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The New Testament

Matthew

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Chapter 1

The Genealogy of Jesus

1 A record of the genealogy of Jesus the Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

2 Abraham begot Isaac,
and Isaac begot Jacob,
and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers,

3 and Judah begot Perez and Zerah,
by Tamar,
and Perez begot Hezron,
and Hezron begot Aram,

4 and Aram begot Amminadab,
and Amminadab begot Nahshon,
and Nahshon begot Salmon,

5 and Salmon begot Boaz, by Rahab,
and Boaz begot Obed, by Ruth,
and Obed begot Jesse,

6 and Jesse begot David the King.
David begot Solomon, by her who belonged to Uriah,

7 and Solomon begot Rehoboam,
and Rehoboam begot Abijah,
and Abijah begot Asa,

8 and Asa begot Jehoshaphat,

and Jehoshaphat begot Joram,
and Joram begot Uzziah,

9 and Uzziah begot Jotham,
and Jotham begot Ahaz,
and Ahaz begot Hezekiah,

10 and Hezekiah begot Manasseh,
and Manasseh begot Amon,
and Amon begot Josiah,

11 and Josiah begot Jeconiah
and his brothers at the time of
the exile to Babylon.

12 After the exile to Babylon:
Jeconiah begot Shealtiel,
and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel,

13 and Zerubbabel begot Abiud,
and Abiud begot Eliakim,
and Eliakim begot Azor,

14 and Azor begot Zadok,
and Zadok begot Akim,
and Akim begot Eliud,

15 and Eliud begot Eleazar,
and Eleazar begot Matthan,
and Matthan begot Jacob,

16 and Jacob begot Joseph,
the husband of Mary,
of whom was born Jesus,
the one called the Christ.

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17 Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Anointed One.

The Birth of Jesus

18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they consummated, she was found to be pregnant, from the Holy Spirit.

19 But her husband Joseph, being a righteous man, did not want to make an example of her, and planned to divorce her secretly.

20 But while he was mulling these things over, an angel of the Lord appeared to him by means of a dream, and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit.

21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to call his name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

22 All this took place in order that what was said by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled, which says:

23 "Behold, the virgin shall be pregnant, and shall bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel," which when translated is, "God with us."

24 And when Joseph awoke from his sleep, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and he took his bride home.

25 But he did not know her until she gave birth to her firstborn son. And he called his name Jesus.

Chapter 2

The Visit of the Magi

1 Now after Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi from out of the east showed up in Jerusalem,

2 saying, "Where is the one born king of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

3 Upon hearing this, King Herod was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And having assembled all the chief priests and Torah scholars of the people, he inquired of them as to where the Messiah was to be born.

5 And they told him, "In Bethlehem in Judea, for this is what has been written through the prophet:

6 " 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among
the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will be the shepherd of
my people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. And when you have found him, bring word back to me, so I may come and worship him also."

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9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and lo, the star, the one they had seen in the east, kept moving on in front of them, until it arrived and stopped over where the child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with a surpassingly great joy.

11 And upon coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they fell prostrate and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures, and presented him with gifts of gold, and of incense and of myrrh.

12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their country by another route.

The Escape to Egypt

13 And when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appears in a dream to Joseph, saying, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be there until I tell you, for Herod intends to search for the child to destroy him."

14 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night, and escaped into Egypt,

15 and was there until the death of Herod, in order that the thing spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled, which says: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

16 When Herod realized that he had been fooled by the Magi, he was extremely enraged, and sent *orders* and did away with all the male children in Bethlehem and all its environs who were two years old or under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the Magi.

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17 Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled, which says:

18 "A voice heard in Ramah,
a weeping and loud wailing,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more."

The Return to Nazareth

19 And after Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appears by a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

20 saying, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go into the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead."

21 So he got up, took the child and his mother and entered the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee,

23 and went and lived in a town called Nazareth, so that what was spoken through the prophets would be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Chapter 3

John the Baptizer Prepares the Way

1 In those days John the Baptizer appears, preaching in the desert,

2 saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has drawn near."

3 This is the one spoken of through Isaiah the prophet:

"A voice calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make the paths straight for him.

4 This man John had clothing of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

5 At that time Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan went out to him.

6 And confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to the baptism, he said to them, "You spawn of snakes! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"

8 Then produce fruit characteristic of repentance.

9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

10 And the ax is already set to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore not producing good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 "I baptize you in water for repentance, but after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to remove. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit:

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12 his winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear out his threshing floor, gathering the wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn up with fire unquenchable."

The Baptism of Jesus

13 At that time Jesus arrives at the Jordan, out of Galilee, to John, to be baptized by him.

14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and you are coming to me?"

15 In reply, Jesus said to him, "Permit it now; it is proper for us to complete all righteousness this way." Then John consented.

16 As soon as he was baptized, Jesus came up out of the water, and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Holy Spirit of God coming down like a dove, coming onto him.

17 And behold, a voice from the heavens, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with whom I am well pleased."

Chapter 4

The Temptation of Jesus

1 Then Jesus was led up into the desert by the Spirit, to be tempted by the devil.

2 And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry.

3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

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4 But he in answer said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word coming out of the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil takes him into the holy city and had him stand on the gable of the temple,

6 and he says to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:
'He will command his angels concerning you;
and they will lift you up on their hands,
so you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

7 Jesus said to him, "It is also written: 'You shall not put Yahweh your God to a test.'"

8 Again, the devil led him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor,

9 and said to Jesus, "These I will give to you, if you will fall down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus said to him, "You get behind me, Satan! For it is written:
"

'You shall worship Yahweh your God, and him only shall you serve.'

11 Then the devil left him alone, and lo, angels had come and were attending him.

Jesus Begins to Preach

12 And when he heard that John had been arrested, he went away to Galilee.

13 And forsaking Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, beside the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14 so that the thing spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which says:

15 "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the road by the sea,
on the other end of the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

16 the people sitting in darkness
have seen a great light;
and on those sitting in the land of the
shadow of death
a light has dawned."

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

The Calling of Simon, Andrew, James, and John

18 And walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers.

19 And he says to them, "Come you two, follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

20 And they followed him immediately, leaving the nets.

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21 And going on from there, he saw another *set of* two brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

22 And they immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father.

Jesus Heals the Sick

23 And he went around through all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

24 And news about him spread all over Syria, and they brought to him all who were ill with various diseases and severe pain, the demon-possessed, and epileptics and the paralyzed, and he healed them.

25 And many crowds followed him, from Galilee and the Ten Cities, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

Chapter 5

The Beatitudes

1 And seeing the crowds, he went up to the mountainside. And when he sat down his disciples came to him,

2 and opening his mouth, he began to teach them, saying:

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

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

5 Blessed are the meek,

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for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are they who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

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

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

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

11 "Blessed are you when *people* insult you, persecute you and falsely
say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in
the same way they persecuted the prophets before you."

Salt and Light

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt is blanded down, with
what will it be made salty? It is no longer potent enough for anything
except to be thrown outside and trampled underfoot of people.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

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15 Neither do they light a lamp to put it under a basket, but rather on the stand, so it enlightens all those in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine in the view of people, such that they will see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

The Fulfillment of the Law

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish *them* but to fulfill *them*.

18 For truly I say to you, until the sky and the earth pass away, not one iota, not one serif, will by any means pass away from the Law until everything is carried out.

19 Therefore, whoever looses one of the least of these commandments, and teaches people the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices *them* and teaches *them*, this one will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Torah scholars and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Adversaries

21 "You have heard that it was said to the people of long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'

22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. And anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the council. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of Gehenna.

23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you,

24 leave your gift there in front of the altar, and first go be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

25 "Get on good terms with your legal adversary quickly, while you are with him on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge *hand you over* to the officer, and you be thrown in prison.

26 Truly I tell you, by no means will you come out of there until you have paid the last penny.

Adultery

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.'

28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 So if your right eye causes you to fall, rip it out and cast it away from you. For it is expedient for you that one of your parts be destroyed and not your whole body be cast into Gehenna.

30 And if your right hand causes you to fall, cut it off and cast it away from you. For it is expedient for you that one of your parts be destroyed and not your whole body go away into Gehenna.

31 "And it has been said, 'Anyone who releases his wife must give her a "release of interest form".'

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32 But I tell you that anyone who releases his wife, except for grounds of fornication, causes her to commit adultery, and anyone who marries a released *woman* commits adultery.

Oaths

33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people of long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but pay out to the Lord your oaths.'

34 But I tell you not to promise with an oath at all: neither by heaven, because it is God's throne;

35 nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet, nor by Jerusalem, because it is the city of the Great King.

36 Neither swear by your head, since you have not the power to make a single hair white or black.

37 But let your word be 'Yes' for 'Yes,' 'No' for 'No,' and beyond these is from evil.

An Eye For an Eye

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.'

39 But I tell you not to resist the evil. On the contrary, whoever strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And the one wanting to sue and take your shirt, surrender to him your jacket as well.

41 And whoever conscripts you for one mile, go with him two miles.

42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Love For Enemies

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

44 But I say to you: Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who insult you and are persecuting you,

45 so that you be children of your Father who is in heaven. For he causes his sun to rise upon the evil and the good, and rains upon the righteous and the unrighteous.

46 For if you love the ones who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the revenue agents do the same?

47 And if you greet your own kind only, what are you doing beyond the ordinary? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Chapter 6

Giving to the Needy

1 "Be careful not to do your acts of tzedakah in front of people, trying to be seen by them, for in that case you have no reward with your Father in heaven.

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2 "So when you do your charitable giving, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the lanes, so they may be esteemed by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward in full.

3 But you, when you do your giving to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.

Prayer

5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the boulevards, so they will be seen by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward in full.

6 But you when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret. Then your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.

7 But when you pray, do not speak thoughtless repetition like the Gentiles do. For they suppose that because of the greater number of their words they will be heard.

8 Do not be like them therefore. You see, your Father knows what you need before you ever ask him.

9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

" 'Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

10 Your kingdom come,
your will be done

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on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

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

13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil "

For yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

14 For if you forgive people their trespasses, your heavenly Father will
also forgive you.

15 But if you are not forgiving to people, neither will your Father
forgive you your trespasses.

Fasting

16 "And when you fast, do not become of somber countenance like the
hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces so that they will appear to
people as fasting. Truly I tell you, they have their reward in full.

17 But you when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,
18 so that you do not appear to people as fasting, but rather to your
Father, who is in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will reward
you.

Treasures in Heaven

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19 "Do not accumulate for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and corrosion eat away, and where thieves break through and steal.

20 But accumulate for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor corrosion eat away, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is open and generous, your whole body will be bright.

23 But if your eye is suspicious and stingy, your whole body will be dark. If then darkness is the light in you, how great the darkness!

24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will spurn the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve *both* God and Mammon.

Do Not Worry

25 "Considering this, I tell you, do not worry for your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or for your body, what you will put on. Does not life mean more than food, and the body more than clothes?

26 Look at the birds of the sky, that they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Do you not matter more than they?

27 And who of you *by* worrying is able to add onto his life span one foot?

28 "And about dress, why do you worry? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither labor nor weave.

29 Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

30 Now if God so dresses the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow thrown into the stove, how much more would he rather dress you, O you of little faith?

31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What would we eat?' or 'What would we drink?' or 'What would we wear?'

32 For the Gentiles are pursuing all those things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need all those things.

33 But pursue first rather the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all those things will be included for you as well.

34 "Do not worry, then, for the next day, because the next day will have worries of itself. Today's trouble is enough for the day.

Chapter 7

Correcting Others

1 "Do not judge, so that you will not be judged.

2 For with what judgment you are judging, you will be judged, and with what measure you are measuring out, it will be measured to you.

3 "Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but the log in your own eye you do not consider?

4 Or how will you say to your brother, 'Let me pluck the speck out of your eye,' and behold, in your own eye *is* a log?

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5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to pluck the speck out of your brother's eye.

6 "Do not give to curs what is sacred, and do not toss your pearls before swine, lest they trample them with their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

Ask, Seek, Knock

7 "Keep asking, and it will be given to you; keep seeking, and you will find; keep knocking, and it will be opened to you.

8 For everyone who keeps asking receives, and the one who keeps seeking finds, and to the one who keeps knocking, it will be opened.

9 "Or is there a man among you whose child will ask him for a loaf, who will give him a rock?

10 Or again, *if* he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

11 If you therefore, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him?

12 "In all things, then, whatever you would want people to do to you, this you also should do to them, for this is the meaning of the Law and the Prophets.

False Prophets

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. How wide the gate and broad the road that leads to destruction, and how many are those going through it!

14 How narrow the gate and troubled the road that leads to life, and how few are the ones finding it!

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15 "Be on your guard against false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

16 By their fruits you will find them out. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or sweet figs from thistles?

17 In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but the weed tree produces evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor a weed tree bear good fruit.

19 Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

20 Thus by their fruits you will find them out.

The Wise and Foolish Builders

21 "Not everyone saying to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one doing the will of my Father who is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'

23 And then I will declare to them on record: 'I have never known you. Away from me, you workers of lawlessness!'

24 "Everyone therefore who hears these words of mine and does them shall be likened to a prudent man who built his house on the bedrock.

25 And the rain came down, and the rivers came up, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

26 "And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them shall be likened to a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

27 And the rain came down and the rivers came up and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was its fall."

28 And it came about that when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,

29 for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not like their Torah scholars.

Chapter 8

A Man With Leprosy

1 And when he came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him.

2 And behold, a leper approached and worshiped him, saying, "Lord, if you are willing, you are able to cleanse me."

3 And stretching out his hand, he touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4 And Jesus says to him, "See that you tell no one. But go instead and show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

The Faith of the Centurion

5 And when he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him entreating him,

6 and saying, "My servant is laid up in the house a paralytic, being tormented terribly."

7 He says to him, "I will come and heal him."

8 But the centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that you enter under my roof. But just say a word, and my servant will be healed.

9 For I too am a man under authority, having soldiers under myself. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does."

10 And Jesus was astonished hearing this, and he said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found faith like this from anyone in Israel.

11 And I tell you, many will come from east and west, and will recline with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But natural heirs of the kingdom will be cast into the outer darkness; out there will be weeping, and gnashing of teeth."

13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go. As you believed let it be for you." And in that hour the servant was healed.

Jesus Heals Many

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14 And coming into Peter's house, Jesus saw *Peter's* mother-in-law bedridden and fever-stricken.

15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and began to wait on him.

16 And when evening came, they brought to him many who were demon-possessed, and he drove out the spirits with a word. And all those who had an illness he healed,

17 so that the thing spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled, which says:

"Our infirmities he picked up,
and our diseases he carried."

The Cost of Following Jesus

18 But when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave the order to leave to the other side of the lake.

19 And one Torah scholar approached him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

20 And Jesus says to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere he can lay his head."

21 And another *man*, one of the disciples, said to him, "Lord, allow me first to leave and bury my father."

22 But Jesus says to him, "You follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."

Jesus Calms the Storm

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23 And his disciples followed him as he embarked in the boat.

24 And behold a great storm arose in the sea, such that the boat was getting covered over by the waves. But he himself was sleeping.

25 And coming up to him, they roused him, saying, "Lord, save *us!* We are perishing!"

26 And he says to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then, once he was up, he rebuked the wind and the sea, and there came a complete calm.

27 And the men marveled, saying, "What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

The Legion of Demons Near Gergesa

28 And when he came to the other side to the region of the Gergesenes, two men coming out of the tombs met him, demon-possessed, extremely dangerous, such that no one was able to pass that way.

29 And behold they cried out saying, "What business do you have with us, O Jesus, you Son of God? Have you come here to torture us before the time?"

30 Now some distance from them there was a herd of many pigs feeding.

31 And the demons begged him saying, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs."

32 And he said to them, "Go!" So coming out they went into the pigs; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and died in the waters.

33 And the herders fled. And when they had gone into the town they reported all things, including the things about the demon-possessed men.

34 And behold all the town came out to have a meeting with Jesus. And when they saw him they begged him that he would move out of their borders.

Chapter 9

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

1 And embarking in a boat, he crossed over and came into his own town.

2 And behold they brought to him a paralytic placed on a mat. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

3 And behold, some of the Torah scholars said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!"

4 And knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you think evil things in your hearts?"

5 For which is easier: to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say: 'Get up and walk'?

6 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." Then he says to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go to your house."

7 And he stood up and went away to his house.

8 After seeing this, the crowd feared and praised the God who had given such authority to humans.

The Calling of Matthew

9 And moving on from there, Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the taxes post, and he says to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

10 And it came about that Jesus and his disciples were reclining at table in the house of *Matthew*, and behold a large crowd of revenue agents and sinners came and were eating with them.

11 And seeing this the Pharisees said to his disciples, "Why does your rabbi eat with revenue agents and sinners?"

12 But he heard, and said, "The healthy have no need of a doctor, but only those who have something bad do.

13 But go learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Jesus Questioned About Fasting

14 Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why is it we and the Pharisees are fasting, but your disciples are not fasting?"

15 And Jesus said to them, "Are the members of the bridegroom's party able to mourn while the bridegroom is with them? But days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them; and then they will fast.

16 "Now no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth onto an old garment. For the patch of it tears away from the garment, and a worse tear results.

17 Neither do they put new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine skins will burst, the wine will spill out, and the wine skins will be ruined. Rather, they put new wine into new wine skins, and both are preserved."

A Dead Damsel and a Sick Woman

18 While he was speaking these things to them, behold a certain ruler came, prostrating himself to him, saying, "My daughter has just now died. But come and put your hand on her and she will revive."

19 And getting up Jesus followed him, including his disciples.

20 And behold a woman suffering a twelve year flow of blood came up behind *and* touched the tassel of his cloak.

21 For she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

22 And Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that time on.

23 And Jesus came into the ruler's house, and when he saw the flute players and the crowd in commotion,

24 he said, "Go your ways. For the maiden has not died but sleeps." And they laughed at him with scorn.

25 And when the crowd was put out, he went in and took hold of her hand, and the maiden was raised *from the dead*.

26 And this news went out into all that region.

Jesus Heals the Blind and Mute

27 And as Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying out and saying, "Have mercy on us, O Son of David!"

28 And when 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."

29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be done for you."

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus warned them sternly, saying, "See that no one knows about this."

31 But they went out and spread the news about him throughout that whole region.

32 And as they were going out, behold a mute who was demon-possessed was brought to him.

33 And when the demon was expelled, the mute spoke. The crowd was amazed, and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!"

34 But the Pharisees said, "By the prince of the demons he expels the demons."

The Workers Are Few

35 And Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

36 And when he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd: harried and laid down in resignation.

37 Then he says to his disciples, "The harvest is truly plentiful, but the workers are few.

38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, that he send out workers into his harvest."

Chapter 10

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

1 And calling forward his twelve disciples, he gave them authority over unclean spirits, so as to expel them, and to heal every disease and every illness.

2 And these are the names of the twelve apostles: First, Simon, the one called Peter, and his brother Andrew; and James the son of Zebedee and John his brother;

3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the revenue agent; James son of Halphaeus and Thaddaeus;

4 Simon from Cana and Judas of Kerieth, the one who also betrayed him.

5 These Twelve Jesus sent out, giving orders to them, saying: "Do not go down a Gentile road, and do not enter a town of Samaritans.

6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 And as you go, preach saying: 'The kingdom of heaven has drawn near.'

8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out the demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

9 Pack neither gold nor silver nor copper in your belts,

10 neither a bag for the trip, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for the worker is worthy of his food.

11 "And whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave.

12 But when entering the house, greet it.

13 And if indeed the house is worthy, let your peace arrive upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whoever does not welcome you or listen to your words, go outside that house or town and shake the dust off your feet.

15 Truly I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more bearable for the land of Sodom and the land of Gomorrah, than for that town.

16 "Behold, I am sending you out like sheep in the midst of wolves. Be shrewd as snakes therefore, yet innocent as doves.

17 And be on your guard against people. For they will hand you over to councils, and they will flog you in their synagogues.

18 And also before governors and kings you will be brought, because of me, to be a testimony to them and to the nations.

19 But when they arrest you, do not worry how or what you might say. For it will be given to you at that hour what you should say;

20 because you are not the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father is the one speaking, through you.

21 "And brother will betray brother to death, and a father a child; and children will rise up against parents and put them to death.

22 And you will be hated by all because of my name, but the one who endures to the end, this one will be saved.

23 But when they persecute you in this town, flee to a new one; for truly I tell you, you will not finish *all* the towns of Israel before the Son of Man has come.

24 "A disciple is not above the rabbi, nor a servant above his lord.

25 It is sufficient for the disciple that he become like his rabbi, and the servant like his lord. If the head of the house has been called Baal-zibbul, how much more the members of his household.

26 "So do not fear them. For there is nothing veiled that will not be unveiled, or hidden that will not be made known.

27 What I say to you in the dark, you are to say in the light; and what you hear *whispered* into your ear, you are to proclaim on the housetops.

28 And do not fear because of those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul. But do fear on the other hand the one who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

30 And as for you, even the hairs of your heads are all numbered.

31 So fear not; you matter more than many sparrows.

32 "Everyone therefore who shall acknowledge me before people, I also shall acknowledge them before my Father in heaven.

33 And whoever disowns me before people, I also shall disown that person before my Father in heaven.

34 "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35 For I have come to turn
" 'a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her
mother-in-law—

36 a man's enemies will be
members of his own household.

37 "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me;
and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

38 and the one who does not take up his cross and follow behind me is
not worthy of me.

39 The person who finds his life will lose it, and the one who loses his
life for my sake will find it.

40 "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives
the one who sent me.

41 He who receives a prophet because of the title of prophet will receive
a prophet's reward, and he who receives a righteous one because of the
title of righteous one will receive a righteous one's reward.

42 Truly I tell you, whoever gives even just a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because of the title of disciple, will certainly not lose his reward."

Chapter 11

Jesus and John the Baptizer

1 And it came about that when Jesus had finished giving orders to his twelve disciples, he removed himself from there to teach and preach in their towns.

2 And when John was hearing in prison about the works of Christ, he, sending *word* through his disciples,

3 said to him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect another?"

4 And in answer, Jesus said to them, "Go and report back to John what things you are hearing and seeing:

5 The blind see again and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised and the good news is preached to the poor.

6 And *tell him*, 'Blessed be whoever is not offended on account of me.' "

7 And as they were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed being swayed to and fro by the wind?

8 On the contrary, what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in delicate finery? Behold, those wearing delicate finery are in kings' houses.

9 On the contrary, what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes indeed I tell you, and more than a prophet.

10 This is the one about whom it is written:

'Behold, I am sending my messenger
before your face,
who will prepare your way
before you.'

11 Truly I tell you: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptizer. But the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 And from the days of John the Baptizer until now, the kingdom of heaven has been aggressively advancing, and the aggressive are seizing it.

13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John.

14 And if you are willing to receive *it*, he is the Elijah who was to come.

15 Let the one who has ears, hear."

16 "To what, then, shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplace, calling out to the others, saying:

17 " 'We played the flute for you,
and you didn't dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you didn't mourn.'

18 For John the Baptizer came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold a glutton and a wino, a friend of revenue agents and sinners.' Well, wisdom is vindicated by her works."

Woe on Unrepentant Cities

20 Then he began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles had occurred, because they had not repented:

21 "Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that happened in you had taken place in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 Regardless, I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.

23 And you, Capernaum, which has been lifted up to heaven, you will be cast down to Hades. Because if the miracles that happened in you had taken place in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

24 Regardless, I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."

Rest for the Weary

25 At that time Jesus continued, and said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the sophisticated and learned, and revealed them to little children.

26 Yes, Father, for it was pleasing this way in your sight.

27 "All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Chapter 12

Lord of the Sabbath

1 At that time Jesus on a Sabbath was going through the grain fields. And his disciples were hungry, and began to pluck and eat some heads of grain.

2 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look! Your disciples are doing what on a Sabbath is not permissible to do!"

3 And he said to them, "Have you not read what David did, when he and those with him were hungry?"

4 How he entered the house of God, and the loaves of offering he ate, which for him was not permissible to eat, neither for those with him, but only for the priests?

5 Or haven't you read in the Torah that on the Sabbath the priests can, in the temple, desecrate the Sabbath, and yet are innocent?

6 And I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.

7 But if you had known what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent.

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8 For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

9 And going on from that place, he went into their synagogue,

10 and behold, a man with a shriveled hand. And they questioned him, in order that they might accuse him, saying, "Is it permissible to heal on the Sabbath?"

11 Then he said to them, "Is there anyone among you who, if he has one sheep, and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift?

12 And how much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! Therefore, it is permissible to do good on the Sabbath."

13 Then he says to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out, and it was restored, just as sound as the other.

14 And the Pharisees went out and began to plot against him, as to how they might kill him.

Crowds Follow Jesus

15 But being aware of this, Jesus departed from there, and many crowds followed him, and he healed them all,

16 and ordered them not to make him manifest,

17 so that the thing spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled, which says:

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 announce
righteous judgment
to the nations.

19 He will not quarrel or cry out;
nor will anyone hear his voice in
the streets.

20 A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will
not snuff out,
till he leads righteous judgment
to victory.

21 And in his name the Gentiles will
put their hope."

Jesus and Baalzibbul

22 Then a demonized man who was blind and mute was brought to him,
and he healed him so that the mute man spoke and saw.

23 And all the multitudes were astonished and said, "Could this be the
Son of David?"

24 But when the Pharisees heard *this*, they said, "Only by Ba'al-zibbul,
the ruler of the demons, is this fellow driving out the demons."

25 But knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided
against itself will be desolated, and every city or house divided against
itself will not stand.

26 And if Satan is driving out Satan, he is divided against himself, so how will his kingdom stand?

27 "And if I am driving out the demons by Baal-zibbul, by whom are your disciples driving them out? Therefore, they will be your judges.

28 But if I am driving out the demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

29 "Or how can anyone enter the house of the strong man and carry away his things, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

30 "The person who is not with me is against me, and the one who does not gather with me is scattering.

31 "Therefore I tell you, all kinds of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy of the Spirit will not be forgiven.

32 And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, that will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the one to come.

33 "Either call the tree good and its fruit good, or call the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit.

34 "You spawn of vipers, how are you able to speak good things, since you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

35 The good person brings forth good things out of his treasure of good, and the evil person brings forth evil out of his treasure of evil.

36 And I tell you, every idle word which human beings will speak, they will have to give an explanation for it on the day of judgment.

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37 For out of your words you will be justified, and out of your words you will be condemned."

The Sign of Jonah

38 Then some of the Torah scholars and Pharisees responded to him saying, "Teacher, we want to see a miraculous sign from you."

39 But he answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign. And no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the huge sea creature, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 "Men of Nineveh will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

42 The Queen of the South will be resurrected at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

43 "Now when an unclean spirit comes out from a human being, it goes through water less places, seeking rest, and does not find it.

44 Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it arrives, it finds the house standing empty, swept clean and put in order.

45 Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter inside and live there. And the final condition of that

human is worse than the first. That is also how it will be with this evil generation."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

46 While he was still speaking to the crowd, behold, his mother and brothers had been standing outside, wanting to talk to him.

47 And someone said to him, "Behold, your mother and your brothers have been standing outside, wanting to talk to you."

48 And he replied to the one who informed him, and said, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"

49 And extending his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Behold, my mother and my brothers.

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

Chapter 13

The Parable of the Sower

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the lake.

2 And such large crowds gathered around him, he got into a boat to sit in it, and all the people stood on the shore.

3 And he spoke many things to them in parables, and said: "Behold, the sower went out to sow.

4 And as he sowed, some *seed* fell beside the way, and the birds came and ate them up.

5 And other *seed* fell on the rocky spots, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, because it did not have depth of soil.

6 And when the sun came up, it was scorched, and because it had no root, it dried up.

7 And others fell on the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

8 And others fell on the good soil, and yielded fruit, one a hundredfold, the other sixty, and another thirty.

9 Let the one who has ears, hear."

The Parable of the Sower Explained

10 And the disciples came to him and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"

11 And he answered and said, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.

12 For to the one who has, it will be given, and he will have an abundance. As for the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

13 For this reason I speak to them in parables, that
'Though looking they do not see,
and though listening
they neither hear nor understand.'

