

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. ²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, **Look!, I am sending my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way. ³The voice of one crying in the desert, “Make ready the road of the Lord! Make his paths straight!”** ⁴John came baptizing in the desert and preaching a baptism that symbolized repentance resulting in the remission of sins. ⁵And 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.

⁶And John was clothed with camel’s hair, and *had* a leather belt around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And 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. ⁸I baptized you in water, but he will baptize you in holy spirit.”

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹And it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And immediately as

he was stepping up out of the water, he saw the heavens opening and the spirit descending upon him like a dove, ¹¹and a voice came out of the heavens, “You are my beloved Son, in you I am well pleased.”

The Temptation in the Desert

¹²And immediately the Spirit drives him out into the desert. ¹³And 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

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

The Calling of Disciples

¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left the nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little further, he saw James the *son* of Zebedee and John his brother, who also were in their boat, mending the nets. ²⁰And 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

²¹And they went into Capernaum. And immediately on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as *one* having authority and not as the experts in the law. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, ²⁴saying, “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.” ²⁵And Jesus subdued him, saying, “Be bound!” and “Come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, tearing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And 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.” ²⁸And immediately the news about him went out everywhere into all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Jesus Heals Many in Capernaum

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

a fever, and immediately they spoke to him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and raised her up, and the fever left her and she began to serve them.

³²And when evening came, after the sun had set, they brought to him everyone who was sick and those who were demonized. ³³And the whole city had gathered together at the door. ³⁴And 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

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

Jesus Heals a Leper

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

and touched him, and says to him, “I want to. Be clean!”⁴² And immediately the leprosy departed from him and he was made clean.⁴³ And he sternly warned him and immediately sent him away,⁴⁴ 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.”⁴⁵ 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.² And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even around the door, and he spoke the word to them.³ And they come, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four.⁴ 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.⁵ And Jesus, seeing their faith, says to the paralyzed *man*, “Child, your sins are forgiven.”

⁶But there were some of the experts in the law sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,⁷ “Why does this man speak this way? He speaks defaming words. Who is able to forgive sins but God alone?”⁸ 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?⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralyzed *man*, ‘Your sins are forgiven;’ or to say, ‘Arise, and take up your bed, and walk?’¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he *then* says to the paralyzed *man*—¹¹“I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”¹² 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)

¹³And again he went out beside the lake, and the whole multitude was coming to him, and he was teaching them.¹⁴ 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.¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶And the experts in the law who were 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?” ¹⁷And 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

¹⁸And 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?” ¹⁹And 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. ²⁰But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

²¹“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. ²²And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins and the wine is ruined, and the skins. Instead, new wine *is put* into fresh wine-skins.”

Lord of the Sabbath

²³And 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*. ²⁴And the Pharisees said to him, “Look!, why are they doing that which is not lawful on the Sabbath?” ²⁵And 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, ²⁶how 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 he also gave *it* to those who were with him?” ²⁷And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath; ²⁸therefore, the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

Healing a Hand on the Sabbath

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

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

A Large Crowd Follows Jesus

⁷And Jesus, with his disciples, withdrew to the lake and a great multitude from Galilee followed—and from Judea, ⁸and 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. ⁹And he spoke to his disciples that a little boat should wait on him because of the crowd, lest they should crush him ¹⁰because he had healed many, so that as many as had afflictions pressed upon him in order that they might touch him.

¹¹And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw him, fell down before him and cried out, saying, “You are the Son of God.” ¹²And he kept sternly warning them not to make him known.

The Twelve Apostles

¹³And he goes up on the mountain and calls to himself those whom he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴And he appointed twelve, so that they would be with him and so that he could send them out to

preach ¹⁵and to have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶And he gave Simon the name “Peter,” ¹⁷and James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, even to them he gave the name “Boanerges,” (that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite, ¹⁹and Judas Iscariot (who also betrayed him).

