

## The Good News According to Mark

### *John the Baptist Prepares the Way*

**1** The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, <sup>2</sup>as it is written in Isaiah the prophet, **Look!, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way.** <sup>3</sup>**The voice of one crying in the desert, “Make ready the road of the Lord! Make his paths straight!”** <sup>4</sup>John came baptizing in the desert and preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. <sup>5</sup>And the whole country of Judea, and all Jerusalem, were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

<sup>6</sup>And John was clothed with camel’s hair, and *had* a leather belt around his loins, and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. <sup>8</sup>I baptized you in water, but he will baptize you in holy spirit.”

### *The Baptism of Jesus*

<sup>9</sup>And it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And immediately coming up out of the water, he saw

the heavens opening and the spirit descending upon him like a dove, <sup>11</sup>and a voice came out of the heavens, “You are my beloved Son, in you I am well pleased.”

### *The Temptation in the Desert*

<sup>12</sup>And immediately the Spirit drives him out into the desert. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the desert forty days tempted by the Adversary. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

### *Jesus Begins to Preach*

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee preaching the Good News of God <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.”

### *The Calling of Disciples*

<sup>16</sup>And as he was passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon, and Andrew the brother of Simon, casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left the nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little further, he saw James the *son* of Zebedee and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father

Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and went after him.

### ***Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit***

<sup>21</sup>And they go into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as *one* having authority and not as the experts in the law. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, <sup>24</sup>saying, “What do we have in common with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know you, who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>And Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Hold your peace and come out of him.” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, tearing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they disputed among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>And immediately the report of him went out everywhere into all the surrounding region of Galilee.

### ***Jesus Heals Many in Capernaum***

<sup>29</sup>And immediately, having come out of the synagogue, they went with James and John into the house of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon’s wife’s mother lay sick with

a fever, and immediately they spoke to him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and raised her up, and the fever left her and she ministered to them.

<sup>32</sup>And at evening, when the sun set, they brought to him everyone who was sick and those who were demonized. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city had gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons, and he did not allow the demons to speak because they knew him.

### ***Jesus Prays and Preaches***

<sup>35</sup>And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose up and went out and departed into a solitary place and prayed there. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him followed after him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and say to him, “Everyone is seeking you.” <sup>38</sup>And he says to them, “Let us go elsewhere into the next towns, in order that I may preach there also, for that is why I came.” <sup>39</sup>And he went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out demons.

### ***Jesus Heals a Leper***

<sup>40</sup>And a leper comes to him, begging him and kneeling down to him, and saying to him, “If you are willing, you are able to make me clean.” <sup>41</sup>And he, being moved with compassion, stretched out his hand

and touched him, and says to him, “I am willing. Be made clean.”<sup>42</sup> And immediately the leprosy departed from him and he was made clean.<sup>43</sup> And he sternly warned him and immediately sent him away,<sup>44</sup> and says to him, “See *that* you say nothing to anyone, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer the things that Moses commanded for your cleansing, for a testimony to them.”<sup>45</sup> But he went out and began to widely proclaim it and to spread abroad the matter, so that Jesus was not able to openly enter into a city anymore, but was outside in unpopulated areas, and they came to him from everywhere.

### ***Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man***

**2** And when he entered again into Capernaum after *some* days, it was heard that he was at home.<sup>2</sup> And many were gathered together so that there was no longer room, not even around the door, and he spoke the word to them.<sup>3</sup> And they come, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four.<sup>4</sup> And when they were not able to come near to him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was, and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed on which the paralyzed *man* lay.<sup>5</sup> And Jesus, seeing their faith, says to the paralyzed *man*, “Child, your sins are forgiven.”

<sup>6</sup>But there were some of the experts in the law sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,<sup>7</sup> “Why does this man speak this way? He blasphemes. Who is able to forgive sins but one: God?”<sup>8</sup> And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they reasoned that way within themselves, says to them, “Why do you reason these things in your hearts?<sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralyzed *man*, ‘Your sins are forgiven;’ or to say, ‘Arise, and take up your bed, and walk?’<sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he *then* says to the paralyzed *man*—<sup>11</sup>“I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”<sup>12</sup> And he arose and immediately took up the bed and went out in front of them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this.”

### ***Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew)***

<sup>13</sup>And he went out again beside the lake, and the whole multitude was coming to him, and he was teaching them.<sup>14</sup> And as he passed by, he saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and he says to him, “Follow me.” And he arose and followed him.<sup>15</sup> And it came to pass that he was reclining *to eat* in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners reclined with Jesus and his disciples,

for there were many, and they were following him. <sup>16</sup>And the experts in the law of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why *is* he eating with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>17</sup>And when Jesus heard it, he says to them, “Those who are whole have no need of a physician, but those who are sick *do*. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

#### ***Jesus Questioned About Fasting***

<sup>18</sup>And John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, and they come and say to him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” <sup>19</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Are the sons of the bridechamber able to fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they are not able to fast. <sup>20</sup>But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

<sup>21</sup>“No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results. <sup>22</sup>And no man puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins and the wine is ruined, and the skins, but *he puts* new wine into fresh wineskins.”

#### ***Lord of the Sabbath***

<sup>23</sup>And it came to pass that on the Sabbath day he was going through the grain fields. And as they went, his disciples began to pluck the heads *of grain*. <sup>24</sup>And the Pharisees said to him, “Look!, why are they doing that which is not lawful on the Sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and was hungry, he, and those who were with him, <sup>26</sup>how he entered into the house of God when Abiathar was *the* high priest, and ate the Bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful to eat, except *by* the priests, and also gave it to those who were with him?” <sup>27</sup>And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath; <sup>28</sup>therefore, the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

#### ***Healing a Hand on the Sabbath***

**3** And he entered again into the synagogue, and there was a man there with a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>And they were closely watching him *to see* if he would heal him on the Sabbath day, in order that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he says to the man who had the withered hand, “Stand up in the midst *of the people*.” <sup>4</sup>And he says to them, “Is it lawful to do good, or to do harm on the Sabbath day? To save a soul, or to kill?” But they remained silent. <sup>5</sup>And when he had looked around at them with

anger, being grieved at the hardness of their heart, he says to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>And the Pharisees went out and immediately took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

### ***A Large Crowd Follows Jesus***

<sup>7</sup>And Jesus, with his disciples, withdrew to the lake and a great multitude from Galilee followed—and from Judea, <sup>8</sup>and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and around Tyre and Sidon—a great multitude, hearing everything he was doing, came to him. <sup>9</sup>And he spoke to his disciples that a little boat should wait on him because of the crowd, lest they should crush him <sup>10</sup>because he had healed many, so that as many as had plagues pressed upon him in order that they might touch him.