14 In them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:
'With an ear you will hear

and never understand;
and looking, you will see,
and not at all perceive.

15 For this people's heart
has become impervious;
they hardly hear with the ears,
and they have shut up their eyes,
lest they see with the eyes
and hear with the ears
and understand with the heart,
and turn,
and I would heal them.'

16 "But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears, because they hear.

17 For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous ones longed to see what you are seeing, but did not see it, and to hear what you are hearing, but did not hear it.

18 "Hear then the parable of the sower:

19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the *seed* sown beside the way.

20 And what was sown on the rocky spots, this is someone who hears the word and immediately with joy receives it.

21 But having no root in himself, he is alive only a short time. For when tribulation comes, or persecution because of the word, he quickly falls away.

22 And what was sown in the thorns, this is someone who hears the word, and the worry of the world, and the seductiveness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

23 And what was sown on the good soil, this is someone who hears the word and understands, who does bear fruit and produces; one a hundredfold, the other sixty, and another thirty."

The Parable of the Look-alike Weeds

24 He put before them another parable, as follows: "The kingdom of heaven is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field.

25 But while the people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed zizania in between the wheat, and went away.

26 And when the wheat grass had sprung up and formed seed, at that same time the zizania became apparent.

27 "So the owner's servants came to him and said to him, 'Sir, you sowed good seed in your field, did you not? How then does it have zizania?'

28 "And he said to them, 'A hateful person did this.'

"And the servants say to him, 'Do you want us to go out, then, and collect them?'

29 "But he says, 'No, in case while collecting the zizania you uproot the wheat along with them.

30 Leave both to grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will tell the reapers: Collect the zizania first and tie them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

31 Another parable he put before them, and said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a person took and sowed in his garden,

32 which indeed is smaller than all the seeds, but when it grows, it becomes a tree, larger than all the herbs, such that the birds of the sky come and nest in its branches."

33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and buried into three measures of dough, until the whole *batch* was leavened."

34 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds in parables; indeed he said nothing to them without a parable,

35 so that the thing spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, which says:

"I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden
since the creation of the world."

The Parable of the Look-alike Weeds Explained

36 Then, leaving the crowds, he went into the house. And his disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of zizania in the field."

37 And he answered and said, "The one sowing the good seed is the Son of Man,

38 and the field is the world, and the good seed, these are the children of the kingdom. The zizania are the children of the evil one,

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39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

40 "And as the zizania are collected and consumed by fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all the things that lead to sin and those who practice lawlessness;

42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire. There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth.

43 At that time, the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let the one who has ears, hear.

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which when a man found it, he hid it *again*. Then out of his joy he goes and sells what things he has, and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant who was looking for fine pearls.

46 And when he found a single valuable pearl, he went away and sold every thing that he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net cast into the sea and catching every kind of fish,

48 which when full, the fishers pulled up onto the shore, and sitting down, they collected the good *kinds* into baskets, but threw away the bad.

49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go forth and will separate the evil ones from out of the midst of the righteous,

50 and throw them into the furnace of fire. There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth."

51 Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They are saying to him, "Yes, Lord."

52 And he said to them, "Therefore every Torah scholar disciplined into the kingdom of heaven is like a person who owns a house, who puts forward out of his treasure room items both new and old."

A Prophet Without Honor

53 And it came about that when Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there.

54 And coming into his home town, he taught them in their synagogue, such that they were astounded, and said, "Where did this *man* get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?

55 Isn't this the son of the carpenter? Isn't his mother named Mary, and his brothers Jacob and Joseph and Simon and Judah?

56 And aren't all his sisters here with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

57 And they were offended by him.

And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his home town, and among his relatives."

58 And he did not do many miracles there, because of their unbelief.

Chapter 14

John the Baptizer Beheaded

1 At that time, Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus,

2 and said to his attendants, "This is John the Baptizer! He is risen from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him!"

3 Now Herod had arrested John, and bound him, and put him away in prison, because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.

4 For John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."

5 And though wanting to kill him, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet.

6 And when Herod's birthday celebration took place, the daughter of Herodias danced among them, and she pleased Herod;

7 for which reason he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask for.

8 So after being instructed by her mother, she says, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptizer."

9 Though greatly distressed, the king because of his words of oath and those reclining with him, commanded that it be given,

10 and sent orders and beheaded John in the prison.

11 And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she carried it to her mother.

12 And his disciples came and took the corpse and buried him. Then they went and told Jesus.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

13 And hearing *this*, Jesus went away from there, in a boat, to a remote place by himself. And the crowds heard, and followed him on foot from the towns.

14 And when he got out, he saw the large crowd, and was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

15 Now as evening came on, the disciples came to him, saying, "The place is remote, and the hour is already late. Therefore, dismiss the crowds, so they can go away into the villages and buy food for themselves."

16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them *something* to eat."

17 But they are saying to him, "We have nothing here except five loaves and two fish."

18 And he said, "Bring them here to me."

19 And having directed the crowds to recline on the grass, he takes the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed *God*. And after he broke the loaves, he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds.

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20 And all ate and were satisfied. And they picked up the extra of the fragments, twelve large baskets full.

21 Now the ones eating were about five thousand men, without women and children.

Jesus Walks on the Water

22 And he immediately ordered his disciples to get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he would dismiss the crowds.

23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the mountain by himself to pray. And as evening came on he was alone there.

24 The boat was now in the middle of the lake, being battered by the waves, because the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night he went out toward them, walking on the lake.

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, "It's a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

27 Jesus immediately spoke to them and said: "Take heart, it is I. Don't be afraid."

28 And Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water."

29 And he said, "Come."

And Peter got down out of the boat and walked on the water, and went toward Jesus.

30 But when he saw the violent wind, he became afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

31 And immediately Jesus reached out his hand and grabbed him, and says to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "You truly are the Son of God."

34 And once they had crossed over, they came ashore at Gennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent *word* into that whole area, and they brought to him all those who were sick.

36 And they were entreating him that they could just touch the tassel of his cloak; and as many as touched were completely healed.

Chapter 15

Clean and Unclean

1 Then some Pharisees and Torah scholars from Jerusalem come to Jesus, saying,

2 "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat."

3 And in response he said to them, "And you, why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?"

4 For God said, 'Honor father and mother' and 'The one who curses father or mother must be put to death.'

5 But you say, whoever says to father or mother: 'Whatever you might be owed from me is a gift *vowed to God*,'

6 he will not at all honor his father or his mother *with it*, and you have annulled the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

7 "You hypocrites! Isaiah has prophesied rightly about you, in saying,

8 " 'This people draw near to me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

9 They worship me in vain, teaching as Torah the decrees of human beings.'

10 And calling the crowd forward, he said to them, "Listen, and understand:

11 The thing entering into the mouth does not make a human being unclean, but rather the thing coming forth out of the mouth, that *is what* makes the human being unclean."

12 Then the disciples are coming to him and saying to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?"

13 And he in answer said, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

14 Leave them; they are blind leaders of the blind. And if a blind person leads a blind person, both will fall into a pit."

15 And in response Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us."

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16 And he said, "Are you also this unintelligent?"

17 Do you not understand that everything entering the mouth goes into the stomach, and then is ejected into the sewer?

18 But the things coming forth out of the mouth come from the heart, and those things make the human being unclean.

19 For out of the heart, come forth evil reasoning, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false testimony, slander.

20 Those are the things making the human being unclean; but the eating with unwashed hands, that does not make the human being unclean."

The Faith of the Canaanite Dog

21 And leaving there, Jesus departed to the areas of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And behold a Canaanite woman from those borders, after coming forward cried out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is suffering terribly from a demon."

23 But he answered not a word to her. So his disciples are coming to him and urging him, saying, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out behind us."

24 And in response *to her* he said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

25 But she comes and bows down to him saying, "Lord, help me."

26 And he in answer said, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

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

28 Then in answer Jesus said to her, "Oh, woman, great is your faith! Let it be for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

29 And when he departed from there, Jesus came near the Sea of Galilee; and having gone up into the mountain, he was sitting there.

30 And many large crowds came to him, having with them the lame, the cheiroplegic, the blind, the mute, and many others, and they laid them down at his feet, and he healed them,

31 causing the crowd to marvel, seeing the mute speaking, the impaired of hand whole, and the lame walking and the blind seeing, and they glorified the God of Israel.

32 And calling forward his disciples, Jesus said, "I feel for the crowd, because they have been staying with me three days now and do not have anything to eat. And to dismiss them without eating, I am not willing, lest they collapse on the journey."

33 And the disciples say to him, "Where in the desert could we obtain so many loaves of bread, enough to satisfy so large a crowd?"

34 And Jesus says to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few fish."

35 And having ordered the crowd to recline on the ground,

36 he took the seven loaves of bread and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke and gave to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds.

37 And all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments that were left over, seven full baskets.

38 Now the ones eating were four thousand men, apart from women and children.

39 And after he dismissed the crowd, he embarked in the boat, and went into the territory of Magadan.

Chapter 16

The Yeast of the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herod

1 And the Pharisees and Sadducees approach him, and testing *him*, they asked him to show them a sign from heaven.

2 But he in answer said to them, When evening comes, you say, 'Fair weather, the sky is red.'

3 And in the morning, 'Today, stormy weather, for the sky is red *and* threatening.' "You hypocrites. The face of the sky you know how to judge, but the signs of the times you are not able to?

4 "A wicked and adulterous generation demands a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah." And he left them *and* went away.

5 And when the disciples were going to the other side, they forgot to take bread loaves.

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6 And Jesus said to them, "Watch out. Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

7 And they were deliberating among themselves, saying, "We didn't bring bread loaves."

8 And Jesus knowing, said, "You of little faith, why are you reasoning among yourselves, 'We have no bread loaves'?"

9 Do you still not understand nor remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you picked up?

10 Nor the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you picked up?

11 How do you not understand that it was not about bread that I was speaking to you? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

12 Then they understood, that he had not meant they should be on their guard against yeast, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Peter's Confession of Messiah

13 And upon entering into the area of the Caesarea that was in Philip's jurisdiction, Jesus queried his disciples, saying, "Who are the people saying the Son of Man is?"

14 And they said, "Some, John the Baptizer; others, Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of The Prophets."

15 He says to them, "And you, who do you say I am?"

16 And Simon Peter answered, and said to him, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God."

17 And Jesus in response said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you, but my Father, who is in heaven.

18 And I also say to you, that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

19 And to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you declare to be forbidden on earth shall have been forbidden in heaven, and whatever you declare to be permitted on earth shall have been permitted in heaven."

20 Then he admonished the disciples, that they not tell anyone that he was Jesus the Christ.

Jesus Predicts His Death

21 From that point on, Jesus began to reveal to his disciples that he had to leave for Jerusalem, and suffer many things at the hands of the elders and chief priests and Torah scholars, and be killed, and on the third day rise again.

22 And after pulling Jesus aside, Peter began correcting him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This will never happen to you."

23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! A hindrance you are to me, because you are not considering the *concerns* of God, but the *concerns* of mortals."

24 Then, Jesus said to his disciples, "If someone wants to follow me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

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25 For whoever tries to keep his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, will find it.

26 For what will it gain a human being, if he acquires the whole world, but is penalized his soul? In other words, what will a human being pay, in trade for his soul?

27 For the Son of Man will soon come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then, he will pay back to each one, according to the way of life of each.

28 Truly I tell you, There are some of those present here, who will certainly not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingship."

Chapter 17

The Transfiguration

1 And after six days Jesus takes Peter, and James, and John his brother, and he is leading them up into a high mountain, by themselves.

2 And he was transfigured in front of them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became bright as the daylight.

3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Him.

4 And in response, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

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5 While he was still speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice from the cloud, saying as follows: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."

6 And when they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, and were extremely frightened.

7 And Jesus approached them, and after touching them reassuringly, he said, "Stand up, and do not be afraid."

8 And when they opened their eyes, they saw no one, except Jesus himself alone.

9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus was admonishing them, as follows: "Do not tell anyone about the vision, until such time the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

10 And the disciples queried him, as follows, "So why do the Torah scholars say that Elijah has to come first?"

11 In answer, he said, "Elijah does indeed come first, and will restore all things.

12 But I am telling you, that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did with him whatever they wished."

13 Then the disciples understood that he had spoken to them about John the Baptizer.

The Healing of a Boy Who Had an Evil Spirit

14 And when they had returned to the crowd, a man came up to him, falling to his knees,

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15 and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, because he is lunatic and suffering horribly. For example, he often falls into fire, and often into water.

16 And I brought him to your disciples, and they were not able to heal him."

17 And in answer, Jesus said, "O unbelieving and perverted generation! How long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to me."

18 And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon departed from him, and the child was healed from that time on.

19 At that time, the disciples came to him in private, and said, "Why were we not able to drive it out?"

20 And he says to them, "Because of your lack of faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith as *small as* a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. In fact, nothing will be impossible to you.

21 But this kind does not come out except with prayer and fasting."

22 And when they were gathering back together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of human beings,

23 and they will kill him, and during the third day he will rise again." And they were very sad.

The Two Drachma Tax

24 And when they arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two drachmas approached Peter, and they said, "Does your rabbi not pay the two drachmas?"

25 He says, "Yes *he does*."

And when Peter had come into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon: the kings of the earth, from whom do they collect toll and tribute— from their sons, or from others?"

26 And when he answered, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Alright then, the sons are free.

27 But, so that we not scandalize them, go to the lake, cast a hook, and the first fish that comes up, take, and when you have opened its mouth, you will find a four-drachma coin. Take that, and give it to them, as mine and yours."

Chapter 18

Who Is the Greatest?

1 In that same hour, the disciples approached Jesus, saying, "So who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2 And calling a child over, he stood him in the midst of them,

3 and he said, "I tell you truly: unless you change and become like little children, there is no way you will enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whoever therefore humbles himself like this child, that is the one who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 And whoever receives one little child such as this on the basis of my name, is receiving me.

More About Little Ones

6 As for that person through whom one of these little ones who believe in me might ever be scandalized, it would be better for that person that a mill stone be hung around his neck and be sunk in the bottom of the sea.

7 Woe to the world, because of those scandalizings. Certainly, the scandalizings are bound to come. Nevertheless, woe to the person through whom the scandalizing comes.

8 And if your hand or your foot scandalizes you, cut it off, and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life maimed and crippled, than to be thrown into everlasting fire, having both hands or both feet.

9 And if your eye scandalizes you, tear it out, and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life one-eyed, than be thrown into fiery Gehenna with two eyes.

10 See that you not despise or overlook even one of these little ones; for I tell you, in heaven their angels through it all are seeing the face of my Father who is in heaven.

11 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

12 What do you think? Suppose a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them is lost. Will he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountain, and go look for the one that is wandering?

13 And if he happens to find it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than the ninety-nine that were not lost.

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14 That is how undesirable it is, in the eyes of your Father in heaven, that *even* one of these little ones be lost.

A Brother Who Sins

15 Now if your brother sins against you, go show him his fault, just between you and him. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

16 But if he does not listen, take with you one or two others, so that 'upon the mouths of two or three witnesses every matter be established.'

17 And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the assembly. And if he refuses to listen to the assembly, he should be considered by you as no different than a gentile or a revenue agent.

18 Truly I tell you, whatever you *apostles* on earth declare to be forbidden, shall have been forbidden in heaven; and whatever you on earth declare to be permitted, shall have been permitted in heaven.

19 Again I say to you, if two of you on earth agree with one voice concerning any and all matters about which you make request, it will be brought about for you by my Father who is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

21 At that time Peter approached and said to him, "Lord, how many times shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus says to him, "I tell you, not up to seven times, but up to seventy [times] seven times.

23 "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man in ruling power who desired to settle accounts with his servants.

24 So he proceeded to settle, and had one of his debtors brought to him, one who owed him ten thousand talants.

25 But since he did not have the means to repay, the master ordered him to be sold as a slave, and also his wife and children and everything he had, and then to be paid back.

26 "The servant therefore fell down, and was entreating him, saying, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back everything.'

27 And moved with compassion, the master of that servant released him, and forgave his debt.

28 "But then after he went out, that servant found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and he seized him, and was choking him, saying, 'Pay me back everything you owe.'

29 "The fellow servant therefore fell down, and was begging him, saying, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

30 But he was not willing, and went and threw him into the debtors' prison, until such time he could pay back the debt.

31 "When therefore his fellow servants witnessed these events, they were extremely upset, and went and reported to their master everything that had happened.

32 Then summoning him, his master is saying to him, 'You wicked servant! All that debt of yours I forgave you, because you begged me.

33 Aren't you then also obligated to forgive your fellow servant, as I have forgiven you?'

34 "And in anger, his master handed him over to the jailers, until such time he could pay back everything he owed.

35 This is how my Father in heaven will act toward you also, unless you each forgive your brother from your heart."

Chapter 19

Jesus Tested on Divorce

1 And it came about that when Jesus had finished these discourses he departed from Galilee, and went into the region of Judea on the other side of the Jordan.

2 And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

3 And some Pharisees came to him, testing him, and saying, "Is it permitted for someone to release his wife for any cause at all?"

4 But in answer he said, "Have you never read, that from the beginning the creator made them male and female,

5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave father and mother, and be joined to his woman, and the two shall become one flesh'?

6 As a result, they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, no human being is allowed to separate."

7 They are saying to him, "Why then did Moses command to give a release of interest form in order to release?"

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8 He says to them, "Moses, in view of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to release your wives, though it is not originally designed this way.

9 But I tell you that whoever releases his wife, except upon grounds of fornication, and marries another, commits adultery, and whoever marries her who was released, commits adultery."

10 The disciples are saying to him, "If this is the situation of a man with a wife, it is not advisable to marry!"

11 And he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this word, but only those to whom it has been given.

12 For there are some who are eunuchs, who were born that way from their mother's womb. And there are some who are eunuchs who were made to be eunuchs by human beings. And there are some who are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The person who is able to receive this, should receive it."

The Little Children and Jesus

13 At that time, little children were brought to him, so that he might lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded them.

14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them. For of such is the kingdom of heaven."

15 And when he had laid hands on them, he moved on from there.

The Rich Young Ruler

16 And behold, someone came up to him and said, "Good Teacher, what good must I do so that I will inherit eternal life?"

17 And he said to him, "Why are you calling me good? No one is good except One, God. But if you want to enter eternal life, keep the commandments."

18 He says to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said to him, "Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony,

19 honor your father and your mother,' and, love your neighbor as yourself."

20 The young man says to him, "All these I have kept. What am I still missing?"

21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go sell your possessions and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and then come follow me."

22 But when the young man heard this statement, he went away regretting, for he was owner of much property.

23 And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I say to you, the rich will get into the kingdom of heaven with great difficulty.

24 And again, I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich person to enter into the kingdom of God."

25 And when they heard *this*, the disciples were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

26 And Jesus looked at them, and said to them, "With human beings, this is impossible; but with God, all things are possible."

27 Then Peter answered and said to him, "Look how we have left everything, and followed you. What then will there be for us?"

28 And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, you who are hearing me: In the new beginning, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, 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 fathers or mothers or children or lands for the sake of my name, will receive a hundred times as much, and inherit eternal life.

30 But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."

Chapter 20

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

1 "Similar therefore is the kingdom of heaven to a landowner, who went out early in the morning to hire workers together into his vineyard.

2 And he came to an agreement with the workers, of a denarius a day, *and* sent them into his vineyard.

3 And when he went away, about the third hour, he saw others, standing in the market place idle.

4 To them also he said, "You also go out into my vineyard, and whatever is right, I will give you."

5 So they left. And again, he went away about the sixth hour and also the ninth hour, *and* did the same thing.

6 And about the eleventh hour he went away and found others standing, and he says to them, "Why are you standing here the whole day idle?"

7 They say to him, "Because no one has hired us."
He says to them, "You also go out into my vineyard. And whatever is right, that you will receive."

8 And when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard says to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting from the last ones, to the first ones."

9 And those who had arrived at about the eleventh hour, each received a denarius.

10 And the ones who had arrived first expected to receive more, yet they received a denarius each themselves.

11 So they got together and were complaining to the landowner,

12 saying, "These last ones worked one hour, and you have treated them the same as us who have borne the burden of the *whole* day, and the scorching heat."

13 And he in answer to one of them said, 'Friend, I am not doing you wrong. Did you not agree to a denarius with me?

14 Take what is yours and go your way. So this is what I want to give to the last ones, as I also gave to you.

15 Is it not permissible for me to do what I want with things that are mine? Or is your eye evil because I am generous?'

16 Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last. For many are called, but few are chosen."

Jesus Again Predicts His Death

17 And as he was going up to Jerusalem, Jesus took the Twelve aside in private, and said to them on the way,

18 "Behold we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man is going to be betrayed to the chief priests and the Torah scholars, and they will condemn him to death.

19 And he will be handed over to the Gentiles, to be ridiculed and crucified, and during the third day he will rise again."

A Mother's Request

20 At that time, the mother of the sons of Zebedee approached him, along with her sons. She is worshiping him and asking a favor from him.

21 And he said to her, "What do you want?" She says to him, "Decree that these two sons of mine sit one on the right and one on the left of you in your kingdom."

22 But in answer Jesus said, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup which I am about to drink, or to be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" They say to him, "We are able."

23 He says to them, "My cup you will indeed drink, and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit on my right or on my left is not mine to grant, but is only for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

24 And when the *other* ten heard, they were upset about the two brothers.

25 And Jesus, calling them to him, said, "You know that the rulers among the nations lord it over them, and the great ones exercise authority over them.

26 It shall not be so among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you shall be your servant,

27 and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave.

28 Just 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 Beggars Receive Their Sight

29 And as they were leaving Jericho, very large crowds were following them.

30 And behold, two blind men sitting alongside the road, when they hear that Jesus is passing by, they cry out, saying, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!"

31 But the crowd scolded them, that they should be quiet. But they cried out the more, saying, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!"

32 And Jesus stopped, and called out to them and said, "What do you want me to do for you?"

33 They are saying to him, "Lord, that our eyes be opened."

34 And feeling sorry for them, Jesus touched their eyes, and immediately they saw, and they followed him.

Chapter 21

The Triumphal Entry

1 And when they drew near to Jerusalem and arrived at Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, at that time Jesus sent two disciples,

2 telling them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied up, and her colt with her. Untie *them* and bring *them* to me.

3 And if anyone says anything to you, say, "The Lord needs them, and will send them right back."

4 Now this happened so that what was spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled, which says,

5 "Say to the Daughter of Zion:
'Behold, your king is coming to you meek,
and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

6 And those disciples went, and did just as they were instructed by Jesus.

7 They brought the donkey and the colt, and placed their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

8 And the large crowd of people spread their garments out on the road; and some were cutting branches off the trees and spreading *those* on the road.

9 And the crowd proceeding ahead of him, and those following after, were shouting out as follows:

"Hosha na to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosha na in the highest!"

10 And when he came into Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"

11 And the crowds would say, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth, Galilee."

Jesus Clears the Temple

12 And Jesus went into the temple, and he threw out all the ones who were selling or buying in the temple. And the tables of the money changers he overturned, and the seats of the ones selling doves.

13 And he says to them, "It is written:

'My house shall be called

a house of prayer';

but you are making it

'a den of thieves.'"

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

15 But when the chief priests and the Torah scholars saw the wonders that he performed, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosha na to the Son of David," they were indignant,

16 and they said to him, "Do you hear what they are saying?!"

And Jesus says to them, "Yes. Have you never read,

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'Out of the mouths of children and those still nursing you have arranged for yourself praise'?"

17 And he left them, and went outside the city, to Bethany, and found lodging there.

The Withered Fig Tree

18 And early in the morning, as he was on his way back to the city, he was hungry.

19 And when he saw a lone fig tree by the road, he went up to it. And he found nothing on it but only leaves. And he says to it, "May there never be fruit from you again." And immediately the fig tree withered.

20 And when the disciples saw this they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree immediately wither?"

21 And in answer Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith, and do not second guess, not only will you do something like the fig tree, but also should you say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' it would happen.

22 In fact anything whatsoever that you ask for in prayer believing, you will receive."

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

23 And after he had come into the temple, as he was teaching, the high priests and the elders of the people approached, saying, "By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you the authority for these things?"

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24 And in answer Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question, which if you answer me, I will then tell you by what authority I do these things.

25 The baptism of John, where was it from, from heaven, or from human beings?"

So they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Then why didn't you believe in him?'

26 And if we say, 'From human beings,' we fear the people, for they all hold John as a prophet."

27 And they in answer said to Jesus, "We do not know."

So he also told them, "Neither am I telling you by what authority I am doing these things."

The Parable of the Two Sons

28 "So what do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first son *and* said, 'Son, go work in the vineyard today.'

29 And he in answer said, 'I will not,' but with a subsequent change of heart, he went.

30 And he went to the other son *and* said the same thing. And he in answer said, 'I will, sir,' and did not go.

31 Who of the two performed the will of the father?"

They are saying, "The first one."

Jesus says to them, "Truly I say to you: the revenue agents and prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God before you.

32 For John came to you with the way of righteousness, and you did not believe in him. The revenue agents and prostitutes, however, did believe

in him. And you when you saw that, neither did you subsequently have a change of heart and believe in him."

The Parable of the Tenants

33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, and he put a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower, and leased it out to tenant farmers, and journeyed away.

34 And when the time of harvest had drawn near, he sent servants of his to the farmers, to take his fruit.

35 And this is the reception the farmers gave his servants: one they flogged, another they killed, another they stoned.

36 Again he sent other servants, more than before, and they treated them the same way.

37 So finally he sent his own son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.'

38 But the farmers when they saw the son said to each other, 'This is the heir. Hey, let's kill him, and his inheritance will be ours.'

39 And they took him and cast him outside the vineyard and killed him.

40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers?"

41 They are saying to him, "He will kill those creeps catastrophically, and give the vineyard to other farmers, who will pay him back the fruits in their seasons."

42 Jesus says to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures,
" 'A stone which the builders rejected,
this one has become
the chief cornerstone.
From the Lord this came about,
and it is marvelous
in our eyes'?"

43 Therefore I say to you, that the kingdom of God will be taken away
from you, and given to a nation producing its fruit.

44 And the person who trips over that stone will be broken into pieces,
and upon whomever the stone falls, it will turn him into powder."

45 And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard this parable of
his, they knew that it was about them that he was speaking.

46 And though seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, since they
held him to be a prophet.

Chapter 22

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

1 And once again Jesus in response to them spoke by means of a
parable, saying,

2 "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king, who put on a
wedding feast for his son.

3 And he sent his servants to summon those who were invited to the
wedding, and they did not want to come.

4 Once more, he sent other servants, telling *them*, 'Say to those invited, "Look, my noon meal has been prepared, my bulls and fattened animals are slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come now to my wedding feast."

5 But they disregarded this and went off, one to his own field, another on his trade route,

6 and others of them captured his servants, and insulted and killed them.

7 And the king became angry, and sending his soldiers, he slew those murderers, and burned their city.

8 Then, he says to his servants, 'Seeing as how my wedding feast is ready, and the ones invited were not worthy,

9 go out therefore onto the crossings of the roads, and whoever you find, invite them to the wedding feast."

10 So going out into the roads, those servants gathered everyone that they could find, both the evil and the good. And so the wedding hall was filled with guests reclining.

11 Now when the king went in to observe the ones reclining, he saw there a man who was not dressed in wedding clothes.

12 And he says to him, 'Friend, how is it you have come in here without having wedding clothes?' And he was speechless.

13 Then the king said to his servants, 'Bind his feet and hands, and throw him outside, into the outer darkness; there, there will be weeping, and gnashing of teeth.'

14 For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Paying the Tribute Tax to Caesar

15 Then the Pharisees left, and plotted how they might entrap him in a saying.

16 And they send disciples of theirs to him, along with Herodians, saying as follows, "Teacher, we know that you are honest, and that you teach the way of God with integrity, and it makes no difference to you about anyone, for you pay no attention to the personage of people.

17 Tell us then, what do you think? Is it permissible to pay the tribute to Caesar, or not?"

18 But aware of their evil, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?

19 Show me the coinage used for the tribute." And they brought him a denarius.

20 And he says to them, "Whose image is this, and whose inscription?"

21 They say to him, "Caesar's."

Then he says to them, "So Caesar's things you give back to Caesar, and God's things to God."