Jesus’ Mother and Brothers Hear

And he comes into *his* home, ²⁰and the multitude comes together again, to such an extent that they were not able to eat bread. ²¹And 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

²²And 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.” ²³And he called them to him and began speaking to them in parables, “How is the Adversary able to cast out the Adversary? ²⁴And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom is not able to stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if the Adversary has risen up against himself and is divided, he is not able

to stand, but his end has come. ²⁷On the contrary, 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

²⁸Truly I say to you, all the sins of the sons of men will be forgiven, and whatever defaming talk with which they may defame, ²⁹but whoever defames the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, but is guilty of an *Age-abiding sin*—³⁰because they were saying, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’”

Jesus’ Mother and Brothers Arrive

³¹And his mother and his brothers arrive and, standing outside, they sent to him, calling him. ³²And a multitude was sitting around him, and they say to him, “Look!, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you.” ³³And he, answering them, says, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking around on those who were sitting around him, he says, “Look! My mother and my brothers! ³⁵For 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. ²And he was teaching them many things in parables and was saying to them in his teaching, ³“Listen! Pay attention! The sower went out to sow, ⁴and it came to pass as he sowed, some *seed* fell beside the road, and the birds came and devoured it. ⁵And 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. ⁶And when the sun rose it was scorched, and because it had no root, it withered away. ⁷And some fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. ⁸And 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.” ⁹And he was saying, “Anyone who has ears to hear had better listen!”

Parable of the Sower Explained

¹⁰And as soon as he was alone, the ones who were around him, with the twelve, began asking him *the meaning of* the parables. ¹¹And 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, ¹²**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.”

¹³And he says to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand any of the parables? ¹⁴The sower sows the word. ¹⁵Now these are the ones beside the road where the word is sown: when they hear, immediately the Adversary comes and takes away the word that has been sown into them. ¹⁶And these are the ones being sown upon the rocky *places*, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy, ¹⁷and *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. ¹⁸And others are the ones sown among the thorns. These are the ones who have heard the word, ¹⁹and 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. ²⁰And 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

²¹And 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? ²²For there is nothing secret, except that it will be revealed, nor has *anything* been hidden away, but that it will come to light. ²³Anyone who has ears to hear had better listen!” ²⁴And 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. ²⁵For 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

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

Kingdom is Like a Mustard Seed

³⁰And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or by what parable can we set it forth? ³¹It 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, ³²yet 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

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

Jesus Calms the Storm

³⁵And on that day, when evening had come, he says to them, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the multitude, they took him along with them, just as he was, in the boat (and other boats were with him). ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was now filling. ³⁸And 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?” ³⁹And he, having fully awakened, subdued the wind, and said to the sea, “Hush! Be bound!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰And he said to them, “Why are you fearful? Do you still not have faith?” ⁴¹And 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 region of the Gerasenes. ²And when he had come out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met him, ³who had his dwelling in the tombs, and no man was able to bind him any more, not even with a chain ⁴because he had often been bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him, and the fetters broken in pieces, and no one had *the* strength to subdue him. ⁵And always, night and day, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out and cutting himself with stones. ⁶And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and bowed before him, ⁷and crying out with a loud voice, he says, “What do I have in common with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I ask you to swear by *the name of* God that you will not torment me.” ⁸For he said to him, “Come out of the man you unclean spirit.” ⁹And he asked him, “What is your name?” And he says to him, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” ¹⁰And he kept on earnestly begging him that he would not send them away out of the region. ¹¹Now there was there on the mountainside a large herd of pigs feeding. ¹²And they begged him, saying, “Send us into the pigs. Let us enter into them.” ¹³And he gave them leave. And the unclean spirits came out and

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

¹⁴And those who fed them fled, and told it in the city and in the countryside. And they came to see what it was that had come to pass.

¹⁵And they come to Jesus, and Look!, the one who had been demonized (he who had the legion), was sitting, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ¹⁶And those who saw it declared to them what had happened to the one who was demonized, and concerning the pigs. ¹⁷And they began to plead with him to depart from their region.

¹⁸And as he was entering into the boat, he who had been demonized begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹And 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.” ²⁰And 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

²¹And 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. ²²And one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name,

and seeing him, fell at his feet, ²³and kept earnestly begging him, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come, put your hands on her so that she may be made whole and live!” ²⁴And he went with him, and a great multitude followed him, and they pressed in on him.