<sup>11</sup>And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw him, fell down before him and cried out, saying, “You are the Son of God.” <sup>12</sup>And many times he charged them that they should not make him known.

### ***The Twelve Apostles***

<sup>13</sup>And he goes up on the mountain and calls to himself those whom he wanted, and they came to him. <sup>14</sup>And he appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and that he might send them out to preach <sup>15</sup>and

to have authority to cast out demons.

<sup>16</sup>And he gave Simon the name “Peter,” <sup>17</sup>and James the *son* of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, even to them he gave the name “Boanerges,” (that is, Sons of Thunder); <sup>18</sup>and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite, <sup>19</sup>and Judas Iscariot (who also betrayed him).

### ***Jesus’ Mother and Brothers Hear***

And he comes into *his* home, <sup>20</sup>and the multitude comes together again, to such an extent that they were not able to eat bread. <sup>21</sup>And when those who were close to him heard it, they set out to take custody of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

### ***A House Divided***

<sup>22</sup>And the experts in the law who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He has Beelzeboul,” and, “By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him and began speaking to them in parables, “How is the Adversary able to cast out the Adversary? <sup>24</sup>And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom is not able to stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if the Adversary has risen up against himself and is divided, he is not able

to stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one is able to enter into the house of the strong *man* and plunder his goods unless he first binds the strong *man*, and then he will plunder his house.

### ***The Unforgivable Sin***

<sup>28</sup>Truly I say to you, all the sins of the sons of men will be forgiven, and whatever blasphemies they may blaspheme, <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, but is guilty of an *Age-abiding sin*— <sup>30</sup>because they were saying, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’”

### ***Jesus’ Mother and Brothers Arrive***

<sup>31</sup>And his mother and his brothers arrive and, standing outside, they sent to him, calling him. <sup>32</sup>And a multitude was sitting around him, and they say to him, “Look!, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he, answering them, says, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking around on those who were sitting around him, he says, “Look! My mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>For whoever does the will of God, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

### ***The Parable of the Sower***

**4** And again he began to teach beside the lake. And such a very great multitude gathered to him that

he entered into a boat *that* sat in the lake, and the whole multitude was on the land facing the lake. <sup>2</sup>And he was teaching them many things in parables and was saying to them in his teaching, <sup>3</sup>“Listen! Take notice!, the sower went out to sow, <sup>4</sup>and it came to pass as he sowed, some *seed* fell beside the road, and the birds came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup>And some fell on the rocky *ground* where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>And when the sun rose it was scorched, and because it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>And some fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. <sup>8</sup>And other *seed* fell onto the good ground and yielded fruit, growing up and increasing, and brought forth *a crop*, some thirty, and some sixty and some a hundredfold.” <sup>9</sup>And he was saying, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

### ***Parable of the Sower Explained***

<sup>10</sup>And as soon as he was alone, the ones who were around him, with the twelve, began asking him *the meaning of* the parables. <sup>11</sup>And he was saying to them, “The sacred secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those who are outside, everything is done in parables, <sup>12</sup>**so that seeing they may see and not perceive, and hearing they may hear and not understand,**

**lest they should turn to God, and it should be forgiven them.”**

<sup>13</sup>And he says to them, “Do you not know this parable? How then will you know all the parables? <sup>14</sup>The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup>Now these are the ones beside the road where the word is sown, and when they hear, immediately the Adversary comes, and takes away the word that has been sown into them. <sup>16</sup>And these are the ones being sown upon the rocky *places*, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy, <sup>17</sup>and *yet* they do not have any root in themselves, but are temporary. Then, when tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, immediately they fall away. <sup>18</sup>And others are the ones sown among the thorns. These are the ones who have heard the word, <sup>19</sup>and the worries of this age and the deceitfulness of wealth and the desire for other things, entering in, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. <sup>20</sup>And these are the ones who were sown upon the good ground: those who go on hearing the word, and go on accepting it, and go on bearing fruit, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold.”

***Every Secret Will Be Revealed***

<sup>21</sup>And he said to them, “The lamp is not brought out in order to be put under the measuring basket *is it?* Or under the bed? Is it not to be

put on the lampstand? <sup>22</sup>For there is nothing secret, except that it will be revealed, nor has *anything* been hidden away, but that it should come to light. <sup>23</sup>If any man has ears to hear, let him hear.” <sup>24</sup>And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear. With what measure you measure it will be measured to you and more will be given to you. <sup>25</sup>For whoever has, to him *more* will be given, and whoever does not have, from him will be taken away even what he has.”

***The Kingdom is Like Seed***

<sup>26</sup>And he said, “The kingdom of God is like a man who throws seed upon the ground. <sup>27</sup>And he sleeps and rises, night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth bears fruit on its own—first the stalk, then a head of grain, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the crop permits, immediately he puts forth the sickle because the harvest has come.”

***Kingdom is Like a Mustard Seed***

<sup>30</sup>And he said, “With what shall we compare the kingdom of God? Or in what parable shall we set it forth? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed which, when it is sown upon the earth, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown, grows up, and becomes greater than all the

garden plants and puts out great branches so that the birds of heaven are able to lodge under the shadow of it.”

### ***Parables and Explanations***

<sup>33</sup>And with many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it, <sup>34</sup>and he did not speak to them without *using* a parable, but privately to his own disciples he expounded all things.

### ***Jesus Calms the Storm***

<sup>35</sup>And on that day, when evening had come, he says to them, “Let us go over to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the multitude, they took him along with them, just as he was, in the boat (and other boats were with him). <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was now filling. <sup>38</sup>And he himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they wake him and say to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we perish?” <sup>39</sup>And he, having fully awakened, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Hush! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you fearful? Do you still not have faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were very afraid and said one to another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

### ***Legion Cast Out of a Man***

**5** And they came to the other side of the lake, into the country of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup>And when he had come out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met him, <sup>3</sup>who had his dwelling in the tombs, and no man was able to bind him any more, not even with a chain <sup>4</sup>because he had often been bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been torn asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces, and no man had *the* strength to subdue him. <sup>5</sup>And always, night and day, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out and cutting himself with stones. <sup>6</sup>And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and bowed before him, <sup>7</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, he says, “What do I have in common with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” <sup>8</sup>For he said to him, “Come forth out of the man you unclean spirit.” <sup>9</sup>And he asked him, “What is your name?” And he says to him, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” <sup>10</sup>And he kept on earnestly begging him that he would not send them away out of the country. <sup>11</sup>Now there was there on the mountainside a large herd of swine feeding. <sup>12</sup>And they begged him, saying, “Send us into the swine. Let us enter into them.” <sup>13</sup>And he gave them leave. And the unclean spirits came out and entered into the

swine, and the herd, about two thousand *in number*, rushed down the steep slope into the lake, and they were drowned in the lake.

