saying, “Crucify, crucify him.” ²²And he said to them the third time, “Why, what evil has this man done? I have found no cause of death in him. Therefore I will punish him and release him.” ²³But they were insistent, asking with loud voices that he be crucified. And their voices prevailed, ²⁴and Pilate pronounced

sentence that their request should be done. ²⁵And he released him who for insurrection and murder had been cast into prison, whom they asked for; but Jesus he delivered up to their will.

The Crucifixion

²⁶And when they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and laid on him the cross, to bear it after Jesus. ²⁷And a great multitude of the people were following him, and of women who smote themselves on the chest and lamented him. ²⁸But Jesus, turning to them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not cry for me, but cry for yourselves, and for your children. ²⁹For take notice!, the days are coming, in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will they do when it is dry?”

³²And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. ³³And when they came to the place which is called “The skull,” they crucified him there, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not

what they do.” And they cast lots, dividing up his garments among themselves.³⁵ And the people stood by, watching. And the rulers also scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others, let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One.”³⁶ And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, offering him vinegar,³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.”³⁸ And there was also an inscription above him, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹And one of the malefactors who was hanged *there* kept blaspheming him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.”⁴⁰ But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not fear God, because you are in the same condemnation?”⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly I say to you today, you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁴And it was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour,⁴⁵ the sun having become dark, and the veil of the sanctuary was torn down the middle.⁴⁶ And Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

“**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.**” And having said this, he breathed his last.⁴⁷ And when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, “Certainly this was a righteous man.”⁴⁸ And all the multitudes that assembled together for this spectacle, when they saw the things that had happened, began to return, beating their chests.⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances, and the women who accompanied him from Galilee, were standing at a distance, watching these things.

Joseph Buries Jesus

⁵⁰And Behold!, *there was a* good and righteous man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council⁵¹(he had not consented to their counsel and deed). *He was a man* of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews, who was waiting for the kingdom of God.⁵² This man went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.⁵³ And he took it down, and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that was cut out of stone, where no one had ever yet been laid.⁵⁴ And it was the day of the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew on.⁵⁵ And the women who had come with him out of Galilee, followed after, and saw the tomb, and how his body was laid.⁵⁶ And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Women Learn Jesus Has Risen

24 Now on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices that they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³And they entered in, and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴And it came to pass, while they were perplexed about this, Behold!, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel, ⁵and as they were frightened and bowed down their faces to the earth, *the men* said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has been raised. Remember how he spoke to you when he was still in Galilee, ⁷saying that it was necessary that the Son of Man be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day to rise.” ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now they were Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the *mother* of James, and the other women with them told these things to the apostles. ¹¹And these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter arose, and ran to the tomb, and stooping and looking in, he sees the linen cloths by themselves. And he departed to his home, amazed at the things that had happened.

On the Road to Emmaus

¹³And Behold!, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was sixty stadia from Jerusalem. ¹⁴And they were talking with each other about all those things that had happened. ¹⁵And it came to pass, while they were talking and discussing with one another, that Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were being prevented from knowing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What *are* these words that you are exchanging with one another, as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸And one of them, named Cleopas, answering said to him, “Are you only a visitor in Jerusalem, and do not know the things which have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we were hoping that it was he who was about to redeem Israel. Yes and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things came to pass. ²²Moreover certain women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning ²³and when they did not find his body,

they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴And some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it even as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

²⁵And he said to them, “O unthinking *ones*, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things, and *then* to enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he explained to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸And they drew near to the village where they were going, and he acted as though he would go further. ²⁹And they constrained him, saying, “Stay with us, because it is toward evening, and the day is now far spent.” And he went in to stay with them. ³⁰And it came to pass, when he had reclined *to eat* with them, he took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, he gave to them.

³¹And their eyes were opened, and they knew him, and he vanished out of their sight. ³²And they said to one another, “Did not our hearts keep burning within us as he was speaking to us on the road, as he was opening the scriptures to us?”

³³And they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them, gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord was really

raised, and has appeared to Simon!”

³⁵And they related the things *that happened* on the road, and how he was known by them in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶And as they spoke these things, he himself stood in the midst of them, and says to them, “Peace *be* to you.” ³⁷But they were terrified and frightened, and thought they were seeing a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Handle me, and see, for a spirit 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. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe for joy, and were amazed, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish. ⁴³And he took it, and ate before them.

⁴⁴And he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled that are written in the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me.” ⁴⁵Then he opened up their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise out from among *the* dead the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance

and remission of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.
⁴⁹And take notice!, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you, but you, stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

The Ascension

⁵⁰And he led them out until *they were* opposite Bethany, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them.
⁵¹And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven.
⁵²And they, having paid homage to him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple, blessing God.

