

The Good News According to Matthew

The Genealogy of Jesus

1 A book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

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

And David fathered Solomon (by the *wife* of Uriah), ⁷and Solomon fathered Rehoboam, and Rehoboam fathered Abijah, and Abijah fathered Asa, ⁸and Asa fathered Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat fathered Joram, and Joram fathered Uzziah, ⁹and Uzziah fathered Jotham, and Jotham fathered Ahaz, and Ahaz fathered Hezekiah, ¹⁰and Hezekiah fathered Manasseh, and Manasseh fathered Amon, and Amon fathered Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah fathered Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the carrying away to Babylon.

¹²And after the carrying away to Babylon, Jechoniah fathered Shealtiel, and Shealtiel fathered

Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel fathered Abiud, and Abiud fathered Eliakim, and Eliakim fathered Azor, ¹⁴and Azor fathered Sadoc, and Sadoc fathered Achim, and Achim fathered Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud fathered Eleazar, and Eleazar fathered Matthan, and Matthan fathered Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob fathered Joseph the father of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, and from David to the carrying away to Babylon *are* fourteen generations, and from the carrying away to Babylon to the Christ *are* fourteen generations.

The Birth of Jesus

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ happened this way: his mother Mary having been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together was found *to be* with child by *the* Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And Joseph her husband, being righteous and *yet* not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly. ²⁰But while he was thinking about these things, Behold!, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to favorably accept Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is by *the* Holy Spirit. ²¹And she will give birth to a son, and you will call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

²²Now all this took place so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet was fulfilled, saying, ²³**Behold!, the virgin will be with child, and will give birth to a son, and they will call his name Immanuel** (which translated, means, “God with us”). ²⁴Then Joseph, awaking from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to himself his wife. ²⁵But he did not know her *sexually* until she had given birth to a son, and he called his name Jesus.

The Visit of the Magi

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, Behold!, magi from *the east* arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ²“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in its rising and have come to pay homage to him.”

³Now, when Herod the king heard *this*, he was deeply disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴And gathering together all the high priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵And they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶**And you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come one who leads, who will shepherd my people Israel.**”

⁷Then Herod, having secretly called the magi, found out from

them exactly the chronology of the appearing of the star. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, *and* said, “Go and search diligently for the child, and as soon as you have found *him* bring me word so that I may come and pay homage to him as well.” ⁹So after listening to the king, they went on their way. And Behold!, the star that they had seen in its rising was going before them, until having come, it stood over where the child was. ¹⁰And seeing the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And coming into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and falling down, they paid homage to him. And having opened their treasures, they offered to him gifts: gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been divinely instructed in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their country by another road.

The Flight to Egypt

¹³Now after they had departed, Behold!, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Get up, take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child to destroy him.” ¹⁴Then he got up and took the young child and his mother during *the night* and departed for Egypt, ¹⁵and stayed there until the death of Herod, resulting in what was spoken by the Lord through the

prophet being fulfilled, saying, **Out of Egypt I called my son.**

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been made a fool of by the magi, became greatly enraged, and having sent orders, he killed all the male children that were in Bethlehem and all its surrounding region, from two years old and under, according to the timing that he had found out from the magi.

¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying, ¹⁸**A sound was heard in Ramah, sobbing and great mourning. Rachel crying for her children and she would not be comforted because they are no more.**

From Egypt to Nazareth

¹⁹Now after Herod died, Behold!, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel, for the ones searching for the child’s soul have died.” ²¹So he arose and took the child and his mother and entered into the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And having been divinely instructed in a dream, he departed into the district of Galilee. ²³And having gone *there*, he lived in a city called Nazareth, in order that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled that “he will be called a Nazarene.”

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

3 And in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the desert of Judea, saying, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, **The voice of one crying in the desert, “Make ready the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”**

⁴Now John himself had clothing *made* of camel’s hair, and a leather belt around his loins, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵Then Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the regions around the Jordan, went out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath *that is* about to come?”

⁸Come now, bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹and do not think to say within yourselves, “We have Abraham as our father,” for I say to you that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Indeed, the axe is already laid down at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire. ¹¹I indeed baptize you in water for repentance, but he who comes after me is mightier than I, whose sandals

I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you in holy spirit and *in* fire, ¹²whose winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his threshing-floor, and he will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire.”

The Baptism of Jesus

¹³Then Jesus arrived from Galilee to the Jordan, *coming* to John to be baptized by him. ¹⁴But John tried to prevent him, saying, “I have *the* need to be baptized by you, and you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus, answering, said to him, “Allow *it* now, for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed him. ¹⁶And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up immediately from the water, and Behold!, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the spirit of God descending as a dove and coming upon him, ¹⁷and Behold!, a voice *came* out of the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

The Temptation in the Desert

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the Slanderer. ²And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards he was hungry. ³And the Tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones

become bread.” ⁴But he answered and said, “It is written, **Man will not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.**” ⁵Then the Slanderer took him into the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and says to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, **He will give his angels a command concerning you, and, On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.**” ⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, **Do not tempt the Lord your God.**” ⁸Again, the Slanderer took him to an exceedingly lofty mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, ⁹and he said to him, “All these things will I give you if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus says to him, “Be gone, Adversary! For it is written, **Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.**” ¹¹Then the Slanderer left him, and Behold!, angels came and ministered to him.

Jesus Begins to Preach

¹²Now when he heard that John was handed over, he withdrew into Galilee, ¹³and leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, ¹⁵**The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, along the Road of the Sea,**

beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people who sat in darkness saw a great light, and to those who sat in death's territory and shadow, to them did light spring up.¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The Calling of Disciples

¹⁸And walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother—casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.¹⁹ And he says to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."²⁰ And they immediately left the nets and followed him.²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers—James the *son* of Zebedee and John his brother—in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.²² And immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus' Fame Spreads

²³And Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Good News of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people.²⁴ And the report of him went out into all Syria, and they brought to him all who were sick, taken with various diseases and torments, demonized,

and epileptic, and paralyzed, and he healed them.²⁵ And great multitudes followed him from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and *from* beyond the Jordan.

The Sermon on the Mount

5 And seeing the multitudes, he went up on the mountain, and when he had sat down, his disciples came to him² and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

Beatitudes (Blessings)

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

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

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

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will obtain mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

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

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

¹¹Blessed are you when *men* shall reproach you, and persecute you, and speak all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.¹² Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. For in the

same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Salt and Light

¹³You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt has become tasteless, with what will it be salted? It is not useful for anything any more except to be cast out and trampled by men.

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill is not able to be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do *men* light a lamp and put it under the bushel, but on the stand, and it shines to all who are in the house. ¹⁶Even so, let your light shine before men so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

The Law and Righteousness

¹⁷Do not assume that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I did not come to destroy *them*, but to fulfill *them*. ¹⁸For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one *letter* yod or one ornamentation will ever pass away from the law until all things be accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever shall do and teach them, he will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the scribes and

Pharisees, you shall by no means enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Murder, Anger, and Reconciliation

²¹You have heard that it was said to those of old time, **Do not murder**, and whoever shall murder will be in danger of the judgment. ²²But I say to you, that everyone who is enraged with his brother will be in danger of the judgment, and whoever shall say to his brother, "Raca," will be in danger of the Sanhedrin, and whoever shall say, "You no-good," will be in danger of Gehenna. ²³Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar, and go your way. Be reconciled to your brother first, and then come and offer your gift.

²⁵Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are with him on the road, lest the adversary deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the guard, and you be cast into prison. ²⁶Truly I say to you, you shall by no means get out of there until you have paid the last quadrans.

Adultery and Divorce

²⁷You have heard that it was said, **Do not commit adultery**, ²⁸but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already

in his heart. ²⁹And if your right eye causes you to fall, pluck it out and throw it from you, for it is better for you that one of your members perish than your whole body be thrown into Gehenna. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to fall, cut it off and cast it from you, for it is better for you that one of your members perish, than your whole body go into Gehenna.

³¹It was also said, **Whoever puts away his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.** ³²But I say to you, that everyone who puts away his wife, except for the cause of sexual immorality, makes her an adulteress, and whoever marries her when she is put away commits adultery.

Oaths

³³Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, **Do not make false vows, but fulfill your oaths to the Lord.** ³⁴But I say to you, do not swear at all, neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet, nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great king. ³⁶Neither shall you swear by your head, for you are not able to make one hair white or black. ³⁷But let your speech be, “Yes, yes,” or “No, no,” and whatever is more than these is of the evil *one*.

Turn the Other Cheek

³⁸You have heard that it was said, **An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.** ³⁹But I say to you, do not resist him who is evil, but whoever strikes you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰And if any man wants to sue you and take away your coat, let him have your cloak also. ⁴¹And whoever will compel you to go one mile, go with him two. ⁴²Give to him who asks you, and do not turn away from him who would borrow from you.

Love Your Enemies

⁴³You have heard that it was said, “**Love your neighbor** and hate your enemy,” ⁴⁴but I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do that? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles do that? ⁴⁸Therefore, you are to be mature, as your heavenly Father is mature.