<sup>14</sup>And those who fed them fled, and told it in the city and in the country. And they came to see what it was that had come to pass. <sup>15</sup>And they come to Jesus, and Behold!, the one who had been demonized was sitting, clothed and in his right mind, he who had the legion, and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup>And those who saw it declared to them what had happened to the one who was demonized, and concerning the swine. <sup>17</sup>And they began to plead with him to depart from their region. <sup>18</sup>And as he was entering into the boat, he who had been demonized begged him that he might be with him. <sup>19</sup>And he would not allow him *to*, but says to him, “Go to your house, to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and *how* he had mercy on you.” <sup>20</sup>And he went his way, and began to proclaim in the Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him and everyone was amazed.

#### ***A Women Healed and Dead Raised***

<sup>21</sup>And when Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered around him, and he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup>And there comes one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he falls at his feet,

<sup>23</sup>and earnestly begs him, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come, put your hands on her, that she may be made whole and live!” <sup>24</sup>And he went with him, and a great multitude followed him, and they pressed in on him.

<sup>25</sup>And a woman who had an issue of blood twelve years <sup>26</sup>and had suffered many things by many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not any better, but rather grew worse, <sup>27</sup>having heard the things concerning Jesus, came in the crowd behind *him* and touched his garment, <sup>28</sup>for she was saying, “If I just touch his garments, I will be made whole.” <sup>29</sup>And immediately the flow of her blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her plague. <sup>30</sup>And immediately Jesus, perceiving in himself that the power *proceeding* from him had gone out, turned around in the crowd, and said, “Who touched my garments?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the multitude pressing in on you, and you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup>And he looked around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>Now the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done to her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. <sup>34</sup>And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you whole. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”

<sup>35</sup>While he yet spoke, they come from the ruler of the synagogue's *house* saying, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup>But Jesus, ignoring the word spoken, says to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup>And he allowed no man to follow with him except Peter, and James, and John (the brother of James). <sup>38</sup>And they come to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and he sees a commotion, and *many* crying and wailing greatly. <sup>39</sup>And when he had entered in, he says to them, "Why are you making a commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but sleeps." <sup>40</sup>And they laughed him to scorn. But he, having put them all outside, takes the father of the child, and her mother, and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>And taking the child by the hand, he says to her, "Talitha cumi" (which being translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise"). <sup>42</sup>And immediately the little girl rose up, and walked, for she was twelve years old. And they were amazed immediately with a great amazement. <sup>43</sup>And he strictly charged them that no man should know this, and he said that *something* should be given her to eat.

### ***Jesus Revisits Nazareth***

**6** And he went out from there, and he came into his own city, and his disciples follow him. <sup>2</sup>And when the Sabbath had come, he began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man *learn* these things?" And, "What is this wisdom that has been given to him, and how *are* such miracles being done by his hands? <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and *the* brother of James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they fell away because of him. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own city, and among his own relatives, and in his own house." <sup>5</sup>And he was not able to do any mighty work, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed because of their unbelief. And he went around the villages teaching.

### ***Jesus Sends Out the Twelve***

<sup>7</sup>And he called to him the twelve, and began to send them out two by two. And he gave them authority over the unclean spirits, <sup>8</sup>and he instructed them that they should take nothing for *their* journey except a staff only, no bread, no bag, no money in their belt, <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals, and, *he said*, "do not put on two coats." <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, "Wherever you enter into a house,

stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And whatever place does not receive you or listen to you, as you go forth from there, shake off the dust that is under your feet for a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>And they went out, and preached that *men* should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

### ***Herod and John the Baptist***

<sup>14</sup>And king Herod heard *about this* (for his name had become known), and he said, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why these powers work in him.” <sup>15</sup>But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “*It is* a prophet, like one of the prophets.” <sup>16</sup>But Herod, when he heard, said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his Brother Philip’s wife, for he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”

<sup>19</sup>And Herodias set herself against him, and desired to kill him, and *yet* she was not able to, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and *so* kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was much perplexed, and *yet* he continued to hear him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportune day came when Herod, on his birthday, made a supper to his lords, and the military commanders, and the most important men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>And when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and those who reclined *to eat* with him, and the king said to the girl, “Ask of me whatever you want, and I will give *it* to you.” <sup>23</sup>And he swore to her, “Whatever you shall ask of me, I will give it to you, up to half of my kingdom.” <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.” <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, “I desire that you immediately give me the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” <sup>26</sup>And the king was deeply grieved, but for the sake of his oaths, and of those reclining *at the table*, he would not reject her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent out a soldier of his guard, and commanded to bring his head, and he went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>And when his disciples heard *of it*, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

### ***The Feeding of the Five Thousand***

<sup>30</sup>And the apostles gathered together to Jesus, and they told him everything, all that they had done,

and all that they had taught. <sup>31</sup>And he says to them, “Come away by yourselves to a remote place, and rest a while.” For there were many coming and going and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away by themselves in the boat to a remote place. <sup>33</sup>And many saw them departing, and knew *where they were going*, and they ran together there on foot from all the cities, and went before them. <sup>34</sup>And he came out and saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep not having a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when the hour was well advanced, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and the hour is now advanced. <sup>36</sup>Send them away so that they may go into the country and surrounding villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered and said to them, “You give them *something* to eat.” And they say to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give them to eat?” <sup>38</sup>And he says to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go *and see*.” And when they knew, they say, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup>And he commanded them to make everyone recline, group by group, on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>And they reclined, group by group, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed

*them*, and broke the loaves, and he kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before them, and the two fish he divided among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were filled. <sup>43</sup>And they took up broken pieces, twelve basketfuls, and also of the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

### ***Jesus Walks on the Water***

<sup>45</sup>And immediately he compelled his disciples to enter into the boat, and to go before *him* to the other side to Bethsaida, while he himself sends the multitude away. <sup>46</sup>And after he had taken leave of them, he departed to the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>And when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake and he *was* alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>And seeing them distressed in rowing, for the wind was against them, about the fourth watch of the night he came to them walking on the lake. And he would have passed by them, <sup>49</sup>but they, when they saw him walking on the lake, supposed that it was an apparition, and cried out, <sup>50</sup>for they all saw him, and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them, and says to them, “Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.” <sup>51</sup>And he went up to them into the boat, and the wind ceased, and they were greatly amazed among themselves, <sup>52</sup>for they had not gained any insight from the loaves, but their heart was hardened.

### ***Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret***

<sup>53</sup>And when they had crossed over, they came to the land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup>And when they had come out of the boat, immediately *the people* knew him <sup>55</sup>and ran around that whole region and began to carry on their beds those who were sick, to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And whenever he entered into villages, or into cities, or into the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and entreated him that they might touch even the border of his garment, and as many as touched him were made whole.