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

³⁵While he was still speaking, they come from the ruler of the synagogue's *house* saying, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But Jesus, ignoring the word spoken, says to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷And he allowed no one to follow with him except Peter, and James, and John (the brother of James). ³⁸And they come to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and he sees a commotion, and *many* crying and wailing greatly. ³⁹And when he had entered in, he says to them, "Why are you making a commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but sleeps." ⁴⁰And 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. ⁴¹And taking the child by the hand, he says to her, "Talitha cumi" (which being translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise"). ⁴²And immediately the little girl rose up and walked, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were amazed with a great amazement. ⁴³And he strictly charged them that no one 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. ²And 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? ³Is 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. ⁴And 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." ⁵And he was not able to do any mighty work, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he was amazed because of their unbelief. And he went around the villages teaching.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

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

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

Herod and John the Baptist

¹⁴And 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.” ¹⁵But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “*It is* a prophet, like one of the prophets.” ¹⁶But Herod, when he heard, said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent 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. ¹⁸For John said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” ¹⁹And Herodias set herself against him, and desired to kill him, and *yet* she was not able to, ²⁰for 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 liked to listen to him.

²¹But an opportune day came when Herod, on his birthday, made a supper for his lords, and the military commanders, and the most important men of Galilee. ²²And 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.” ²³And he swore to her, “Whatever you shall ask of me, I will give it to you, up to half of my kingdom.” ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.” ²⁵And 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.” ²⁶And the king was deeply grieved, but for the sake of his oaths, and of those reclining *to eat*, he would not reject her. ²⁷And 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, ²⁸and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹And when his disciples heard *about it*, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

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

and all that they had taught. ³¹And 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. ³²And they went away by themselves in the boat to a remote place. ³³And 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. ³⁴And he came out *of the boat* and saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when the hour was well advanced, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and the hour is now advanced. ³⁶Send them away so that they may go into the country and surrounding villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered and said to them, “You give them *something* to eat.” And they say to him, “Should we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give them to eat?” ³⁸And he says to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go *and see*.” And when they knew, they say, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹And he commanded them to make everyone recline, group by group, on the green grass. ⁴⁰And they reclined, group by group, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And 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. ⁴²And they all ate and were filled. ⁴³And they took up broken pieces, twelve basketfuls, and also of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Jesus Walks on the Water

⁴⁵And immediately he compelled his disciples to enter into the boat and to go ahead of *him* to the other side, toward Bethsaida, while he himself was sending the multitude away. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he departed to the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake and he *was* alone on the land. ⁴⁸And 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, ⁴⁹but they, when they saw him walking on the lake, supposed that it was an apparition, and cried out, ⁵⁰for 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.” ⁵¹And he went up to them into the boat, and the wind ceased, and they were greatly amazed among themselves, ⁵²for they had not gained any insight from

the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret

⁵³And when they had crossed over, they came to the land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they had come out of the boat, immediately *the people* knew him ⁵⁵and ran around that whole region and began to carry on their beds those who were sick to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And whenever he entered into villages, or into cities, or into the countryside, 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. ²And they had seen that some of his disciples ate their bread with defiled, that is, unwashed hands. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, unless they wash their hands to the wrist, do not eat, holding fast to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and *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.*) ⁵And 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?” ⁶And he said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly of you hypocrites, as it is written, **The People honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.** ⁷**But in vain do they show devotion to me, teaching as *their* doctrines the commandments of men.**”

⁸You leave the commandment of God, and hold fast to the tradition of men. ⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition. ¹⁰For Moses said, **Honor your father and your mother, and, He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death,** ¹¹but 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).”’ ¹²You no longer allow him to do anything for his father or his mother, ¹³*thus* making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you are doing many things like that.”

What Defiles a Person

¹⁴And he called the multitude to him again, and said to them, “Hear me all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there 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.