Giving to the Needy

6 Take care that you do not do your righteousness before men, to be seen by them; otherwise, you have no reward from your Father

who is in heaven. ²Therefore, when you give to the needy, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets in order that they may have glory from men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand does ⁴so that your gifts may be in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

The Lord's Prayer and Forgiveness

⁵And when you pray, do not be as the hypocrites, for they like to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets in order that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But you, when you pray, enter into your inner room, and having shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you. ⁷And when you are praying, do not keep repeating the same phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Therefore do not be like them, for your Father knows what things you have need of before you ask him. ⁹So pray in this manner:

Our Father who is in the heavens, let your name be sanctified. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.

¹¹Give us this day our daily bread,

¹²and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil *one*.

¹⁴For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Fasting

¹⁶Moreover, when you fast, do not be gloomy, as the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces in order that they may be seen by men to fast. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face ¹⁸so that you are not seen by men to fast, but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will repay you.

Lay Up Treasures in Heaven

¹⁹Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes, and where thieves do not break through nor steal, ²¹for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

²²The lamp of the body is the eye; therefore, if your eye is pure,

your whole body will be full of light.
²³But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you be darkness, how great is the darkness!

Serving God Without Anxiety

²⁴No man is able to serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to one and look down upon the other. You are not able to serve God and Wealth. ²⁵Therefore, I say to you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of heaven, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? ²⁷And which of you, by being anxious, is able to add one cubit to the measure of his life? ²⁸And why are you anxious concerning clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they do not toil, neither do they spin, ²⁹yet I say to you, that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, *will he* not much more *surely clothe* you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we

eat?’ or, ‘What shall we drink?’ or, ‘With what shall we be clothed?’

³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴Therefore, do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day *is* its own evil.

Judging and Hypocrisy

7 Do not judge, so that you are not judged. ²For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged, and with what measure you measure, it will be measured to you. ³And why do you see the splinter that is in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the beam that is in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me cast the splinter out of your eye,’ and Look!, the beam is in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, take the beam out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother’s eye.

Pearls Before Swine

⁶Do not give that which is holy to dogs, nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

Keep Asking and the Golden Rule

⁷Keep asking, and it will be given to you; keep seeking, and you will find; keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who keeps asking receives, and he who keeps seeking finds, and to him who keeps knocking it will be opened. ⁹Or what man is there of you, who, if his son will ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone, ¹⁰or if he will ask for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him? ¹²Therefore, in everything, however you want people to do to you, so also do to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

The Narrow and Wide Gates

¹³Enter through the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and spacious is the road that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. ¹⁴How narrow is the gate, and constricted the road, that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

Know Them by Their Fruit

¹⁵Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are destructive, greedy wolves. ¹⁶By their fruits you will know them. Do *men* gather grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷Even so, every good tree brings forth good

fruit, but the corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. ¹⁸A good tree is not able to bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is cut down, and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

²¹Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven *will enter in*. ²²Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name cast out demons, and in your name do many mighty works?' ²³And then I will declare to them, I never knew you. Depart from me, you who work lawlessness.

The Wise and Foolish Builders

²⁴Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine, and does them, will be likened to a wise man who built his house upon the rock, ²⁵and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it did not fall, for it was founded upon the rock.

²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine, and does not do them, will be likened to a no-good man, who built his house upon the sand, ²⁷and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell—and great was its fall."

²⁸And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these words, the multitudes were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹for he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as their scribes.

Jesus Heals a Leper

8 And when he had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. ²And Behold!, a leper came to him *and* bowed down before him, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, you are able to make me clean.” ³And he stretched forth his hand, and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be made clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴And Jesus says to him, “See you tell no one, but go show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

The Faith of a Centurion

⁵Now when he had entered into Capernaum, a centurion came to him, entreating him, ⁶and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, grievously tormented.” ⁷And he says to him, “I will come and heal him.” ⁸And the centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me, and I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to

another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ¹⁰And when Jesus heard it, he was amazed, and said to those who followed, “Truly I say to you, I have not found so much faith with anyone in Israel. ¹¹And I say to you, that many will come from the east and the west, and will sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²but the sons of the kingdom will be cast forth outside into the darkness. There will be the sobbing and the gnashing of teeth.” ¹³And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; as you have believed, be it done to you.” And the servant was healed in that hour.

Many Healed in Capernaum

¹⁴And when Jesus had come into Peter’s house, he saw his wife’s mother lying, sick from a fever. ¹⁵And he touched her hand and the fever left her, and she arose and ministered to him. ¹⁶And when evening had come, they brought to him many *who were* demonized, and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick ¹⁷in order to fulfill the *word* spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying: **he himself took our infirmities, and carried our diseases.**

The Cost of Following Jesus

¹⁸Now when Jesus saw great multitudes around him, he gave

commandments to depart to the other side. ¹⁹And a scribe came and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." ²⁰And Jesus says to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of heaven *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ²¹And another of the disciples said to him, "Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father." ²²But Jesus says to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."

Jesus Calms the Storm

²³And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴And Behold!, there arose a great storm on the lake, such that the boat was covered with the waves, but he was asleep. ²⁵And they came to him and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord! We are perishing!" ²⁶And he says to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷And the men were amazed, saying, "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

Demons Cast Out of Two Men

²⁸And when he had come to the other side, into the country of the Gadarenes, two demonized *men* met him, *who were* coming out of the tombs. They were exceedingly violent, so that no one could pass by

that way. ²⁹And Behold!, they cried out, saying, "What do we have in common with you, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" ³⁰Now far away from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. ³¹And the demons were begging him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." ³²And he said to them, "Go." And they came out and went into the swine, and Behold!, the whole herd rushed down the steep *bank* into the lake, and perished in the waters. ³³And those who fed them fled, and went away into the city and told everything, even the *incident* of those who *were* demonized. ³⁴And Behold!, the whole city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they pleaded *him* that he would depart from their territory.

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

9 And he entered into a boat, and crossed over, and came into his own city. ²And Behold!, they brought to him a paralyzed man lying on a bed. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralyzed *man*, "Son, be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven." ³And Behold!, some of the scribes said within themselves, "This man blasphemes." ⁴And Jesus, knowing their thoughts said, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Arise,

and walk?”⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” (then he says to the paralyzed *man*), “Arise, and take up your bed, and go up to your house.”⁷ And he arose, and departed to his house.⁸ But when the multitudes saw it, they were filled with awe, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Jesus Calls Matthew

⁹And as Jesus passed by from there, he saw a man called Matthew, sitting at the tax office, and he says to him, “Follow me.” And he arose, and followed him.¹⁰ And it came to pass, as he reclined *to eat* in the house, Behold!, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples.¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with the tax collectors and sinners?”¹² But when he heard it, he said, “*It is* not those who are healthy that need a physician, but those who are sick.”¹³ But go and learn what *this* means, **I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.** For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Jesus Questioned About Fasting

¹⁴Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?”¹⁵ And Jesus said to them, “Are the sons of the bridechamber able to mourn, as long

as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.¹⁶ And no one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for *it will shrink and* tear away the piece, and a worse tear is made.¹⁷ Neither do *people* put new wine into old wine-skins, otherwise the wine-skins burst and the wine is spilled, and the wine-skins are destroyed. But they put new wine into fresh wine-skins, and both are preserved.”

Woman Healed and Dead Raised

¹⁸While he spoke these things to them, Behold! a ruler came and bowed down before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand upon her, and she will live.”¹⁹ And Jesus arose and followed him, and *so did* his disciples.²⁰ And Behold!, a woman who had an issue of blood twelve years came behind him and touched the border of his garment,²¹ for she was saying within herself, “If only I can touch his garment, I will be made whole.”²² But Jesus turning and seeing her said, “Daughter, be of good cheer. Your faith has made you whole.” And the woman was made whole from that hour.

²³And when Jesus came into the ruler’s house, and saw the flute-players, and the crowd making a tumult,²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead, but sleeps.” And

they *began* laughing at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he entered in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶And the news of this went forth into all that land.

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

²⁷And as Jesus passed by from there, two blind men followed him, crying out, and saying, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” ²⁸And after he had come into the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus says to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They say to him, “Yes, Lord.” ²⁹Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” ³⁰And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no man know it.” ³¹But they went out and spread abroad his fame in all that land.

Jesus Heals a Mute Man

³²And as they went out, Behold!, a mute man *who was* demonized was brought to him. ³³And when the demon was cast out the mute man spoke, and the multitudes were amazed, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” ³⁴But the Pharisees said, “By the prince of the demons he casts out demons.”