22 And when they heard *this*, they were amazed, and they left him, *and* went away.

Marriage at the Resurrection

23 During that same day, Sadducees approached him, (Sadducees say there is no resurrection), and they questioned him

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24 as follows: "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies without having a child, his brother shall marry the man's wife, and raise up descendants for his brother.'

25 Well, there were seven brothers near us, and the first one after marrying, died, and since he had no descendant, his brother took his wife.

26 And it was the same with the second, and the third, up till and including all the seven.

27 And last of all, the woman died.

28 In the resurrection, then, of which of the seven will she be wife? For all of *them* had her."

29 And in answer Jesus said to them, "You are mistaken, from not knowing either the scriptures or the power of God.

30 For in the resurrection, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels in heaven.

31 Now about the resurrection of the dead, have you never read the declaration to you from God, where he says,

32 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

33 And when the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

The Weightiest Commandment

34 And when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together on that same *place*,

35 and one of them, a lawyer, questioned him, testing him:

36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?"

37 And he told him, "'You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.'

38 This is the greatest and primary commandment.

39 And the second one is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Whose Son is the Messiah?

41 And as long as the Pharisees were collected together, Jesus questioned them,

42 saying: "What do you all think about the Christ— whose son is he?" They are saying, "David's."

43 He says, "How is it then that David, by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

44 'Yahweh said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand until such time I put your enemies under your feet."

45 So, since David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"

46 And no one was able to answer this argument, nor did anyone from that day on dare ask him anything *else*.

Chapter 23

Jesus Denounces the Rabbis

1 Then Jesus spoke to the crowd and to his disciples,

2 saying, "The Torah scholars and Pharisees took the seat of Moses;

3 therefore whatever they say to you, you should do and keep, but not according to their works should you do. For they say and don't do.

4 But they bind heavy loads and place them on the backs of the people, but they themselves would not budge them with a finger of theirs.

5 But every act of theirs they do with the goal to be seen by people; for they enlarge their phylacteries, and lengthen their tassels;

6 and they love the places of honor in the banquets, and the prominent seats in the synagogues

7 and the greetings in the marketplaces and to be called Rabbi by the people.

8 But you, you should not be called Rabbi, because there is only one teacher for you, and you are all brothers.

9 And call no *one* on earth your father, because there is only one father for you, the heavenly one.

10 Neither should you be called Teacher, because your teacher is the Messiah.

11 But the greatest among you shall be your servant.

12 And whoever promotes himself will be lowered, and whoever lowers himself will be promoted.

13 Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, you hypocrites! For you close the kingdom of heaven in people's faces; you yourselves do not enter, and neither do you allow those who are entering to enter.

14 Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, you hypocrites! For you devour the houses of widows, and for a front, make lengthy prayers. Because of this, you will receive a greater condemnation.

15 Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, you hypocrites! Because you traverse sea and land to make one convert, and when it happens, you make him twice the son of Gehenna that you are.

16 Woe to you, you blind guides, that say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, that is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obligated.'

17 O you blind fools! For which is greater— the gold, or the temple that makes the gold something holy?

18 Or that say, 'Whoever swears by the altar, that is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that lies upon it, he is obligated.'

19 O you blind *men*! For which is greater— the gift, or the altar that makes the gift something holy?

20 It follows therefore, that when you swear by the altar, you are swearing by it AND everything that lies upon it,

21 and when you swear by the temple, you are swearing by it AND by the One residing in it.

22 And when you swear by heaven, you are swearing by the throne of God AND by him who sits on it.

23 Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, you hypocrites! For you tithe the mint and dill and cumin, and have passed over more important matters of the law— justice, mercy and faith. But these latter you ought to practice, without leaving the former undone.

24 You blind guides, straining out a gnat, but swallowing a camel!

25 Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, you hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and dish, but the inside is full of grabbiness and intemperance.

26 O blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup, such that the outside will be clean as well.

27 Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, you hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, that sparkle beautifully on the outside, but inside are full of bones of the dead and all sorts of unclean things.

28 So you also, outside you appear to people as righteous, but inside you are loaded up with hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29 Woe to you, Torah scholars and Pharisees, you hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and decorate the graves of the righteous,

30 and you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our forefathers we would not have been parties to the blood of the prophets.'

31 By so saying, you are bearing witness against yourselves, that you are sons of the murderers of the prophets.

32 You fill indeed the measure of your forefathers.

33 O you snakes, you spawn of vipers, how will you wiggle out of the sentence of Gehenna?

34 Therefore behold, I am sending to you prophets, and wise men, and Torah scholars; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town,

35 so that on you will come all of the blood of the righteous ever spilled upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you slaughtered between the sanctuary and the altar.

36 Truly I tell you, this will all fall upon this generation.

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that kills the prophets, and stones those sent to it! How often I have wished to gather together your children, as a hen gathers together her young under her wings, and you were not willing.

38 Now behold, your house will be left to you desolate.

39 For I tell you, from now on, me you will not see, until such time you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Chapter 24

Signs of the Times

1 And Jesus was proceeding on his way, and left the temple, and his disciples approached to show him the construction of the temple.

2 But in answer he said to them, "Do you see all these things? Truly I tell you, by no means will there be a stone left upon a stone that will not be thrown down."

3 Then as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, his disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?"

4 And in answer Jesus said to them, "See that no one misleads you.

5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will deceive many.

6 And you will hear about wars and rumors of wars. Do not be alarmed. For such are bound to happen, but the end is still not yet.

7 For nation will rise up against nation, and king against king, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

8 But all these are *just* the beginning of birth pains.

9 At that time they will deliver you over to trial, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name.

10 And then many will be scandalized, and others will betray and hate each other;

11 and many false prophets shall arise, and lead many astray.

12 And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold.

13 But the person who remains to the end, that one will be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth, for a witness to all nations, and then the end will come.

15 When therefore you see the abomination of desolation spoken of through the prophet Daniel being in the holy place, (Reader, think.)

16 then those in Judea should flee to the mountains,

17 the one on the rooftop should not come down to take things from his house,

18 and the person in the field should not turn back to take his coat.

19 And alas for those who are pregnant, and the ones giving milk during those days!

20 And pray that your flight not happen during winter or on a sabbath.

21 For there will be great distress then, of a sort that has not happened from the beginning of the world till now, nor ever will again.

22 And if those days had not been made short, no flesh would survive; but for the sake of the elect, those days will be short.

23 At that time, if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Messiah,' or 'There is the Messiah,' do not believe it.

24 For there shall arise many false prophets, and they will perform great signs and miracles, so as to deceive if possible, even the elect.

25 See, I have told you ahead of time.

26 If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, he is in the desert,' do not go out. Or, 'Behold, he is in a private room,' do not believe it.

27 For just as lightning comes out of the east and shines as far as the west, so shall the appearing of the Son of Man be.

28 Wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will be gathered.

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29 And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its glow, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the forces of the heavens will be shaken.

30 And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and at that time, all the tribes of the land will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with great power and great glory.

31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of sky to the other.

32 Now learn this parable from the fig tree: when its branch becomes tender and it puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

33 In the same way you also, when you see all these things, you know that *the time* is near, right at the door.

34 Truly I tell you: this age will by no means pass away until all these things have taken place.

35 Sky and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

The Day and Hour Unknown

36 But as for that day and hour, no one knows *it* except my Father alone; not even the angels of heaven.

37 For just like the days of Noah, that is how the coming of the Son of Man will be.

38 For just as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage, right up until the day that Noah entered the ark,

39 and they did not know *it* right up until the flood came and carried them away, that is how it will be with the coming of the Son of Man.

40 At that time, two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.

41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and the other left.

42 Be watchful therefore, because you do not know at what hour your Lord is coming.

43 But this you know: that if the home owner had known at what watch of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

44 For this reason you also must be the same: because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you would not think he would.

45 Who then is the faithful and sensible servant, whom the master places over his domestic servants, to be giving out rations in due time?

46 Happy is that servant whom his lord will find so doing when he comes.

47 Truly I tell you, he will place him over all his possessions.

48 But if that servant says in his heart, 'My lord is taking a long time,'

49 and his fellow servants he begins to slap around, but eats and drinks with the drunkards,

50 the lord of that servant will come at an hour he is not expecting, and at a time he does not know,

51 and will cut him in two, and appoint him his inheritance with the hypocrites. There, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Chapter 25

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

1 "At that time, the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who after grabbing their torches, went out for the meeting up with the bridegroom.

2 Now five of them were foolish, and five of them were wise.

3 For the foolish ones when they brought their torches, had not brought some oil along with them.

4 The wise, however, brought along with their torches, some oil in a container.

5 Now after the bridegroom was taking a long time, they all became drowsy, and fell asleep.

6 And in the middle of the night, there came a loud cry, 'Look, the bridegroom! Come out to join him.'

7 Then at that time, all those virgins woke up, and trimmed their torches.

8 And the foolish ones said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our torches are going out.'

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9 But the wise ones answered saying, 'There may not be enough for both us and you. Go to the vendors and buy more for yourselves.'

10 And while they were gone away to buy some, the bridegroom came, and the ones who were ready went in with him to the wedding, and then the door was locked.

11 And later on, the other virgins also arrive, and they are saying, 'Sir! Sir! Open *the door* for us.'

12 "But in response, he said, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'

13 You all should keep watch therefore; because you do not know the day or the hour the Son of man is coming."

The Parable of the Talants

14 "For it is like a man going away on a journey. He summoned his own servants, and handed his possessions over to them.

15 And to one he gave five talants, and to another two talants, and to another, one talant, each according to his own ability, and then he went abroad. Immediately,

16 the one who received the five talants went out and worked with them and gained five more.

17 Similarly, the one with the two, gained another two.

18 But the one who had received the one talant went out and dug a hole in the ground, and he hid his master's silver.

19 And after a long time, the lord of those servants returns, and he is settling accounts with them.

20 And when the one who had received the five talants came forward, he presented another five talants to him, saying, 'Lord, you entrusted to me five talants. Look, I have gained another five talants.'

21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; over much I will appoint you. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

22 And when the one *who had received* the two talants came forward, he said, 'Lord, you entrusted to me two talants. Look, I have gained another two talants.'

23 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; over much I will appoint you. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

24 But then when the one who had received the one talant came forward, he said, 'Lord, I knew you, that you are a hard man, who reaps where he has not sown, and gathers what he has not winnowed.'

25 And because I was afraid, I went out and hid your talant in the ground. See here, you still have what is yours.'

26 But in response, his master said to him, 'You wicked and idle servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather what I have not winnowed?'

27 Then you should have deposited my silver with the bankers, and when I returned I would recover what is mine with interest.

28 Now then, take the talant away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talants.

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29 For to everyone who has, *more* will be given, and he will have himself an abundance. But the person who does not have, even such that he has will be taken away from him.

30 And as for that worthless servant, cast him into the outer darkness. There, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The Sheep and the Goats

31 "And when the Son of Man returns in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne,

32 and all the nations will be brought together before him, and he will separate them one from the other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,

33 and he will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 Then, the king will say to the ones on his right, 'Come, you blessed by my Father, receive as your inheritance the kingdom that has been prepared for you since 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 traveling through, and you invited me in.

36 Naked, and you put clothes on me. Sick, and you came to look over me. I was in prison, and you came to visit with me.'

37 Then the righteous will answer him saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink?

38 And when did we see you a traveler and invite you in, or naked and put clothes on you?

39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and come to visit with you?'

40 "And in answer, the king will say, 'Truly I say to you, as many times as you have done those things to the least of these of my brethren, you have done *them* to me.'"

41 Then, he will say also to the ones on *his* left, 'Depart from me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'

42 For I was hungry, and you did not give me anything to eat. I was thirsty, and you did not give me a drink.

43 I was traveling through, and you did not invite me in. Naked, and you did not put clothes on me. Sick, or in prison, and you did not come and look over me.'"

44 Then those also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or traveling through or naked or sick or in prison and not minister to you?'"

45 Then he will answer them saying, 'Truly I say to you, as many times as you did not do those things to one of the least of these, you did not do them to me.'

46 And those he will send off into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life."

Chapter 26

The Plot Against Jesus

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1 And it came about that when Jesus had finished all these discourses, he said to his disciples,

2 "As you know, two days from now the Passover takes place, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

3 Then the chief priests gathered together, along with the elders of the people, in the courtyard of the high priest, whose name was Kaiapha;

4 and they came to the decision that they would capture Jesus by trickery and kill him.

5 "But," they were saying, "not in the festival, or there might be an uproar among the people."

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

6 Now once when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

7 a woman came to him holding an alabaster bottle of very expensive myrrh, and she poured it on his head as he was reclining.

8 And when the disciples saw this they were indignant, saying, "This is such waste, for what?"

9 Because this could have been sold for a lot of money, to be given to the poor."

10 But aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you causing trouble for this woman? For she has performed a good work in me.

11 For the poor you always have with you, but me you do not always have.

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12 For she did the pouring of this myrrh on my body to prepare me for burial.

13 Truly I tell you, wherever in the whole world this good news is preached, what this woman has done will also be spoken, in honorable remembrance of her."

14 At that time one of the twelve went to the high priests, the one called Judas of Kerioth,

15 and he said, "What will you give me to betray him to you?" And they placed out for him thirty pieces of silver.

16 And from then on, he was looking for a suitable time to betray him.

The Passover Supper

17 And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us getting the Passover meal ready for you to eat?"

18 And he said, "Go into the city to a certain person and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is near. I am doing Passover with you, along with my disciples.'""

19 And those disciples did as Jesus told them, and prepared the Passover.

20 And as evening was coming on, he was reclining with the Twelve.

21 And while he was eating with them he said, "Truly I say to you, one of you will betray me."

22 And deeply saddened, they began every single one to say to him, "It's not me, is it, Lord?"

23 And in answer he said, "The one who dips his hand with mine in the bowl, he is the one who will betray me.

24 The Son of Man is going just indeed like it is written about him, but nevertheless woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is being betrayed. It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

25 And in response, Judas, the one betraying him, said, "It's not me, is it Rabbi?"

26 And as they ate, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take and eat. This is my body."

27 And when he had taken the cup and given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it everyone.

28 For this is my blood of the new covenant, being shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.

29 And I say to you, I will certainly not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on, until that day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father."

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out toward the Mount of Olives.

31 Then Jesus is saying to them, "You will all be scandalized because of me this very night, for it is written:

" I will strike down the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock

will be scattered.'

32 But after I am resurrected, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

33 But in response Peter said to him, "Though everyone else will be scandalized because of you, I will never be scandalized."

34 Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, This very night before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

35 Peter says to him, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

Gethsemane

36 Then Jesus goes with them to a park named Gethsemane, and he says to the disciples, "Sit here during such time I am gone over there to pray."

37 And he took Peter along, and the two sons of Zebedee, and he began to be sorrowful and deeply depressed.

38 Then he says to them, "My soul is too sad, to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake with me."

39 And then after he had moved forward a little, he fell on his face, praying and saying, "My Father, if it is possible, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

40 And he returns to the disciples, and finds them sleeping. And he says to Peter, "This is how you *guys* are, lacking the self-control to stay awake with me one hour?"

41 Stay awake and pray, that you not go into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

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42 Again for the second time he went away and was praying, saying, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to go away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

43 And when he returned again, he found them sleeping, because their eyelids were weighed down heavily.

44 And again he left them and went away, praying for the third time, saying the same thing again.

45 Then at that time he comes to the disciples and says to them, "Still sleeping away and resting? Behold, the hour has drawn near, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Get up, let's go. Look, the one betraying me is approaching."

Jesus Arrested

47 And while he was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, and with him a large crowd of people with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 And the one betraying him had given them a signal, as follows: "Whomever I kiss is the one. Him you seize."

49 And he came straight up to Jesus and said, "Good morning, Rabbi." Then he kissed him.

50 And Jesus said to him, "Friend, why are you here?" Then at that time they came up and laid their hands on Jesus, and arrested him.

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51 And behold, one of those in the company of Jesus raised his hand and drew his sword, and he struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

52 Jesus then says to him, "Return your sword to its place. For all who take up the sword will perish by the sword.

53 Or do you think I am not able to call on my Father, and he make available to me right now twelve legions of angels?

54 But then how would the scriptures be fulfilled which indicate that all this needs to happen?"

55 At that time, Jesus said to the crowd, "As though after a bandit you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I was sitting in the temple teaching and you didn't arrest me.

56 But, this has all come about so the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled." Then the disciples all abandoned him and fled.

Before the Sanhedrin

57 And the ones arresting Jesus led him away to Kaiapha the high priest, where the Torah scholars and the elders had gathered.

58 Now Peter had been following him from a distance, up to the courtyard of the high priest, and once he got inside, he was sitting with the servants, to see the outcome.

59 And the high priest and the entire Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus by which they could put him to death,

60 and they had not found it from the many false witnesses who had come forward. But then later, two came forward

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61 and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and in three days to build it *again*.'"

62 And the high priest rose and said to him, "Aren't you answering anything? What about this they are testifying against you?"

63 But Jesus was keeping silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God that you declare under oath whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

64 Jesus says to him, "You said *that*. Nevertheless I say to you: after now you shall all see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

65 Then the high priest tore his robe, saying, "He has blasphemed! What more need do we have for witnesses? Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy.

66 How does it look to you?"

And they said in answer, "He is guilty enough for death."

67 Then they spit on his face and pummeled him; they slapped him

68 while saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah— who is the one who hit you?"

Peter Disowns Jesus

69 And Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and one maidservant approached him, saying, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

70 But he was denying it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are saying."

71 And after he had moved off into the entrance way, another maidservant saw him and is saying to the ones there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazarene."

72 And again he was denying it, with an oath: "I do not know the man."

73 And after a little while those standing there said to Peter, "You definitely are also one of them, because your speech also gives you away."

74 Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the man." And immediately a rooster crowed.

75 And Peter was reminded of the statement Jesus had said, that "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went off outside, and wept bitterly.

Chapter 27

Judas Hangs Himself

1 And very early in the morning, they all, the chief priests and elders of the people, reached the decision against Jesus that they would put him to death.

2 And they bound him, and led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

3 Then, when Judas the one who betrayed him saw that he was condemned, he with remorse returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 saying, "I have sinned; I have betrayed innocent blood."

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But they said, "What is that to us? You deal with *that*."

5 And after throwing the silver into the temple, he departed, and went off and hung himself.

6 And the chief priests when they picked up the pieces of silver, said, "It is not permissible to put them in the temple treasury, since it is blood price money."

7 And after conferring on a course of action, they bought with the coins the potter's field, as a burial place for foreigners.

8 For which reason that field has been called "the Field of Blood" to this day.

9 Then was fulfilled what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, which says,

"And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set, as priced by the sons of Israel,

10 and they traded them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me."

Jesus Before Pilate

11 And Jesus was stood before the governor; and the governor examined him, saying, "YOU are the king of the Jews?" And he said, "You are saying that, *not I*."

12 And during the whole time he was being accused by the chief priests and elders, he was not responding at all.

13 Then Pilate says to him, "Don't you hear all the things they are charging you with?"

14 And he gave him no answer, not to even a single charge, causing the governor to be greatly astonished.

15 Now the governor had become accustomed at every Festival to release one prisoner to the crowd that they wanted.

16 And they were holding at that time a particularly well-known prisoner named Barabbas.

17 When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Which do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

18 (For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over.)

19 And while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent *word* to him as follows: "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much today because of a dream about him."

20 And the chief priests and the elders manipulated the crowd so that they would ask to have Barabbas, but Jesus they would put to death.

21 But when the governor answered, he said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

And they said, "Barabbas."

22 Pilate is saying to them, "What then should I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

They are saying, "Let him be crucified!"

23 But Pilate was saying, "Why? What crime has he committed?"

But they kept shouting that much more, saying, "Let him be crucified!"

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24 And when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took some water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this just man's blood. You see to that yourselves."

25 And in response the whole crowd said, "Let his blood be on us and on our children."

26 At that time, he released Barabbas to them, but Jesus, after scourging him, he handed over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

27 Then the soldiers who were guarding Jesus, after taking him into the Praetorium, gathered together onto him the whole cohort.

28 And they stripped him of his clothes and placed around him a scarlet robe,

29 and after weaving together a crown of thorns they set that on his head, and a rod in his right hand, and then they dropped to their knees before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

30 And after they spit on him, they took the rod, and repeatedly beat on his head.

31 And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the scarlet robe and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

The Crucifixion

32 And as they were leading him out, they encountered a Cyrenian man by the name of Simon. This man they conscripted to carry his cross.

33 And when they came to the place called Golgotha, which is called the "skull" place,

34 they offered him wine to drink, mixed with a bitter drug; and after tasting it, he refused to drink it.

35 And once they had crucified him, they divided up his garments by casting lots.

36 And sitting down, they kept watch over him there.

37 And they fastened above his head his specific charge, written as follows: "THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

38 There were being crucified along with him at that time two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

39 And those passing by defamed him, wagging their heads

40 and saying, "Hey, you who destroys the temple and builds another one in three days, save yourself, if you are the son of God, and come down from the cross."

41 In the same way also the chief priests, making fun along with the Torah scholars and the elders, were saying,

42 "Others he saved; himself he cannot save. He is the King of Israel? Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.

43 He put his trust in God; let Him now rescue him, if he wants him. Because he did say, 'I am God's son.'"

44 In the same way the bandits who were crucified with him were also taunting him.

Jesus' Death

45 And starting from the sixth hour, darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.

46 And at about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a very loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema shebaqtani?" Which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

47 And some standing there who heard this were saying, "This man is calling Elijah."

48 And quickly one of them ran and got a sponge and soaked it with sour wine, and after sticking it on a reed, was giving him a drink.

49 But the rest were saying, "Back off. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

50 But Jesus, after crying out again in a loud voice, gave up his spirit.

51 And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from top to bottom, and the earth was shaken, and the rocks split open,

52 and the tombs were opened up, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised again,

53 and after coming out of the tombs at the time of His resurrection, they went into the holy city and showed themselves to many.

54 And the centurion and the ones with him who were guarding Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the other things that happened, they were severely frightened, saying, "This man really was the Son of God."

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55 And there were present many women off at a distance observing, who had followed Jesus from Galilee providing for him;

56 among whom were Mary the Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons as well.

Jesus' Burial

57 And when evening had come, a certain rich man of Arimathea by the name of Joseph came, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered that it be handed over to him.

59 And after taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen cloth,

60 and placed it in his *own* new tomb that he had hewn out of the rock. And after rolling a large stone up against the entrance of the tomb, he departed.

61 Now Mary the Magdalene, along with the other Mary, was there throughout, sitting opposite the grave site.

The Guard at the Tomb

62 The next day, that is, the one which is after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together before Pilate,

63 saying, "Sir, we remember how that deceiver, when he was still living, said, 'After three days I will rise again.'

64 Give orders therefore to secure the grave site through the third day, or his disciples might go steal him and then tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and this last deception will be worse than the first."

65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard. Go secure it as best you know how."

66 So they went and secured the grave site, sealing the stone along with stationing the guard.

Chapter 28

The Empty Tomb

1 And after the Sabbath, at the dawning of the first day of the week, Mary the Magdalene and the other Mary went to view the grave site.

2 And behold, there came a great earthquake. For an angel of the Lord had come down from heaven, and after going up to the tomb, he had rolled away the stone, and was sitting down now on top of it.

3 And his face was like lightning, and his garments a gleaming white like snow.

4 And for fear of him, the guards trembled, and became as dead men.

5 But in response, the angel said to the women, "You should not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus the crucified *man*.

6 He is not here. For he has risen just as he said. Come, see the place where he was lying.

7 And quick, go tell his disciples as follows, 'He has risen from the dead. And behold, he is going ahead of you into Galilee; there you will see him.' There, I have told you."

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8 And they departed quickly from the tomb, and with fear and great joy they ran to report this to his disciples.

9 And behold, Jesus met up with them, saying, "Good morning." And after approaching him, they grasped onto his feet, and worshiped him.

10 Then Jesus is telling them, "Do not be afraid. Go report to my brothers that I am leaving for Galilee, and they will see me there."

The Official Cover-Up

11 And while those were on their way, behold, some of the guard went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.

12 And after coming together with the elders, they came up with a plan, and took the sufficient amount of silver coins and gave them to the soldiers,

13 telling *them*, "Say that his disciples came by night and stole him while you were sleeping.

14 And if this should ever reach the ears of the governor, we will satisfy him and make you have no worries."

15 And they accepted the silver coins and did as they were told. And this story has been propagated by the Jews to this day.

The Assembly on the Mountain in Galilee

16 And the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshiped him, though some hesitated.

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18 And Jesus approached them and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to keep everything, whatever things I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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Mark

Chapter 1

John the Baptizer Prepares the Way

1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2 As it is written the prophets:
"Behold, I am sending my messenger
before your face,
who will prepare your way before you"

3 "a voice of one calling
in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make the paths straight for him,'"

4 so John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness, and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5 And the whole region of Judea was going out to him, even all the Jerusalemites, and were getting baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

6 And John was dressed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and eating locusts and wild honey.

7 And he would preach, saying, "After me is coming someone more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

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8 I have baptized you in water, but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus

9 And it came about in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 And going up out of the water he immediately saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit as a dove coming down to him.

11 And a voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son; in whom I have taken good pleasure."

12 And immediately the Spirit thrusts him forth into the wilderness.

13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts. And the angels were attending him.

The Calling of Simon, Andrew, James, and John

14 And after John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God,

15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news."

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16 Now as he was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon, and Andrew, Simon's brother, casting a net in the sea, for they were fishers.

17 And Jesus said to them, "Come, you two. Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

18 And they followed him right away, leaving their nets.

19 And when he had gone a little farther from there, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They also were on board a boat, mending the nets.

20 At once he called them, and they went off after him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired hands.

Jesus' Teaching Has Authority

21 And they enter into Capernaum, and having gone straight into the synagogue on the Sabbath, he began to teach.

22 And they were amazed at his teaching, because he was teaching them as one having authority, and not like the Torah scholars.

23 And there was a man in their synagogue who was in an unclean spirit. And he cried out,

24 saying, "Ha! What business do you have with us, Jesus, you Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

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25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!"

26 And the unclean spirit shook him violently back and forth and came out of him, crying out with a very loud voice..

27 And all were astonished, such that they were discussing it, saying, "What is this? What is this new teaching, that with authority, he even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

28 And immediately the report went out about him in the whole region of Galilee.

Jesus Heals All in Capernaum

29 And as soon as they came out of the synagogue, they went into the house of Simon and Andrew, accompanied by James and John.

30 And Simon's mother-in-law was bedridden, burning a high fever, and right away they are telling him about her.

31 And after approaching her and grasping her by her hand, he lifted her, and the fever immediately left her, and she began to wait on them.

32 And when evening had come, when the sun had set, they were bringing to him all who had an illness, and those being tormented by demons.

33 Indeed the entire town was gathered at the door.

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34 And he healed many who were ill with various diseases, and many demons he expelled; and he would not allow the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Jesus Keeps Moving

35 And rising up very early, in the darkness, Jesus went outside and went off to a solitary place, and he was praying there.

36 And Simon and those with him hunted him down,

37 and when they found him, they are saying to him, "Everyone is looking for you!"

38 And he says to them, "Let us go to the next villages, so I may preach there also. For that is why I have come."

39 And he was in their synagogues in all of Galilee preaching, and driving out the demons.

A Leper Healed Spreads the Word

40 And a leper comes to him, falling on his knees before him, and saying to him, "If you are willing, you can cleanse me."

41 And Jesus, filled with compassion, reached out his hand and touched him, and says to him, "I am willing. Be cleansed."

42 And as soon as He had spoken, the leprosy went away from him and he was cleansed.

43 And he immediately thrust him outside, sternly admonishing him,

44 and saying to him, "See that you don't tell a thing to anyone. Only go show yourself to the priest, and offer the things Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."

45 But when he left he proceeded to speak out freely, and to spread the word around, with the result that Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in deserted places. Yet people were still coming toward him from all directions.

Chapter 2

The Paralytic Lowered Through the Roof

1 And some days later, he entered again into Capernaum, and it was heard that he was home.

2 And many gathered, so many that there was no room left, not even at the door; and he was speaking the word to them.

3 Then *some* arrive, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four.

4 And not being able to get to him because of the crowd, they removed the roof where he was, and when they had dug through, they lowered the pallet bed on which the paralytic is lying.