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

Faith of a Syrophenician Woman

²⁴And 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. ²⁵But immediately a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, having heard of him, came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by birth. And she kept asking him that he would cast the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷And he said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” ²⁸But she answered and says to him, “Yes, Lord, even the little dogs under the table eat of the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹And he said to her, “For this saying go your way, the demon is gone out of your daughter.” ³⁰And going back to her house, she found the child lying on the bed, the demon having gone out.

Jesus Heals a Deaf Man

³¹And 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. ³²And they bring to him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And he took him by himself, away from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat, and touched his tongue; ³⁴and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and says to him, “Ephphatha” (that is, “Be opened”). ³⁵And his ears were opened, and the binding of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And he ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more they continued to proclaim it. ³⁷And 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, ²“I have compassion on the multitude, because they have continued with me now three days and have nothing to eat, ³and if I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint on the way, and some of them have come from far away.” ⁴And his disciples answered him, “Where will anyone be able to *find enough* to satisfy these people with bread here in a desolate place?” ⁵And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven.” ⁶And 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 *them* to his disciples to set before them, and they set them before the multitude. ⁷And they had a few small fish, and having blessed them, he said to set these before them as well. ⁸And they ate, and were filled, and they took up an abundance of broken pieces—seven large baskets. ⁹Now about four thousand people were *there*, and he sent them away. ¹⁰And immediately he entered into the boat with his disciples, and went into the district of Dalmanutha.

Religious Leaders Demand a Sign

¹¹And the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven, tempting him. ¹²And 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.” ¹³And he left them, got into *the boat* again, and went away to the other side.

The Leaven of Wrong Doctrine

¹⁴And they had forgotten to take bread, and did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. ¹⁵And he ordered them, saying, “Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” ¹⁶And they *began* to discuss with one another, saying, “We have no bread.” ¹⁷And Jesus perceiving it says to them, “Why do you discuss *the fact* that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Have your hearts become hardened? ¹⁸**Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear?** And do you not remember? ¹⁹When 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.” ²⁰“And when *I broke* the seven among the four thousand, how many basketfuls of broken pieces did you take up?” And they say to him, “Seven.” ²¹And

he said to them, “Do you still not understand?”

Blind Man Healed by Degrees

²²And they come to Bethsaida. And they bring to him a blind man and entreat him to touch him. ²³And 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 on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” ²⁴And he looked up and said, “I see people, but I perceive them as trees, walking.” ²⁵Then he laid his hands upon his eyes again, and he looked intently and was restored, and saw everything clearly. ²⁶And he sent him away to his home, saying, “Do not even enter into the village.”

Peter’s Confession of Christ

²⁷And 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?” ²⁸And they told him, saying, “‘John the Baptist,’ and others say, ‘Elijah,’ but others say, ‘One of the prophets.’” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and says to him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Death and Resurrection Foretold

³¹And 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. ³²And he spoke this word plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, ³³but 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

³⁴And calling to him the multitude, along with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the Good News’ will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in exchange for his life? ³⁸For 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 will

absolutely not taste of death until they see the kingdom of God come with power.”

The Transfiguration

²And after six days Jesus takes with him Peter, and James, and John, and leads them apart by themselves up a high mountain. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his garments became radiant, exceedingly white, such as no launderer on earth is able to whiten them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter answered and says to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents. One for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they became terrified. ⁷And a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him.” ⁸And suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw any one, except themselves alone with Jesus.

Death and Resurrection Foretold

⁹And as they were coming down from the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one what they had seen until after the Son of Man had arisen out from among *the* dead. ¹⁰And they kept the matter to themselves, discussing what “rising out from among *the* dead” meant.

¹¹And they asked him, saying, “*Why is it* that the experts in the law say that Elijah must come first?” ¹²And he said to them, “Elijah does come first and restores all things. And *yet* how is it *that it is* written of the Son of Man, that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? ¹³But I say to you that ‘Elijah’ has indeed come, and they have done to him whatever they pleased, just as it is written of him.”