The Laborers Are Few

³⁵And Jesus was going through all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Good News of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. ³⁶But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them because they were distressed and scattered, as sheep not having a shepherd. ³⁷Then he says to his disciples, “Truly, the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few. ³⁸Therefore implore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

The Twelve Apostles

10 And he called to him his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of disease and all manner of sickness. ²Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: the first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; James the *son* of Zebedee; and John his brother; ³Philip; and Bartholomew; Thomas; and Matthew the tax collector; James the *son* of Alphaeus; and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Canaanite; and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them, saying, “Do not go on *any* road of the Gentiles,

and do not enter into any city of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, *and* cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. ⁹Provide no gold, nor silver, nor brass in your belts, ¹⁰no wallet for *your* journey, nor two coats, nor sandals, nor staff, for the laborer is worthy of his food. ¹¹And into whatever city or village you may enter, search out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you go away. ¹²And as you enter into the house, greet it. ¹³And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And whoever will not receive you, nor hear your words, as you go forth out of that house or that city, shake off the dust of your feet. ¹⁵Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Day of Judgment, than for that city.

Sheep in the Midst of Wolves

¹⁶Take notice!, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, therefore be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. ¹⁷But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will even be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for

a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

¹⁹But when they deliver you up, do not be anxious how or what you shall say, for it will be given to you in that hour what you shall say. ²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the spirit of your Father that speaks in you. ²¹And 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. ²²And you will be hated by all men for my name’s sake, but he who endures to the end, the same will be saved. ²³But when they persecute you in this city, flee into the next, for truly I say to you, you will surely not finish *going through* the cities of Israel, until the Son of Man will come.

²⁴A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his lord. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple that he be as his teacher, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household! ²⁶Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden, that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light, and what you hear in the ear, proclaim upon the house-tops. ²⁸And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul. But rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in

Gehenna. ²⁹Are not two little sparrows sold for an assarion? And not one of them will fall on the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even all the hairs of your head have been counted. ³¹Then do not be afraid, you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²Therefore, everyone who will confess me before men, I will also confess him before my Father who is in heaven. ³³But whoever will deny me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven.

Not Peace but a Sword

³⁴Do not assume that I came to send peace on the earth. I did not come to send peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, **and the daughter in law against her mother in law,** ³⁶**and a man's enemies—those of his own household!** ³⁷He who is attached to his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and he who is attached to his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And he who does not take his cross and follow after me, is not worthy of me. ³⁹He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.

Rewards

⁴⁰He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹He who

receives a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

11 And it came to pass when Jesus had finished commanding his twelve disciples, he departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.

Jesus and John the Baptist

²Now when John heard in the prison the works of the Christ, he sent by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the Coming One, or do we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things that you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have Good News told to them, ⁶and blessed is he who will not fall away because of me."

⁷And as these went their way, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John, "What did you go out into the desert to look at? A reed shaken with the wind? ⁸But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in

soft *clothing*? Look, those who wear soft *clothing* are in king's houses. ⁹But why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I say to you, and much more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he, of whom it is written, **Behold!, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.** ¹¹Truly I say to you, among those who are born of women there has not arisen a greater than John the Baptist. Yet he who is but little in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and men of violence are seizing it as a prize. ¹³For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. ¹⁴And if you are willing to accept *it*, he himself is Elijah, who was to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces, who call to their fellows ¹⁷and say, 'We piped to you, and you did not dance. We sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look! A gluttonous man and a wino, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is declared righteous by her works."

Woe to Unrepentant Cities

²⁰Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his mighty works were done, because they did not repent. ²¹"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works that were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²²But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the Day of Judgment than for you. ²³And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will go down to the grave, for if the mighty works had been done in Sodom that were done in you, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴But I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the Day of Judgment, than for you."

Jesus Prays to the Father

²⁵At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you hid these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to babes. ²⁶Yes, Father, for so it was well-pleasing in your sight.

Invitation to Come and Rest

²⁷All things have been delivered to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son, except the Father, neither does any know the Father, except the Son, and he to whomever the Son wants to reveal *him*. ²⁸Come to me, all you who

labor and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest to your souls.³⁰ For my yoke is kind, and my burden is light.”

Lord of the Sabbath

12 At that time Jesus went on the Sabbath day through the grain fields, and his disciples were hungry and began to pluck heads *of grain* and to eat.² But the Pharisees, when they saw it, said to him, “Look! Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.”³ But he said to them, “Have you not read what David did, when he was hungry, and those who were with him,⁴ how he entered into the house of God and ate the Bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat, neither for those who were with him, but only for the priests?⁵ Or have you not read in the law, that on the Sabbath day the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are guiltless?⁶ But I say to you, that one greater than the temple is here.⁷ But if you had known what this means, **I desire mercy, and not sacrifice**, you would not have condemned the guiltless.⁸ For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

Healing a Hand on the Sabbath

⁹ And he departed from there, and went into their synagogue,¹⁰ and

Behold!, there was a man with a withered hand. And they asked him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?”—in order that they might accuse him.¹¹ And he said to them, “What man will there be among you who will have one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?”¹² How much then is a man of more value than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath day.”¹³ Then he says to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and it was restored whole, as the other.¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out, and counseled together against him, how they might destroy him.

God’s Chosen Servant

¹⁵ But when Jesus realized *it*, he withdrew from there, and many followed him, and he healed them all.¹⁶ And he warned them, so that they would not make him known¹⁷ so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,¹⁸ **Behold!, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved in whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my spirit upon him and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.**¹⁹ **He will not quarrel, nor cry aloud, neither will any one hear his voice in the streets.**²⁰ **A bruised reed he will not break, and smoking flax he will not quench, until he leads justice to victory.**²¹ **And in his name will the Gentiles hope.**

A House Divided

²²Then was brought to him a demonized *man who was* blind and mute. And he healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw. ²³And all the multitudes were amazed, and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” ²⁴But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “This man does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub the prince of the demons.” ²⁵And knowing their thoughts he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand, ²⁶and if the Adversary casts out the Adversary, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸But if I by the spirit of God cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²⁹Or how is one able to enter into the house of the strong *man*, and carry off his goods, unless he first binds the strong *man*? And then he will plunder his house. ³⁰He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters.

The Unforgivable Sin

³¹Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven to men, but the blasphemy

against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³²And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, neither in this world, nor in that which is about to come.

Words Justify or Condemn

³³Either reckon the tree good, and *thus* its fruit good, or reckon the tree corrupt, and *thus* its fruit corrupt, for the tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴You offspring of vipers, how are you, being evil, able to speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵The good man out of his good treasure brings forth good things, and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth evil things. ³⁶And I say to you, that every idle word that men will speak, they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment. ³⁷For by your words you will be made righteous, and by your words you will be condemned.”

The Sign of Jonah

³⁸Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.” ³⁹But he answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and there will no sign be given *to* it but the sign of Jonah the prophet, ⁴⁰for as **Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale**, so

will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹The men of Nineveh will stand up in the Judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and Behold!, a greater than Jonah is here. ⁴²The queen of the south will rise up in the Judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and Behold!, a greater than Solomon is here.

Return of an Unclean Spirit

⁴³Now when the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and does not find it. ⁴⁴Then it says, "I will return into my house from which I came out," and when it comes, it finds it empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵Then it goes, and takes with itself seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter in and dwell there, and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

⁴⁶While he was still speaking to the multitudes, Behold!, his mother and his brothers stood outside, seeking to speak to him. ⁴⁷And one said to him, "Look!, your mother and your brothers stand outside, seeking to speak to you."

⁴⁸But he answered and said to the one telling him, "Who is my mother? And who are my brothers?"

⁴⁹And he stretched forth his hand towards his disciples, and said,

"Look! My mother and my brothers!

⁵⁰For whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Parable of the Sower

13 On that day went Jesus out of the house, and was sitting by the lake. ²And great multitudes were gathered to him, so that he entered into a boat and sat down, and the whole multitude stood on the shore. ³And he spoke to them many things in parables, saying,

"Take notice! The sower went forth to sow, ⁴and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵And others fell upon the rocky places, where they did not have much earth, and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of earth. ⁶And when the sun was risen, they were scorched, and because they had no root, they withered away. ⁷And others fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸And others fell upon the good ground, and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear."

The Purpose of the Parables

¹⁰And the disciples came, and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” ¹¹And he answered and said to them, “To you it is given to know the sacred secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. ¹²For whoever has, to him *more* will be given, and he will have abundance, but whoever does not have, from him will be taken away even that which he has. ¹³Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, neither do they understand. ¹⁴And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, **Hearing you will hear, but will never understand, and seeing you will see, but will never perceive.** ¹⁵**For this people’s heart has grown fat, and their ears are dull of hearing, and they have closed their eyes, lest they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should return to God, and I should heal them.** ¹⁶But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷For truly I say to you, that many prophets and righteous people desired to see the things that you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things that you hear, and did not hear them.

The Sower Parable Explained

¹⁸Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not

understand *it*, the evil *one* comes and snatches away that which has been sown in his heart. This is he who was sown along the path. ²⁰Now he who was sown upon the rocky places, this is he who hears the word, and immediately with joy receives it, ²¹yet he does not have *any* root in himself, but is temporary, and when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²Now he who was sown among the thorns, this is he who hears the word, and the worry of this age and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²³And he who was sown upon the good ground, this is the one hearing the word and understanding *it* who indeed bears fruit, and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

The Kingdom: Good and Bad Seed

²⁴He set another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while the men were sleeping, his enemy came and also sowed darnel among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶But when the blade sprang up and brought forth fruit, then the darnel appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the head of the house came and said to him, ‘Lord, did you not sow good seed in your field? From where then does it have

darnel?’²⁸ And he said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ And the servants say to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them up?’²⁹ But he says, ‘No, lest while you are gathering up the darnel, you uproot the wheat with them.’³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, ‘First gather up the darnel, and bind them in bundles to burn them up, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Kingdom is Like a Mustard Seed

³¹He set another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field,³² which indeed is less than all seeds, but when it is grown, it is greater than the garden plants, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of heaven come and lodge in the branches of it.”