5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he says to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

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6 And some of the Torah scholars were sitting there, and debating in their hearts,

7 "Why does this fellow talk like this? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

8 And Jesus, knowing immediately in his spirit that they were debating like this inside themselves, says to them, "Why are you debating these things in your hearts?"

9 Which is easier to say to the paralytic: 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take up your bed and walk'?

10 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." He said to the paralytic,

11 "I say to you, get up, take up your bed, and go to your house."

12 And he stood up, and immediately took up his bed *and* went out in front of them all, with the result that they were all astonished, and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

A Tax Collector Joins Jesus

13 And he went out, along beside the lake again. And the entire crowd came with him, and he was teaching them.

14 And as he went along, he saw Levi son of Halphaeus sitting at the taxes post. And he says to him, "Follow me." And rising up, he followed him.

15 And it comes about that Jesus is reclining at Levi's house, and many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

16 And when the Torah scholars and Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and sinners, they were saying to his disciples, "Why does he eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

17 And hearing, Jesus says to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Jesus Questioned About Fasting

18 And the disciples of John and the Pharisees were fasting. And they come and say to him, "How is it that the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

19 And Jesus said to them, "Are the members of the bridegroom's party able to fast while the bridegroom is with them? So long as they have the bridegroom with them, they are not able to fast.

20 But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then, in that day, fast they will.

21 "No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth onto an old garment. For then, what filled it up pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear occurs.

22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For then, the wine will burst the wineskins, and the wine is ruined, along with the wineskins. Rather, new wine is put into new wineskins."

Man Over the Sabbath

23 And it came about during a Sabbath that he was passing through the grainfields, and his disciples began to practice a custom, plucking the heads.

24 And the Pharisees said to him, "Look! Why are your disciples doing what on the Sabbath is not permissible?"

25 And he says to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he and those with him were in need and hungry?"

26 In the account about Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the bread of offering, which was not permissible to eat, except for the priests, and he gave also to those who were with him."

27 Then he said to them, "The Sabbath came about for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath.

28 Therefore, the Son of Man also is lord of the Sabbath."

Chapter 3

1 And again he went into a synagogue. And a man was there who had a shriveled hand.

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2 And they were watching him carefully whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him.

3 And he says to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up into view."

4 And he says to them, "Is it permissible on the Sabbath to do good or do evil, to save life or destroy it?" But they were not speaking.

5 And after looking around at them with anger, deeply distressed at the hardness of their hearts, he says to the man, "Stretch out the hand." So he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

6 And the Pharisees went out and immediately began to conspire against him with the Herodians, how they might kill him.

The Thronging Crowds Endanger Jesus

7 And Jesus departed with his disciples to the lake, and a great multitude from Galilee followed.

8 And from Judea and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea and beyond the Jordan, and the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon also, a great multitude, hearing what things he was doing, came to him.

9 And he told his disciples that a boat should be kept handy for him, because of the crowd, in case they should crush him.

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10 For he had healed many, with the result that everyone who had a disease would charge upon him, in order to touch him.

11 And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they would fall down before him and cry out, saying, "You are the Son of God!"

12 And he would strongly warn them not to make him known.

The Twelve Apostles

13 And he goes up into the mountain, and calls to him those he wanted, and they came to him.

14 And he appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and that he might send them out to preach,

15 and to have authority to drive out the demons.

16 And the twelve he appointed are: Simon, to whom he added the name Peter;

17 and James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, and to them he added a name: Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder;

18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Halphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon of Cana,

19 and Judas of Kerioth, the very one who betrayed him.

Jesus Thought to be Out of His Mind

20 And he goes into a house, and once again a crowd gathered, such that they were not even able to eat bread.

21 And when they heard, his relatives set out to go and take custody of him; for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

22 And the Torah scholars who had come down from Jerusalem said, "He has Baal-zibbul," and, "By the prince of demons he drives out the demons."

23 And calling them to him, he spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan?"

24 And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand;

25 and if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

26 And if Satan has stood up against himself and was divided, he cannot stand; he has met his end.

27 But in fact, no one can enter the house of a strong man unless he first ties up the strong man, and then, he may plunder his house.

28 "Truly I tell you, there will be children of humankind being forgiven of all sin, and of all blasphemy, no matter how they blaspheme,

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29 except that whoever blasphemes the Holy Spirit will have no forgiveness ever, but is guilty of an eternal sin."

30 (*He said this* because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit.")

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

31 And his mother and brothers arrive, and standing outside, they sent *word* to him, summoning him.

32 And the crowd was sitting around him, and they say to him, "Behold, your mother and brothers and sisters are wanting you outside."

33 And answering them he says, "Who are my mother and brothers?"

34 And looking around at the ones sitting around him in a circle, he says, "Behold my mother and my brothers.

35 Whoever does the will of God, that one is my brother and sister and mother."

Chapter 4

The Parable of the Sower

1 And he began to teach beside the lake again, and a very large crowd collects around him, such that he boards a boat to sit on the lake, and all the crowd was on the land up to the water's edge.

2 And he taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said to them:

3 "Listen! Behold, the sower went out to sow.

4 And it came about in the process of sowing that some *seed* fell beside the way, and the birds came and ate it up.

5 And other *seed* fell on the rocky *place*, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up immediately, because it had no depth of soil.

6 And when the sun arose, it was scorched, and it dried up, because it had no taproot.

7 And other *seed* fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

8 And others fell into good soil, and came up, grew, and produced, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold."

9 And he said, "Whoever has ears to hear, hear."

The Parable of the Sower Explained

10 And when he was alone, those around him together with the Twelve were asking him *about* the parables.

11 And he told them, "To you the mystery of the kingdom of God has been given, but to those outside, all things are in parables,

12 so that:

'Though seeing, they will look,
and not perceive,
and though hearing, they will listen,
and not understand—

lest they turn, and be forgiven.' "

13 And he says to them, "You don't understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable?"

14 The sower is sowing the word.

15 And the ones beside the way where the word is sown, these are those who when they hear, immediately comes Satan and takes away the word that was sown in them.

16 And likewise, the ones sown on the rocky places, these are those who when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy.

17 Yet they do not have a root in themselves, but are short-lived. When difficulty or persecution come because of the word, they quickly fall away.

18 And others sown among thorns, these are those hearing the word,

19 and the worries of this age, the seductiveness of wealth, and the desires concerning other things, come in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

20 And the ones sown on the good soil, these are those who hear the word and embrace it, and bear fruit, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold."

You Determine How Much You Receive

21 And he said to them, "Does the lamp exist to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not meant to be put on a stand?"

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22 For there is nothing hidden that is not meant to be made manifest, nor covered up but to come into view.

23 If anyone has ears to hear, hear."

24 And he said to them, "Consider carefully what you hear. In what size container you measure, it will be measured to you, and increased for you.

25 For whoever has, to him it will be given, and whoever has not, even what he has will be taken away from him."

The Parable of the Automatic Earth

26 And he said, "It is with God's kingdom the same way a human might scatter seed on the ground,

27 then may sleep and get up, night and day, and still the seed sprouts and lengthens; how, he does not know.

28 Automatically the earth bears fruit, first the grass, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.

29 And when the grain is ready, he immediately sends out the sickle, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

30 And he said, "How may we compare the kingdom of God? Or in what parable shall we set it forth?

31 It is like a mustard seed, which when sown in the soil is smaller than all the seeds in the soil,

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32 yet when it is sown, it grows, and becomes larger than all the vegetables, and makes branches big enough that the birds of the sky can dwell under its shadow."

33 And with many such parables he was speaking the word to them, as long as they were able to listen.

34 To the crowds, he would not say anything without a parable; but in private with his disciples, he would explain everything.

Jesus Commands the Elements

35 That same day, when evening had come, he says to them, "Let's cross over to the other side."

36 And leaving the crowd behind, they take him along, just as he was, in the boat. Other boats also were with him.

37 And a great storm of wind is coming up, and the waves crashed into the boat, such that the boat is now filling up.

38 And he was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. And they rouse him and say to him, "Teacher, doesn't it matter to you that we are perishing?"

39 And when he was awake, he rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Hush. Be still." And the wind died down, and there came a total calm.

40 And he said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

41 And they were very much afraid, and saying to one another, "Who, then, is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Chapter 5

The Legion of Demons Near Gadara

1 And they went to the other side of the lake into the territory of the Gadarenes.

2 And as he gets out of the boat, there met him out of the tombs a man in an evil spirit,

3 whose abode was in the tombs, and no longer was anyone able to bind him with a chain,

4 because he had often been bound hand and foot, only to have the chains burst apart and the leg irons broken, and no one had the strength to subdue him.

5 And through all, night and day, among the tombs and in the hills, he was crying out and cutting himself with stones.

6 And seeing Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him,

7 and shouting with a loud voice, he says: "What business between you and me, O Jesus, you son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, do not torture me."

8 For Jesus was saying to him, "Come out of the human, unclean spirit!"

9 And Jesus questioned him: "What is your name?"
And he says to him, "Legion is my name, for we are many."

10 And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the area.

11 And on a hillside near there, a large herd of pigs was feeding,

12 and they pled with him, saying, "Send us into the pigs, so that we may enter into them."

13 And he allowed them. And coming out, the unclean spirits went into the pigs, and the herd, about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and were drowned in the lake.

14 And those feeding them fled, and reported to the town and to the farms, and people came to see what it is that took place.

15 And they come near to Jesus, and they see the demon-possessed man dressed and in his right mind, he who had had the legion, and they were afraid.

16 And the ones who had seen how it happened to the demon-possessed man rehearsed it to them, also about the pigs.

17 And they began to beg him to go away from their territory.

18 And as he was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was begging him that he might always be with Jesus.

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19 And he did not allow him, but says to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what things the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you."

20 And he left and began to proclaim in the Ten Cities what things Jesus had done for him. And all were amazed.

A Dead Damsel and a Sick Woman

21 And when Jesus crossed back over to the other side, a large crowd had assembled for him, and he was beside the lake.

22 And one of the synagogue rulers comes, Jairus by name, and when he sees him he falls at his feet,

23 and pleads with him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. *Oh*, that you might come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be healed and live."

24 And he went with him.
And a large crowd was following with him, and compressing around him.

25 And a woman was there with a flow of blood of twelve years,

26 and had suffered many things under many doctors and spent everything she had, and not been helped, but rather had moved toward the worse.

27 And she had heard the things about Jesus, and coming up behind in the crowd, she touched his garment,

28 for she was saying, "If I can touch even his clothes, I will be healed."

29 And immediately the source of her blood dried up and she knew by her body that she was healed of the scourge.

30 And Jesus, noticing immediately in himself that power was going out from him, turned around in the crowd *and* said, "Who touched my clothes?"

31 And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in together around you, and you say, 'Who touched me?'"

32 Yet he was still looking around to see the one who had done this.

33 The woman then, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before him, fearing and trembling, and told him all the truth.

34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go with peace, and be free from your scourge."

35 While he was still speaking, they come from the synagogue ruler's, saying, "Your daughter has died. Why inconvenience the teacher any farther?"

36 But Jesus, having overheard the message being spoken, says to the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; only believe."

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37 And he did not allow anyone to come along with him, except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

38 And they are coming into the house of the synagogue ruler, and he sees an uproar, and weeping and much loud wailing.

39 And when he had come in he says to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping."

40 And they laughed him to scorn. Then, having put them all out, he takes the father of the child, and the mother, and the ones who were with him, and he goes in where the child was.

41 And taking hold of the child's hand, he says to her, "Talitha, koum." (which when translated is, "O little damsel, I say to you, stand up.")

42 And the damsel stood up immediately, and was walking (for she was twelve years of age). And they were stunned with amazement.

43 And he was ordering them sternly that no one know this. And he said to give her something to eat.

Chapter 6

Jesus Rejected by his Home Town

1 And he moved on from there, and comes into his home town, and his disciples are accompanying him.

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2 And when the Sabbath came, he proceeded to teach in the synagogue, and the many hearing were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? Namely, what is this wisdom given to him? And these miracles happening by his hands?"

3 Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't also his sisters here with us?" And they were offended by him.

4 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his home town and among his relatives, and in his house."

5 And he was never able to do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people; he did heal them.

6 And he was amazed at their unbelief. And he went around the villages in a circuit teaching.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

7 And calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two, and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits,

8 and gave orders to them: that they should take nothing for the trip except a staff only; no bread, no bag, nothing in the money belt,

9 but only the sandals already tied on; also not to put on two tunics.

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10 And he further said to them, "Wherever you enter into a house, there stay up until when you leave that place.

11 And whatever place does not receive you nor will they listen to you, leaving there, shake off the dust under your feet, as a testimony to them. Truly I say to you, it will be more bearable in the day of judgment for Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town."

12 And going forth, they proclaimed that *people* should repent.

13 And many demons they expelled, and many sick ones they anointed with oil and healed.

John the Baptizer Beheaded

14 And Herod the king heard, for his name had become well known, that some were saying, "John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

15 But others were saying, "He is Elijah."
And still others were saying, "He is a prophet, as though one of The Prophets."

16 But when Herod heard this, he kept saying, "John, the man I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

17 For Herod himself, sending *orders*, had seized John and bound him in prison, because of Herodias his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married.

18 For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not permissible for you to have your brother's wife."

19 And Herodias had been maintaining a grudge against him, and was wanting to kill him, and could not,

20 for Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. And when he listened to him, he had much difficulty, yet heard him gladly.

21 And a suitable day came, when Herod in his birthday celebration made a supper for his courtiers, and the chiliarchs, and the prominent of Galilee.

22 And when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and those reclining with him.

So the king said to the girl, "Ask me anything you want, and I will give it to you."

23 And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask for, I will give it to you, up to half my kingdom."

24 And going out, she said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?"

And she said, "The head of John the Baptizer."

25 And she went in at once to the king with speed, saying this request: "I wish that you would give to me right now the head of John the Baptizer on a platter."

26 And the king became greatly distressed. He did not want to refuse her, because of the words of oath and those reclining.

27 And the king immediately gave orders to bring his head, sending an executioner. And he went, and beheaded John in the prison,

28 and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl. And the girl gave it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard, they came and took his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

30 And the apostles are collecting around Jesus, and they reported to him all the things that they had done, and what they had taught.

31 And he says to them, "Come by yourselves to a remote place and rest a little." For those coming and going were many, and they did not even have opportunity to eat.

32 And they went away in a boat by themselves to a remote place.

33 And many saw them leaving and knew, and ran together there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

34 And getting out he saw the large crowd, and felt compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

35 And now as an advanced hour comes, his disciples approached him *and* said, "The place is remote, and it's now an advanced hour.

36 Dismiss them so that they may go into the surrounding farms and villages and buy for themselves something to eat."

37 But he in answer said to them, "You give them something to eat."

And they say to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii of loaves of bread and give it to them to eat?"

38 And he says to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go see. "And finding out, they say, "Five, and two fish."

39 And he instructed them to get all to recline in dining fellowships on the green grass.

40 And they reclined, in groups of a hundred and in groups of fifty.

41 And taking the five loaves of bread and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves of bread and gave to the disciples to set before the people. The two fish also he divided for all.

42 And they all ate and were satisfied,

43 and they picked up twelve large baskets full of fragments *from the loaves of bread*, and from the fish.

44 And there were five thousand men eating the loaves.

45 And he immediately told his disciples to get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side to Bethsaida, while he would dismiss the crowd.

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46 And after saying farewell to them, he went away into the hills to pray.

Jesus Walks on the Water

47 And after evening had come, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on the land.

48 And about the fourth watch of the night, when he saw them being sorely taxed in the process of rowing, because the wind was against them, he goes toward them, walking on the lake, and was intending to pass them.

49 But when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought it was a ghost, and cried out.

50 For they all saw him, and were disturbed by it. But he immediately talked with them, and he is saying to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

51 And he went up into the boat with them, and the wind stopped. And they were very much, extremely stunned within themselves.

52 For they had not learned from the incident of the loaves of bread; their hearts were hardened.

53 And crossing over, they came ashore at Gennesaret and anchored.

54 And as soon as they got out of the boat, *people* recognized him and

55 ran around that whole region, and those who had invalids began to carry them around on pallets to where they heard that he was.

56 And wherever he would go, into villages, or into towns, or into countryside, they would place the invalids in the plazas, and the invalids would implore him that they could just touch the tassel of his cloak. And they were being healed, as many as touched him.

Chapter 7

Clean and Unclean

1 And the Pharisees and some of the Torah scholars are coming from Jerusalem *and* gathering toward him,

2 and they see that some of his disciples are eating bread with unclean— that is, unwashed— hands.

3 For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands with the fist, holding to the tradition of the elders.

4 And they do not eat from the marketplaces unless they wash. And there are many others which they have received instruction to keep, the baptizing of cups, pitchers, and kettles.

5 And the Pharisees and Torah scholars are questioning him: "Why are your disciples not walking according to the tradition of the elders, but eating bread with unclean hands?"

6 And he said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written:

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" 'This people honor me with the lips,
but their heart is far from me.

7 They worship me in vain,
their instruction is the drilling of
the rules of human beings.'

8 "Dropping the commandment of God, you are holding
on to the tradition of human beings– the baptizing of
pots and cups; and many other such things you do.'"

9 And he said to them, "You have a fine way of setting
aside the commandment of God in order to set up your
own traditions.

10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your
mother,' and, 'The person cursing father or mother must
be put to death.'

11 But you say that if someone says to father or mother,
'Whatever financial help you would receive from me is
now *korban*' (that is, a gift *vowed to God*),

12 you relieve him of doing anything more for father or
mother,

13 annulling the word of God by your tradition which
you have handed down. And many similar such things
you do."

14 And calling the crowd to him again, he said to them,
"Listen to me everyone, and understand:

15 There is nothing outside a human being which by
entering him is able to make him unclean. Rather, the
things coming out of a human being are the things
making the human being unclean.

16 If anyone has ears to hear, hear."

17 And when he had entered a house, away from the crowd, the disciples asked him *the meaning of the parable*.

18 And he says to them, "Are you also this obtuse? Do you not understand that everything entering a human being from the outside is unable to make him unclean,

19 since it is not entering his heart but his stomach, and then goes out into the sewer?" (*He is declaring all foods clean.*)

20 He went on: "What comes out of a human being, that is what makes the human being unclean.

21 For from within, out of the heart of human beings, come evil reasoning, fornication, theft, murder,

22 adultery, covetousness, malice, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, slander, haughtiness, and folly.

23 All these evil things come forth from within and make the human being unclean."

The Faith of the Gentile Dog

24 And getting up, he departed from there into the vicinity of Tyre. And entering a house, he wanted no one to know, yet he could not escape notice.

25 In fact immediately upon hearing about him, a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit came, and fell at his feet.

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26 And the woman was a Gentile, a Syro-Phoenician by race. And she kept begging him that he drive the demon out of her daughter.

27 And he was saying to her, "Allow the children first to eat their fill, for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

28 But she in answer says to him, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs."

29 And he said to her, "Because of this reply, go your way; the demon has left your daughter."

30 And going away to her house, she found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Does All Things Well

31 And going back out of the district of Tyre, he went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee, into the midst of the region of the Ten Cities.

32 And they bring a man to him, deaf and speaking with difficulty, and they are begging him to place his hand on him.

33 And taking him aside privately, away from the crowd, he put his fingers into his ears. And after spitting *on his fingers*, he touched *the man's* tongue.

34 And looking up to heaven he sighed, and he says to him, "Eppatach!" (which means, "Be opened!").

35 And his ears were opened, and the bond of his tongue was immediately released, and he began to speak normally.

36 And he was ordering them that they tell no one. But as much as he ordered them, all the more they were talking about it.

37 And they were being overwhelmed with admiration, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Chapter 8

Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

1 During those days when there was again a great crowd and also having nothing to eat, he calls the disciples to him *and* says to them,

2 "I feel compassion for this crowd, because they have stayed with me three days now, and have nothing to eat.

3 And if I dismiss them to their homes, without eating they will collapse in the journey, and some of them are from a long distance."

4 And his disciples answered him, "Where here in the desert will anyone be able to get enough loaves of bread to fill these *people*?"

5 And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven."

6 And he directs the crowd to recline on the ground. And taking the seven loaves of bread, giving thanks he

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broke them, and gave to his disciples, for them to serve. And they served the crowd.

7 They also had a few fish, and blessing them, he ordered them to be served as well.

8 And they ate and were filled, and they picked up the fragments left over, seven basket fulls.

9 And they were about four thousand; and he dismissed them.

10 And immediately boarding the boat with his disciples, he went to the area of Dalmanutha.

The Yeast of the Pharisees and Herod

11 And the Pharisees came forward and began to debate with him, asking him for a sign from heaven, testing him.

12 And sighing deeply in his spirit, he says, "Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I say to you, a sign will certainly not be given this generation!"

13 And leaving them, he got back into the boat and went away to the other side.

14 And they had forgotten to take bread; and except for one loaf, they had none with them in the boat.

15 And he started warning them, saying, "Take heed, be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, and the yeast of Herod."

16 And they were discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread loaves.

17 And knowing, he says to them, "Why are you discussing with one another the fact that you have no bread loaves? Are you still not understanding, nor putting it together? Have you completely hardened hearts?"

18 You have eyes; can't you see? And you have ears; can't you hear? And don't you remember?"

19 When I broke the five loaves of bread to the five thousand, how many basket fulls of fragments did you pick up?" They say to him, "Twelve."

20 "When *I broke* the seven to the four thousand, how many basket fulls of fragments did you pick up?" And they say, "Seven."

21 And he said to them, "Do you still not understand?"
The Healing of a Blind Man at Bethsaida

22 And they come to Bethsaida. And they bring a blind man to him, and they are begging Jesus to touch him.

23 And taking hold of the blind man's hand, he led him outside the village. And after spitting in his eyes and placing his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?"

24 And looking up he said, "I see people, that I am perceiving as trees walking around."

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25 Then he put *his* hands on the man's eyes again. And he looked for a while, and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly again.

26 And he sent him home, saying, "Do not go into the village."

Peter's Confession of Messiah

27 And Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages of Caesarea of Philip, and on the way, he was inquiring of his disciples, saying to them, "Who do the people say I am?"

28 And they informed him, saying, "John the Baptizer; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the Prophets."

29 And he asked them, "And you, who do you say I am?"

Peter in answer says to him, "You are the Messiah."

30 And Jesus warned them that they should tell no one about him.

Peter Opposes Jesus' Death

31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man had to suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the Torah scholars, and must be killed, and after three days, rise again.

32 And he was stating the matter plainly. And Peter, taking him aside, started correcting him.

33 But he, turning around and seeing his disciples, corrected Peter. And he says, "Get behind me, Satan!

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For you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of human beings."

34 And calling the crowd to him, together with his disciples, he said to them, "If someone wants to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

35 For whoever tries to save his life will lose it, but whoever will lose his life for my sake, and of the good news, will save it.

36 For what good will it do a human being to gain the whole world, only to be penalized his soul?

37 And what could a human being tender in trade for his soul?

38 For if anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful age, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Chapter 9

1 Then he was saying to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will certainly not taste death before they see the kingdom of God having come with power."

The Transfiguration

2 And after six days Jesus takes Peter and James and John, and he is leading them up into a high mountain, alone in private. And he was transfigured in front of them,

3 and his clothes became an exceedingly brilliant white, such as no launderer on earth is able to whiten.

4 And Elijah appeared to them, together with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.

5 And Peter is responding and saying to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here, and we should make three shelters, one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

6 (For he had not known what to say, because they were so frightened.)

7 And there came a cloud overshadowing them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

8 And suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one else anymore, but only Jesus, along with themselves.

9 And as they were coming down out of the mountain, he admonished them so that they would not report the things they had seen to anyone, except until such time the Son of Man should rise from the dead.

10 And they kept the matter to themselves, discussing what the *words* "rise from the dead" meant.

11 And they queried him, saying, "Why do the Torah scholars say that Elijah has to come first?"

12 And he said to them, "Elijah indeed having come first will restore all things. And why is it written about

the Son of Man, that he would 'suffer much and be rejected?'

13 But I tell you that Elijah has indeed come, and they did to him whatever they wished, just as it is written about him."

Disciples Accused of Impotence to Heal

14 And as they were coming near the *other* disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and the Torah scholars debating with them.

15 And all the crowd were overcome with awe as soon as they saw him, and they were running up to him, greeting him.

16 And he asked them, "What are you debating with them?"

17 And one from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, who has a spirit of speechlessness.

18 And wherever it seizes him, it convulses him. And he foams at the mouth, and gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, and they did not have the power."

19 And in answer to them, he says, "O unbelieving generation, how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to me."

20 And they brought him to him. And seeing Jesus, the spirit immediately convulsed him violently, and falling

onto the ground, he was rolling over, foaming at the mouth.

21 And he asked his father, "Over what period of time has this happened to him?"

And he said, "From childhood.

22 And it has often thrown him into both fire or water, trying to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

23 Jesus said to him, "If I can? All things are possible to one who believes."

24 Immediately the boy's father cried out saying, "I do believe Lord! Help my unbelief!"

25 Then Jesus, seeing that a crowd is running together, rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him. And you may no longer go into him."

26 And it came out, with shrieking and much convulsing. And he appeared as dead, so as to cause many to say, "He's dead."

27 But Jesus, taking him by the hand, lifted him, and he stood up.

28 And after he went into a house, his disciples asked him in private: "Why weren't we able to drive it out?"

29 And he told them, "This kind cannot be made to go out by anything except prayer and fasting."

30 And moving on from there, they were passing through Galilee, and he did not want anyone to know,

31 because he was teaching his disciples. And he told them, "The Son of Man is being transferred into the hands of human beings. And they will kill him. And three days after being killed, he will rise again."

32 But they did not understand the statement, and they were afraid to query him.

Who is the Greatest?

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

34 But they were keeping quiet, because on the way they had argued over who was greater.

35 And sitting down, he called the Twelve and says to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all, and servant of all."

36 And taking a child he set him in the midst of them. And wrapping him in his arms, he said to them,

37 "Whoever welcomes one child like this on the basis of my name, is welcoming me; and whoever welcomes me is welcoming not me but the one who sent me."

Do Not Hinder Other Camps of God's Little Ones

38 Then John responded to him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who is not following with us driving out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he is not following with us."

39 But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for there is no one who shall do a miracle on the basis of my name, who can then be quick to speak evil of me;

40 for someone who is not against us is for us.

41 For whoever gives you a cup of water because you are of Christ, truly I tell you: he will by no means lose his reward.

42 And whoever causes one of these believing little ones to fall, it would be better for him to wear a millstone around his neck and be thrown into the depths of the sea.

43 "And if your hand causes you to fall, cut it off. It is better for you to go into life maimed, than with both hands to go away into Gehenna, into the fire unquenchable,

44 where " 'their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.'

45 And if your foot causes you to fall, cut it off. It is better for you to go into life crippled, than with both feet to be thrown into Gehenna, into the fire unquenchable,

46 where " 'their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.'

47 And if your eye causes you to fall, yank it out. It is better for you to go into the kingdom of God one-eyed, than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna,

48 where " 'their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.'

49 For everyone will be salted with fire, and every sacrifice will be salted with salt.

50 "Salt is good, but if the salt becomes bland, what will you spice it with? Have salt in yourselves, and cultivate peace among each other."

Chapter 10

Jesus Tested on Divorce

1 And getting up to leave from there, he goes into the territory of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And once again, crowds are going along with him, and as was his custom he again was teaching them.

2 And some Pharisees came and, testing him, asked him, "Is it permissible for a husband to release a wife?"

3 In answer he said to them, "What did Moses command you?"

4 They said, "Moses permitted *one* to write a release of interest form and to release."

5 And Jesus said to them, "It was in view of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this instruction.

6 But from the beginning of creation he 'made them male and female.'

7 For this reason, a human being shall leave his father and mother,

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8 and the two shall become one flesh. As a result, they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 What therefore God has joined together, a human being must not separate."

10 And when back in the house, the disciples were questioning him about this.

11 And he says to them, "Whoever releases his wife and marries another commits adultery against her,

12 and if she after releasing her husband marries another, she commits adultery."