Jesus Heals Epileptic Boy

¹⁴And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great multitude around them and experts in the law disputing with them. ¹⁵And immediately the entire multitude, when they saw him, was greatly amazed, and running to him greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, “What are you disputing with them *about*?” ¹⁷And one of the multitude answered him, “Teacher, I brought to you my son, who has a spirit that makes him mute, ¹⁸and 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.” ¹⁹And 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.” ²⁰And 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*.

²¹And he asked his father, “How long a time has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From a child.”

²²And often it has thrown 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.” ²³And Jesus said to him, “If you are able to! All things are possible for the one who believes.”

²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out, and said, “I believe. Help my unbelief.” ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, he subdued the unclean spirit, saying to him, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and enter no more into him.”

²⁶And 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.”

²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him up and he arose. ²⁸And when he had come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, “*Why is it* that we were not able to cast it out?”

²⁹And he said to them, “This kind is not able to come out by anything except by prayer.”

Death and Resurrection Foretold

³⁰They went out from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know it, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, and was saying to them, “The Son of

Man is being delivered over into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and when he is killed, after three days he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

Who is the Greatest?

³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?”

³⁴But they remained silent, for on the road they had argued with one another who *was* the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down, and called the twelve, and he said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he will be last of all, and servant of all.”

³⁶And he took a little child and set him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever receives one child like this in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me, but him who sent me.”

For or Against

³⁸John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name and tried to stop him because he did not follow us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not forbid him, for there is no one who does a mighty work in my name and is quickly able to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰For he who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹“For whoever shall give you a cup of water to drink because you are

Christ's, truly I say to you, he will absolutely not lose his reward.

Removing Causes of Sin

⁴²“And whoever causes one of these little ones who believe on me to fall away, it would be better for him if a great millstone was hung around his neck and he was thrown into the lake.

⁴³“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. ⁴⁵And 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 thrown into Gehenna.

⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to fall away, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna

⁴⁸**where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.** ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰Salt 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 set out from there and went into the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and multitudes come together to him again. And again, as was his custom,

he began to teach them. ²And Pharisees came to him and, testing him, asked him, “Is it lawful for a man to put away *his* wife?” ³And he answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴And they said, “Moses allowed *us* to **write a bill of divorce, and to put her away.**” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Due to your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of the creation, he **made them male and female.** ⁷**For this reason a man will leave his father and mother, and will be glued to his wife,** ⁸**and the two will become one flesh,** so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore, what God has joined together, do not let man separate.”

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

Learning From Children

¹³And they were bringing to him little children so that he would touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Truly I say to

you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child, he will absolutely not enter it.”¹⁶ And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

The Rich Young Ruler

¹⁷And as he was going out onto the road, someone ran to him and kneeled before him and asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit life *in the Age to come*?”

¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? None is good except one: God.”¹⁹You 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.**”²⁰ And he said to him, “Teacher, all these things I have observed from my youth.”²¹ 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.”²² But his face fell at the saying, and he went away grieved, for he was one who had many possessions.

Rewards in the Kingdom

²³And Jesus, having looked around, says to his disciples, “How difficult *it* will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”²⁴ And the disciples were

amazed at his words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard is it for those who have confidence in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!²⁵ 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.”

²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, saying to him, “Then who is able to be saved?”²⁷ Jesus, looking at them, says, “With men it is impossible, but not with God, for all things are possible with God.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.”²⁹ 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,³⁰ 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.*”³¹ But many *who are* first will be last, and the last first.”

Death and Resurrection Foretold

³²And they were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going ahead of them and they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid.

And again he took the twelve and began to tell them the things that were to happen to him:³³ “Look!, we

are going 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,³⁴ 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

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him, saying to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”³⁶ And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?”

³⁷And 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.”³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”³⁹ 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,⁴⁰ but to sit on my right hand or on *my* left hand is not mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be moved with indignation concerning James and John.⁴² 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.⁴³ But it is not so among you, but whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you will be slave of all.⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life *as* a ransom for many.”

Blind Bartimaeus Healed

⁴⁶And 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.⁴⁷ 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.”⁴⁸ And many were rebuking him so that he would be silent, but he kept crying out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me.”⁴⁹ 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.”