The Kingdom is Like Leaven

³³He spoke another parable to them, “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three satons of meal, until it was all leavened.”

Using Parables Fulfills Prophecy

³⁴All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the multitudes, and he did not speak to them without *using* a parable,³⁵ so that what was spoken through the prophet was fulfilled,

saying, **I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.**

Seed Parable Explained

³⁶Then he left the multitudes, and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the darnel of the field.”³⁷ And he answered and said, “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,³⁸ and the field is the world. And *as for* the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom, and the darnel is the sons of the evil *one*.³⁹ And the enemy who sowed them is the Slanderer, and the harvest is the end of the world, and the reapers are angels.⁴⁰ Therefore, as the darnel is gathered up and burned up with fire, so will it be in the end of the world.⁴¹ The Son of Man will send forth his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom every stumbling block and those doing the lawlessness,⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be the sobbing and the gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

The Kingdom is Like Treasure

⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid. And in his joy he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field.

The Kingdom is Like a Pearl

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a man who is a merchant seeking fine pearls. ⁴⁶And having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

The Kingdom is Like a Net

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was cast into the lake, and gathered *fish* of every kind, ⁴⁸which, when it was filled, they drew up on the shore, and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but the bad they threw away. ⁴⁹So will it be in the end of the world. The angels will come forth and separate the wicked from among the righteous ⁵⁰and will throw them into the furnace of fire. There will be the sobbing and the gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹Have you understood all these things?" They say to him, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a man who is a head of a house, who brings forth out of his treasure things new and old."

Jesus Revisits Nazareth

⁵³And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed from there. ⁵⁴And coming into his home town, he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where *did* this

man get this wisdom, and these mighty works? ⁵⁵Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And his brothers, James, and Joseph, and Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶And his sisters, are they not all with us? Where then *did* this man get all these things?" ⁵⁷And they fell away because of him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country and in his own house." ⁵⁸And he did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

John the Baptist Beheaded

14 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the report concerning Jesus, ²and said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He is risen from the dead, and that is why these powers work in him." ³For Herod had laid hold on John and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. ⁴For John said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." ⁵And although he wanted to put him to death, he was afraid of the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. ⁶But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst *of the company*, and pleased Herod. ⁷So with an oath he promised to give her whatever she should ask. ⁸And she, being prompted by her mother, says, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist." ⁹And the king

was grieved, but for the sake of his oaths, and of those who were reclining *to eat* with him, he commanded it to be given,¹⁰ and he sent and beheaded John in the prison.¹¹ And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother.¹² And his disciples came, and took up the corpse and buried him, and they went and told Jesus.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³Now when Jesus heard *it*, he withdrew from there in a boat by himself to a solitary place, and when the multitudes heard *about that*, they followed him on foot from the cities.¹⁴ And he came forth and saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.¹⁵ And when evening had come, the disciples came to him, saying, “This is a remote place, and the hour is now late. Send the multitudes away, in order that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves food.”¹⁶ But Jesus said to them, “They have no need to go away. You give them *something* to eat.”¹⁷ And they say to him, “We do not have *anything* here except five loaves and two fish.”¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.”¹⁹ And he commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass, and he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed *them* and broke *them*, and gave the loaves to the disciples, and

the disciples *gave them* to the multitudes.²⁰ And they all ate, and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.²¹ And those eating were about five thousand men, aside from women and children.

Jesus Walks on the Water

²²And immediately he made the disciples to enter into the boat and to go before him to the other side until he should send the multitudes away.²³ And after he had sent the multitudes away, he went up by himself into the mountain to pray, and when evening had come, he was there alone.²⁴ But the boat was now in the midst of the lake, battered by the waves, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking upon the lake.²⁶ And when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost,” and they cried out for fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying “Take courage! I am *he*; do not be afraid.”²⁸ And Peter answered him and said, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you upon the waters.”²⁹ And he said, “Come.” And Peter went down out from the boat and walked upon the waters to come to Jesus.³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me.”³¹ And

immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand and took hold of him, and says to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”³² And when they went up into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those who were in the boat paid him homage, saying, “Of a truth you are the Son of God.”

Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret

³⁴And when they had crossed over, they came to the land, to Gennesaret.³⁵ And when the men of that place knew him, they sent into all the surrounding area and brought to him all who were sick,³⁶ and they begged him that they might only touch the border of his garment, and as many as touched were made whole.

Traditions and Commandments

15 Then Pharisees and scribes from Jerusalem come to Jesus, saying,² “Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.”³ And he answered and said to them, “Why do even you yourselves transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?⁴ For God said, **Honor your father and your mother, and, He who speaks evil of his father or mother, let him be put to death.**⁵ But you say, ‘Whoever shall say to his father or his mother, “Whatever you might have gained from me is a gift given to God;”’

⁶and so he by no means honors his father. And *thus* you have made void the word of God because of your tradition.⁷ You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying,⁸ **This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.**⁹ **Moreover, in vain do they show devotion to me, teaching as their doctrines the commandments of men.**

What Defiles a Person

¹⁰And he called to him the multitude and said to them, “Hear and understand:¹¹ *It is not that which enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but that which proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man.*”¹² Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees fell away *offended* when they heard this saying?”¹³ But he answered and said, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up.¹⁴ Let them alone, they are blind guides. And if the blind guide the blind, both will fall into a pit.”¹⁵ And Peter answered and said to him, “Explain the parable to us.”¹⁶ And he said, “Even you— are you still without understanding?¹⁷ Do you not perceive that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and is expelled into the toilet?¹⁸ But the things that proceed out of the mouth come forth out of the heart, and they defile the man.¹⁹ For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual

immorality, thefts, false witness, blasphemy. ²⁰These are the things which defile the man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man.”

The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

²¹And Jesus went out from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon, ²²and Behold!, a Canaanite woman came out from that area, and cried, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David, my daughter is grievously demonized.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and kept asking him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries after us.”

²⁴But he answered and said, “I was not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and *began* to bow down before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” ²⁷But she said, “Yes, Lord, for even the little dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith. Be it done to you even as you will.” And her daughter was healed from that hour.

The Feeding of the Four Thousand

²⁹And Jesus departed from there and came close to the Sea of Galilee, and he went up into the

mountain and sat there. ³⁰And great multitudes came to him, having with them the lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and they laid them down at his feet, and he healed them, ³¹so that the multitude was amazed, when they saw the dumb speaking, the maimed whole, and lame walking, and the blind seeing, and they glorified the God of Israel.

³²And Jesus called to him his disciples and said, “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have remained with me now three days and have nothing to eat, and I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.” ³³And the disciples say to him, “Where could we get so many loaves in a desert place as to fill so great a multitude?” ³⁴And Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven, and a few small fish.” ³⁵And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground, ³⁶and he took the seven loaves and the fish, and he gave thanks and broke *them*, and gave to the disciples, and the disciples *gave* to the multitudes. ³⁷And they all ate and were filled, and they took up that which remained of the broken pieces, seven baskets full. ³⁸And those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹And he sent away the multitudes and entered into

the boat, and came into the area of Magadan.

Religious Leaders Demand a Sign

16 And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and tempting him, asked him to show them a sign from heaven. ²But he answered and said to them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘*It will be fair weather, for the heavens are red.*’ ³And in the morning, ‘*It will be foul weather today, for the heavens are red and threatening.*’ You know how to discern the face of the heaven, but you are not able to *discern* the signs of the times. ⁴An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but there will be no sign given to it except the sign of Jonah.” And he left them, and departed.

The Leaven of Wrong Doctrine

⁵And the disciples came to the other side and forgot to take bread. ⁶And Jesus said to them, “Watch out, and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” ⁷And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “We did not take *any* bread.” ⁸And Jesus, perceiving it, said, “O you of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? ⁹Do you still not understand? Do you not remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you took up, ¹⁰nor the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how

many baskets you took up? ¹¹How is it that you do not perceive that I did not speak to you about bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” ¹²Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Peter’s Confession of Christ

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, “Who do men say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some *say* John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He says to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶And Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I also say to you, that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my congregation, and the gates of the grave will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you forbid on earth *must* be already forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth *must* be already permitted in heaven.” ²⁰Then he ordered the disciples that they

should tell no man that he was the Christ.