### ***Traditions and Commandments***

**7** And the Pharisees and some of the experts in the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered together to him, <sup>2</sup>and had seen that some of his disciples ate their bread with defiled, that is, unwashed hands. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, unless they wash their hands to the wrist, do not eat, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup>and *when they come* from the market-place, they do not eat unless they bathe themselves, and there are many other things that they have received to observe, *such as the washings of cups, and pots, and copper vessels.*) <sup>5</sup>And the Pharisees and the experts in the law ask him, “Why do your disciples not walk

according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly of you hypocrites, as it is written, **This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.** <sup>7</sup>**But in vain do they show devotion to me, teaching as their doctrines the commandments of men.** <sup>8</sup>**You leave the commandment of God, and hold fast to the tradition of men.”**

<sup>9</sup>And he said to them, “You have a fine way to reject the commandment of God in order that you may keep your tradition. <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, **Honor your father and your mother, and, He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death,** <sup>11</sup>but you say, ‘If a man says to his father or his mother, “Whatever you might have gained from me is Corban (that is to say, Given to God)”’ <sup>12</sup>you no longer allow him to do anything for his father or his mother, <sup>13</sup>*thus* making void the word of God by your tradition that you have delivered, and you do many such things.”

### ***What Defiles a Person***

<sup>14</sup>And he called the multitude to him again, and said to them, “Hear me all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing from outside the man that going into him is able to defile him. But the things that proceed out of the man are those that defile the man.

<sup>17</sup>And when he had entered into the house away from the multitude, his disciples were asking him *about* the parable. <sup>18</sup>And he says to them, “So even you are without understanding! Do you not perceive that whatever goes into the man from the outside is not able to defile him <sup>19</sup>because it does not go into his heart, but into his belly, and goes out into the sewer?” (*He said this, making all foods clean.*) <sup>20</sup>And he said, “That which proceeds out of the man, that defiles the man. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, sexual immorality, thefts, murders, adulteries, <sup>22</sup>covetings, wickedness, deceit, unrestrained behavior, an evil eye, railing, pride, senselessness—<sup>23</sup>all these evil things proceed from within, and defile the man.”

#### ***Faith of a Syrophenician Woman***

<sup>24</sup>And from there he stood up and went away into the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered into a house and wanted no one to know *about it*, and *yet* he was not able to be hidden. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, having heard of him, came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by birth. And she kept asking him that he would cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And he said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not

good to take the children’s bread and cast it to the little dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered and says to him, “Yes, Lord, even the little dogs under the table eat of the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, “For this saying go your way, the demon is gone out of your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>And going back to her house, she found the child lying on the bed, the demon having gone out.

#### ***Jesus Heals a Deaf Man***

<sup>31</sup>And again he went out from the region of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the middle of the region of Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they bring to him one who was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech, and they entreat him to lay his hand upon him. <sup>33</sup>And he took him by himself, away from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat, and touched his tongue; <sup>34</sup>and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and says to him, “Ephphatha” (that is, “Be opened”). <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, and the binding of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And he ordered them that they should tell no man, but the more he ordered them, all the more they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.”

### ***The Feeding of the Four Thousand***

**8** In those days, when there was again a great multitude and they had nothing to eat, he called to him his disciples, and says to them, <sup>2</sup>“I have compassion on the multitude, because they have continued with me now three days, and have nothing to eat, <sup>3</sup>and if I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint on the way, and some of them have come from far away.” <sup>4</sup>And his disciples answered him, “Where will one be able to fill these men with bread here in a desert place?” <sup>5</sup>And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven.” <sup>6</sup>And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground, and he took the seven loaves and having given thanks, he broke *them*, and gave to his disciples to set before them, and they set them before the multitude. <sup>7</sup>And they had a few small fish, and having blessed them, he commanded to set these also before them. <sup>8</sup>And they ate, and were filled, and they took up an abundance of broken pieces—seven large baskets. <sup>9</sup>Now about four thousand people were *there*, and he sent them away. <sup>10</sup>And immediately he entered into the boat with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha.

### ***Religious Leaders Demand a Sign***

<sup>11</sup>And the Pharisees came forth and began to dispute with him,

seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him. <sup>12</sup>And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and says, “Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.” <sup>13</sup>And he left them, and again entering into *the boat* departed to the other side.

### ***The Leaven of Wrong Doctrine***

<sup>14</sup>And they forgot to take bread, and they did not have with them in the boat more than one loaf. <sup>15</sup>And he ordered them, saying, “Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” <sup>16</sup>And they *began* to discuss with one another, saying, “We have no bread.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus perceiving it says to them, “Why do you discuss *the fact* that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive, neither understand? Have your hearts become hardened? <sup>18</sup>**Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear?** And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup>When I broke the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” They say to him, “Twelve.” <sup>20</sup>“And when the seven among the four thousand, how many basketfuls of broken pieces did you take up?” And they say to him, “Seven.” <sup>21</sup>And he said to them, “Do you still not understand?”

### ***Blind Man Healed by Degrees***

<sup>22</sup>And they come to Bethsaida. And they bring to him a

blind man and entreat him to touch him. <sup>23</sup>And he took hold of the blind man by the hand, and brought him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands upon him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" <sup>24</sup>And he looked up, and said, "I see men, but I perceive them as trees, walking." <sup>25</sup>Then he laid his hands upon his eyes again, and he looked intently and was restored, and saw everything clearly. <sup>26</sup>And he sent him away to his home, saying, "Do not even enter into the village."

#### ***Peter's Confession of Christ***

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus and his disciples went out into the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they told him, saying, "'John the Baptist,' and others say, 'Elijah,' but others say, 'One of the prophets.'" <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and says to him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup>And he warned them that they should tell no man about him.

#### ***Death and Resurrection Foretold***

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, and the chief priests, and the experts in the law, and be killed, and after three days, rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he spoke this word plainly. And Peter

took him, and began to rebuke him, <sup>33</sup>but he, turning around and seeing his disciples, rebuked Peter, and says, "Get behind me, Adversary! For you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

#### ***Take Up Your Cross***

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the Good News' will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in exchange for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man also will be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**9** And he said to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who stand here who shall in no way taste of death until they see the kingdom of God come with power."

#### ***The Transfiguration***

<sup>2</sup>And after six days Jesus takes with him Peter, and James, and John, and brings them apart by themselves up into a high mountain.

And he was transfigured before them,<sup>3</sup> and his garments became radiant, exceedingly white, such as no launderer on earth is able to whiten them.<sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.<sup>5</sup> And Peter answered and says to Jesus, “Rabbi, 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.”<sup>6</sup> For he did not know what to answer, for they became terrified.<sup>7</sup> And a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him.”<sup>8</sup> And suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw any one, except themselves alone with Jesus.