⁵⁰And he, tossing aside his garment, sprang up and came to Jesus.⁵¹ 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.”⁵² 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 drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sends two of his disciples ²and says to them, “Go into the village that is in front of you, and immediately as you enter into it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose him and bring him. ³And 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.” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at the door outside in the open street, and they loose him. ⁵And some of those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing, loosing the colt?” ⁶And they said to them as Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they bring the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it, and he sat upon it. ⁸And many spread their garments on the road, and others *spread* branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before, and those who followed after, cried, “**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**” ¹⁰Blessed *is* the kingdom that comes, *the kingdom* of our father David. Hosanna in the highest.”

¹¹And 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

¹²And on the next day, as they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³And seeing a fig tree in the distance that had leaves, he came *to see* if perhaps he might find anything on it, and *yet* when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, (indeed, it was not the season for figs). ¹⁴And he answered and said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it.

Jesus Cleanses Temple (2nd Time)

¹⁵And 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, ¹⁶and he would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple. ¹⁷And 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.**” ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹And whenever evening came, they went out of the city.

Next Day—Fig Tree Withered

²⁰And as they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away from the roots. ²¹And Peter, remembering, says to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered away.” ²²And Jesus, answering, says to them, “Have faith in God. ²³Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says comes to pass, he will have it. ²⁴Therefore I say to you, all the things you pray and ask for, believe that you have received them, and you will have them. ²⁵And 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

²⁷And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, and the experts in the law, and the elders, came to him, ²⁸and they said to him, “By what authority do you do these things? Or who gave you this authority to do these things?” ²⁹And Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question, and you answer me and *then* I will tell you by what authority I do these things. ³⁰The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men? Answer me.” ³¹And they discussed among themselves,

saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’” ³²But should we say, ‘From men’—they were afraid of the people, for indeed, all held John to be a prophet. ³³And 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 watchtower, and rented it out to farmers, and went away on a journey. ²And in the season *of harvest* he sent a servant to the farmers in order to receive *some* of the fruits of the vineyard from the farmers. ³And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴And again he sent to them another servant, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully. ⁵And he sent another, and that one they killed, and *the same with* many others, beating some, and killing some. ⁶He had still one *to send*, a beloved son. He sent him to them last *of all*, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ⁷But those farmers said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ⁸And they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the

vineyard. ⁹Therefore, what will the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the farmers, and will give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰Have you not read this scripture: **The stone that the builders rejected, the same has become the chief cornerstone.** ¹¹**This was from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?**¹²And 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

¹³And they send to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians so that they might catch him in his words. ¹⁴And 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 pay a poll-tax to Caesar or not? Should we pay, or should we not pay?” ¹⁵But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, “Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius so that I may see it.” ¹⁶And they brought it. And he says to them, “Whose is this image and superscription?” And they said to him, “Caesar’s.” ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Give 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

¹⁸And there come to him Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) and they asked him, saying, ¹⁹“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.** ²⁰There were seven brothers, and the first took a wife and, dying, left no offspring. ²¹And the second took her and died, leaving no offspring behind him, and the third likewise, ²²and the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. ²³In the resurrection, which one’s wife will she be? For the seven had her *as a wife.*” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “Is not this the reason you are mistaken; that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? ²⁵For when they rise out from among *the* dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as angels in heaven.

²⁶“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?** ²⁷He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are greatly deceived.”

Trap About the Greatest Command

²⁸And 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?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, **Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one,** ³⁰**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.** ³¹The second is this, **Love your neighbor as yourself.** There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²And 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,** ³³**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.” ³⁴And 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

³⁵And 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? ³⁶David 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.** ³⁷David himself calls him

‘Lord,’ and *so* in what sense is he his son?”

Warning About the Scribes

And the common people were listening to him gladly. ³⁸And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the experts in the law who like to walk in long robes, and *like* greetings in the marketplaces, ³⁹and the most important seats in the synagogues, and places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows’ houses, and for a pretence make long prayers. These will receive a harsher punishment.”