Death and Resurrection Foretold

²¹From that time Jesus began to show to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Be it far from you, Lord! This will never, ever, happen to you." ²³But he turned, and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Adversary! You are a stumbling block to me, because you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Take Up Your Cross

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any man wants to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is about to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then will he repay every man according to his deeds. ²⁸Truly I say to you, there are some of those who stand here, who shall in no way taste

of death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Transfiguration

17 And after six days Jesus takes with him Peter, and James and his brother John, and brings them by themselves up into a high mountain. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone as the sun, and his garments became white as the light. ³And Behold!, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with him. ⁴And Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three tabernacles here. One for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, Behold!, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and Behold!, a voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." ⁶And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. ⁷And Jesus came and touched them, and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." ⁸And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, except Jesus only.

Death and Resurrection Foretold

⁹And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of Man has risen from among *the* dead." ¹⁰And his disciples asked

him, saying, "Then why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"¹¹ And he answered and said, "Elijah is coming, and will restore all things,¹² but I say to you, that Elijah has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they wanted. So also the Son of Man will suffer by them."¹³ Then the disciples understood that he spoke to them about John the Baptist.

A Demonized Boy Healed

¹⁴And when they came to the multitude, a man came to him, kneeling down before him, saying,¹⁵ "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is epileptic, and suffers grievously, for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water."¹⁶ And I brought him to your disciples, and they were not able to cure him."¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I bear with you? Bring him here to me."¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon went out of him, and the boy was cured from that hour.

¹⁹Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why were we not able to cast it out?"²⁰ And he says to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move,

and nothing will be impossible to you.

Death and Resurrection Foretold

²²And while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered up into the hands of men,²³ and they will kill him, and the third day he will be raised up." And they were deeply grieved.

Tax Money in a Fish

²⁴And when they came to Capernaum, those who received the half-shekel *Temple tax* came to Peter, and said, "Does not your teacher pay the half-shekel?"²⁵ He says, "Yes." And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? The kings of the earth, from whom do they receive customs or poll-tax? From their sons, or from others?"²⁶ And when he said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Therefore the sons are free."²⁷ But lest we cause them to fall, go to the lake and cast in a hook, and take up the first fish that comes up, and when you have opened his mouth, you will find a stater *coin*. Take that and give it to them for you and me."

The Greatest in the Kingdom

18 In that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is greatest in the kingdom of

heaven?”² And he called to him a little child, and set him in the midst of them,³ and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you change and become as little children, you shall by no means enter into the kingdom of heaven.⁴ Therefore, whoever will humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.⁵ And whoever shall receive one such little child in my name receives me,⁶ but whoever shall cause one of these little ones who believes in me to fall away, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung about his neck, and *that* he should be sunk in the depth of the sea.

Woe Because of Stumbling Blocks

⁷Woe to the world because of the stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come, but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to fall away, cut it off, and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into the Life maimed or lame, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the fire of the Age *to come*.⁹ And if your eye causes you to fall away, pluck it out, and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into the Life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into Gehenna.¹⁰ See that you do not look down on one of these little ones, for I say to you, that in

heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹²What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and seek that which has gone astray?¹³ And if he happens to find it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that have not gone astray.¹⁴ In the same way, it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

If Your Brother Sins Against You

¹⁵And if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.¹⁶ But if he does not hear *you*, take with you one or two more, so that **at the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established**.¹⁷ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the congregation, and if he also refuses to hear the congregation, let him be to you as the Gentile and the tax collector.¹⁸ Truly I say to you, whatever you forbid on earth *must* be already forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth *must* be already permitted in heaven.

¹⁹Again I say to you, that if two of you shall agree on earth about anything that they ask, it will be

done for them by my Father who is in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them.”

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” ²²Jesus says to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

²³Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴And when he had begun to settle *them*, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵But because he did not have *the means* to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

²⁶Therefore, the slave, falling down, prostrated himself before him, saying, ‘Lord, have patience with me and I will pay you everything.’

²⁷And the lord of that slave, being moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that slave went out, and found one of his fellow slaves, who owed him a hundred denarii, and he laid hold on him, and seizing him, began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow slave fell down and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay

you.’ ³⁰But he was unwilling, and went and cast him into prison until he should pay that which was due.

³¹So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved, and came and told to their lord all that had happened.

³²Then having called him in, his lord says to him, ‘You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt, because you begged me. ³³Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, even as I had mercy on you?’

³⁴And his lord was enraged, and delivered him to the torturers, until he should pay all that was owed.

³⁵So will also my heavenly Father do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.”

Teaching About Divorce

19 And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee and came into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan, ²and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them there.

³And Pharisees came to him, tempting him, and saying, “Is it lawful *for a man* to put away his wife for every cause?” ⁴And he answered and said, “Have you not read that he who made *them* from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵and said, **For this cause will a man leave his father and mother and will be glued to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?** ⁶So they

are no more two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no man separate.”

⁷They say to him, “Why then did Moses command to **give her a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?**” ⁸He says to them, “Moses, in view of the hardness of your hearts, allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it has not been this way. ⁹And I say to you, whoever shall divorce his wife, except for sexual immorality, and shall marry another, commits adultery, and he who marries her when she is put away commits adultery.” ¹⁰The disciples say to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” ¹¹But he said to them, “Not all men can receive this saying, but *only* those to whom it has been given. ¹²For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He who is able to receive it, let him receive it.”

Jesus Blesses the Little Children

¹³Then little children were brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But Jesus said, “Leave the little children alone, and do not forbid them to come to me, for the kingdom of

heaven belongs to such as these.”

¹⁵And, having laid his hands on them, he departed from there.

The Rich Young Ruler

¹⁶And Behold!, one came to him and said, “Teacher, what good thing shall I do in order that I may have life *in the Age?*” ¹⁷And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about that which is good? There is One who is good. But if you want to enter into the Life, keep the commandments.” ¹⁸He says to him, “Which?” And Jesus said, **Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, ¹⁹Honor your father and mother, and Love your neighbor as yourself.** ²⁰The young man says to him, “All these things I have kept, what do I still lack?” ²¹Jesus said to him, “If you have the will to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and come, follow me.” ²²But the young man, having heard the word, went away grieved, for he had many possessions.

Rewards in the Kingdom

²³And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴And again I say to you, 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.” ²⁵And when the disciples

heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then is able to be saved?”²⁶ And Jesus, looking upon *them*, said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”²⁷ Then Peter answered and said to him, “See, we have left everything, and followed you, so what will we have?”²⁸ And Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed me, in the New Beginning, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of his glory, you also will sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.²⁹ And everyone who has left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit life *in the Age to come*.³⁰ But many *who are first* will be last, and *the last*, first.

Parable of the Vineyard Laborers

20 For the kingdom of heaven is like a man, a head of a house, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.² And when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.³ And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ And they went their way.⁵ He went

out again about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did the same thing.⁶ And about the eleventh *hour* he went out and found others standing, and he says to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’⁷ They say to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He says to them, ‘Go also into the vineyard.’⁸ And evening having come, the lord of the vineyard says to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning from the last to the first.’⁹ And when those who *were hired* about the eleventh hour came, each one received a denarius.¹⁰ And when those *who were hired* first came, they assumed that they would receive more, and each one of them also received a denarius.¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the head of the house,¹² saying, ‘These last have worked *but* one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’¹³ But he answered and said to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’¹⁴ Take what is yours and go your way, and I will give to this last *group*, even as to you.¹⁵ Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own? Or is your eye evil, because I am good?’¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Death and Resurrection Foretold

¹⁷And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside on the path, and he said to them, ¹⁸“Take notice! We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death, ¹⁹and will deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify *him*, and the third day he will be raised up.”

A Mother’s Request

²⁰Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, bowing down and asking something from him. ²¹And he said to her, “What do you want?” She says to him, “Say that these—my two sons—may sit, one on your right and one on your left in your kingdom.” ²²But Jesus answered and said, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They say to him, “We are able.” ²³He says to them, “Indeed, my cup you will drink, but to sit on my right and on *my* left is not mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” ²⁴And when the ten heard it, they were indignant concerning the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus, having called them near, said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It will not be this way among

you, but whoever among you desires to become great will be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first among you will be your slave, ²⁸even as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Two Blind Men Healed

²⁹And as they were going out from Jericho, a great multitude followed him. ³⁰And Behold!, two blind *men* sitting by the side of the path, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” ³¹But the multitude rebuked them in order that they would be silent. But they cried out all the more, saying, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” ³²And stopping, Jesus called them and said, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³³They say to him, “Lord, that our eyes may be opened.” ³⁴And Jesus, being moved with compassion, touched their eyes, and immediately they regained their sight and followed him.

The Triumphal Entry

21 And when they drew near to Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village, the *one* opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her. Untie *them*, and bring *them* to me. ³And if anyone says anything to

you, you will say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.”⁴ Now this took place so that what was spoken through the prophet was fulfilled, saying,⁵ **Tell the daughter of Zion, “Look!, your King comes to you, meek, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.”**

⁶And the disciples went and did just as Jesus appointed them,⁷ and brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat on it.⁸ And most of the multitude spread their garments in the path, and others were cutting branches from the trees and were spreading them in the path.⁹ And the multitudes who went in front of him, and *those* who followed, were crying out, saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David! **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!** Hosanna in the highest!”¹⁰ And when he had entered into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?”¹¹ And the multitudes were saying, “This is Jesus the prophet, the *one* from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Jesus Cleanses Temple (2nd Time)

¹²And Jesus entered into the temple of God, and cast out all those who buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers, and the seats of those who were selling the doves,¹³ and he says to them, “It is written, **My house will be called a house of**

prayer, but you are making it a den of robbers.”