Little Children Come to Jesus

13 And *people* were bringing little children to him to have him touch them, but the disciples scolded them.

14 Seeing this, Jesus was indignant, and said to them, "Let the little children come to me. Do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God is made of such as these.

15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will certainly not enter it."

16 And wrapping them in his arms, he is blessing them, placing his hands on them.

The Rich Young Man

17 And as he was going forth onto the road, someone ran up to him and fell on his knees before him, asking

him, "Good teacher, what should I do so that I will inherit eternal life?"

18 And Jesus said to him, "Why are you calling me good? No one is good except one, God.

19 The commandments you know: Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother."

20 And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept since my youth."

21 And Jesus looked at him and loved him, and said to him, "One thing you are lacking. Go sell what things you own and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, take up your cross and follow me."

22 But he with face aghast because of this word, went away regretting, for he was owner of much property.

23 And looking around, Jesus says to his disciples, "How hard it will be for the ones who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God."

24 The disciples were astonished at his words. But in response Jesus says to them again, "Children, how hard it is for those who rely on wealth, to enter the kingdom of God.

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter into the kingdom of God."

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26 And they became even more astonished, saying to each other, "Who, then, can be saved?"

27 Jesus looking at them says, "With human beings it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

28 Peter began to tell him, "Behold how we have left everything and followed you."

29 Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mothers or children or fields for my sake and for the cause of the good news,

30 who will not receive a hundred times as much in this present time, of houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and fields, along with persecutions, and, in the coming age, eternal life.

31 But many first ones will be last, and the last ones first."

Jesus Again Predicts His Death

32 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going on ahead of them; they were stunned, while those following were fearing. And taking the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them the things about to happen to him.

33 "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the Torah scholars. And they will condemn him to death, and hand him over to the Gentiles.

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34 And they will mock him, and spit on him, and flog him, and execute *him*. And after three days he will rise again."

The Ambition of James and John

35 And James and John the sons of Zebedee come up to him, saying to him, "Teacher, we wish that you would do for us whatever we will ask you."

36 And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"

37 And they said to him, "Grant to us that in your glory, we may sit one on your right, and one on your left."

38 And Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you are asking. Are you able, to drink the cup I am drinking, or to be baptized the baptism I am being baptized?"

39 And they said to him, "We are able."
And Jesus said to them, "The cup which I drink you will drink, and the baptism I am baptized you will be baptized.

40 But to sit on my right or on my left is not for me to grant; they belong rather to those for whom they have already been prepared."

41 And when the ten heard, they began to be angry about James and John.

42 And Jesus calling them together says to them, "You know that the ones considered to be rulers among the

nations, lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

43 Not so among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant,

44 and whoever wants to be first among you shall be slave of all.

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

An Obnoxious Beggar Gets His Wish

46 And they come into Jericho. And as he was going away from Jericho, plus his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (the Son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting beside the road.

47 And hearing that it is Jesus the Nazarene, he began to shout, and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48 And many were telling him to be quiet. But he kept shouting much more: "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."
So they call the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart! Get up! He's calling you!"

50 So throwing his cloak aside, he jumped up *and* came to Jesus.

51 In answer to him, Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man said to him, "Rabboni, that I could see."

52 And Jesus said to him, "Go. Your faith has healed you." And immediately he saw, and was following him in the way.

Chapter 11

The Triumphal Entry

1 And when they had come close to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sends two of his disciples,

2 and tells them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it you will find a colt tied, upon which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it.

3 And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing that?' say, 'The Lord needs it and is sending it back here shortly.' "

4 And they went, and found a colt tied at a doorway, outside in the street. And they are untying it.

5 And some people standing there said to them, "What are you doing untying the colt?"

6 And they said to them as Jesus said, and they allowed them.

7 And they bring the colt to Jesus, and throw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.

8 And many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others, fronds cut from the fields.

9 And those proceeding ahead of him, and those following after, were shouting:

"Hosha na!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

10 "Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosha na in the highest!"

11 And he went into Jerusalem to the temple, and after looking around at everything, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve, since the hour was now late.

Jesus Clears the Temple

12 And the next day as they were on their way from Bethany, he was hungry.

13 And seeing from afar a fig tree that had leaves, he went, if perchance he would find something on it. And coming upon it he found nothing but leaves. (For it was not the season of figs.)

14 And in response he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard.

15 And they come into Jerusalem. And when he had entered the temple, he proceeded to drive out the ones selling and the ones buying in the temple, and the tables of the money changers and the seats of the ones selling doves he overturned,

16 and he did not allow anyone to carry stuff through the temple courts.

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17 And he started teaching, and said to them, "Is it not written:

" 'My house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations'?
But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

18 And the chief priests and the Torah scholars heard, and they were looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the entire crowd was being held enrapt during his teaching.

The Withered Fig Tree

19 And when it got late, they would go outside the city.

20 And early, as they were traveling along, they saw the fig tree, withered from the roots.

21 And reminded, Peter says to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered."

22 And in response Jesus says to them, "Have faith in God.

23 Truly I tell you, whoever can say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it is not being questioned in his heart, but he is believing that what he is saying is happening, it will happen for him.

24 "Therefore I tell you, all things, whatever you are asking for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will happen for you.

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25 Also, when you stand praying, forgive, if you are holding anything against anyone, so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

The Authorities Question Jesus' Authority

27 And they arrive again in Jerusalem, and as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the Torah scholars come up to him, along with the elders,

28 and they were saying to him, "By what authority are you doing these things? Or, who gave you this authority, that you may do these things?"

29 And Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question. You answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

30 John's baptism— was it from heaven, or from human beings? Answer me."

31 And they were discussing it among themselves, as follows: "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Then why didn't you believe him?'

32 On the other hand, dare we say, 'From human beings?'" (They were fearing the people, for the people all held that John really was a prophet.)

33 And in answer they say to Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus says to them, "Neither am I telling you by what authority I do these things."

Chapter 12

The Parable of the Tenants

1 And he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, and put a hedge around it, and dug a winepress, and built a watchtower, and leased it out to tenant-farmers, and journeyed away.

2 And in the time *of harvest* he sent a servant to the tenants, that he might be paid by the tenants out of the fruit of the vineyard.

3 And seizing him they beat him, and sent him away empty-handed.

4 And again he sent a servant to them, a different one. That one they wounded in the head and insulted.

5 Yet another he sent, and that one they killed. And he sent many others; some they beat, some they killed.

6 One alone he still had, a beloved son. Finally, him he sent to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

7 "But those tenants said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'

8 And taking him they killed him, and cast him outside the vineyard.

9 "What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill the tenants, and he will give the vineyard to others.

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10 "Have you not read this scripture:
' A stone which the builders rejected,
this one has become the chief cornerstone;

11 from the Lord this came about,
and it is marvelous
in our eyes'?"

12 And they were looking for a way to arrest him, for
they knew he had told the parable in reference to them.
Yet they were afraid of the crowd. And they went
away, leaving him alone.

Paying the Tribute Tax to Caesar

13 And they send some of the Pharisees and Herodians,
in order to trap him in a saying.

14 And coming, they say to him, "Teacher, we know
that you are honest, and it matters not to you about
anyone, in that you pay no attention to the personage of
people, but rather on the basis of truth you teach the
way of God. Is it permissible to pay the tribute to
Caesar, or not? Should we pay, or should we not pay?"

15 But he, perceiving their hypocrisy, said to them,
"Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius, so that
I may look at it."

16 And they brought one. And he says to them,
"Whose image is this, and inscription?"
They say to him, "Caesar's."

17 And Jesus said to them, "Caesar's things give back to
Caesar, and God's things to God."
And they were amazed at him.

Marriage and the Resurrection

18 Then some Sadducees come up to him (Sadducees say there is no resurrection), and they questioned him as follows:

19 "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves behind a wife and does not leave behind a child, that the brother of *the deceased* should take the woman and raise up descendants for his brother.

20 "There were seven brothers. And the first one took a wife, and dying, he left no descendant.

21 And the second one took her, and he died, leaving no descendant. It was the same with the third.

22 Indeed, the seven left no descendant. Last of all, the woman also died.

23 "In the resurrection, when they rise again, of which of them will she be wife? For all seven had her as wife."

24 Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God?"

25 For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels in heaven.

26 Now about the dead, that they do rise, have you not read in the scroll of Moses, at the part about the bush,

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how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?

27 He is not the God of dead people, but of living. You are badly mistaken!"

The Weightiest Commandment

28 And one of the Torah scholars who had approached, after listening to them debating, recognized that Jesus had answered them well. He asked Jesus, "Teacher, out of all of them, which commandment is primary?"

29 Jesus answered, "Primary is this: 'Hear, O Israel, Yahweh is our God, Yahweh alone.'"

30 And you shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

31 Second most is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

32 And the Torah scholar said to him, "Well done, Teacher. It is on true basis you have said, that there is one, and there is no other but him;

33 and to love him with all your heart, with all your intelligence, and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself, is more important than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."

34 And Jesus, having seen him, that he had answered thoughtfully, said to him, "You are not far from the

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kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Whose Son Is the Messiah?

35 And continuing to teach in the temple, Jesus said, "How do the Torah scholars say that the Messiah is the Son of David?"

36 David himself said, by the Holy Spirit, " 'Yahweh said to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand
until such time I put your enemies
under your feet." ' "

37 David himself calls him 'Lord,' so how is he his son?"
And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

Jesus Denounces the Torah Scholars

38 Also in his teaching he was saying, "Look warily at the Torah scholars, those loving to walk around in robes, greetings in the marketplaces,

39 and chief seats in the synagogues, and places of honor at banquets;

40 who eat up the houses of widows, and for a front, make lengthy prayers. These will receive extra damnation."

The Widow's Offering

41 And while sitting opposite the temple treasury, he was watching how the crowd was dropping copper into the donation chest. And many rich people put in much.

42 And when one poor widow came, she put in two lepta (which is equivalent to one quarter of a penny).

43 And calling his disciples to him, he said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all the others putting into the treasury.

44 For they all put in out of the extra they had. But she out of her lack put in everything, all she had to live on."

Chapter 13

Signs of the Times

1 And as he is going forth out of the temple, one of his disciples says to him, "Teacher, look! What large stones. What great buildings."

2 And Jesus said to him, "Do you see all these great buildings? By no means will there be a stone left upon a stone that will not be thrown down."

3 And as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

4 "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign that these are all about to be accomplished?"

5 And Jesus proceeded to tell them, "See that no one misleads you.

6 Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am He,' and they will deceive many.

7 But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. *Such* must happen, but the end is not yet.

8 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, there will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

9 "But you, you watch yourselves. They will deliver you over to courts, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will be stood before governors and kings, for my sake, to be a witness to them.

10 Indeed the gospel must first be preached to all nations.

11 "So when they take you delivering you to trial, do not concern yourself beforehand what you will speak. Rather, whatever is given you in that hour, that you are to speak. For you are not the ones speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

12 "And a sibling will betray a sibling to death, and a parent a child, and children will rise up against parents and put them to death.

13 And you will be hated by all because of me. But the person remaining to the end, that one will be saved.

14 "But when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing where it should not, (Reader, understand), then the ones in Judea should flee to the mountains,

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15 the one on the rooftop should not come down or go inside to take anything out of his house,

16 and the one in the field should not turn back to take his coat.

17 And alas for the ones who are pregnant, and the ones giving milk during those days!

18 And pray that it not happen in winter.

19 For those will be days of suffering, such that has not happened from the beginning of creation which God created until now, nor ever will *again*.

20 And if the Lord had not made those days short, no flesh would survive. But, because of the elect, those whom he has chosen, he has made the days short.

21 And at that time, if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'Look, there!' do not believe it.

22 For false Messiahs and false prophets will appear, and they will do signs and miracles, trying to deceive, if possible, the elect.

23 But you, you be watchful; I have told you everything ahead of time.

24 "But in those days, after that suffering,
" 'the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

25 and the stars will be falling from the sky,
and the forces in space
will be shaken.'

26 "And at that time they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds, with great power and glory.

27 And at that time he will send forth the angels, and they will gather together his elect out of the four winds, from the farthest points of the earth to the farthest points of the horizon.

28 "Now learn the parable from the fig tree. When its twig has already become tender and it puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

29 And likewise you, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door.

30 Truly I tell you: by no means will this age pass away before all these things have happened.

31 Sky and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

32 "But as to that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, not even the Son, but only the Father.

33 Be watchful, be alert and pray, for you do not know when the time is.

34 It is like a man going away on a journey, leaving his house and giving the authority *of it* to his servants, each his task, and the doorman he admonished to keep watch.

35 Thus you must keep watch, for you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn;

36 no good if he comes suddenly, and finds you sleeping.

37 And what I am saying to you, I am saying to all: 'Keep watch!'"

Chapter 14

Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany

1 And the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were two days away. And the chief priests and the Torah scholars were seeking how they might kill him after arresting him in stealth.

2 For they were saying, "Not in the festival, or there will be a riot of the people."

3 And when he was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the Leper, and reclining, a woman came holding an alabaster bottle of very expensive perfume ointment, pure oil of nardroot. Breaking the alabaster, she poured down upon his head.

4 But there were some who were saying indignantly to themselves, "Why has this waste of perfume occurred?"

5 For this perfume could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they were scolding her.

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6 But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why are you causing her hardship? She has performed a good work with me.

7 For the poor you always have with you, and you can do well with them whenever you want, but me you do not always have.

8 She did what was available to her. She was early to anoint my body in preparation for its burial.

9 Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is preached throughout the whole world, what she has done will also be told, as an honorable remembrance of her."

10 And Judas of Kerioth, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests, to betray him to them.

11 And hearing *this* delighted them, and they promised to give him silver. Then he was planning how he might betray him the most timely.

The Passover Supper

12 And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they would sacrifice the Passover lamb, his disciples say to him, "Where are you wanting us to go to make preparations so you may eat the Passover?"

13 And he sends two of his disciples and tells them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him.

14 And wherever he enters say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says: Where is my guestroom, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'

15 And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. And there you shall make preparations for us."

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

17 And as evening is coming on, he arrives with the Twelve.

18 And as they are reclining and eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you: one of you will betray me. One who is eating with me."

19 They began to be very sad and to say to him one by one, "Surely not I?" And another said, "Surely not I?"

20 And he said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, the one dipping into the bowl with me.

21 Therefore indeed the Son of Man is going just as it is written about him. But woe to that one through whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born!"

22 And when they were eating, Jesus, after taking a loaf of bread *and* blessing *God*, broke *it* and distributed to them, and said, "Take ye, eat. This is my body."

23 And taking a cup *and* giving thanks, he gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it.

24 And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, being shed on behalf of many.

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25 Truly I tell you: By no means will I drink of the fruit of the vine any more, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

26 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out toward the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denials

27 And Jesus is saying to them, "You will all be scandalized, for it is written: 'I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

28 But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

29 But Peter said to him, "Even if everyone else will be scandalized, not I."

30 And Jesus says to him, "Truly I tell you: today, this very night, before the rooster crows two times, you yourself will disown me three times."

31 But he kept saying vehemently, "Even if I have to die with you, no way will I disown you." And the rest of them were saying things similar.

Gethsemane

32 And they come to an orchard the name of which was Gethsemane, and he says to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

33 And he takes Peter, and also James and John with him. And he began to be overwhelmed with dread and heaviness.

34 And he says to them, "My soul is too sad, to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake."

35 And going forward a little, he dropped to the ground, and prayed that if it is possible, the hour might pass aside from him.

36 And he was saying, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will."

37 And he comes back, and finds them sleeping, and he says to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Had you not the self-control to keep awake one hour?"

38 Keep awake and pray, that you not come into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

39 And going away again, he prayed, saying the same thing.

40 And when he returned, he again found them sleeping, for their eyelids were weighing down; and they did not know what to say to him.

41 And he comes the third time and says to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 Get up, let us go. Behold, the one betraying me has come near."

The Arrest of Jesus

43 And right then while he was still speaking, Judas comes, the one of the Twelve, along with a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the Torah scholars and the elders.

44 And the one betraying him had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss is he; him you arrest and lead away under guard."

45 And coming straight up to him, he says, "Rabbi," and fervently kissed him.

46 And they laid hands on him and arrested him.

47 Then a certain one of those standing near drew a sword and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

48 And Jesus said to them in response, "As though after a bandit, you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me?"

49 Day after day I was right next to you in the temple, teaching, and you never arrested me. But, may the scriptures be fulfilled."

50 Then everyone fled, abandoning him.

51 And a certain young man had accompanied him, a linen wrap thrown over his bare body. And they are seizing him,

52 but he escaped naked, leaving the linen behind.

Jesus' Trial by the Sanhedrin

53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the Torah scholars are gathering together.

54 And Peter followed him at a distance, right up to within the courtyard of the high priest, and remained, sitting with the guards and warming himself by the fire.

55 And the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were trying to find evidence against Jesus in order to put him to death, and they were not finding it.

56 For many were bearing false witness against him, yet their statements were not consistent.

57 Then some appeared *and* bore false witness against him as follows:

58 "We heard him saying, 'I will destroy this handmade temple, and by three days I will build another, not handmade.'"

59 Yet not even their testimony was so consistent.

60 And after standing up in front of them all, the high priest examined Jesus, saying, "You are not making any answer? What about this testimony these are bearing against you?"

61 But he was keeping silent, and making no answer at all.

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Again, the high priest was examining him, and saying to him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

62 And Jesus said, "I am, and you will all see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

63 Then the high priest tearing his robes says, "What more need do we have for witnesses?"

64 You have heard the blasphemy. What does it look like to you?" And they all condemned him as deserving to be put to death.

65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face and punch him, and say to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him with slaps.

Peter Disowns Jesus

66 And with Peter still below in the courtyard, one of the maidservants of the high priest comes,

67 and having seen Peter warming himself, and having peered at him, she says, "You were also with that Nazarene, Jesus."

68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he moved away, outside into the forecourt.

69 And the maidservant who had seen him began again to say to those standing around, "This fellow is *one* of them."

70 Again, he was denying it.

And after a little while, again, those standing around were saying to Peter, "You surely are one of them, for you also are Galilean."

71 Then he began to curse and to swear: "I do not know this man of whom you are speaking."

72 And immediately a rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered the statement as Jesus had said it to him: "Before a rooster crows two times, you will disown me three times." And when he thought upon *it*, he wept.

Chapter 15

Jesus' Examination by Pilate

1 And as soon as it was early morning, the chief priests, having made a consultation with the elders and Torah scholars and the whole Sanhedrin, after first restraining Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

2 And Pilate examined him: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

And he in answer to him says, "You are the one saying *it*."

3 And the chief priests were charging him with many things.

4 So Pilate again examined him, as follows: "You are not answering anything? Look how many things they are charging you with!"

5 But Jesus made no further answer, causing Pilate to be astonished.

6 Now every Festival he would release for them one prisoner, whomever they would make plea for.

7 And there was one named Barabbas, bound with the rebels who had committed murder during the uprising.

8 And when the crowd came up, they began to ask that *Pilate* do for them just as he usually did.

9 And Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you wish that I release to you the king of the Jews?"

10 For he knew it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed him over.

11 But the chief priests had stirred up the crowd *to ask* that he release Barabbas to them instead.

12 And Pilate when he answered again, said to them, "What then should I do with the one you call the king of the Jews?"

13 And they shouted back, "Crucify him."

14 And Pilate said to them, "Why? What crime has he committed?"

But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!"

15 So Pilate, wanting to make the crowd contented, released Barabbas to them, and Jesus, after scourging him, he handed over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

16 And the soldiers led him away, inside the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and they are calling together the whole cohort.

17 And they are draping on him a purple robe, and setting around him a crown of interweaving thorns.

18 And they began to salute him: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

19 And they were striking his head with a cane, and spitting on him. And dropping their knees, they were doing homage to him.

20 And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple robe and put his *own* garments on him.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

And they are leading him out to crucify him.

21 And a certain Simon passing by, a Cyrenian coming from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, they conscript to carry his cross.

22 And they bring him to the place Golgolta, which when translated is "skull" place.

23 And they were holding out to him wine mixed with myrrh. He, however, did not take it.

24 And they crucify him. And they divide his garments, casting a lot for them, who would take what.

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25 And it was 9:00a.m. when they crucified him.

26 And the notice of the charge against him was written above him: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 And with him they crucify two bandits, one to the right and one to the left of him.

28 And the scripture was fulfilled which says, 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.'

29 And those passing by were defaming him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha, the one destroying the temple and building in three days!

30 Save yourself by coming down from the cross."

31 Likewise also the chief priests, making fun with one another along with the Torah scholars, were saying, "Others he saved. Himself he cannot save.

32 Let the Messiah, the king of Israel, come down now from the cross, so that we may see and believe." Even the ones crucified with him were shaming him.

The Death of Jesus

33 And when it was twelve o'clock noon, darkness came over the whole land, until 3:00 o'clock p.m.

34 And at 3:00p.m. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Elohi, Elohi, lema shevaqtani?"— which when translated is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

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35 And some of the bystanders hearing were saying, "Behold, he is calling Elijah."

36 And one ran, *and* after filling a sponge with sour wine, stuck it on a reed *and* was helping him to drink, saying, "Back off. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down."

37 But Jesus expired, letting out a loud cry.

38 And the veil of the temple was rent in two from top to bottom.

39 And the centurion, standing across from and facing him, seeing the way that he died, said, "This man truly was the Son of God."

40 And there were also women watching from a distance, among whom were both Mary the Magdalene and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses; and Salome,

41 *they* who when he was in Galilee used to follow him and provide for him, plus many others who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

The Burial of Jesus

42 And evening had now come, *and* since it was Preparation *Day*, that is, before the Sabbath,

43 Joseph of Arimathea comes, a respected council member, himself also looking forward to the kingdom of God, who, taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

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44 But Pilate doubted that he was already dead, and calling the centurion to him, asked him if he had already died.

45 And knowing from the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph.

46 And having bought linen, he took him down and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a tomb which was hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone up against the entrance of the tomb.

47 And Mary the Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph were watching where he was laid.

Chapter 16

The Empty Tomb

1 And when the Sabbath had passed, Mary the Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint him.

2 And very early on the first day of the week, they are coming upon the tomb, as the sun broke.

3 And they were saying to each other, "Who will roll away for us the stone from the entrance of the tomb?"

4 And when they look up, they behold: the stone has been rolled away! For it was very large.

5 And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe. And they were greatly alarmed.

6 But he says to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are seeking Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. Behold the place where they laid him.

7 But go tell his disciples and Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

8 And going out, they fled from the tomb. For trembling shock was holding them; and they said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

9 And having risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary the Magdalene, from whom he had expelled seven demons.

10 She went and reported to the ones mourning and weeping, who had been with him.

11 And they, when they heard that he was living and was seen by her, did not believe *it*.

12 And after these things he was manifested in a different form to two of them as they were walking along in the country.

13 And those went and reported to the rest; neither did they believe those.

14 Last of all, once when they had reclined, he was manifested to the Eleven themselves, and he denounced their disbelief and hardness of heart, in that they had not believed the ones who had seen him risen.

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15 And he said to them, "After you have gone into all the world, proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned.

17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak in new languages,

18 they will pick up serpents, and should they drink something deadly it would in no wise hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will have health again."

19 And so the Lord after speaking to them was taken up to heaven, and sat at the right hand of God.

20 And they went forth *and* preached everywhere, the Lord co-working and confirming the word by the signs accompanying. Amen.

Luke

Chapter 1

Introduction

1 Since many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things fully attested among us,

2 as delivered to us by the original eyewitnesses who became stewards of the word,

3 it seemed good to me also, having meticulously traced everything again from the top, to write it down in sequence for you, O most excellent Theophilus,

4 so that you may know the reliability of things you have been told.

The Birth of John the Baptizer Foretold

5 It came about in the time of Herod, king of Judea, that there was a priest, Zechariah by name, of the rotation of Abijah. And his wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

6 Both were upright in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.

7 But a child they did not have, because Elizabeth was barren. And they were both advanced in age.

8 And it came about, that once when his rotation was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, his lot fell

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9 (normal custom for the priesthood) to go into the temple of the Lord, and to burn incense.

10 The hour of incense came, and all the people in the assembly were praying outside.

11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

12 Seeing it disturbed Zechariah, and fear fell over him.

13 But the angel said to him: "Fear not, Zechariah, for your request was heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

14 Joy and gladness will be with you, and many will rejoice over his birth.

15 For he will be great in the eyes of the Lord. Wine and intoxicating beverages by no means shall he drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, beginning yet in his mother's womb.

16 He will turn many of the children of Israel toward the Lord their God.

17 And he will procede in front of Him, in the spirit and power of Elijah, such that the hearts of fathers will turn toward their children, and the disobedient toward the outlook of the righteous: a prepared people will be arranged for the Lord."

18 Zechariah said to the angel, "By what will I know this? For I am old, and my wife is well advanced in age."

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19 And in answer the angel said to him, "I am Gabriel, one who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you these glad announcements.

20 And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak, until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time."

21 And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondering about his delay in the temple.

22 And when he came out, he was not able to speak to them, and they knew: a vision he had seen in the temple. He kept motioning to them, and remained mute.

23 And when his days of service were completed, he went home.

24 After those days, his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she hid herself for five months.

25 "The way the Lord has done this for me," she said, "these are days he has looked with concern upon me, to take away my disgrace among the people."

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The Birth of Jesus Foretold

26 And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent out by God, to a town in Galilee named Nazareth,

27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

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28 And the angel went in to her, and said, "Hail, O favored one! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women."

29 But when she saw *him* she was very troubled by his utterance, and wondered what sort of greeting this might be.

30 Then the angel said to her, "Fear not, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

31 You shall conceive in your womb, and shall bear a son, and you are to call his name Jesus.

32 This man will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,

33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

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

35 And in answer the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. For this reason also, the one to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

36 And behold, Elizabeth your relative, even she in her old age, has conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her, she who was called barren.

37 Therefore with God, nothing will be impossible."

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38 "Here am I, the slave girl of the Lord," Mary said.
"May it be to me according to your statement." Then
the angel left her.

Mary Stays With Elizabeth

39 At that time Mary got up and went with speed to the
hill country, to a town of Judah,

40 where she entered the house of Zechariah, and
greeted Elizabeth.

41 And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's
greeting, the baby in her womb did leap, and Elizabeth
was filled with the Holy Spirit.

42 And she shouted out in a loud voice, saying,
"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit
of your womb!

43 And why does it come to me, that to me the mother
of my Lord should come?

44 For when the sound of your greeting came into my
ears, the baby in my womb did leap in exultation.

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

Mary's Song

46 And Mary said:
"My soul does magnify the Lord,

47 and my spirit did rejoice

in God my Savior,

48 because he looked toward
the lowly station of his servant.
So behold: all generations after now
will consider me blessed,

49 because the Mighty One
did great things for me.
And holy will be his name,

50 and his mercy
to those who fear him,
into age after age.

51 Power he wrought with his arm.
He scattered those who were proud
in the thoughts of their heart.

52 He pulled down rulers from
their thrones
and lifted high the humble.

53 Hungry ones he filled up
with good things
and rich ones he sent away empty.

54 He helped his servant Israel,
and remembered about mercy

55 'to Abraham and his seed for ever,'
as he said to our fathers."

56 Mary remained with her about three months, and
then returned to her home.

The Birth of John the Baptizer

57 And the time was fulfilled for Elizabeth to give birth, and she produced a son.

58 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had magnified his mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

59 And it came about that on the eighth day, they came to circumcise the child, and they were about to call him by the name of his father, Zechariah,

60 and his mother responded and said, "No! He shall be called John."

61 And they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives called by that name."

62 Then they signaled to his father, to find out what he wanted him to be called.

63 And he asked for a tablet, and wrote as follows, "His name is John." Everyone was surprised.

64 And immediately his mouth was opened, and also his tongue, and he spoke, blessing God.

65 An awe came over everyone who lived around them, and all through the hill country of Judea these things were being discussed.

66 And everyone who heard, kept thinking about it, saying, "What then will this child be?" And the hand of the Lord was with him.

Zechariah's Song

67 And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he prophesied, saying:

68 "Blessed be the Lord,
the God of Israel,
because he has turned to concern himself
and has accomplished redemption
for his people.