The Widow’s Offering

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

Signs of the End of the Age

13 And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples says to him, “Teacher, Look!, what magnificent stones and what

magnificent buildings!”² And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these large buildings? There will absolutely not be *even* one stone left upon another that will not be thrown down.”

³And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,⁴ “Tell us, when will these things be, and what *will be* the sign when these things are all about to be accomplished?”⁵ And Jesus began to say to them, “See to it that no man leads you astray.⁶ Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am *he*,’ and will lead many astray.⁷ 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.⁸ 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.

⁹“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.¹⁰ And the Good News must first be preached to all the nations.¹¹ And when they lead you *to judgment*, and hand you over, do not be anxious beforehand *about* what you will say, but say whatever is given to you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.¹² 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.¹³ And you will be hated by everyone because of my name, but the one who endures to the end, that one will be saved.¹⁴ 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,¹⁵ and let him who is on the housetop not go down, nor go in to take anything out his house,¹⁶ and let him who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak.¹⁷ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who nurse in those days!¹⁸ And pray that it is not in the winter,¹⁹ for in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and it will absolutely not happen again.²⁰ 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.²¹ And at that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look!, here is the Messiah,’ or, ‘Look!, there *he is*,’ do not believe *it*,²² for there will arise false Messiahs and false prophets, and *they* will show signs and wonders to lead astray, if possible, the chosen.²³ But be on guard; I have told you everything beforehand.

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁴But in those days, after that tribulation, **the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,** ²⁵**and the stars will be falling from heaven,** and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the **Son of Man coming in clouds** with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out 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

²⁸“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. ²⁹Even so you also, when you see these things coming to pass, know you that he is near, *even* at the doors. ³⁰Truly I say to you, this generation will absolutely not pass away until all these things are accomplished. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will absolutely not pass away.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

³²“But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, neither the Son, but *only* the Father. ³³Be on guard! Keep awake! For you do not know when the time is. ³⁴*It is* like a man going away on a journey, *having* left his house and given authority to his

servants, to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. ³⁵Watch 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, ³⁶lest he come suddenly *and* find you sleeping. ³⁷And 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, ²for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be a riot of the People.”

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

³And 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. ⁴But there were some indignantly *saying* to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted? ⁵For this perfume could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they were scolding her harshly. ⁶But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has done a noble thing for me. ⁷For 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. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for the burying. ⁹And 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

¹⁰And Judas Iscariot, he who was one of the twelve, went away to the chief priests in order that he might betray him to them. ¹¹And 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

¹²And 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?” ¹³And 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, ¹⁴and whatever *place* he enters, say to the head of the house, “The Teacher says, ‘Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished *and* ready; prepare for us there.”

¹⁶And the disciples went out and came into the city, and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they reclined and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹They began to be grieved and to say to him one by one, “Is it I?” ²⁰And he said to them, “*It is* one of the twelve, he who dips with me in the dish. ²¹For the Son of Man goes, just as it is written about 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

²²And 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.” ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly I say to you, I will absolutely not drink of the fruit of the vine any more until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” ²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

²⁷And 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.** ²⁸But after I am raised I will go before you into Galilee.” ²⁹But Peter said to him, “Even if all fall away, I will not.” ³⁰And Jesus says to him, “Truly I say to you, that today—this night—before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹But he spoke exceedingly vehemently, “If I must die with you, I will never ever deny you.” And they all also spoke similarly.

Jesus in Gethsemane

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

willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him.

⁴¹And he comes the third time and says to them, “Sleep on now, and take your rest, it is enough—the hour has come. Look!, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Arise, let us be going. Look!, he who betrays me is at hand.”

Jesus Betrayed and Arrested

⁴³And 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. ⁴⁴Now he who betrayed him had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, that is he; take him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵And when he had come, immediately he came to him and says, “Rabbi,” and kissed him. ⁴⁶And they laid hands on him and took him.