¹⁴And *the* blind and *the* lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children who were crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were very displeased,¹⁶ and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” And Jesus says to them, “Yes. Have you never read, **Out of the mouth of little children and nursing children you have perfected praise?**”¹⁷ And he left them, and went out of the city to Bethany, and lodged there.

Lesson From the Cursed Fig Tree

¹⁸Now in the morning when he returned to the city, he was hungry.¹⁹ And having seen a lone fig tree by the path, he went up to it, and found nothing on it but leaves only. And he says to it, “Let there be no fruit from you any longer forever.” And immediately the fig tree withered.²⁰ And seeing *this*, the disciples were amazed, saying, “How did the fig tree wither immediately?”²¹ And Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly I say to you, if you have faith, and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you shall say to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ it will be done.”²² And

all things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

Jesus’ Authority Challenged

²³And when he had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴And Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one question, which, if you tell me *the answer*, I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁵The baptism of John, where was it from? From heaven or from men?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude, for all hold John as a prophet.” ²⁷And they answered Jesus and said, “We do not know.” He also said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first, and said, ‘My child, go work today in the vineyard.’ ²⁹And he answered and said, ‘I do not want to.’ But afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And having approached the other *son*, he said the same thing. And he answered and said, ‘I *will go*, lord,’ but did not go.

³¹Which of the two did the will of the father?” They say, “The first.” Jesus says to them, “Truly I say to you, that the tax collectors and the prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the path of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. But you, when you saw that, did not afterward change your mind *and* believe him.

Parable of the Greedy Farmers

³³Hear another parable: There was a man who was a head of a house, who planted a vineyard, and put a wall around it, and dug a winepress in it, and built a tower, and rented it out to some farmers, and went into another country. ³⁴And when the season of fruit drew near, he sent his slaves to the farmers to receive his fruit. ³⁵And the farmers took his slaves, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again, he sent other slaves, more than the first ones, and they did to them in like manner. ³⁷And last of all he sent to them his son, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But the farmers, when they saw the son, said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹And having caught him, they threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Therefore, when the lord of the vineyard will come, what will he do

to those farmers?”⁴¹ They say to him, “Those wretched *ones*—He will bring them to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other farmers, who will give him the fruit in its season.”⁴² Jesus says to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures, **The stone which the *ones* building rejected, the same was made the chief cornerstone. This was from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?**

⁴³Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and will be given to a nation producing its fruits.⁴⁴ And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but on whomever it falls it will crush.”

⁴⁵And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they knew that he spoke about them.⁴⁶ And they were seeking to arrest him, *but* they feared the multitudes, because they held him as a prophet.

Parable of the Wedding Feast

22 And Jesus answered and spoke again in parables to them, saying,² “The kingdom of heaven is likened to a certain king who prepared a wedding feast for his son,³ and sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they did not want to come.⁴ Again he sent out other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited, ‘Look! I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and the fatted

cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’⁵ But they, having paid no attention, went off—one to his own farm, another to his business,⁶ and the rest, having seized his slaves, mistreated and killed *them*.⁷ But the king was enraged, and, having sent his armies, he destroyed those murderers and burned their city.⁸ Then he says to his slaves, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but the ones who had been invited were not worthy.⁹ Therefore, go to the main streets, and as many as you find *there*, invite to the wedding feast.’¹⁰ And those slaves went out to the roads, and gathered together everyone whom they found, both wicked and good, and the wedding feast was filled with those reclining *to eat*.¹¹ But when the king came in to see those reclining *to eat*, he saw there a man not clothed in wedding clothing.¹² And he says to him, ‘Friend, how did you enter here not having wedding clothing?’ And he was speechless.¹³ Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him out into the outer darkness; there will be the sobbing and the gnashing of teeth.’¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Trap About Paying Taxes

¹⁵Then the Pharisees, having gone out, counseled together how they might ensnare him in *his* talk.

¹⁶And they send to him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true, and teach the path of God in truth, and are not concerned about anyone's *position*, for you do not look to the face of men. ¹⁷Tell us therefore, what do you think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, having known their wickedness, said, "Why do you tempt me, *you* hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin *used* for the poll-tax." And they brought a denarius to him. ²⁰And he says to them, "Whose image and inscription *is* this?" ²¹They say to him, "Caesar's." Then says he to them, "Give therefore the things that are Caesar's to Caesar and the things that are God's to God." ²²And having heard *that*, they were amazed, and having left him, they went away.

The Trap About the Resurrection

²³On that *same* day Sadducees came to him, *the ones* saying that there is no resurrection, and they asked him, ²⁴saying, "Teacher, Moses said, **If someone dies, having no children, his brother will marry his wife, and raise up seed for his brother.** ²⁵Now there were with us seven brothers. And the first, having married, died, and having no seed left his wife to his brother. ²⁶In the same manner the second also, and the third, up to the seventh. ²⁷And after them all, the woman

died. ²⁸Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, for they all had her." ²⁹But Jesus answered and said to them, "You err, not having known the Scriptures, nor the power of God. ³⁰For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as angels in heaven. ³¹But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying, ³²**I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?** God is not *the God* of the dead, but of the living." ³³And having heard *that*, the multitudes were astonished at his teaching.

Trap About the Greatest Command

³⁴But the Pharisees, having heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him *a question*, testing him: ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment *is* the great *one* in the law?" ³⁷And he said to him, "**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.** ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And *the second is* like it: **Love your neighbor as yourself.** ⁴⁰On these two commandments the whole Law hangs, and *also* the prophets."

Jesus' Question About David's Son

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked

them *a question*, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They say to him, “*The son of David.*” ⁴³He says to them, “Then how does David in the spirit call him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴**The Lord said to my Lord, sit on my right hand, until I put your enemies underneath your feet?** ⁴⁵If therefore David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, neither did anyone dare ask him any more *questions* from that day on.

Pharisees’ Character Revealed

23 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to his disciples, ²saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat, ³therefore, everything, whatever they may tell you, do and observe. But do not do according to their works, for they say *things*, and do not do *them*. ⁴For they tie up loads *that are* heavy and hard to bear, and lay *them* on men’s shoulders, but they are unwilling to *help* move them with their finger. ⁵And they do all their works to be seen by men, for they widen their phylacteries, and lengthen the tassels *of their garments*, ⁶and they like the place of honor at the feasts, and the places of honor in the synagogues, ⁷and the greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, ‘Rabbi.’ ⁸But you, you may not be called ‘Rabbi’, for one is your teacher, and all of you

are brothers. ⁹And do not call *anyone* on earth your ‘father’, for one is your Father, the heavenly *Father*. ¹⁰Neither be called ‘teachers’, for you have one teacher—the Christ. ¹¹But the greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²And whoever will exalt himself will be humbled, and whoever will humble himself will be exalted.

Woes Upon the Pharisees

¹³But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven *right* in front of men, for you do not enter, neither do you allow the ones entering to enter.

¹⁵Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel over the sea and the land to make one proselyte, and when he becomes *one*, you make him twice as much a son of Gehenna as yourselves.

¹⁶Woe to you, you blind guides, who say, ‘Whoever swears by the sanctuary, it is nothing, but whoever swears by the gold of the sanctuary, he is obligated *by his oath.*’ ¹⁷*You* no-goods and blind *men!* For which is greater, the gold, or the sanctuary that has sanctified the gold? ¹⁸*You* also *say*, ‘Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing, but whoever swears by the gift that is upon it, he is obligated *by his oath.*’ ¹⁹*Blind men!* For which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies

the gift? ²⁰Therefore the one who swears by the altar, swears by it, and by everything on it. ²¹And the one who swears by the sanctuary, swears by it, and by the one who dwells in it. ²²And the one who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God, and by the one sitting on it.

²³Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier *matters* of the law, *which are* justice, and mercy, and faith. But these are the things necessary to have done, without neglecting the other. ²⁴You blind guides, who are straining out the gnat but swallowing the camel!

²⁵Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self indulgence. ²⁶You blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup, that the outside of it may become clean also.

²⁷Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs that outwardly do indeed appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead people's bones, and of every kind of impurity. ²⁸In the same way, outwardly, you also appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

²⁹Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and

decorate the monuments of the righteous, ³⁰and you say, 'If we had been in the days of our fathers we would not have been partners with them in the blood of the prophets.'

³¹Consequently, you testify against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

³²And you—you fill up the measure of your fathers. ³³Snakes! You offspring of vipers! How can you escape the judgment of Gehenna?