#### ***Death and Resurrection Foretold***

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down from the mountain, he ordered them that they should tell no one what things they had seen until after the Son of Man should arise out from among *the* dead.<sup>10</sup> And they kept the saying, disputing among themselves what the rising out from among *the* dead should mean.<sup>11</sup> And they asked him, saying, “*How is it* that the experts in the law say that Elijah must first come?”<sup>12</sup> And he said to them, “Elijah does come first to restore all things, and *yet* how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt?<sup>13</sup> But I say to

you that ‘Elijah’ has indeed come, and they have done to him whatever they pleased, even as it is written of him.”<sup>14</sup> And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great multitude around them and experts in the law disputing with them.<sup>15</sup> And immediately the entire multitude, when they saw him, was greatly amazed, and running to him greeted him.<sup>16</sup> And he asked them, “What are you disputing with them *about*?”<sup>17</sup> And one of the multitude answered him, “Teacher, I brought to you my son, who has a spirit that makes him mute,<sup>18</sup> and whenever it takes him, it dashes him down, and he foams, and grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. And I spoke to your disciples so that they would cast it out, and they were not strong enough.”<sup>19</sup> And he answered them and says, “O faithless generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I bear with you? Bring him to me.”<sup>20</sup> And they brought him to him, and when he saw him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and having fallen on the ground, he was rolling around foaming *at the mouth*.<sup>21</sup> And he asked his father, “How long a time has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From a child.<sup>22</sup> And often it has cast him both into the fire and into the waters to destroy him, but if you are able to do anything, have compassion on us, and help us.”<sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, “If you are able to! All things

are possible to him who believes.”

<sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out, and said, “I believe. Help my unbelief.” <sup>25</sup>And when Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and enter no more into him.” <sup>26</sup>And having cried out, and torn him much, he came out, and *the boy* became as though dead, so that most *of them* said, “He is dead.”

<sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand, and raised him up and he arose.

<sup>28</sup>And when he had come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, “*Why is it* that we were not able to cast it out?” <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, “This kind is not able to come out by anything except by prayer.”

### ***Death and Resurrection Foretold***

<sup>30</sup>And they went forth from there, and passed through Galilee, and he did not want anyone to know it. <sup>31</sup>For he taught his disciples, and said to them, “The Son of Man is delivered up into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and when he is killed, after three days he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

### ***Who is the Greatest?***

<sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were

you arguing about on the road?”

<sup>34</sup>But they remained silent, for on the road they had argued with one another who *was* the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down, and called the twelve, and he says to them, “If any man wants to be first, he will be last of all, and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>And he took a little child and set him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>Whoever receives one of such little children in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me, but him who sent me.”

### ***For or Against***

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, “Teacher, we saw one casting out demons in your name, and tried to stop him because he did not follow us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not forbid him, for there is no man who will do a mighty work in my name and be able quickly to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>For he who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>“For whoever shall give you a cup of water to drink because you are Christ’s, truly I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.

### ***Removing Causes of Sin***

<sup>42</sup>“And whoever shall cause one of these little ones who believe on me to fall away, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the lake.

<sup>43</sup>“And if your hand causes you to fall away, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having your two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to fall away, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life lame, rather than having your two feet to be cast into Gehenna. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to fall away, pluck it out. It is good for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna <sup>48</sup>**where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.** <sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, with what will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

### *Teaching About Divorce*

**10** And he arose from there and went into the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and multitudes come together to him again, and, as was his manner, he taught them again. <sup>2</sup>And Pharisees came to him and, testing him, asked him, “Is it lawful for a man to put away *his* wife?” <sup>3</sup>And he answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>And they said, “Moses allowed *us* to **write a bill of divorce, and to put her away.**” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Due to your hardness of heart he wrote you this

commandment. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of the creation, he **made them male and female.** <sup>7</sup>**For this reason a man will leave his father and mother, and will be glued to his wife,** <sup>8</sup>**and the two will become one flesh,** so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore, what God has joined together, do not let man separate.”

<sup>10</sup>And in the house the disciples asked him again of this matter. <sup>11</sup>And he says to them, “Whoever shall put away his wife and marry commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup>and if she herself shall put away her husband, and marry another, she commits adultery.”

### *Learning From Children*

<sup>13</sup>And they were bringing to him little children, that he should touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said to them, “Allow the little children to come to me; do not forbid them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly I say to you, whoever shall not receive the kingdom of God like a little child, he shall by no means enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

### *The Rich Young Ruler*

<sup>17</sup>And as he was going out onto the road, one ran to him and kneeled before him and asked him,

“Good teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit life *in the Age to come*?”

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? None is good except one: God. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: **Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.**” <sup>20</sup>And he said to him, “Teacher, all these things I have observed from my youth.” <sup>21</sup>And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>But his face fell at the saying, and he went away grieved, for he was one who had many possessions.

### ***Rewards in the Kingdom***

<sup>23</sup>And Jesus, having looked around, says to his disciples, “How difficult *it is* for those having wealth to enter into the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus again having answered, says to them, “Children, how hard is it for those who have confidence in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, saying to him, “Then who is able to be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looking upon them

says, “With men it is impossible, but not with God, for all things are possible with God.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “See!, we have left all, and have followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for my sake, and for the Good News’ sake, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, (houses, and brothers, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, along with persecutions), and *in the Age to come, life in that Age.* <sup>31</sup>But many *that are* first will be last, and the last first.”

### ***Death and Resurrection Foretold***

<sup>32</sup>And they were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them and they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them the things that were to happen to him: <sup>33</sup>“Take notice!, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the experts in the law, and they will condemn him to death, and will hand him over to the Gentiles, <sup>34</sup>and they will mock him, and will spit upon him, and will scourge him, and will kill him, and after three days he will rise again.”

### ***James and John’s Request***

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him, saying to him, “Teacher, we desire that you should do for us whatever we shall ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant to us that we may sit, one on your right hand, and one on *your* left hand, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit on my right hand or on my left hand is not mine to give, but *it is for them* for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be moved with indignation concerning James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him, and says to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you, but whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you will be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man also did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

### ***Blind Bartimaeus Healed***

<sup>46</sup>And they come to Jericho. And as he went out from Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimaeus (the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting by the side of the road. <sup>47</sup>And when he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.” <sup>48</sup>And many rebuked him that he should be silent, but he kept crying out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me.” <sup>49</sup>And Jesus stood still and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer, rise, he calls you.” <sup>50</sup>And he, tossing aside his garment, sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>And Jesus answered him, and said, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.” <sup>52</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Go. Your faith has made you whole.” And immediately he received his sight, and followed him on the road.