69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of David his servant

70 as he has said through the mouths
of his holy prophets
who have been since eons ago,

71 salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us—

72 to demonstrate mercy to our fathers
to remember his holy covenant,

73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

74 to give us rescue from the hand
of our enemies,
that we may serve him without fear

75 in holiness and righteousness before him
all the days of our lives.

76 And you, child, will be called
a prophet of the Most High;
for you will go on before the face of the Lord
to prepare his paths,

77 to give his people the knowledge of
salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,

78 because of the tender feelings of our God
with which the Sunrise from on high
has looked over us

79 to appear to those sitting in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet along the path of peace."

80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and
he was in the deserts, until the days of his being
presented to Israel.

Chapter 2

The Birth of Jesus

1 And it came about in those days, that a decree went
out from Caesar Augustus, that all the inhabited earth
should be registered.

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2 This was the first registration that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

3 And all were making their way to be registered, each to his own town.

4 Thus Joseph also went up, from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was from the house and line of David;

5 to be registered along with Mary, the one pledged to be his wife, who was pregnant.

6 And it came about that while they were there, the days for her to give birth were completed,

7 and she bore her firstborn son. And she swaddled him and placed him in a feeding trough, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

8 And there were shepherds in that same region, camping out in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

9 And lo, an angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone all around them, and they were terrified.

10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not. For behold, I am announcing to you a great joy that will be with all the people.

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11 Because for you is born this day, in the town of David, a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord.

12 And this will be a sign to you: you will find a baby swaddled, lying in a feeding trough."

13 And suddenly, there was with the angel a great company of the army of heaven, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest realms! And on earth peace, good will toward men!"

15 And it came about that when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherd men said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

16 And they went speeding, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the feeding trough.

17 And once they had seen, they gave an exact report of the message spoken to them concerning this child.

18 And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

19 As for Mary, she memorized these words, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, because of the fact that all the things which they had heard and seen, were just as it had been told to them.

Jesus Presented in the Temple

21 And when the eighth day had arrived, the time to circumcise him, he was called the name Jesus, the name called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of their cleansing according to the Law of Moses had been completed, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord,

23 as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male to open a womb shall be called holy to the Lord,"

24 and to offer a sacrifice, in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

25 And behold, a man was in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 It had been communicated to him by the Holy Spirit, that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Anointed.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple, at the same time that the parents of the child Jesus brought him to do for him what the custom of the Law required.

28 And Simeon took him into his arms and blessed God, and said:

29 "Now, Master, keeping your word,

you are dismissing your slave in peace.

30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared in the sight
of all the peoples;

32 a light to be a revelation for the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

33 And Joseph and his mother were marveling at the
things being said about him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary, his
mother: "Behold, this one is being laid down to cause
the stumbling or rising of many in Israel, and to be a
sign that will be continually denounced -

35 yes a sword will be run through your own soul too—
so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed."

36 And there was also a prophetess, Hannah, daughter
of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. This woman had
grown to be very old, having lived with a husband for
seven years after her virginity,

37 and being a widow of about eighty-four years of age,
she hardly departed from the temple, but served night
and day, in fasting and praying.

38 And coming up at that very time, she gave thanks to
the Lord, and spoke about the child to all those
expecting redemption in Jerusalem.

39 And when they had completed everything required
by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their own town
of Nazareth.

40 And the child grew and became strong in spirit; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

The Boy Jesus at the Temple

41 Now his parents would go every year to Jerusalem for the festival of Passover.

42 And when he turned twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem, according to the custom of the Festival.

43 And when the days were completed and they were returning home, the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and Joseph was not aware of it, neither his mother.

44 Thinking he was in their company, they went a day's journey, and then began looking for him among their relatives and acquaintances.

45 And when they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.

46 And it came about that after three days they found him, sitting in the temple, in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and questioning them.

47 And all those who heard him were amazed at the understanding of his responses.

48 And when *his parents* saw him, they were stunned. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us this way? Look at how distressed your father and I are, searching for you."

49 And he said to them, "Why would you be searching for me? Shouldn't you have known that I would have to be among my Father's things?"

50 But they did not understand what he said to them.

51 Then he went down with them and arrived in Nazareth, and continued to subordinate himself to them. But his mother was recording all these words in her heart.

52 And Jesus kept growing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

Chapter 3

John the Baptizer Prepares the Way

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, with Pontius Pilate governor of Judea, and Herod as tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias as tetrarch of Abilene,

2 during the high priesthood of Hananiah and Kayafa, the word of God came upon John the son of Zechariah in the desert.

3 And he appeared, in all the areas around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins,

4 as it is written in the scroll of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

"The voice of one calling in the desert,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make the paths straight for him.

5 Every valley shall be filled up,
every mountain and hill laid low.
The crooked places shall be made straight,
the rough ways smooth.

6 And all flesh shall see
the salvation of God."

7 So John would say to the crowds coming out to be
baptized by him, "You spawn of snakes! Who warned
you to flee from the coming wrath?

8 Then produce fruit characteristic of repentance. And
do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as
our father.' For I tell you that God can raise up children
for Abraham from these stones.

9 Even now the axe is poised at the root of the trees,
and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be
cut down and thrown into the fire."

10 And the crowds would ask him, "What should we do
then?"

11 And in answer he would say to them, "The person
who has two tunics should give away to the one who
has none, and the person who has foodstuffs should do
the same."

12 Revenue agents also came to be baptized, and they
asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

13 He said to them, "Collect nothing in excess, beyond
what is prescribed for you."

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14 Some soldiers were also questioning him, saying, "And us, what should we do?"

And he said to them, "You should no longer shake down anyone, nor frame anyone, always staying content with your pay."

15 And all the people were waiting expectantly, wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Anointed One.

16 John responded speaking to everyone, "I baptize you in water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire:

17 his winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear out his threshing floor, and gather the wheat into the barn. But the chaff he will burn up in unquenchable fire."

18 And with many and varied other exhortations John was preaching the good news to the people.

19 But when Herod the Tetrarch was rebuked by him, regarding Herodias his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done,

20 Herod piled this on top of them all: he shut John up in prison.

The Baptism of Jesus

21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, the heavens were torn open,

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22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in the bodily form of a dove. And a voice came from heaven, saying, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

The Genealogy of Jesus

23 And this Jesus, being about thirty years old, was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Eili,

24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melki, the son of Yanna, the son of Joseph,

25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai,

26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semei, the son of Joseph, the son of Joda,

27 the son of Yoanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

28 the son of Melki, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the son of Er,

29 the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,

30 the son of Simeon,

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the son of Judah, the son of Joseph,
the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim,

31 the son of Melea, the son of Menan,
the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan,
the son of David,

32 the son of Jesse,
the son of Obed, the son of Boaz,
the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon,

33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Aram,
the son of Hezron, the son of Perez,
the son of Judah,

34 the son of Jacob,
the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham,
the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,

35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu,
the son of Peleg, the son of Eber,
the son of Shelah,

36 the son of Cainan,
the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem,
the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,

37 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch,
the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel,
the son of Cainan,

38 the son of Enos,
the son of Seth, the son of Adam,
the son of God.

Chapter 4

The Temptation of Jesus

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the desert,

2 being tempted forty days by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days, and afterward at the end of them he was hungry.

3 And the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, speak to this stone, that it become a loaf of bread."

4 And Jesus responded to him by saying, "It is written, 'A human being shall not live on bread alone, but on every word of God.'"

5 Then leading him up into a high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the inhabited earth, in a moment of time.

6 And he said to Jesus, "All this authority and their glory I will give to you, for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

7 Now then, if you worship in front of me, it will all be yours."

8 In answer Jesus said to him, "You get behind me, Satan. It is written: 'You shall worship Yahweh your
" God, and him only shall you serve.'

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9 Then the devil led him into Jerusalem, and had him stand on the gable of the temple. And he said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here.

10 For it is written:
'He will command his angels
concerning you
to guard you carefully';

11 and, "They will bear you up in their hands,
so you will not strike your foot
against a stone."

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

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

Jesus Begins to Preach

14 And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and a rumor about him spread throughout the whole region.

15 And he taught in their synagogues, being praised by everyone.

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. And he stood up to read.

17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it is written:

18 "The Spirit of Yahweh is upon me,
because he has anointed me;
He has sent me
to heal the broken-hearted;
to preach good news to the poor;
to announce release for the prisoners
and sight for the blind;
to send off the crushed into liberty;

19 to proclaim the year
of Yahweh's favor..."

20 And having closed the scroll, he gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to speak to them: "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

22 All were speaking well of him and amazed at the gracious words coming from his mouth. And they were saying, "Isn't this Joseph's son?"

23 And he said to them, "No doubt you will quote to me this proverb: 'Physician, heal yourself! The things we heard were happening in Capernaum, do here in your home town.'"

24 And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his home town.

25 I tell you, in Elijah's days, during the three years and six months that the sky was shut and there was a great

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famine covering the whole land, it is a fact that there were plenty of widows in Israel.

26 Yet it was not to any of them that Elijah was sent, but to Zarephath *in the country* of Sidon, to a widow woman *there*.

27 Again, in the case of Elisha the prophet, there were plenty of lepers in Israel, and not one of them was cleansed; only Naaman the Syrian."

28 And all the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard these things.

29 They got up and drove him outside the town, intending to throw him down the cliff.

30 But he walked right through them, and went on his way.

Jesus' Teaching Has Authority

31 And he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach them.

32 And they were amazed at his teaching, because his word was authoritative.

33 And in the synagogue was a man who had a demon, an unclean spirit. He shouted out with a very loud voice,

34 "Ha! What business do you have with us, Jesus, you Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

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35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And the demon threw him down before them all and came out of him, doing him no damage.

36 And astonishment overwhelmed them all, and they spoke to each other, saying, "What is this message, that with authority and power he commands unclean spirits, and they come out?"

37 And a rumor went out about him into every place in that region.

Jesus Heals All in Capernaum

38 And rising up out of the synagogue, he went into the home of Simon. And Simon's mother-in-law was suffering a high fever, and they asked him about her.

39 So he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And she got up at once, and proceeded to wait on them.

40 And as the sun was setting, everyone who had anyone ill with various kinds of sickness brought them to him, and laying his hands on each one of them, he healed them.

41 Moreover, demons were coming out from many, shouting and saying, "You are the Anointed One, the Son of God!" And he would rebuke *them*, not allowing them to speak, because they knew him to be the Messiah.

Jesus Keeps Moving

42 And when day came, he left and went off to a solitary place. And the crowds were searching for him, and they came up to him and detained him from leaving them.

43 But he said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because for that reason I have been sent."

44 And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

Chapter 5

The Calling of Simon, Andrew, James, and John

1 And it came about that as he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing urgently around him and listening to the word of God,

2 he saw two boats standing idle by the lake; the fishers had gotten out of them to wash the nets.

3 And getting on board one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from shore. And sitting down, he taught the people from the boat.

4 And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch."

5 And in response Simon said to him, "Master, working hard through the whole night we took nothing. But on the basis of your word, I will let down the net."

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6 And when they had done so, they had enclosed a great number of fish, and their net was beginning to tear.

7 So they signaled to their partners, those in the other boat, to come and help them, and they came, and they filled both the boats, such that they began to sink.

8 And when Simon Peter saw *this*, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me Lord; I am a sinful man!"

9 For astonishment had seized him and all those with him, at the catch of fish that they had taken, and likewise also James and John the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

10 But Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on you will be catching human beings."

11 And when they had pulled the boats to shore, they gave it all up and followed him.

A Leper Healed Spreads the Word

12 And it came about that he was in one of the towns, and behold, a man covered with leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, saying, "Lord, if you are willing, you can cleanse me."

13 And reaching out his hand, he touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be cleansed." And immediately the leprosy left him.

14 And he ordered him to tell no one, but "Go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

15 But word about him was spreading all the more, and many crowds would walk alongside to listen, and to be healed by him of their sicknesses.

16 And he would take retreat in deserted places, and pray.

The Paralytic Lowered Through the Roof

17 And it came about during one of the days that, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the Torah also were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

18 And behold, men carrying on a pallet a man who was paralyzed. And they were trying to carry him in, to lay him before him.

19 And not finding a way to carry in because of the crowd, they went up onto the roof, and lowered him with his bed down through the tiles, into the middle, in front of Jesus.

20 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to him, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you."

21 And the Torah scholars and Pharisees began to reason as follows: "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

22 But knowing their reasonings, Jesus in response said to them, "Why are you debating *this* in your hearts?"

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23 Which is easier: to say 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?

24 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, pick up your mat and be on your way home."

25 And immediately he stood up, in full view of them, and taking up that upon which he had been lying, he went away toward home, praising God.

26 Everyone was stunned with amazement. And they glorified God, and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen remarkable things today."

A Revenue Agent Joins Jesus

27 And after these things he went out, and he saw a revenue agent by the name of Levi, sitting at the taxes post, and he said to him, "Follow me."

28 And he rose up and followed him, giving it all up.

29 Then Levi held a great banquet for him at his house. And there was also a large crowd of revenue agents and others who were reclining with him.

30 And their Torah scholars and the Pharisees grumbled to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with revenue agents and sinners?"

31 And Jesus responded and said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are sick.

32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Jesus Questioned About Fasting

33 They then said to him, "Why is it the disciples of John are often fasting and making prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking."

34 And he said to them, "Can you make the members of the bridegroom's party fast during *days* in which the bridegroom is with them?"

35 But the days will come. Yes, when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then in those days they will fast."

36 And he also spoke a parable to them: "No one puts a patch from a new garment onto an old garment. For then, not only is the new getting torn, but that from the new does not match the old.

37 And no one puts new wine in old wineskins. For then, the new wine will burst the wineskins, and it will be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined.

38 On the contrary, new wine must be put in new wine skins, and then both are preserved.

39 And no one, right after drinking old wine wants the new, for he says, 'The old is better.' "

Chapter 6

Man Over the Sabbath

1 And he happened during the second high Sabbath to be passing through grain fields, and his disciples were plucking and eating the heads, rubbing them in their hands.

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

3 And in answer to them Jesus said, "Have you never read what David did when he and those with him were hungry?"

4 How he went into the house of God, and took the loaves of offering and ate, and gave also to the ones with him, which was not permissible to eat, except for the priests only?"

5 Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord also of the Sabbath."

6 And it came about that on another Sabbath also, he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled.

7 And the Torah scholars and the Pharisees were carefully watching, whether he would heal on the Sabbath, in order to find a charge against him.

8 But he knew their reasoning, and said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Get up and stand in view." And he got up and stood.

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9 Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is permissible on the Sabbath days: to do good or to do evil, to save life or destroy it?"

10 And looking around at them all, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored, as sound as the other.

11 And they were filled with rage, and discussed with each other what they should do to Jesus.

The Twelve Apostles

12 And it came about in those days that he went out into the hills to pray, and spent the whole night praying to God.

13 And when it was day, he called his disciples to him, and from them he selected twelve, whom he then designated apostles:

14 Simon, whom he also named Peter, and his brother Andrew; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew;

15 Matthew and Thomas; James son of Halphaeus and Simon the Zealot;

16 and Judas son of James; and Judas of Kerioth, who also became a betrayer.

Blessings and Woes

17 And when he came down, he stopped at a level place with them and with a crowd of his disciples, and with a great multitude of the people from all of Judea and

Jerusalem and from the coastal areas of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases.

18 And those oppressed by unclean spirits were being cured as well.

19 And the entire crowd was trying to touch him, because power was going out from him, and curing everyone.

20 And he lifted his eyes toward his disciples, and began to speak:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are you who are going hungry now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are weeping now,
for you will laugh.

22 Blessed are you
when people hate you,
excommunicate you and shame you
and cast out your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

23 "Rejoice in that day, and skip for joy! For behold, great is your reward in heaven, for those things their ancestors likewise did to the prophets.

24 "But woe to you who are rich,
because you have received
your *share of* comfort.

25 Woe to you who are being well fed,
for you will go hungry.

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

26 Woe to you when people
speak well of you,
for those things their ancestors did
likewise to the false prophets.

Love Your Enemies

27 "But I say to you who are listening, love your
enemies, treat well the ones hating you,

28 bless the ones cursing you, pray for the ones
insulting you.

29 To the one striking you on the cheek, offer the other
cheek also. And the person taking your jacket, do not
prevent him from taking your shirt as well.

30 And to everyone asking you, give, and from the one
forcefully taking your things, do not demand them
back.

31 And just as you wish people would do to you, do the
same also to them.

32 "And if you love the ones loving you, what credit is
that to you? For the sinners also love the ones loving
them.

33 And if you do good to the ones doing good to you,
what credit is that to you? For the sinners also do the
same.

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34 And if you lend to the ones from whom you foresee repayment, what credit is that to you? For sinners also lend to sinners, in such a way they may receive the equal back.

35 But love your enemies, and do good and lend, expecting nothing, and great will be your reward, and you will be children of the Most High, for he is kind to the unthankful and evil.

36 Be compassionate therefore, as your Father also is compassionate.

The Law of Reciprocity

37 "And do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

38 "Give, and it will be given to you. A generous container, and compacted, and shaken and running over, they will hand into your arms. For with the same standard you measure out, it will be measured back to you."

Correcting Others

39 He then spoke a parable to them: "Can a blind person lead a blind person? Will they not both fall into a ditch?

40 A student is not above his teacher, but rather, every student when fully trained will be like his teacher.

41 "Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but the log that is in your own eye you do not consider?

42 Or how are you able to say to your brother, 'Brother, allow me to take out the speck that is in your eye,' while you are not seeing the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first get the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye.

A Tree and its Fruit

43 "Now there is no good tree producing bad fruit, nor a bad tree producing good fruit.

44 For each tree is known by its own fruit. For they do not gather figs from thornbushes, neither do they pick a grape from a brier.

45 "The good person, out of the good stockpile of his heart, brings forth good, and the evil person out of the evil stockpile of his heart, brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart one's mouth speaks.

The Two Kinds of Builders

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

47 Anyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what that person is like.

48 That person is like a man building a house, who dug and deepened and laid a foundation on the rock. And when a flood occurred, the river dashed against that house, but was not able to shake it, because it was founded firmly on the rock..

49 "But the one who has heard them and not done them, is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation, against which dashed the river, and very soon it fell down, and the destruction of that house was great."

Chapter 7

One Centurion's Faith with Authority

1 When he had finished all his sayings in the ears of the people, he entered Capernaum.

2 And the slave of a certain centurion, who was very valuable to him, was sick and about to die.

3 And having heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his slave.

4 So when they came to Jesus, they were pleading earnestly with him, saying, "He is worthy that you confer this upon him,

5 for he loves our nation, and he built us the synagogue."

6 So Jesus went with them. And when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him saying to him as follows: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I am not fit that you should enter under my roof.

7 So also neither did I consider myself worthy to come to you. But say it with a word, and my slave will be healed.

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8 For I too am a man stationed under authority, having soldiers under myself. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does."

9 And when Jesus heard these words, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, not in Israel have I found such faith."

10 And when the ones who had been sent returned to the house, they found the ailing slave was well.

Jesus Raises a Dead Man at Nain

11 And it came about that on the next day he was going into a town called Nain, and many of his disciples and a large crowd were going along with him.

12 And as he approached the town gate, behold, a dead person was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable crowd from the town was with her.

13 When he saw her, the Lord was moved with pity for her, and he said to her, "Don't cry."

14 And he went up to the coffin and touched it, and the pallbearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise up!"

15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak. And he gave him back to his mother.

16 And fear took hold of all, and they praised God, saying, "A great prophet has been raised up among us," and, "God has come to help his people."

17 And this news about him spread throughout the land of the Jews and the surrounding country.

Jesus and John the Baptizer

18 And John's disciples reported to him about all these things. And after calling two of his disciples to him, John

19 sent word to Jesus, as follows: "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect another?"

20 And when they had come to him, the men said, "John the Baptizer sent us to you saying, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect another?'"

21 Now in that same hour he healed many *people* of diseases and sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind.

22 And in answer, Jesus said to them, "Go and report back to John what things you saw and heard: The blind see again, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and good news is preached to the poor.

23 And *tell him*, 'Blessed be whoever is not offended on account of me.' "

24 And as John's messengers were leaving, he began to speak to the crowds about John: "What have you gone out into the desert to see? A reed getting swayed to and fro by the wind?

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25 On the contrary, what have you gone out to see? A man dressed in delicate clothes? Behold, those in expensive clothes and living in luxury are in royal palaces.

26 On the contrary, what have you gone out to see? A prophet? Yes indeed I tell you, and more than a prophet.

27 This is the one about whom it is written:
'Behold, I am sending my messenger
before your face,
who will prepare your way
before you.'

28 For I tell you, among those born of women, no prophet is greater than John the Baptizer. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

29 (And all the people who heard, even the revenue agents, vindicated God, having been baptized with the baptism of John.

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

31 "To what, then, shall I compare the people of this generation? And what are they like?

32 They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to one another and saying:
'We played the flute for you,
and you didn't dance;
we sang a dirge to you,
and you didn't cry.'

33 For John the Baptizer came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.'

34 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Behold a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of revenue agents and sinners.'

35 Regardless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

A Prostitute Washes Jesus' Feet with her Tears

36 But one of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined.

37 And behold, a woman who was being a sinner in that town came, who having learned that he is reclining at the Pharisee's house, had brought an alabaster bottle of perfume,

38 and appeared behind Jesus, weeping at his feet. And with the tears she began to bathe his feet. And with the hairs of her head she was wiping off, and earnestly kissing his feet, and anointing them with the perfume.

39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he thought to himself as follows, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and of what sort is the woman touching him— that she is a sinner."

40 And Jesus spoke up, and said to him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

And he says, "Tell me, teacher."

41 "Two men were debtors to a moneylender. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

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42 And as they did not have the money to pay him back, he freely forgave them both. Now tell me, which of them will love him more?"

43 And in answer Simon said, "I suppose the one whom he freely forgave more."
And he said to him, "You have judged correctly."

44 And turning toward the woman, he was saying to Simon, "Do you see this woman? Your house I entered. Water you did not give me for my feet, but this woman bathed my feet with her tears, and wiped them off with the hairs of her head.

45 A kiss you did not give me, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped earnestly kissing my feet.

46 With oil you did not anoint my head, but this woman with perfume anointed my feet.

47 For which reason, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven, that she loved much. But someone who has been forgiven little, loves little."

48 And he said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

49 And those reclining with him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

50 But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go with peace."

Chapter 8

Jesus' Financiers

1 And it came about after this that he traveled about through one city and village after another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him,

2 and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary, called the Magdalene, from whom seven demons had come out;

3 and Joanna the wife of Kuza, the manager of Herod's household; and Susanna; plus many others; these women were providing for them out of their own means.

The Parable of the Sower

4 And when a great crowd was coming together, people from every one of those towns coming toward him, he spoke by means of a parable:

5 "The sower went out to sow his seed. And in the process of sowing, some seed fell beside the way and was trampled on, and the birds of the sky devoured it.

6 And other seed fell on rock, and after it grew, it withered, having no way to get moisture.

7 And other seed fell in the midst of thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.

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8 And other seed fell into good soil, and when grown it produced fruit a hundredfold."
After he said these things, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, hear."

The Parable of the Sower Explained

9 And his disciples questioned him, saying, "What is the intent of this parable?"

10 And he said, "To you it is given such that you will know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, so that,
"Though seeing, they will not see,
and though hearing,
they will not understand.'

11 "This, then, means the parable: The seed is the word of God.

12 And the ones beside the way are those who when they hear, next comes the devil, and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.

13 And the ones on the rock are those who when they hear, receive the word with joy. They are also ones who have no root, and believe for a time, and in the time of trial shrink back.

14 And the seed falling in the thorns, these are those who hear, and as they go, are choked by the worries and riches and pleasures of life, and do not bear fruit to the end.

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15 And the seed in good soil, these are those who when they hear the word, retain it in a good and worthy heart, and bear fruit with perseverance.

16 "Now no one after lighting a lamp covers it with a bucket, or puts it under a bed, but instead puts it on the lamp stand, so that those coming in may see the light.

17 For there is nothing hidden that will not be made manifest, nor secret, that will not become known, and come into illumination.

18 Watch therefore how you listen, for whoever has, it will be granted him, and whoever has not, even what he seems to have will be taken away from him."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

19 And his mother and brothers came to him, and were not able to get near him because of the crowd.

20 And it was reported to him as follows: "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."

21 But he in answer said to them, "These are my mother and brothers, the ones hearing the word of God and doing it."

Jesus Commands the Elements

22 And it came about during one of those days that he and his disciples had gotten into a boat, that he said to them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." And they put out to sea.

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23 And as they sailed, he fell asleep. And a storm of wind came down onto the lake, and they were being swamped, and in great danger.

24 And after approaching him, they roused him, saying, "Master, we are going to die!"

And when he was awake, he rebuked the wind, and the roughness of the water, and they stopped, and it was calm.

25 And he said to them, "Where is your faith?"

But they were amazed and fearful, saying to one another, "Who then is this? For he even commands the wind and the water, and they obey him!"

The Legion of Demons Near Gadara

26 And they sailed down into the territory of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

27 And as he was going on shore, a man from the town met him, who was demon-possessed, and had not put clothes on for quite some time, and who was living not in a house but in the tombs.

28 And when he had seen Jesus, and cried out, he fell down before him, and in a loud voice he said: "What business is there between you and me, O Jesus, you son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torture me!"

29 For Jesus was commanding the evil spirit to come out of the man. For many times it had possessed him, and he would be bound with chains and leg irons and guarded, but tearing the bonds apart, he would be driven by the demon into solitary places.

30 And Jesus questioned him: "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion." For many demons had entered into him.

31 And they began to plead with him that he not order them to depart into the Abyss.

32 And a considerable herd of pigs was feeding there on a hillside, and they were begging him that he allow them to enter into them, and he allowed them.

33 So coming out from the man, the demons entered into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and drowned.

34 And seeing what had happened, the herders fled, and reported it to the town and to the farms.

35 And they came out to see what had happened. And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed, and in his right mind, and they were afraid.

36 Then the ones who had seen also reported to them how the demon-possessed man had been cured.

37 And all the population of the neighborhood of the Gadarenes asked him to go away from them, for they were overcome with great fear. So he got into the boat *and* turned back.

38 But the man from whom the demons had gone out was begging to accompany him. But Jesus sent him away, saying,

39 "Return to your house, and recount all the things God has done for you." And he went, throughout the

whole town, proclaiming what things Jesus had done for him.

Dead Damsel and a Sick Woman

40 And it came about that upon his return, a crowd was welcoming him, for they were all expecting him.

41 And behold, a man had come whose name was Jairus, and he was a synagogue ruler. And falling at Jesus' feet, he begged him to come to his house,

42 because he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and this girl was dying. And as he was on his way, the crowds were pinching him in.

43 And a woman suffering a flow of blood since twelve years, who had spent everything she owned on doctors and not been able to get cured by anyone,

44 came up behind and touched the tassel of his cloak, and immediately her flow of blood stopped.

45 And Jesus said, "Who was it touching me?" When everyone denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the crowds are pushing in together and jostling you, and you say 'Who touched me?' "

46 But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I sensed power go out from me."

47 Then the woman, seeing that she was not going unnoticed, came, trembling. And falling at his feet, she

related to him before all the people the reason she had touched him, and how she had been instantly healed.

48 And he said to her, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you. Go with peace."

49 While he was still speaking, someone comes from the synagogue ruler's, telling him, "Your daughter has died. Do not trouble the teacher any more."

50 But having heard, Jesus responded to him by saying, "Don't be afraid. Only believe, and she will be healed."

51 And when he went into the house, he did not allow anyone to enter except Peter and John and James, and the father of the maiden and the mother.

52 And all were weeping and wailing for her. But he said, "Do not weep. She is not dead but sleeping."

53 And they laughed scornfully at him, knowing that she had died.

54 Then, after throwing everyone outside, he held her hand, and called out as follows: "Damsel, wake up!"

55 And her spirit returned, and she stood up at once, and he ordered that she be given something to eat.

56 And her parents were astonished. Then he charged them not to tell anyone what had happened.

Chapter 9

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

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1 And having called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority over all the demons and diseases, in order to heal.