³⁴Therefore, take notice! I send to you prophets, and wise men, and scribes. *Some* of them you will kill and crucify, and *some* of them you will whip in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, ³⁵that upon you may fall all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous to the blood of Zachariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. ³⁶Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

Lament Over Jerusalem

³⁷Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the *one* killing the prophets and stoning the ones who have been sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together in the same way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

³⁸Look!, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹For I say to you, you will by no means see me again, until you

shall say, ‘**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**’”

Signs of the End of the Age

24 And Jesus was going out of the Temple and going away, and his disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple. ²But he answered and said to them, “You see all these things, do you not? Truly I say to you, in no way will *even* one stone be left here upon another that shall not be thrown down.”

³And as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what *will be* the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” ⁴And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. ⁵For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will mislead many. ⁶And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for *these things* must come to pass, but it is not yet the end. ⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸But all these things are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹Then they will hand you over to be tortured, and will *even* kill you, and you will be hated by all the nations for my name’s sake. ¹⁰And then will many fall away, and will hand over one

another, and will hate one another.

¹¹And many false prophets will arise, and will mislead many. ¹²And because of the increase in lawlessness, the love of the many will grow cold. ¹³But the one who endures to the end, this one will be saved. ¹⁴And the Good News of the kingdom will be proclaimed to the whole inhabited world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

¹⁵Therefore, when you see **the abomination of desolation** that was spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the Holy Place (let the one reading understand), ¹⁶then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, ¹⁷let him who is on the roof not go down into his house to take things out, ¹⁸and let him who is in the field not return back to take his cloak. ¹⁹But woe to those who are pregnant and to those nursing in those days! ²⁰And pray that your flight is not in the winter, nor on a Sabbath, ²¹for at that time there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, and it will never ever happen again. ²²And if those days were not shortened, no flesh would have been saved, but for the sake of the chosen, those days will be shortened.

²³At that time if someone says to you, ‘Look!, here is the Messiah!’, or, ‘Here *he is!*’, *do not believe it.* ²⁴For false Messiahs will

arise, and false prophets, and will show great signs and wonders so as to mislead, if possible, even the chosen *ones*.²⁵ Take notice! I have told you beforehand.²⁶ Therefore, if they say to you, ‘Look!, he is in the desert!,’ do not go out *there, or* ‘Look!, he is in the inner rooms!,’ do not believe *it*.²⁷ For as the lightning goes out from the east and shines even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.²⁸ Wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will be gathered together.

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁹But immediately after the tribulation of those days **the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken,**³⁰ and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the **Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven** with power and great glory.³¹ And he will send forth his angels with a **loud trumpet blast, and they will gather together** his chosen *ones* from the four winds, from the ends of the heavens to the ends of it.

The Parable of the Fig Tree

³²Now learn this parable from the fig tree: when its branch has become tender and sprouts its leaves, you know that the summer is

near.³³ Even so you also, when you see all these things, know that he is near, *even* at the doors.³⁴ Truly I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away until all these things come to pass.³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

³⁶But about that day and hour knows no one, not the angels of the heavens, nor the Son, but the Father alone.³⁷ For as in the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.³⁸ For as they were in those days that were before the flood—eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage—until the day that Noah entered into the ark,³⁹ and they did not know *what was coming* until the flood came and took them all away, so *also* will be the coming of the Son of Man.⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one is taken, and one is left.⁴¹ Two women are grinding with a hand mill; one is taken, and one is left.⁴² Therefore, watch, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes.⁴³ But know this, that if the head of the house had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have allowed *the wall of* his house to be dug through.⁴⁴ Therefore you be ready too, for in an hour that you do not think—the Son of Man comes.

⁴⁵Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom the lord has set over the slaves of his household, to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶Blessed is that slave whom his lord, when he comes, will find him so doing. ⁴⁷Truly I say to you, that he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁸But if that evil slave will say in his heart, 'My lord is not coming for a long time,' ⁴⁹and he begins to beat his fellow slaves, and continuously eats and drinks with the drunkards, ⁵⁰the lord of that slave will come on a day that he does not expect, and at an hour which he does not know, ⁵¹and will cut him in two, and assign him a place with the hypocrites; there will be the sobbing and the gnashing of teeth.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

25 At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins, who, having taken their lamps, went out to meet the bridegroom. ²Now five of them were no-goods, and five *were* wise. ³For the no-goods, when they took their lamps, did not take oil with them, ⁴but the wise took oil in flasks with their lamps. ⁵Now while the bridegroom was a long time in coming, they all became drowsy and *began* to sleep. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look!, the bridegroom! Go out to meet him!' ⁷Then all those virgins awoke, and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the no-

goods said to the wise, 'Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'By no means! Perhaps there will not be enough for you and us *too*. Go instead to the dealers and buy *some* for yourselves.' ¹⁰But while they were going away to buy *some*, the bridegroom came, and the ones *who were* prepared went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹And later the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open *the door* for us.' ¹²But he answered and said, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

The Parable of the Talents

¹⁴For *it is as when* a man going on a journey called his own slaves, and entrusted his property to them. ¹⁵And to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one; to each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. ¹⁶Immediately the one who received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. ¹⁷Likewise the one *who received* the two, gained two more. ¹⁸But the one who received the one *talent*, having gone out, dug in the earth, and hid his lord's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the lord of those slaves comes, and settles accounts with them. ²⁰And the one who received the five talents

came and brought five more talents, saying, 'Lord, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.'²¹ His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'²² And the one who *received* the two talents also came and said, 'Lord, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.'²³ His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'²⁴ And the one who had received the one talent also came and said, 'Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter,²⁵ and I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the earth. See, you have that which *is* yours.'²⁶ But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy slave. You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and I gather where I did not scatter,²⁷ then you needed to deposit my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.²⁸ Therefore take away the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'²⁹ For to everyone who has *more* will be given, and he will have abundance, but from the one that does not have, even what he

has will be taken away.³⁰ And throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; there will be the sobbing and the gnashing of teeth.'

The Sheep and Goat Judgment

³¹But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.³² And all the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.³³ And he will put the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.³⁴ Then the King will say to the ones on his right, 'Come, you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom that has been prepared for you from the foundation of the world,³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me *something* to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in;³⁶ naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.'³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and fed you? Or thirsty, and gave you a drink?'³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger, and took you in? Or naked, and clothed you?'³⁹ And when did we see you sick, or in prison, and came to you?'⁴⁰ And the King, answering, will say to them, 'Truly I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of these my brothers, *even* the least,

you did it to me.’⁴¹ Then he will also say to the ones on the left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the fire of the Age, which has been prepared for the Slanderer and his angels.’⁴² For I was hungry, and you did not give me *anything* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink; ⁴³I was a stranger, and you did not invite me in; naked, and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.’⁴⁴ Then they will also answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not serve you?’⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly I say to you, in so far as you did not do *it* to one of these least, you did not do *it* to me.’⁴⁶ And these will go away into punishment *in the Age to come*; but the righteous into life *in the Age to come*.”

The Plot to Kill Jesus

26 And it came to pass, when Jesus finished all these words, he said to his disciples,² “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man is handed over to be crucified.”³ Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the courtyard of the high priest, the one called Caiaphas,⁴ and they plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth, and *then* kill *him*.⁵ But they were

saying, “Not during the feast, lest a riot arise among the people.”

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

⁶Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,⁷ a woman came to him, having an alabaster *flask* of very expensive perfume, and she poured it upon his head as he was reclining *to eat*.⁸ But having seen this, the disciples were indignant, saying, “To what purpose *was* this waste?⁹ For it would have been possible to sell this for a high *price*, and *the money* given to the poor.”¹⁰ But Jesus, perceiving it, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has worked a good work upon me.¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.¹² For this *woman*, having poured this perfume on my body—she did it to prepare me for burial.¹³ Truly I say to you, wherever this Good News shall be preached in the whole world, what this *woman* did will also be spoken of for a memorial of her.”

Judas Plots to Betray Jesus

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, having gone to the chief priests,¹⁵ said, “What are you willing to give me if I will hand him over to you?” And they weighed out to him thirty pieces of silver.¹⁶ And from then on

he was watching for an opportunity to hand him over *to them*.

The Last Supper

¹⁷Now on the first *day* of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸And he said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, my time is near. I *am to* keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰Now when evening had come, he was reclining *at the table* with the twelve, ²¹and as they were eating, he said, “Truly I say to you, that one of you will betray me.” ²²And they were deeply grieved, and each one began to say to him, “Surely I am not *the one*, Lord?” ²³And he answered and said, “The one who dipped his hand in the dish with me, this one will betray me.” ²⁴The Son of Man is to go just as it is written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born.” ²⁵And Judas, the one betraying him, answered and said, “Surely I am not the one, Rabbi?” He says to him, “You yourself have said *it*.”

The “Lord’s Supper” Instituted

²⁶And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and having blessed *it*, he broke it, and giving it to the disciples, said, “Take, eat. This is my body.” ²⁷And having taken a cup, and having given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.” ²⁸For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for remission of sins. ²⁹And I say to you, I will by no means drink of this fruit of the vine from now on, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹Then Jesus says to them, “Tonight, all of you will be caused to fall away because of me, for it is written, **I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.**” ³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ³³But Peter answered and said to him, “If everyone will fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” ³⁴Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you that this night, before a rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵Peter says to him, “Even if it is necessary for me to die with you, *yet* by no means will I deny you.” Likewise also said all the disciples.