### ***The Triumphal Entry***

**11** And when they draw near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, he sends two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup>and says to them, “Go into the village that is opposite you, and immediately as you enter into it, you will find a colt tied, upon which no one has ever sat.

Loose him and bring him. <sup>3</sup>And if any one says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of him,’ and immediately he will send him back here.” <sup>4</sup>And they went away and found a colt tied at the door outside in the open street, and they loose him. <sup>5</sup>And some of those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing, loosing the colt?” <sup>6</sup>And they said to them as Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup>And they bring the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on it, and he sat upon it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their garments upon the road, and others *spread* branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>And those who went before, and those who followed, cried, “**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**” <sup>10</sup>Blessed *is* the kingdom that comes, *the kingdom* of our father David. Hosanna in the highest.” <sup>11</sup>And he entered into Jerusalem, into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, the hour already being late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

#### ***A Fig Tree Cursed***

<sup>12</sup>And on the next day, when they were come out from Bethany, he was hungry. <sup>13</sup>And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came *to see* if perhaps he might find anything on it, and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season of figs. <sup>14</sup>And he

answered and said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it.

#### ***Jesus Cleanses Temple (2<sup>nd</sup> Time)***

<sup>15</sup>And they come to Jerusalem, and he entered into the temple and began to cast out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those who sold the doves, <sup>16</sup>and he would not allow that any man should carry a vessel through the temple. <sup>17</sup>And he taught, and said to them, “Is it not written, **My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations?** But you have made it a **den of robbers.**” <sup>18</sup>And the chief priests and the experts in the law heard it, and they were seeking how to destroy him, for they were afraid of him, for the whole multitude was astonished at his teaching. <sup>19</sup>And whenever evening came, they went out of the city.

#### ***Next Day—Fig Tree Withered***

<sup>20</sup>And as they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away from the roots. <sup>21</sup>And Peter, remembering, says to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered away.” <sup>22</sup>And Jesus, answering, says to them, “Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup>Truly I say to you, whoever shall say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and shall not doubt in his

heart, but shall believe that what he says comes to pass, he will have it.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore I say to you, all the things you pray and ask for, believe that you have received them, and you will have them. <sup>25</sup>And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against any one, forgive, in order that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions.

### ***Jesus' Authority Challenged***

<sup>27</sup>And they come again to Jerusalem, and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the experts in the law, and the elders, <sup>28</sup>and they said to him, "By what authority do you do these things? Or who gave you this authority to do these things?" <sup>29</sup>And Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question, and answer me and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>30</sup>The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men? Answer me." <sup>31</sup>And they discussed among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" <sup>32</sup>But should we say, 'From men'—they were afraid of the people, for indeed, all held John to be a prophet. <sup>33</sup>And they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

### ***Parable of the Greedy Farmers***

**12** And he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a pit for the winepress, and built a tower, and rented it out to farmers, and went into another country. <sup>2</sup>And in the season of harvest he sent to the farmers a servant that he might receive *some* of the fruits of the vineyard from the farmers. <sup>3</sup>And they took him, and beat him, and sent him away empty. <sup>4</sup>And again he sent to them another servant, and they wounded him in the head, and handled *him* shamefully. <sup>5</sup>And he sent another, and that one they killed, and *the same with* many others, beating some, and killing some. <sup>6</sup>He had still one *to send*, a beloved son. He sent him last to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>7</sup>But those farmers said among themselves, 'This is the heir, come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' <sup>8</sup>And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup>Therefore, what will the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the farmers, and will give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup>Have you not read this scripture: **The stone that the builders rejected, the same has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>11</sup>This was from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"** <sup>12</sup>And they were seeking to lay hold on him, but they feared the

multitude, for they knew that he spoke the parable against them. And they left him and went away.

### ***The Trap About Paying Taxes***

<sup>13</sup>And they send to him some of the Pharisees and of the Herodians so that they might catch him in his talk. <sup>14</sup>And having come, they say to him, “Teacher, we know that you are true, and are not concerned about anyone’s *position*, for you do not look to the face of men, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not? <sup>15</sup>Shall we give, or shall we not give?” But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, “Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius so that I may see it.” <sup>16</sup>And they brought it. And he says to them, “Whose is this image and superscription?” And they said to him, “Caesar’s.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they marveled greatly at him.

### ***The Trap About the Resurrection***

<sup>18</sup>And there come to him Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) and they asked him, saying, <sup>19</sup>“Teacher, Moses wrote to us, **If a man’s brother die and leave a wife behind him, and leave no child, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up offspring to his brother.** <sup>20</sup>There were seven brothers, and the

first took a wife and, dying, left no offspring. <sup>21</sup>And the second took her and died, leaving no offspring behind him, and the third likewise, <sup>22</sup>and the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. <sup>23</sup>In the resurrection, which one’s wife will she be? For the seven had her *as a wife.*” <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you know neither the scriptures, nor the power of God? <sup>25</sup>For when they rise out from among *the* dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as angels in heaven.

<sup>26</sup>“But concerning the dead, that they are raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in *the passage about the burning bush*, how God spoke to him, saying, **I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?** <sup>27</sup>He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are greatly deceived.”

### ***Trap About the Greatest Command***

<sup>28</sup>And one of the experts in the law came and heard them disputing together, and recognizing that he had answered them well, asked him, “What commandment is the first of all?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, “The first is, **Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one,** <sup>30</sup>and love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. <sup>31</sup>The second is this, Love

**your neighbor as yourself.** There is no other commandment greater than these.”<sup>32</sup> And the expert in the law said to him, “Well said, Teacher, you have spoke truth that **he is one, and there is none other but he,**<sup>33</sup> **and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself** is much more than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.”<sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that he answered intelligently, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no man dared ask him any questions.

#### ***Jesus’ Question About David’s Son***

<sup>35</sup>And as he taught in the temple, Jesus answered and said, “How *is it that* the experts in the law say that the Christ is the son of David?”<sup>36</sup> David himself said by the holy spirit, **The Lord said to my Lord, sit on my right hand until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet.**

<sup>37</sup>David himself calls him ‘Lord,’ and in what sense is he his son?”

#### ***Warning About the Scribes***

And the common people were listening to him gladly.<sup>38</sup> And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the experts in the law who desire to walk in long robes, and *to have* greetings in the marketplaces,<sup>39</sup> and the most important seats in the synagogues, and places of honor at feasts,<sup>40</sup> who devour widows’

houses, and for a pretence make long prayers. These will receive a harsher punishment.”

#### ***The Widow’s Offering***

<sup>41</sup>And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the multitude cast money into the treasury, and many who were rich cast in much.<sup>42</sup> And a poor widow came, and she cast in two leptons, which make a quadrans.<sup>43</sup> And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow cast in more than all those who are casting into the treasury,<sup>44</sup> for they all cast in of their abundance, but she out of her lack cast in all that she had, *even* all her living.”