2 And he sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to cure the sick,

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

4 "And into whatever house you might enter, there remain, and from there go forward.

5 And all the *places* that do not welcome you, going forth from that town, shake the dust off your feet, as a testimony against them."

6 And going forth they went throughout all the villages, preaching the good news, and healing everywhere.

Herod Hears of Jesus

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was going on, and kept becoming perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead,

8 and by some that Elijah had appeared, and still others that a prophet, one of the Ancients, had come back to life.

9 But Herod said, "John, I beheaded. Who, then, is this I hear such things about?" And he tried to see him.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

10 And when the apostles returned, they reported to him what things they had done. Then he took them, and retreated in private to a deserted place belonging to a town called Bethsaida.

11 But the crowds who knew, followed him. So, welcoming them, he spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and the ones having need of healing, he cured.

12 But the daylight began to decline, and the twelve approached *and* said to him, "Dismiss the crowd, so they can go to the surrounding villages and farms to sleep and find supplies. Because here, we are in a remote place."

13 And he said to them, "You give them something to eat."
But they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we were to go and buy food for all this crowd."

14 For there were about five thousand men.
And he said to his disciples, "Get them to recline in groups of about fifty each."

15 And they did so, and got them all to recline.

16 And taking the loaves and the two fish, *and* looking up to heaven, he blessed them and broke them, and gave to the disciples to set before the people.

17 And they all ate and were satisfied, and their leftovers picked up were twelve large baskets of fragments.

Peter's Confession of Messiah

18 And it came about that, when he was praying in private, the disciples were with him, and he queried them, saying, "Who do the crowds maintain me to be?"

19 And they in answer said, "John the Baptizer; and others, Elijah; and others that a prophet, one of the Ancients, has risen again."

20 And he said to them, "But you, who do you maintain me to be?"
And Peter in answer said, "The Christ of God."

Jesus Predicts His Death

21 But he, admonishing them, charged them to tell this to no one,

22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and Torah scholars, and be killed, and on the third day be raised again."

23 Then toward everyone he was saying, "If someone wants to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

24 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake, this one will save it.

25 For how does it benefit a human being when he has gained the whole world, but has lost or been forfeited his very self?

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26 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, that person the Son of Man will be ashamed of, when he comes in his glory, and of the Father, and of the holy angels.

27 But truly I say to you: There are some, of the ones standing here, who will certainly not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

The Transfiguration

28 And it came about, something like eight days after these words, that having taken Peter and John and James, he went up into the mountain, to pray.

29 And it came about that as he prayed, the appearance of his face *was* different, and his clothes *were* a glistening white.

30 And behold, two men were conversing with him, who were Moses and Elijah,

31 who, having been made visible in glory, were relating about the exodus of him, which was soon to be coming true in Jerusalem.

32 But Peter and the ones with him were heavy-eyed with sleepiness. But when they had fully woken up, they saw his glory, and the two men standing with him.

33 And it came about that as those were moving off from Jesus, Peter said to him, "O Master, it is good for us to be here, and we should make three shelters, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." (Not knowing what he is saying.)

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34 And as he was saying these things, a cloud came, and it overshadowed them. And they were afraid as they went into the cloud.

35 And a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, the Chosen One; listen to him."

36 And when the voice happened, they found Jesus alone. And they kept quiet and told no one in those days anything that they had seen.

The Disciples Accused of Impotence to Heal

37 And it came about that during the following day, as they were coming down from the mountain, a large crowd met him.

38 And behold, a man in the crowd shouted out, saying, "Teacher, I beg of you to look at my son; because he is my only born,

39 and behold, a spirit takes over him and he suddenly cries out, and it convulses him with foaming *at the mouth*. And it hardly goes away from him, wearing him out.

40 And I pleaded with your disciples that they cast it out, and they were not able to."

41 And in response Jesus said, "O unbelieving and perverted generation, how long must I be with you, and put up with you? Bring your son here."

42 And even as he was approaching Him, the demon dashed him to the ground, and thrashed him back and forth. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and the

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child was restored to wholeness, and He gave him back to his father.

43 And all were struck by the majesty of God. And while everyone marveled at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples,

44 "You place into your ears these words. For the Son of Man is about to be transferred into the hands of human beings."

45 But they were not understanding this statement, and *the meaning* was being kept hidden from them, with the result that they did not see it. And they were afraid to ask him about this statement.

Who Is the Greatest?

46 So contention came into them, as to who of them was greatest.

47 And Jesus, knowing the contention of their hearts, took a child by the hand, *and* stood him next to himself.

48 And he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child on the basis of my name, is welcoming me, and whoever welcomes me, is welcoming the one who sent me. For the person who is smallest among you all, that is who is great."

Do Not Hinder Other Camps of God's People

49 And in response, John said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him; for he is not following *you* together with us."

50 But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop *such*, for someone who is not against you is for you."

Jesus Rejected by a Samaritan Village

51 And it came about that the days leading to his being taken up were running out, and he set his face to head toward Jerusalem.

52 And he sent out messengers before his face. And when they proceeded forth they went into a Samaritan village, so as to prepare *it* for him.

53 And they did not welcome him, because his face was heading toward Jerusalem.

54 And when they saw *this*, the disciples James and John said, "Lord, do you will that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them as also Elijah did?"

55 But when he turned *to them*, he rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what spirit you are of.

56 For the Son of Man came not to destroy people's lives, but to save them." And they moved on, to a different village.

The Cost of Following Jesus

57 And as they were proceeding on the way, someone said to him, "I will follow you, wherever you might go."

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58 And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have dens, and the birds of the sky, nestling places, but the Son of Man has nowhere he can lay his head."

59 And to another *man*, he said, "Follow me."
But he said, "Lord, give me leave to first go and bury my father."

60 But Jesus said to him, "Leave those who are dead to bury their dead themselves; and you, after you have come away, you publicize the kingdom of God."

61 And another also said, "I will follow you, Lord. But first give me leave to say farewell to my household."

62 But Jesus said, "No one putting hand to plow and looking back to the things behind, is cut out for the kingdom of God."

Chapter 10

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

1 And after these things, the Lord appointed another seventy, and sent them out two by two before his face, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.

2 And he was saying to them, "The crop is large, but the workers are few. Request therefore of the lord of the harvest, that he send out workers into his harvest.

3 Be on your way. Behold, I am sending you out like sheep in the midst of wolves.

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4 You must carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one along the way.

5 "And into whatever house you enter, first you say, 'Peace to this house.'

6 And if a child of peace is there, your peace will settle upon him. Otherwise, it will bounce back onto you.

7 And in that same house you are to remain, eating and drinking the things belonging to them; for the worker is worthy of his pay; you are not to be moving from house to house.

8 "And into whatever town you enter that they welcome you, eat the things being set before you,

9 and heal the sick in it, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has drawn over you.'

10 But into whatever town you enter that they do not welcome you, go out into the streets of it, and say,

11 'Even the dust sticking to us from your town onto our feet, we are shaking off to you. Even so, know this, that the kingdom of God has drawn near.'

12 I assure you, it will be more bearable for Sodom in That Day, than for that town.

13 "Woe to you, Khorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that took place in you took place in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 In any case, it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

15 And you, Capernaum, will has been lifted up to heaven, you will be cast down to Hades!

16 "The person who listens to you is listening to me, and the one rejecting you, is rejecting me. And the one rejecting me, is rejecting the one who sent me."

17 And the seventy-two returned, with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit themselves to us in your name."

18 And he said to them, "I was watching as Satan fell from heaven like lightning.

19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will by any means harm you.

20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits submit to you; but rejoice that your names are written down in heaven."

21 In that same hour, he exulted in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I praise you, Father, O Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the learned and intelligent, and revealed them to babes. Yes, O Father, for that is what was pleasing in your sight.

22 "Everything has been turned over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is, except the Father; and who the Father is, except the Son, and those to whom the Son decides to reveal *it*."

23 And after he had turned toward his disciples privately, he said, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.

24 For I tell you, many prophets and kings wanted to see what you are seeing, and did not see it, and to hear what you are hearing, and did not hear it."

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 And behold, a lawyer arose, testing him, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 And he said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

27 And he in answer said, "You shall love Yahweh your God from your whole heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

28 And He said, "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live."

29 But wanting to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply, Jesus said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among bandits. And they, when they had stripped him and inflicted wounds, went away, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he avoided *him*.

32 And likewise also a Levite, when he came near that place and saw, passed on around.

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33 But a Samaritan man came traveling by him, and when he saw, was moved with pity.

34 And he approached *and* stopped up his wounds, *and* applied olive oil and wine. And mounting him on his own animal, he took him to an inn and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him, and whatever you spend beyond *this*, I will reimburse you when I return.'

36 "Which of these three seems to you a neighbor for the one who fell among bandits?"

37 And he said, "The one who did the mercy with him." And Jesus said to him, "Go yourself and do likewise."

Jesus at Mary and Martha's House

38 And when he moved on, he entered a certain village. And a woman by the name of Martha housed him.

39 There was also a sister to that one, named Mary, and she having sat down at the Lord's feet, was listening to his word.

40 But Martha was being drawn away by many chores of hospitality. But when she did come over, she said, "Lord, doesn't it concern you that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her therefore that she should help carry the load with me."

41 But in answer, Jesus said to her, "Martha, Martha. You are getting concerned and agitated over many things.

42 But there is only one thing that warrants it. For Mary has selected the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Chapter 11

Prayer

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

2 And he said to them, "When you pray, say:
" 'Our Father, who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
May your kingdom come.
May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive
everyone who is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil' "

5 And he said to them, "Suppose one of you shall have a friend, and will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves,

6 because a friend of mine has shown up, from a journey toward me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

7 "That one inside may say in answer, 'Do not cause me hassles. The door is already shut up, and my children are in bed with me. I can't get up to give you something.'

8 I tell you, even if he will not get up and give you something because of being your friend, yet because of brash persistence on your part he will get up, and give you as much as you need.

9 "So I say to you: Keep asking, and it will be given to you; keep seeking, and you will find; keep knocking, and it will be opened to you.

10 For everyone who keeps asking, receives; and the person who keeps seeking, finds; and to the one who keeps on knocking, it will be opened.

11 "And which father among you, if his child will ask for bread will give him a stone, or for a fish, will hand him a snake instead?

12 Or again, if he asks for an egg, will hand him a scorpion?

13 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father from heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Jesus and Baalzibbul

14 And he was casting out a demon of muteness. And it came about that after the demon went out, the mute man spoke. And the crowd was amazed.

15 But some of them said, "It is by Ba'al-zibbul, the prince of demons, that he drives out the demons."

16 And others, testing, wanted from him a sign out of heaven.

17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is desolated, and a house divided against itself falls.

18 So also, if Satan was divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim I drive out the demons by Baal-zibbul.

19 Now if I drive out the demons by Baal-zibbul, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges.

20 But if I am driving out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

21 "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own castle, his possessions are safe.

22 But when a stronger one than he comes and overpowers him, he takes away the armor upon which his confidence was based, and divides out the spoils.

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23 "The person who is not with me is against me, and the one not gathering with me is scattering."

24 "When an evil spirit comes out of a human being, it goes through water less places, seeking rest. And not finding it, at that time it says, 'I will return to the house from which I came out.'

25 And when it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order.

26 Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they come inside and live there. And the final condition of that human is worse than the first."

27 And it came about that as Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd lifted up her voice and said to him, "Blessed are the womb that bore you, and the breasts on which you sucked."

28 But he replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

The Sign of Jonah

29 And as the crowds were pressing together upon him, he began to say, "This generation is a wicked generation; it asks for a sign. And no sign will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

30 For just as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.

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31 The Queen of the South will be raised at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, one greater than Solomon is here.

32 The men of Nineveh will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, one greater than Jonah is here.

The Light of the Body

33 "No one after lighting a lamp puts it out of view, or under a basket, but rather on the lamp stand, so that those who come in may see the light.

34 The lamp of the body is your eye. When your eye is open and generous, your entire body is brightly lit also. But when your eye is suspicious and stingy, your body is in darkness also.

35 See to it, therefore, that the light in you is not darkness.

36 If then your whole body is brightly lit, not having any part dark, it will all be lighted, like when the lamp by its brightness illumines you."

Six Woes

37 And as he was speaking, a Pharisee asks him to have lunch with him; so having gone inside, he reclined.

38 And the Pharisee when he saw, was shocked that he did not first baptize before the meal.

39 And the Lord said to him, "As it is, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and platter, but the inside of you is loaded with acquisitiveness and wickedness.

40 "O foolish ones! Did not the one who made the outside, make the inside also?

41 But the things lying within give to the poor, and behold, all things are now clean for you.

42 "But woe to you, Pharisees! For you tithe the mint, and even the rue and every kind of garden herb, and neglect the justice and the love of God. But these latter things you ought to practice, without leaving the former undone.

43 "Woe to you, Pharisees! For you love the prominent seats in the synagogues, and the greetings in the marketplaces.

44 "Woe to you! For you are like graves that are not marked, and the people when walking over them do not know it."

45 And in response, someone from the class of lawyers says to him, "Teacher, in saying these things, you are insulting us also."

46 But he said, "And to you lawyers also, woe! For you make people carry loads oppressive to bear, and you yourselves, not one of your fingers do you touch to such loads.

47 "Woe to you! For you build mausoleums for the prophets, and it was your forefathers who murdered them.

48 So then, approving witnesses you are, to the deeds of your forefathers; for they kill them, and you build.

49 "For this reason also the wisdom of God has said, 'I am sending to them prophets and apostles; and some of them they will kill, and some of them they will persecute,'

50 with the result that the blood of all the prophets spilled since the founding of the world will be demanded of this generation,

51 from the blood of Abel, up until the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary; yes, I tell you, *all* will be demanded of this generation.

52 "Woe to you, lawyers! For you have taken away the key *to the door* of knowledge. You yourselves have not gone in, and the ones going in you have barred."

53 And then as he went forth from there, the Torah scholars and Pharisees began to be extremely hostile, and to provoke him to speak unpreparedly about a great variety of topics,

54 ambushing him, to pounce on something coming from his mouth.

Chapter 12

Warnings and Encouragements

1 When a vast multitude had gathered, such that they were trampling on one another, he began to say to his

disciples first, "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

2 But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and *nothing* secret that will not be made known.

3 Therefore, what things you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken close to an ear in the cellars, will be proclaimed on the housetops.

4 "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of the ones killing the body, and after that having nothing worse left to do.

5 But I will suggest to you whom you should fear. Fear the one who after the killing, has the power to cast into Gehenna. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

6 "Are not five sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them is forgotten before God.

7 But in your case, even the hairs of your head, each is numbered. You should not be afraid; you matter more than many sparrows.

8 "But I tell you, whoever stands up for me before human beings, the Son of Man also will stand up for him before the angels of God.

9 Whereas the one disowning me before human beings, will be disowned before the angels of God.

10 And everyone who will speak a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him. But to the person

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who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.

11 "And when they deliver you over to the synagogues, and to the rulers and to the authorities, do not worry how or what you should defend, or what you should say.

12 For the Holy Spirit will instruct you in that very hour what needs to be said."

False Financial Security

13 And someone in the crowd said, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

14 But he said to him, "Man, who appointed me judge or arbiter over you *two*?"

15 And he said to them, "Watch out, and be on your guard against every form of covetousness. For the life of one is not from the increase of one's possessions."

16 And he spoke a parable to them as follows: "The land of a certain rich man yielded abundantly,

17 and he was thinking to himself, 'What shall I do? For I have no place where I can stack my produce.'

18 And he said, 'This is what I will do. I will pull down my warehouses, and build bigger ones, and there I will stack all my wheat, and all my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have much goods sitting there into many years. Relax, eat, drink, be merry." '

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20 But God said to him, 'You fool, this very night they are demanding your soul back from you, and the provisions you have made, whose will they be?'

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

True Financial Security

22 And to his disciples, he said, "Because of this I say to you, do not worry about life, what you will eat, nor about the body, what you will wear.

23 For life means more than food, and the body more than clothes.

24 "Consider the ravens, that they neither sow nor reap, and God feeds them. How much higher priority you are than birds!

25 "Now which of you by worrying is able to add onto his lifespan one foot?

26 If therefore you cannot accomplish even this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

27 "Consider the lilies, how they grow. They neither labor nor weave. But I tell you, not even Solomon, in all his splendor, was bedecked like one of these.

28 Now if God thus clothes the wild grass, which is here this day and the next is thrown into the stove, how much more would he rather clothe you, O you of little faith?

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29 "And you also should not seek after how you will eat, and how you will drink; that is, do not be anxious.

30 Because all these things, the nations of the world are striving for. But your Father knows that you have need of these things.

31 Only seek instead his kingdom, and these things will be included for you.

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock; for it has given your Father pleasure to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell your possessions, and give to the poor: make for yourselves money bags unfailing, a stockpile not shrinking; in the heavens, where neither a thief ever gets close, nor a moth ever destroys.

34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be Ready

35 "You must keep your waists girded and your lamps burning,

36 and you must be like people waiting for their own master, *waiting* for when he returns from the wedding celebrations, so that when he arrives and is knocking, they may immediately open for him.

37 Happy are those slaves who when the master arrives, he finds watching. Truly I tell you, he will gird himself and bid them recline, and after coming in, he will serve them.

38 Those *slaves* are happy, whether he arrives and finds them in the second, or even in the third watch.

39 And this you know, that if the manager of the household knew what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

40 You also must be the same, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you would not think he would."

41 And Peter said, "Lord, are you saying this parable to us, or to everyone else as well?"

42 And the Lord said, "So who is the faithful and sensible steward, whom the master will place over his domestic service, to be giving out rations in due time?"

43 Happy will be that slave who when his lord comes, he finds doing so.

44 Truly I tell you, he will place him over all his possessions.

45 "But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master is taking his time to come,' and he begins to slap around the work boys and the work girls, and to eat and drink and get drunk,

46 the master of that slave will come at an hour he is not expecting, and at a time he does not know, and will cut him in two, and appoint him his inheritance with the unbelieving.

47 "And that slave, knowing the will of his master, and not having prepared or done in accordance with his will, he will be lashed many times.

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48 Whereas the one not knowing, and having done things deserving of scourgings, he will be lashed few times. So then, anyone to whom much has been given, much will be required of him, and from him to whom much has been entrusted, that much more will be demanded.

Jesus Causes Division

49 "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

50 But I have a baptism to be baptized, and how tormented I am until that has been accomplished.

51 "You think that I have come to provide peace on the earth. Not at all, I tell you, but rather division.

52 For from now on, five in one household will be divided: three against two, and two against three.

53 A father will be divided against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother, a mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Judge For Yourselves

54 And he was also saying to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, right away you say, 'A rainstorm is coming,' and it happens so.

55 And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It will be hot,' and it happens.

56 Hypocrites! The face of the earth and sky you know how to interpret, but this present time you do not know how to interpret?

57 "And why also do you not judge for yourselves what is right?"

58 For as you are going with your adversary to court, on the way make every effort to be free of him, lest he drag you before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison.

59 I tell you, no way will you come out of that place, until you have paid back the very last penny."

Chapter 13

Repent or Perish

1 And some who were present at that time, were reporting to him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices.

2 And in response he said to them, "Do you think that because they suffered these things, those Galileans were sinners, more so than all the rest of the Galileans?"

3 Not at all, I tell you; but on the other hand, if you do not repent, you shall all likewise perish.

4 Or those eighteen, on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think they were debtors worse than all the rest of the people living in Jerusalem?"

5 Not at all, I tell you; but on the other hand, if you do not repent, you shall all likewise perish."

6 And he continued with this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. And he came seeking fruit on it, and did not find any.

7 And he said to the vine dresser, 'Look, it has been three years already I have been coming, seeking fruit on this fig tree and not finding it. Cut it down. Why is it still using up the soil?'

8 "But in answer, he says to him, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, until such time I have dug and put manure around it;

9 and if in the future it does produce fruit, so much the better. But if not, then you would cut it down.'"

A Crippled Woman Healed on the Sabbath

10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues during the Sabbath.

11 And behold, a woman having had a spirit of disability for eighteen years was there. And she was bent over double, and not able to look up at all.

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called to her and said to her, "Woman, be set free from your disability."

13 And he laid hands on her; and she became erect at once, and was praising God.

14 But in response, the synagogue ruler, being indignant that Jesus had healed during the Sabbath, was saying to the crowd, "There are six days in which *you are* supposed to work; you should therefore be coming

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during those to be healed, and not during the day of rest."

15 But the Lord answered him, and said, "You hypocrites! Who among you on the Sabbath does not free his ox or his donkey from its stall, and after leading it out, give it drink?"

16 But this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound to these eighteen years, she should not be freed from this bondage on the day of rest?!"

17 And with his saying these things, all his opponents were being humiliated, and the whole crowd was cheering, for all the glorious things being accomplished by him.

*The Parables of the Mustard Seed
and the Yeast*

18 Then he said, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what may I compare it?"

19 It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and cast into his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the sky nested in its branches."

20 And again he said, "To what may I compare the kingdom of God?"

21 It is like yeast that a woman took and folded into three measures of dough until the whole was leavened."

The Narrow Door

22 And he was going through every city and village teaching, even as he was making his journey toward Jerusalem.

23 And someone said to him, "Lord, are those being saved going to be few?"
And he said to him,

24 "Make every effort to go in through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will try to enter, and not be able to.

25 Once the master of the house has gotten up and closed the door, after that you may begin to stand outside, and knock *on* the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' and in answer he will say to you, 'I don't know where you are from.'

26 At that time you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.'

27 And then at that time he will say to you as follows: 'I don't know where you are from. Get away from me, all you workers of unrighteousness.'

28 In that place there will be weeping, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you are being cast outside,

29 and *people* will have come from the east and the west, and from the south and the north, and be reclined in the kingdom of God.

30 And behold, there are those who are last, who will be first; and there are those who are first who will be last."

Jesus Laments Jerusalem

31 In that hour, some Pharisees came up to him, saying to him, "You should move on, and get out of this place, because Herod is trying to kill you."

32 And he said to them, "Go tell that fox: 'Behold, I am casting out demons and accomplishing healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.'

33 Regardless, I would have to be continuing on today and tomorrow and the next day. For it is not possible for a prophet to be killed outside Jerusalem!

34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that kills the prophets, and stones those sent to it! How often I have wished to gather your children, as a hen does her brood under her wings, and you were not willing.

35 Now behold, your house will be abandoned to you. I tell you, you will not see me, until the day when you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Chapter 14

Jesus at a Pharisee's House

1 And it came about that when he went into the house of a certain ruler of the Pharisees on a Sabbath, to eat bread, they were watching him closely.

2 And behold, a man with dropsy was right in front of him.

3 And in response, Jesus said to the lawyers and Pharisees as follows: "Is it permissible during a Sabbath to heal, or is it not?"

4 But they kept quiet. And after grasping him, he healed him, and dismissed him.

5 And he said to them, "Who among you whose son or ox should fall into a pit during the Sabbath day, would not immediately pull him out?"

6 And they were not able to rebut these *words*.

7 And toward those who had been invited, he was speaking a parable, referring to how they were claiming the most prestigious seats, saying to them as follows:

8 "When you are invited by someone to a banquet, do not recline at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you is invited by him,

9 and the one who invited both you and him comes and says to you, 'Yield place to this person.' And then you would proceed with embarrassment to make for the last seat.

10 Instead, when you are invited, make your way to the least desirable place and recline, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then there will be honor for you in front of all your fellow dinner guests.

11 For anyone who exalts himself will be humbled; and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

12 And he was also saying to the man who had invited him, "When you make a breakfast or dinner, do not call

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your friends, or your siblings or relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back in return, and that would be repayment for you.

13 Instead, when you make a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

14 and you will be blessed, because they do not have the means to repay you. For it will be repaid to you, you see, at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Parable of the Great Banquet

15 And after hearing these things, one of the dinner guests said to him, "Blessed is that person who will eat bread in the kingdom of God."

16 And Jesus said to him, "A man held a great banquet, and invited many people.

17 And at the hour of the banquet, he sent his slave out to tell those who were invited, 'Come, for it is now ready.'

18 "And they all alike began to ask to be excused. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I urgently have to go out and see it. I ask you, consider me excused.'

19 "And another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. I ask you, consider me excused.'

20 "And another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for this reason I am not able to come.'

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21 "And when he came back, the slave reported these things to his master. Angered then, the master of the house said to his slave, 'Quick, go out into the boulevards and lanes of the town, and the poor, the crippled, the blind, the lame, lead them here.'

22 "And the slave said, 'Master, what you have commanded has been done, and still there is room.'

23 "And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the trails and the fence lines, and urgently invite them to come in, so that my house will be filled.'

24 You can be sure, I tell you, that not one of those men who were invited, will taste of my banquet!"

Jesus Qualifies the Crowds

25 And great crowds were going along with him, and he turned around, and said to them,

26 "If someone is coming with me, and does not spurn his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers, and sisters, and yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

27 Anyone that does not take up his own cross and follow after me, cannot be my disciple.

28 "For who of you wishing to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough for completion?

29 It would be no good if he lays the foundation, and not being able to finish, all those observing start to ridicule him,

30 saying, 'This fellow began to build, and was not able to finish.'

31 "Or what king, going out to another king to meet in battle, does not first sit down to consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand, to match the one who is coming against him with twenty thousand?"

32 For indeed if not, while he is still at a distance he sends out a delegation, and asks what are the conditions for peace.

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

34 "Salt then is a good thing; but if the salt itself becomes bland, what will it be spiced with?"

35 It is fit neither for the soil, nor for the manure pile; they throw it out.

"Whoever has ears to hear, hear."

Chapter 15

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

1 And all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming up next to him, to listen to him.

2 And both the Pharisees and the Torah scholars were complaining, saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners, and eats with them."

3 But he spoke this parable to them, as follows:

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4 "What man among you who has a hundred sheep and is missing one of them, does not leave behind the ninety-nine in the desert, and go out after the lost one, until he finds it?

5 And when he has found it, he places it on his shoulder, rejoicing.

6 And upon returning home he gathers his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

7 I tell you, in just the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner repenting, than over ninety-nine righteous persons having no need of repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

8 "Or what woman having ten drachmas, if she loses one drachma, does not light a lamp and sweep the house clean, and search diligently until such time she finds it?

9 And when she has found it, she gathers her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me; for I have found the drachma that was lost.'

10 In just the same way, I tell you, rejoicing breaks out among the angels of God over one sinner repenting."

The Parable of the Lost Son

11 And he said, "A certain man had two sons.

12 And the younger of them said to the father, 'Father, pay out to me the applicable share of the holdings.' So he divided to them the life savings.

13 "And not many days later, having gathered everything together, the younger son journeyed off, to a far away country, and there he wasted his estate, living indulgently.

14 And after he had spent everything he had, a severe famine took place over that whole country, and he himself began to be without.

15 And so going forth, he joined on with one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to tend swine.

16 And he was craving to be fed of the carob pods that the swine were eating, and no one gave him any.

17 "And when he came to himself, he was saying, 'How many hired men of my father's have more than enough food, and here I am, perishing with hunger.

18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you.

19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men." '

20 "And he arose and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and was moved with pity. And he ran out, flung his arms around him and kissed him.

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21 But the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick, bring out the best robe and drape it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes to his feet,

23 and bring the fattened calf, and slaughter it, and let us feast and celebrate;

24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; was lost and has been found!' And they proceeded to celebrate.

25 "But his elder son was in the fields. And as he was getting close to the house, he heard the sound of music and of dancing.

26 And calling over one of the workboys, he was asking what it was all about.

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

28 "Then he was angry, and refused to go inside. And his father, after coming out, was pleading with him.

29 But in response he said to his father, 'All these years I have been serving you, and not once did I ever deviate from your instructions. Yet to me, you have never given so much as a baby goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

30 But when this son of yours comes who ate up your life savings with prostitutes, you slaughter for him the fattened calf!'

31 "But he said to him, 'Dear child, you are always with me, and everything that is mine is yours.

32 But to celebrate, and be cheered up, is only right; for this your brother was dead and is alive again; was lost, and has been found!' "

Chapter 16

The Shrewd Money Manager

1 And then toward his disciples he was saying: "There was a rich man, who had a business manager. And accusations were brought to him against this man, that he was wasting his property.