Jesus in Gethsemane

³⁶Then Jesus comes with them to a place called Gethsemane, and says to his disciples, “Sit here

while I go *over* there and pray.”

³⁷And having taken Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him, he began to be grieved and distressed.

³⁸Then he says to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death. Stay here, and watch with me.”

³⁹And having gone forward a little, he fell on his face, praying and saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” ⁴⁰And he comes to the disciples, and finds them sleeping, and says to Peter, “What, were you not strong enough to stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray, in order that you do not enter into temptation. Indeed, the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

⁴²Again, a second time, having gone away, he prayed, saying, “My Father, if this is not able to pass away unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³And having come again he found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴And having left them again and having gone away, he prayed a third time, saying the same words again.

⁴⁵Then he comes to the disciples, and says to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Take notice!, the hour has drawn near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Arise, let us be going. Look!, the one betraying me has drawn near.”

Jesus Betrayed and Arrested

⁴⁷And while he was still speaking, Behold!, Judas, one of the

twelve, came, and with him *was* a great multitude with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priest and elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the one

betraying him gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I will kiss, he is *the one*. Seize him.” ⁴⁹And

immediately having come to Jesus, he said, “Greetings, Rabbi,” and kissed him. ⁵⁰And Jesus said to him, “Friend, *do* that for which you have come.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus, and seized him.

⁵¹And Behold!, one of those who was with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and having stuck the slave of the high priest, he cut off his ear. ⁵²Then

Jesus says to him, “Put your sword back into its place, for all those who take the sword shall perish by the sword. ⁵³Or do you think that I am not able to call on my Father, and even now he will send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴How then would the scriptures be fulfilled that it must happen this way?” ⁵⁵In

that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, “Have you come with swords and clubs to seize me as *you would come* against a robber? I sat daily in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶But all this has come to pass so that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Jesus Before Caiaphas

⁵⁷And the ones who had seized Jesus led him away to *the house of Caiaphas* the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. ⁵⁸But far away, Peter was following him to the courtyard of the high priest and, having entered in, he was sitting with the servants to see the outcome.

⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the Sanhedrin were all seeking false testimony against Jesus, so that they could put him to death, ⁶⁰and they did not find it, although many false witnesses came. But finally, two *false witnesses*, having come near, ⁶¹said, “This one said, ‘I am able to destroy the sanctuary of God, and to build it in three days.’” ⁶²And the high priest, having arisen, said to him, “Are you not going to answer? What *is it that* these men testify against you?” ⁶³But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, that you tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God.” ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, “*Yes*, you have said it, nevertheless I say to you all, in the future you will see **the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.**”

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his garments, saying, “He has spoken blasphemy. What further need do we

have of witnesses? See!, now you have heard the blasphemy. ⁶⁶What do you think?” They answered and said, “He is deserving of death.”

⁶⁷Then they spat in his face and beat him with their fists. And they slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, “Prophecy to us, Christ. Who is he who struck you?”

Peter Denies Jesus

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.” ⁷⁰But he denied *it* before everyone, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.” ⁷¹And when he had gone out into the gateway, another saw him, and says to those who were there, “This one was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷²And again he denied *it* with an oath, *saying*, “I do not know the man.” ⁷³And after a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, “Of a truth you also are *one* of them, for your accent makes you known.” ⁷⁴Then he began to curse and to swear, *saying*, “I do not know the man.” And immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, “Before a rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went outside, and cried bitterly.

Daybreak Trial Then to Pilate

27 Now at daybreak all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel together against Jesus to put him to death,² and having bound him, they led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

The Death of Judas Iscariot

³Then Judas, the one betraying him, having seen that he was condemned *and* regretting *what he had done*, brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,⁴ saying, “I have sinned *by* betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? See *to that* yourself.”⁵ And having thrown down the silver coins into the sanctuary, he departed, and having gone away, he hanged himself.⁶ And the chief priests, having taken the silver coins, said, “It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is the price of blood.”⁷ So they took counsel together, and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers.⁸ Therefore that field has been called “Field of Blood” to this day.⁹ Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, **And they took the thirty silver coins, the price of the one whose price had been priced by the sons of Israel,¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.**

Jesus Before Pontius Pilate

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, saying, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And Jesus said to him, “*It is as you say.*”¹² And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer.¹³ Then Pilate says to him, “Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?”¹⁴ But he did not answer him with even one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

The People Choose Barabbas

¹⁵Now the governor’s custom at the feast was to release to the multitude one prisoner, *anyone* whom they wanted.¹⁶ And at that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.¹⁷ Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”¹⁸ For he knew that they had handed him over because of envy.¹⁹ And while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for today I have suffered many things in a dream because of him.”

²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.²¹ But the governor answered and said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” And they said,

“Barabbas.”²² Pilate says to them, “Then what shall I do to Jesus who is called Christ?” They all kept saying, “Let him be crucified.”²³ But he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, saying, “Let him be crucified.”²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water, and washed his hands in front of the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see *to it* yourselves.”²⁵ And all the people answered and said, “His blood *be* on us, and on our children.”²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them, but Jesus he scourged and handed over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Torture Jesus

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium, and gathered to him the whole *Roman* cohort.²⁸ And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.²⁹ And they twisted together a crown of thorns and put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand, and they kneeled down before him, and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”³⁰ And they spat upon him, and took the reed and were striking him on the head.³¹ And after they had mocked him, they took the robe off him, and put his *own* garments on him, and led him away to be crucified.

The Crucifixion

³² And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They pressed him into service, that he might bear his cross.³³ And having come to a place called Golgotha (that is to say, Place of a Skull),³⁴ they gave him wine mixed with gall to drink, and when he had tasted *it*, he would not drink.³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them, casting lots *for them*.³⁶ And sitting down, they *began* to keep watch over him there.³⁷ And they set up over his head the charge against him, which read, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.³⁸ Then two robbers are crucified with him, one on the right hand and one on the left.

³⁹ And those passing by were hurling insults at him, shaking their heads,⁴⁰ and saying, “You who *are going to* destroy the sanctuary and build it in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, with the scribes and elders, mocking *him*, said,⁴² “He saved others, *yet* he is not able to save himself. He is the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.”⁴³ He had confidence in God, let him rescue him now, if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also were insulting him.

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour darkness came over all the land until *the* ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” (that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). ⁴⁷And some of those standing there, when they heard it, said, “This man calls Elijah.” ⁴⁸And immediately one of them ran and took a sponge and filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, *and* gave him a drink. ⁴⁹But the rest said, “Leave *him* alone. Let us see whether Elijah comes to save him.”

⁵⁰And Jesus, having cried out again with a loud voice, yielded up the spirit. ⁵¹And Behold!, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth was shaken, and the rocks were split. ⁵²[And the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the holy *ones* who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they entered into the holy city and appeared to many.]

⁵⁴Now the centurion and those who were with him keeping watch over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, were greatly afraid, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God.”

⁵⁵And many women, who had followed Jesus from Galilee,

serving him, were there looking on from a distance, ⁵⁶among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Joseph Buries Jesus

⁵⁷Now when evening came, a rich man came from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was a disciple of Jesus, ⁵⁸he, having approached Pilate, asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded it to be given *to him*. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock, and he rolled a large stone over the door of the tomb and departed. ⁶¹And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

The Tomb Guarded

⁶²Now on the next day, which is *the day* after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together to Pilate, ⁶³saying, “Lord, we remember that when he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will be raised.’ ⁶⁴Therefore, command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him away, and say to the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and this last deception will be worse than the

first.”⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard. Go, make it *as* secure as you know *how to*.”⁶⁶ So they went, and made the tomb secure, *and* along with the guard, they sealed the stone.

The Resurrection of Jesus

28 Now late on the Sabbath day, as it began to dusk *and come* toward the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

²And Behold!, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and was sitting upon it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his garment white as snow, ⁴and for fear of him the guards shook, and became as dead *men*. ⁵And the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not fear, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who has been crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, just as he said. Come, see the place where he was lying, ⁷and go quickly and tell his disciples he was raised from the dead. And take notice, he is going before you into Galilee. You will see him there. See!, I have told you.”

⁸And having departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to report about him to his disciples. ⁹And Behold!, Jesus met them, saying, “Greetings.” And they came and took hold of his

feet and paid homage to him. ¹⁰Then Jesus says to them, “Do not fear. Go tell my brothers to go away to Galilee, and they will see me there.”

The Report of the Guards

¹¹Now while they were going, Behold!, some of the guard came into the city, and told the chief priests all the things that happened.

¹²And when they had assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, ¹³saying, “Say that his disciples, having come during the night, stole him away while we were sleeping. ¹⁴And if the governor hears about this, we will persuade him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵So they took the money and did as they were instructed, and this report was spread around among the Jews, *and continues* until this day.

The Great Commission

¹⁶But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him, they bowed before *him*, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came to them and spoke to them, saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the holy spirit, ²⁰teaching them to obey all

that I commanded you. And take notice!, I am with you always, even to the end of the Age.”