#### ***Signs of the End of the Age***

**13** And as he went forth out of the temple, one of his disciples says to him, “Teacher, Look!, what magnificent stones and what magnificent buildings!”<sup>2</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these large buildings? By no means shall there be *even* one stone left upon another which will not be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,<sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will these things be, and what *will be* the sign when these things are all about to be accomplished?”<sup>5</sup> And

Jesus began to say to them, “See to it that no man leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am *he*,’ and will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. *These things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, there will be earthquakes in various places, there will be famines—these things are the beginning of birth pains.

<sup>9</sup>“But be on your guard, for they will hand you over to *the* courts, and in synagogues you will be beaten, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony to them. <sup>10</sup>And the Good News must first be preached to all the nations. <sup>11</sup>And when they lead you *to judgment*, and hand you over, do not be anxious beforehand *about* what you shall say, but say whatever is given to you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup>And brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death. <sup>13</sup>And you will be hated by all men for my name’s sake, but the one who endures to the end, the same will be saved. <sup>14</sup>But when you see the **abomination of desolation** standing where he ought not (let the one reading understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, <sup>15</sup>and let him who is on

the housetop not go down, nor go in to take anything out his house, <sup>16</sup>and let him who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. <sup>17</sup>But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who nurse in those days! <sup>18</sup>And pray that it is not in the winter, <sup>19</sup>for in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and by no means will it happen again. <sup>20</sup>And unless the Lord had shortened the days, no flesh would have been saved, but for the sake of the chosen, whom he chose, he shortened the days. <sup>21</sup>And then if anyone says to you, ‘Look!, here is the Messiah,’ or, ‘Look!, there *he is*,’ do not believe *it*, <sup>22</sup>for there will arise false Messiahs and false prophets, and *they* will show signs and wonders to lead astray, if possible, the chosen. <sup>23</sup>But be on guard; I have told you everything beforehand.

### ***The Coming of the Son of Man***

<sup>24</sup>But in those days, after that tribulation, **the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven,** and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the **Son of Man coming in clouds** with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send forth the angels and will gather together his chosen *ones* from the four winds, from the farthest end of

the earth to the farthest end of heaven.

### ***The Parable of the Fig Tree***

<sup>28</sup>“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: when its branch has now become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near. <sup>29</sup>Even so you also, when you see these things coming to pass, know you that he is near, *even* at the doors. <sup>30</sup>Truly I say to you, by no means will this generation pass away until all these things are accomplished. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but by no means will my words pass away.

### ***No One Knows the Day or Hour***

<sup>32</sup>“But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, neither the Son, but *only* the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard; keep awake. For you do not know when the time is. <sup>34</sup>*It is* like a man having left on a journey, *having* left his house and given authority to his servants, to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. <sup>35</sup>Watch therefore, for you do not know when the lord of the house comes, whether at evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or in the morning, <sup>36</sup>lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to everyone: watch!”

### ***The Plot to Kill Jesus***

**14** Now after two days was the Passover and the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*, and the chief priests and the experts in the law were seeking how they might seize him by stealth and kill him, <sup>2</sup>for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be a riot of the people.”

### ***Jesus Anointed at Bethany***

<sup>3</sup>And while he was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining *to eat*, a woman came, having an alabaster flask of very expensive pure nard perfume. She broke the flask and poured it over his head. <sup>4</sup>But there were some indignantly *saying* to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted? <sup>5</sup>For this perfume could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they were scolding her harshly. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has done a noble thing for me. <sup>7</sup>For the poor you have with you always, and whenever you want you are able to do them good, but me you do not have always. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for the burying. <sup>9</sup>And truly I say to you, wherever the Good News shall be preached throughout the whole world, that which this woman has done will also be spoken of for a memorial of her.”

### ***Judas Plots to Betray Jesus***

<sup>10</sup>And Judas Iscariot, he who was one of the twelve, went away to the chief priests in order that he might betray him to them. <sup>11</sup>And they, when they heard it, were glad, and promised to give him money. And *so* he was seeking an opportune time to betray him.

### ***The Last Supper***

<sup>12</sup>And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover *lamb*, his disciples say to him, “Where do you want us to go *and* prepare so that you may eat the Passover?” <sup>13</sup>And he sends two of his disciples and says to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you there. Follow him, <sup>14</sup>and whatever *place* he enters, say to the head of the house, “The Teacher says, ‘Where is my guest room, where I shall eat the Passover with my disciples?’” <sup>15</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished *and* ready; prepare for us there.” <sup>16</sup>And the disciples went out, and came into the city, and found as he had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>And when it was evening he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And as they reclined and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, one of you will betray me—he who eats with me.” <sup>19</sup>They began to be grieved and to say to him one by one, “Is it I?” <sup>20</sup>And he said to them, “*It is* one of

the twelve, he who dips with me in the dish. <sup>21</sup>For the Son of Man goes, just as it is written of him, but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is betrayed! *It would have been* better for that man if he had not been born.”

### ***The “Lord’s Supper” Instituted***

<sup>22</sup>And as they were eating, he took bread, and when he had blessed *it*, he broke *it* and gave *it* to them, and said, “Take *it*; this is my body.” <sup>23</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it. <sup>24</sup>And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly I say to you, by no means shall I drink of the fruit of the vine any more until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus says to them, “You all will fall away, for it is written, **I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.**” <sup>28</sup>But, after I am raised, I will go before you into Galilee.” <sup>29</sup>But Peter said to him, “Even if all fall away, I will not.” <sup>30</sup>And Jesus says to him, “Truly I say to you, that today—this night—before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” <sup>31</sup>But he spoke exceedingly vehemently, “If I must die with you, I will by no means

deny you.” And they all also spoke similarly.

### ***Jesus in Gethsemane***

<sup>32</sup>And they come to a place that was named Gethsemane, and he says to his disciples, “Sit here, while I pray.” <sup>33</sup>And he takes with him Peter and James and John and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he says to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death. Stay here and watch.” <sup>35</sup>And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass away from him. <sup>36</sup>And he said, “Abba (Father), all things are possible to you; remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not what I want but what you want.” <sup>37</sup>And he comes, and finds them sleeping, and says to Simon Peter, “Are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to watch one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray in order that you do not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>39</sup>And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him.

<sup>41</sup>And he comes the third time and says to them, “Sleep on now, and take your rest, it is enough—the hour has come. See!, the Son of Man is betrayed into the

hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Arise, let us be going; Look!, he who betrays me is at hand.”