⁴⁷But a certain one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸And Jesus answered and said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to seize me, as *you would* against a robber? ⁴⁹I was with you daily,

teaching in the temple and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.”⁵⁰ And they all left him and fled.⁵¹ And a certain young man followed him, having a linen cloth put on him, over *his* naked *body*, and they lay hold on him,⁵² but he left the linen cloth and fled naked.

Jesus Before Caiaphas

⁵³And 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.⁵⁴ 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 near the light of the fire.⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, and they were not finding *any*.⁵⁶ For many gave false testimonies against him, but their testimony did not agree together.⁵⁷ And some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,⁵⁸ “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.’”⁵⁹ And not even then did their testimony agree together.

⁶⁰And 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?”⁶¹ 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?”⁶² 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.”⁶³ And the high priest tore his clothes, and says, “What further need do we have of witnesses?⁶⁴ You have heard the defaming speech. What do you think?” And they all condemned him to be deserving of death.⁶⁵ 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

⁶⁶And as Peter was below in the court, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came,⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and says, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.”⁶⁸ 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.⁶⁹ And the servant-girl saw him, and began again to say to those who stood by, “This is *one* of them.”⁷⁰ 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.”⁷¹ But he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you

speak.”⁷² And immediately the rooster crowed the second time. 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 over to Pilate.

Jesus Before Pilate

²And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he, answering, says to him, “*It is as you say.*”³ And the chief priests accused him of many things.⁴ And Pilate again asked him, saying, “Do you answer nothing? Look how many charges they bring against you.”⁵ But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they asked of him.⁷ 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.⁸ And the multitude went up and began to ask him *to do* as he was accustomed to do for them.⁹ And Pilate answered them, saying, “Do

you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”¹⁰ For he realized that the chief priests had delivered him up because of envy.¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the multitude *to ask* that he should rather release Barabbas to them.¹² And Pilate again answered and said to them, “Then what do you want me to do with him whom you call the King of the Jews?”¹³ And they cried out again, “Crucify him.”¹⁴ And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they cried out exceedingly, “Crucify him.”¹⁵ 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

¹⁶And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is the Praetorium), and they call together the whole *Roman* cohort.¹⁷ And they clothe him with purple, and having twisted together a crown of thorns, they put it on him,¹⁸ and they began to greet him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”¹⁹ And they kept striking his head with a reed and spitting on him, and kneeling in homage to him.²⁰ 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.²¹ 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. ²²And they bring him to the place *called* Golgotha (which translated means, "Place of *the* Skull"). ²³And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh, but he would not receive it. ²⁴And they crucify him and divide his garments among them, casting lots upon them *to determine* what each would take.

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

²⁹And 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, ³⁰save yourself and come down from the cross." ³¹In the same way even the chief priests, together with the experts in the law, were mocking *him* among themselves, saying, "He saved others; he is not able to save himself. ³²Let 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 heaped insults on him.

The Death of Jesus

³³And when the sixth hour came, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And 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?**") ³⁵And some of those who stood by, when they heard it, said, "Look!, he calls Elijah." ³⁶And 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."

³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two, from the top to the bottom. ³⁹And 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." ⁴⁰And there were also women watching from a distance, among whom *were* Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, ⁴¹(who, when he was in Galilee, used to follow him and minister to him) and many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

Joseph Buries Jesus

⁴²And when evening had already come, because it was the Preparation (that is, the day before the Sabbath) ⁴³Joseph 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.

⁴⁴And Pilate was amazed that he had died already, and calling to him the centurion, he questioned him *to see* whether he had already died. ⁴⁵And when he learned it from the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶And 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. ⁴⁷And Mary Magdalene and Mary the *mother* of James 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

²And very early on the first day of the week, they come to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³And they were saying among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they see that the stone had been rolled back, for it was exceedingly great. ⁵And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side clothed in a white robe,

and they were amazed. ⁶And 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! ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you into Galilee. You will see him there, as he said to you.” ⁸And 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]

⁹[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. ¹⁰She went and told those who had been with him as they were mourning and crying. ¹¹And they, when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, did not believe.

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

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵And he said to them, “Go

into all the world, and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation.

¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name will they cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues, ¹⁸they will take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will absolutely not hurt them, they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

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

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