### ***Jesus Betrayed and Arrested***

<sup>43</sup>And immediately, while he was still speaking, comes Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a multitude with swords and clubs from the chief priests and the experts in the law and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now he who betrayed him had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, that is he; take him and lead him away under guard.” <sup>45</sup>And when he had come, immediately he came to him and says, “Rabbi,” and kissed him. <sup>46</sup>And they laid hands on him and took him.

<sup>47</sup>But a certain one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup>And Jesus answered and said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? <sup>49</sup>I was with you daily, teaching in the temple, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” <sup>50</sup>And they all left him, and fled. <sup>51</sup>And a certain young man followed him, having a linen cloth put on him, over *his* naked *body*, and they lay hold on him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and fled naked.

### ***Jesus Before Caiaphas***

<sup>53</sup>And they led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief

priests, and the elders, and the experts in the law come together with him. <sup>54</sup>And Peter had followed him at a distance right into the courtyard of the high priest, and he was sitting with the servants and warming himself in the light of the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, and they were not finding any. <sup>56</sup>For many gave false testimonies against him, but their testimony did not agree together. <sup>57</sup>And some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, <sup>58</sup>“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this sanctuary that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.’” <sup>59</sup>And not even then did their testimony agree together.

<sup>60</sup>And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, “Don’t you have an answer to what these *men* are testifying against you?” <sup>61</sup>But he remained silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and says to him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” <sup>62</sup>And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” <sup>63</sup>And the high priest tore his clothes, and says, “What further need do we have of witnesses? <sup>64</sup>You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?” And they all condemned him to be deserving of

death. <sup>65</sup>And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face and to beat him with their fists, and to say to him, “Prophecy,” and the *Temple* police took him and beat him.

### ***Peter Denies Jesus***

<sup>66</sup>And as Peter was below in the court, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came, <sup>67</sup>and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked upon him and says, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the porch, and the rooster crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant-girl saw him, and began again to say to those who stood by, “This is *one* of them.” <sup>70</sup>But he again denied it. And after a little while again, those who stood by said to Peter, “Truly you are *one* of them, for you are a Galilean.” <sup>71</sup>But he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” <sup>72</sup>And immediately, the second time, the rooster crowed. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And when he thought about it, he cried.

### ***Daybreak Trial Then to Pilate***

**15** And immediately in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders and experts in the law and the whole Sanhedrin, held a

consultation, and bound Jesus, and led him away and delivered him up to Pilate.

### ***Jesus Before Pilate***

<sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he, answering, says to him, “*It is as you say.*” <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, saying, “Do you answer nothing? See how many charges they bring against you.”

<sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they asked of him. <sup>7</sup>And there was one called Barabbas, who had been imprisoned with those who had made an insurrection, men who in the insurrection had committed murder. <sup>8</sup>And the multitude went up and began to ask him *to do* as he was accustomed to do for them. <sup>9</sup>And Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” <sup>10</sup>For he realized that the chief priests had delivered him up because of envy. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the multitude *to ask* that he should rather release Barabbas to them. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again answered and said to them, “What then shall I do to him whom you call the King of the Jews?” <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, “Crucify him.”

<sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they

cried out exceedingly, “Crucify him.” <sup>15</sup>And Pilate, wishing to satisfy the multitude, released to them Barabbas and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

### ***The Soldiers Torture Jesus***

<sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is the Praetorium), and they call together the whole *Roman* cohort. <sup>17</sup>And they clothe him with purple, and having twisted together a crown of thorns, they put it on him, <sup>18</sup>and they began to greet him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup>And they kept striking his head with a reed and spitting on him, and kneeling in homage to him.

<sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they took the purple robe off of him, and put his *own* clothes on him.

### ***The Crucifixion***

And they lead him out to crucify him. <sup>21</sup>And they compel one passing by, Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to go *with them*, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>And they bring him to the place *called* Golgotha (which translated means, “Place of *the* Skull”). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh, but he would not receive it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucify him and divide his garments among them, casting lots upon them *to determine* what each should take.

<sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucify two robbers, one on his right hand, and one on his left.

<sup>29</sup>And those who passed by were hurling insults at him, shaking their heads, and saying, "Ha! You who *are going to* destroy the sanctuary and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross." <sup>31</sup>Likewise, the chief priests also mocking *him* among themselves, along with the experts in the law said, "He saved others, *but* he is not able to save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, in order that we may see and believe." And those who were crucified with him reproached him.

### ***The Death of Jesus***

<sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour came, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, "**Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?**" (which being translated, means "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**") <sup>35</sup>And some of those who stood by, when they heard it, said, "Look!, he calls Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And one ran, and filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink,

saying, "Let us see whether Elijah comes to take him down."

<sup>37</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two, from the top to the bottom.

<sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood right in front of him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was *the* Son of God." <sup>40</sup>And there were also women watching from a distance, among whom *were* both Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome, <sup>41</sup>(who, when he was in Galilee, followed him and ministered to him) and many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

### ***Joseph Buries Jesus***

<sup>42</sup>And when evening had already come, because it was the Preparation (that is, the day before the Sabbath) <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the Council who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God, came and boldly went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>And Pilate was amazed that he had died already, and calling to him the centurion, he questioned him *to see* whether he had already died. <sup>45</sup>And when he learned it from the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>And he, having bought a linen cloth and taking him down, wound him in the linen cloth and

laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of a rock. And he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.<sup>47</sup> And Mary Magdalene and Mary the *mother* of Joses saw where he was laid.

#### ***Buying Spices After the Sabbath***

**16** And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome bought spices in order that they might come and anoint him.

#### ***Woman Learn Jesus Has Risen***

<sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, they come to the tomb when the sun had risen.<sup>3</sup> And they were saying among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb?”<sup>4</sup> And looking up, they see that the stone had been rolled back, for it was exceedingly great.<sup>5</sup> And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side clothed in a white robe, and they were amazed.<sup>6</sup> And he says to them, “Do not be amazed. You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him!<sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you into Galilee. You will see him there, as he said to you.”<sup>8</sup> And they went out, and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had come upon them, and they said

nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

#### ***[Resurrection Appearances]***

<sup>9</sup>[Now after he rose, early on the first day of the week he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.<sup>10</sup> She went and told those who had been with him as they were mourning and crying.<sup>11</sup> And they, when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, did not believe.

<sup>12</sup>And after these things he appeared to two of them in another form, as they walked on their way into the country.<sup>13</sup> And they went away and told it to the rest, *but* neither did they believe them.

<sup>14</sup>And afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they reclined *to eat*, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart because they did not believe those who had seen him after he was risen.<sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Go into all the world, and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation.<sup>16</sup> He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned.<sup>17</sup> And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name will they cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues,<sup>18</sup> they will take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will by no means

hurt them, they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

<sup>19</sup>So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

<sup>20</sup>And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word by the signs that followed. Amen.]