2 So having summoned him, he said to him, 'What is this I am hearing about you? Surrender the records of your management; for you can no longer be manager.'

3 "And the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking away the management from me? I am not strong enough to dig. I am ashamed to beg.

4 I know what I will do, so that after I am removed from my management, people will welcome me into their homes.'

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

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

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

7 "Then, to another one he said, 'And you, how much do you owe?'

"And he said, 'A hundred kors of wheat.'

"He says to him, 'Take your bill and write "eighty."'

8 "And that master gave credit to the unrighteous manager, in that he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this age are more shrewd toward their own generation than are the children of light.

9 And as for me, I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the undependable wealth, so that when it fails, they may welcome you into perpetual dwellings.

10 "The person who is faithful with little, is also faithful with much, and the one who is undependable with little is also undependable with much.

11 If therefore you do not prove faithful with the undependable wealth, who will trust you with the true?

12 And if with someone else's property you have not turned out to be faithful, who will grant you property of your own?

13 "No house slave is able to serve two masters; for he would either spurn the one and love the other, or devote himself to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Wealth."

14 And the Pharisees had been listening to all this and, being money lovers, were sneering at him.

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15 And he said to them, "You are ones who justify yourselves before human beings, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among human beings, is detestable in God's sight.

16 "The law and the prophets were until John; from that time on the kingdom of God is being proclaimed, and everyone is pushing their way into it.

17 But it is easier for sky and earth to pass away, than for one serif of the law to fall.

18 Everyone dismissing his wife and marrying another is committing adultery, and he who marries her who has been dismissed by a husband, is committing adultery.

The Rich Man and Lazarus

19 "Now a certain man was rich, and used to put on a purple robe and fine linen, and live it up splendidly every day.

20 But a beggar, Lazarus by name, was laid at his gate, covered with sores,

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

22 "Now the beggar came to die, and was carried off by the angels to Abraham's bosom. And the rich man also died, and was buried.

23 And in Hades, when he lifted up his eyes, from being in torment, he sees Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 So after calling out to him, he said, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water, to cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

25 "But Abraham said, 'Son, recall that in your lifetime, you received your good things, while Lazarus likewise received his bad; so now here, he is comforted, and you are suffering.

26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, such that those who want to go from here to you are not able to, neither can anyone cross over from there to us.'

27 "And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, please send him to my father's house,

28 since I have five brothers, in order that he solemnly warn them not to also come to this place of torment.'

29 "But Abraham says, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them take heed to them.'

30 "And he said, 'Hardly, father Abraham; but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

31 "And he said to him, 'If they are not taking heed to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.'"

Chapter 17

A Brother Who Sins

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1 And he said to his disciples, "It is not possible for there not to come things that cause people to fall. Nevertheless, woe to that person by whom such comes!

2 It would be better for him if a mill stone is lying around his neck and he is thrown into the sea, than that he cause one of these little ones to fall.

3 "Watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.

4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times he turns toward you, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him."

Faith and Duty

5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Give us more faith."

6 But the Lord said, "If you have faith as *small as* a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

7 "Now who of you having a servant plowing or tending sheep, when he comes in from the field would say to him, 'Come right over here and recline'?

8 Would he not instead say to him, 'Fix something I can eat, and after you have girded yourself, serve me while I eat and drink, and after these things, you shall eat and drink'?

9 Neither does he thank the servant, that he has done what he has been told.

10 In the same way, you also, when you have done all the things that were prescribed for you, you should say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we are supposed to have done.'

Ten Healed of Leprosy

11 And it came about that as he was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing through the middle of Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as he was coming into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him, who stopped and stood at a distance.

13 And they called out loudly, saying, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

14 And when he saw this, he said to them, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And it came about that as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned and came back, praising God with a very loud voice.

16 And he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, thanking him.

17 And in response Jesus said, "Were there not ten cleansed? Where then are the other nine?"

18 Were none found to have come back to give glory to God, except this foreigner?"

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19 And he said to him, "Get up and go your way; your faith has saved you."

The Coming of the Kingdom of God

20 And when he was questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them as follows: "The kingdom of God does not show with careful observation,

21 neither will people say, 'Behold, here,' or 'There.' For behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

22 And he said to the disciples, "Days are coming, when it is one of the days of the Son of Man you will long to see, and you will not have that experience.

23 And people will say to you, 'Behold, there!' 'Behold, here!' Do not go, neither follow after *them*.

24 For just as lightning shines forth flashing from one end of the sky to the other, so shall it be with the Son of Man.

25 But first he must suffer much at the hands of this generation and be rejected.

26 "And just as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man.

27 People were eating, drinking, marrying, being given in marriage, up until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 "It was just the same in the days of Lot. People were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building,

29 but the day that Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven, and destroyed them all.

30 "Along those lines will be the day in which the Son of Man is being revealed.

31 In that day, if someone is on the roof, and his stuff is in the house, he should not go down to get it, and the one in the field should likewise not turn back around.

32 Remember Lot's wife.

33 Whoever tries to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses it will keep it alive.

34 I tell you, in that night there will be two men on one couch; one will be taken, and the other left.

35 There will be two women together grinding grain; one will be taken, and the other left."

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

And he said to them, "Where the body is, there also the eagles will be gathered."

Chapter 18

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

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1 And he was speaking a parable to them, with the moral that they ought always to pray, and not to lose heart,

2 as follows: "There was a judge in a certain city, who had no fear of God, and no regard for man.

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

4 "And for some time he had been refusing, but after all this, he said to himself, 'Even if I don't fear God, nor have regard for man,

5 just because this widow is causing me trouble, I will avenge her, lest all her coming in the end wears me out.' "

6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust kind of judge was saying.

7 So God, would he not bring about the avenging of his elect, who keep crying out to him day and night? And is he slow to respond to them?

8 I tell you, he would bring about justice for them, in short order. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on the earth at all?"

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Revenue Agent

9 And also, to some, who were convinced within themselves that they were righteous, and looking down on everyone else, he told this parable:

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10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee, and the other a revenue agent.

11 When the Pharisee stood, he was praying inside himself as follows: 'O God, I thank you that I am not like other people, who are swindlers, dishonest, adulterers, or indeed, like this revenue agent.

12 I fast twice a week, I tithe of everything I get.'

13 "But the revenue agent, standing a distance off, was not even willing to lift his eyes toward heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'

14 "I tell you, this latter went down to his house justified, rather than the former. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Little Children and Jesus

15 And people were bringing little children to him, so that he would touch them. But when the disciples saw this, they started rebuking them.

16 But Jesus called them over to him, saying, "Allow the children to come to me, and stop preventing them, for of such is the kingdom of God.

17 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will certainly not enter it."

The Rich Young Ruler

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18 And a certain ruler queried him as follows: "Good teacher, with what done will I inherit eternal life?"

19 And Jesus said to him, "Why are you calling me good? No one is good, except God alone.

20 The commandments you know: Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not give false testimony, Honor your father and mother."

21 And he said, "All these I have kept since childhood."

22 And when Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking with you. Everything you have, sell and hand out to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and then come follow me."

23 But hearing these *words* made him very sad, for he was extremely wealthy.

24 And when Jesus saw this, he said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to go into the kingdom of God.

25 Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for the rich to enter into the kingdom of God."

26 And those who heard said, "Who then CAN be saved?"

27 And he said, "Things impossible with human beings are possible with God."

28 And Peter said, "Behold, we have left behind our own things to follow you."

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29 And he said to them, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or siblings or relatives or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,

30 who will not receive back many times as much in this present time; and in the coming age, eternal life."

Jesus Again Predicts His Death

31 And after having taken the twelve aside, he told them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be carried out.

32 For he will be handed over to the Gentiles, and be made fun of and mistreated and spit upon,

33 and after scourging him they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again."

34 And they understood none of these things. Indeed, this statement was hidden from them, and they did not realize the things being said.

An Obnoxious Beggar Gets His Wish

35 And it came about that when he was drawing near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting beside the road, begging.

36 And when he heard the crowd going through, he was inquiring what this was all about.

37 And they informed him that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by.

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38 Then he cried out, saying, "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!"

39 And those leading the way were rebuking him, that he should be quiet. But he was shouting that much more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

40 And after stopping, Jesus ordered that he be brought to him. And when he had come near, Jesus asked him,

41 "What do you want me to do for you?"
And he said, "Lord, that I could see again."

42 And Jesus said to him, "See again; your faith has saved you."

43 And at once he saw again, and he was following him, giving glory to God. And all the people also, when they saw, gave praise to God.

Chapter 19

Zacchaeus the Revenue Officer

1 And he entered, passing on through Jericho.

2 And behold, there was a man called by the name of Zacchaeus, and he was a revenue officer, and he was rich.

3 And he was trying to see who Jesus was, but being prevented by the crowd, since he was short in stature.

4 And after running on forward ahead, he climbed up onto a sycamore tree, so that he could see him, for he was about to pass that way.

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5 And when Jesus arrived to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Hurry down, Zacchaeus, for today I need to stay at your house."

6 And he hurried down, and took him in gladly.

7 And all who had seen this were complaining, saying, "He has gone in to stay the night with a sinful man."

8 And Zacchaeus stood up, *and* said to the Lord, "Look, one half of all I possess, Lord, I am giving to the poor, and where I have defrauded anyone of anything, I am making restitution threefold."

9 And Jesus said in reference to him, "Today, salvation has come to this house, in view of the fact that this man too is a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost."

The Parable of the Ten Servants

11 And as they were listening to these things, he included *and* spoke another parable, because he was drawing near to Jerusalem, and they thought that the kingdom of God was about to be appearing shortly.

12 He said therefore, "A certain man well born journeyed off to a far country, to receive for himself a kingdom and then return.

13 Now after calling ten of his servants, he had given to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business until such time I return.'

14 "But his subjects hated him, and they sent ambassadors behind him saying, 'We do not want this man to be king over us.'

15 "And it came about that when he returned, he had received the kingship. And he ordered his servants to be summoned to him, those to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had earned.

16 "So the first one came, reporting as follows: 'Lord, your mina has grown to ten minas.'

17 "And he said to him, 'Well *done*, good servant. Since with a little you have proven faithful, be therefore ruler over ten cities.'

18 "And the second one came, saying, 'Your mina, Lord, has become five minas.'

19 "So he said to that one, 'And you, you shall be over five cities.'

20 "And the other one came, saying as follows: 'Lord, here is your mina, which I have been keeping laid away in a napkin.

21 For I was afraid of you, since you are a demanding man; you collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'

22 "He says to him, 'By your own mouth I judge you, you wicked servant. You knew, did you, that I am a demanding man, collecting what I did not deposit, and reaping what I did not sow?'

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23 Why then did you not put my money on the table of the money changers, and I having returned would collect it with interest?'

24 And to some standing there he said, 'Take the mina away from him, and give it to the one who has ten minas.'

25 "And they said to him, 'Lord, he **has** ten minas!'

26 "'I tell you, to everyone who has, it will be given, but the one who has not, even such that he has will be taken away from him.

27 But as for my enemies, those who had not wanted me to be king over them, bring them here, and slay them in front of me.'"

The Triumphal Entry

28 And having said these things, he was pressing his way onward, going up to Jerusalem.

29 And it came about that as he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent away two of his disciples,

30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, in which as you are entering you will find a colt tethered, upon which no one has ever yet sat, and you are to untie it and bring it.

31 And if someone asks you, 'Why are you untying it,' say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

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32 And when the ones who were sent went, they found things just as he had told them.

33 And as they were untying the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

34 And they said, "The Lord needs it."

35 And they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing garments of theirs on the colt, they mounted Jesus upon it.

36 And as he was proceeding along, people were spreading their cloaks in the road beneath.

37 And having come near now to the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole company of disciples started rejoicing, to lift God up with a loud voice for all the miracles that they had seen.

38 They were saying,
"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!"

39 And some Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
"Teacher! Rebuke your disciples!"

40 And he in answer said, "I tell you, if these go silent, the stones will cry out."

41 And as he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it,

42 saying, "If you, yes ironically you, had only known what would bring you peace on this very day! But now it is hidden from your eyes.

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43 For the days will come upon you that your enemies will throw a palisade up against you, and encircle you, and press in on you from every side,

44 and throw you to the ground, you and your children within you, and there will not be left within you a stone upon a stone, in retribution for the fact you did not recognize the time of your gracious visitation."

Jesus Clears the Temple

45 And when he had entered the temple, he proceeded to drive out the vendors,

46 telling them, "It is written, 'And my house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it 'a haunt of bandits.'"

47 And he was teaching daily in the temple. And the chief priests and the Torah scholars, along with the leaders of the people, were trying to kill him.

48 Yet they were not finding any way they could do it, because the entire crowd was hanging on him, listening to him.

Chapter 20

The Authorities Question Jesus' Authority

1 And it came about during one of those days of his teaching the crowd in the temple and preaching the good news, that the high priests and Torah scholars and elders came up,

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2 and they said to him as follows: "Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things? Or, who is the one who gave you the authority for these things?"

3 And in answer Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you something, that you must tell me:

4 John's baptism, was it from heaven, or from human beings?"

5 So they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Then why didn't you believe him?'

6 But if we say, 'From human beings,' all the people will stone us, because they are convinced that John was a prophet."

7 And they professed not to know where it was from.

8 And Jesus said to them, "Neither am I telling you by what authority I do these things."

The Parable of the Tenants

9 And he began to speak this parable to the crowd: "A man planted a vineyard, and leased it out to tenant-farmers, and journeyed away for quite some time.

10 And in the time of *harvest*, he sent a servant to the tenants, so they could pay him rent out of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants, after beating him, sent him away empty-handed.

11 And he proceeded to send a another servant; and that one also, after beating and insulting him, they sent away empty-handed.

12 And he proceeded to send a third; and that one also they threw out, after injuring him.

13 "So the owner of the vineyard said, 'What should I do? I will send my beloved son; maybe him, they will respect.'

14 "But when they saw him, the tenants discussed it among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.'

15 And they threw him outside the vineyard *and* killed him."What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?

16 He will come, and he will kill those tenants, and he will give the vineyard to others."
And those who heard this said, "May it never be!"

17 But he, after looking at them, said, "Why then is this written:

'A stone which the builders rejected,
this one has become the chief cornerstone'?

18 Everyone who trips over that stone will be broken into pieces; upon whomever the stone falls, it will turn him into powder."

19 And at that time, the Torah scholars and high priests wanted to lay their hands on him, yet they were afraid of the people. For they knew that he had spoken this parable in reference to them.

Paying the Tribute Tax to Caesar

20 And beginning to watch him closely, they sent spies presenting themselves as sincere, in order to catch some statement of his, such that they could hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor.

21 And they questioned him as follows: "Teacher, we know that you talk straight, and you teach straight; that is, you do not acknowledge personage, but only on the basis of truth you teach the way of God.

22 Is it permissible for us to pay the tribute tax to Caesar, or not?"

23 But he perceived their trickery, *and* said to them,

24 "Show me a denarius. Whose image does it bear, and whose inscription?"

And they said, "Caesar's."

25 And he said to them, "Well then, Caesar's things give back to Caesar, and God's things to God."

26 And they were not able to catch him in a saying in the presence of the people; and having been astonished by his answer, they remained silent.

Marriage at the Resurrection

27 Then some of the Sadducees approached (Sadducees say there is no resurrection), and they questioned him

28 as follows: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, 'If a man's brother dies having a wife, and that *deceased* is

childless, that the man should take the wife of his brother, and raise up descendants for his brother.'

29 "Well, there were seven brothers. And the first one, who had taken a wife, died childless.

30 And the second one

31 took her, and the third one, and in fact, all seven in the same way, left behind no child, and died.

32 Last of all, the woman also died.

33 "So the woman, in the resurrection, whose wife is she going to be? For all seven had her as wife."

34 And Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and are given in marriage;

35 but those considered worthy to taste of that age and of the resurrection from the dead, will neither marry nor be given in marriage,

36 nor will they be able to die any more, for they will be like the angels and be children of God, since they are children of the resurrection.

37 "But that the dead are rising, even Moses intimated so, at the part about the bush, the way he says Yahweh is the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

38 Now God is not the God of dead people, but of living for to him all *of those* are alive."

39 And one of the Torah scholars said in response, "Teacher, well said."

Whose Son Is the Messiah

40 Indeed, no longer did any of them dare to question him.

41 So he said in reference to them, "How do they maintain the Messiah to be the son of David?"

42 For David himself says in the scroll of the Psalms, 'Yahweh said to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand

43 until such time I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."

44 So, David calls him Lord. How then is he his son?"

Jesus Denounces the Torah Scholars

45 And with the entire crowd listening, he said to the disciples,

46 "Beware of the Torah scholars, wanting to walk around in robes, and loving the greetings in the marketplaces, and chief seats in the synagogues, and places of honor at banquets;

47 they devour the houses of widows, and for a front, make lengthy prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

Chapter 21

The Widow's Offering

1 And when he looked up, he saw rich people putting their gifts into the donation chest.

2 Then he saw a penniless widow dropping there two lepta,

3 and he said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all the rest.

4 For they all put in their gifts out of the extra they had, but she out of her lack put in all she had to live on."

Signs of the Times

5 And as some of them were talking about the temple, how with such beautiful stones and gifts it was adorned, he said:

6 "These things that you are looking at, days will come in which there will not be left a stone upon a stone that will not be thrown down."

7 And they questioned him as follows, "Teacher, so when will these things be, and what sign will happen when they are all about to take place?"

8 And he said, "See to it that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The Lord is near.' Do not go off after them.

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9 So when you hear of wars and unrest, do not be alarmed; for these things need to happen first, but the end does not come immediately."

10 Then, he was saying to them, "Nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,

11 and there will be mega-quakes, and famines and epidemics in various places, and frightful and awesome signs from heaven.

12 "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, handing you over to synagogues and prisons, being led all the way up to kings and governors for the sake of my name;

13 it will work out for you to be a testimony.

14 Put it in your hearts therefore, not to be practicing *how* to answer in defense;

15 for I will give you utterance and wisdom that none of those opposing you will be able to stand against or rebut.

16 "But you will also be turned in by parents and siblings and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death.

17 And indeed you will be hated by everyone because of my name.

18 Yet not a hair of your head will perish:

19 by your enduring, you will gain your lives.

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20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then you will know that her desolation is near.

21 Then, those in Judea should flee to the mountains, and those within Jerusalem should get without, and those in the fields should not go into her.

22 For those are days of vengeance, in fulfillment of all that is written.

23 Alas for the ones who are pregnant, and the ones giving milk during those days! For it will be a great calamity upon the land, and wrath toward this people.

24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be taken captive to all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled over by Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are played out.

25 And there will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars, and on earth anxiety of the nations, in uncertainty over the roar and surge of the sea,

26 people holding their breath in fear and anticipation because of the things overtaking the world; for the forces of space will be shaken.

27 "And then at that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory.

28 So when these things are beginning to take place, stand yourselves tall and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

29 And he spoke a parable to them: "Consider the fig tree, indeed all the trees.

30 When they are now putting forth leaves, you see for yourselves *and* know that summer is now near.

31 So also you, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

32 Truly I tell you: this age will by no means pass away until this all has taken place.

33 Sky and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

34 "But watch yourselves, that your hearts not be held back by over-indulgence and drunkenness, and by ordinary concerns of this mortal life, and that day come upon you suddenly

35 like a trap. For it will come upon everyone who lives on the face of the whole earth.

36 So you must be watchful at all times, praying that you might manage to avoid all these things about to come to pass, and stand before the Son of Man."

37 And he was spending the days teaching in the temple, and the nights he was going out and lodging on the hill called the Mount of Olives.

38 And all the people would get up early to come to the temple and hear him.

Chapter 22

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1 And the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called Passover, was approaching,

2 and the chief priests and the Torah scholars were still yet looking for a way to put him to death, because they were still yet fearing the people.

3 Then Satan entered into Judas, the one called Ish Keriot, who was one of their number, of the Twelve.

4 And he went away, and discussed with the chief priests and the commanders of the temple guard how he might hand him over to them.

5 And they were delighted, and contracted to give him money.

6 And he accepted, and was looking for the best time for handing him over to them, without the crowd.

The Passover Supper

7 And the day of Unleavened Bread arrived in which it was customary to slaughter the Passover.

8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, "Go, prepare the Passover for us so we can eat it."

9 And they said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare it?"

10 And he told them, "Behold, at the point of your arriving into the city a man carrying a water jar will encounter you. Follow him to whatever house he goes into.

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11 And say to the owner of the house, "The teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" "

12 And that person will show you a large upstairs room all furnished. You shall prepare it there."

13 So when they went, they found things just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

14 And when the hour had come, he reclined, and the disciples along with him.

15 And he said to them, "It is with great longing and anticipation I have wanted to eat this Passover with you before my suffering.

16 For I tell you: I will certainly not eat it *again* until such time it has been fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

17 And after taking hold of the cup, he gave thanks, and said, "Take this, and share it among yourselves;

18 for I tell you: By no means will I drink of the fruit of the vine from this point on until such time the kingdom of God has come."

19 And after taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, being given for you. This you should do as a commemoration of me."

20 And the cup after the meal in the same way, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, being poured out for you.

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21 "But lo, the hand of the one betraying me is with mine on the table.

22 Therefore indeed the Son of Man is going out exactly as is planned. Even so, woe to that man through whom he is betrayed!"

23 And they began to debate with each other which of them therefore might be the one about to do this.

24 Then there also arose another dispute among them, as to which of them was considered to be greater.

25 And he said to them, "The kings of the nations lord it over them, and those exercising authority over them are called 'benefactors.'

26 But not so with you. Rather, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the leader as the one who serves.

27 For who is greater: the one reclining, or the one serving? Is it not the one reclining? Among you though, I am as the one serving.

28 "But you are the ones who have stuck with me through my trials;

29 and I am assigning to you a kingdom, just as my Father did to me,

30 such that you will eat and drink at my table, and sit upon thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Jesus Predicts the Disciples' Crisis of Faith

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31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has obtained permission to have you all, to sift you all like wheat.

32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith will not completely die. And you, when you have come back around, strengthen your brothers."

33 But he said to him, "Lord, I am prepared to go with you both to prison and to death."

34 But Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter: the rooster will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

35 And he said to them, "When I sent you without purse, knapsack and sandals, did you lack anything?" And they said, "Nothing."

36 Then he said, "But now, he who has a purse should bring it, or a knapsack likewise, and he who does not have a sword, should sell his cloak and buy one.

37 For I tell you, this which is written has to be fulfilled in me:

'And he was considered one of the outlaws.'

Yes indeed, that about me is reaching fulfillment."

38 So they said, "Lord, look. There are two swords here."

And he said to them, "That is enough."

Gethsemane

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39 And after going out, he proceeded as was his custom to the Mount of Olives; and his disciples followed him also.

40 And coming upon the place he said to them, "Pray not to come into temptation."

41 And he withdrew from them, about a stone's throw away. And having dropped his knees, he was praying,

42 as follows: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. However, not my will, but yours be done."

43 And an angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him.

44 And being in agony, he was praying more earnestly; and his sweat became like drops of blood falling onto the ground.

45 And after rising from prayer and returning to the disciples, he found them sleeping, out of sorrow.

46 And he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray, that you not go into temptation."

Jesus Arrested

47 While he was yet speaking, behold, a crowd, and the one called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. And he came up to Jesus, and kissed him.

48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, with a kiss you betray the Son of Man?"

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49 And seeing what was going to be happening, those around him said, "Lord, shall we strike with swords?"

50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.

51 But in response Jesus said, "Let that be enough of that." And he touched his ear and healed him.

52 Then, toward those coming against him, the chief priests, temple officers and elders, Jesus said, "As though after a bandit, you have come out with swords and clubs?"

53 Every day with me being next to you in the temple you didn't lay your hands on me. But this is the hour for you, and the authority of darkness."

Peter's Denials

54 And after seizing him, they took him and led him into the house of the high priest; and Peter was following at a distance.

55 And since people had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and were all sitting together, Peter was sitting among them.

56 But a maidservant noticed him sitting toward the fire, and after studying him, she said, "This man also was with him."

57 But he denied it, saying, "I don't know him, woman."

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58 And shortly thereafter, another person who saw him was saying, "You are also one of them."
And Peter was saying, "Man, I am not."

59 And after about an hour had passed, someone else was affirming, saying, "Definitely, this man was also with him; he is also Galilean."

60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately as he was still speaking, a rooster crowed.

61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter, and he remembered the statement of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the crowing of the rooster today, you will have denied me three times."

62 And he went off outside, and bitterly wept.

Before the Sanhedrin

63 And the men guarding Jesus were making fun of him as they beat him up.

64 After blindfolding him, they were asking him, "Prophesy, who is it that hit you?"

65 And they were saying many other insulting things against him.

66 And as the day broke, the elders of the people and the high priests and the Torah scholars were assembled, and they brought him over into their Sanhedrin,

67 saying, "Tell us whether you are the Christ."

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And he said to them, "If I told you, you would certainly not believe,

68 and if I asked questions, you would certainly not answer.

69 Nevertheless, from now on, the Son of Man will be sitting at the right hand of the power of God."

70 So they all said, "You are the Son of God then?"
And he was saying to them, "You are saying that I am."

71 And they said, "What more need do we have for witnesses? For we ourselves have heard from his own mouth."

Chapter 23

Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

1 And the whole assembly of them got up, and they took him before Pilate.

2 And they began to accuse him, as follows. "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be a king himself, the Christ."

3 So Pilate examined him, saying, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

And he in answer to him was saying, "You are the one saying that."

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

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5 But they were getting more insistent, saying, "He incites the people, teaching throughout the entire land of the Jews, starting from Galilee and all the way to here."

6 And when Pilate heard this, he asked, "Is the man a Galilean?"

7 And when he had confirmed that he is in fact from Herod's jurisdiction, he referred him to Herod, who was in Jerusalem too for those days.

8 Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus. He had been wanting for some time to meet him, because of hearing about him, and he hoped to see something miraculous happening through him.

9 So he was plying him with a considerable amount of questions; but Jesus never gave any response at all.

10 And the chief priests and the Torah scholars were standing there throughout, vehemently accusing him.

11 Then Herod, together with his soldiers, after treating him with contempt and mocking him by draping a splendid robe around him, sent him back to Pilate.

12 Which caused Herod and Pilate to become friends with each other that same day (for they had previously always been hostile toward each other).

13 And Pilate summoned the high priest, together with the rulers and the people,

14 and he said to them, "You have brought this man up to me as someone inciting the people to treason, and

here now is my finding after trying him in your presence. I have found in this man no basis for the charges you are bringing against him.

15 And neither has Herod, for he has sent him back to us. So you see, nothing being done by him is worthy of death.

16 Therefore, having scourged him, I will release him."

17 Now he was obligated by custom according to the festival to release one person to them.

18 But they all together shouted back, saying, "Away with this man! Release to us Barabbas!"

19 (He was someone who had been thrown in prison because of a certain uprising and murder that took place in the city.)

20 But Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, called out to them again.

21 But they cried out, saying, "Crucify him, crucify him!"

22 But a third time, he said to them, "Why? What crime has this man committed? Having scourged him therefore, I will release him."

23 But with loud shouts the crowd kept urgently demanding that he be crucified. And their shouts prevailed,

24 and Pilate decided to grant their request.

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25 And he released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one whom they had asked for, and Jesus he handed over to their will.

The Crucifixion

26 And as they led him away, they seized a Cyrenian who was returning from the country, and they placed the cross on him, to carry it behind Jesus.

27 And a great multitude of the people were following him, and women who were mourning and lamenting him.

28 But Jesus turned to them, and he said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

29 For behold, days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.'

30 At that time they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'

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

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

33 And when they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

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34 And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, for dividing out his clothing.

35 And the people stood there, watching. And the rulers were sneering at him, saying, "He saved others; he should save himself, if this is the one chosen the Christ of God."

36 And the soldiers, when they were approaching bringing him vinegar, also made fun of him.

37 They also were saying, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

38 Now there was also a notice inscribed above him in Greek, Latin and Hebrew letters: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

39 And one of the criminals hung there was deriding him, saying, "If you really are the Christ, save yourself and us."

40 But in response the other one was rebuking him, saying, "Don't you fear God at all, considering that you yourself are in this same judgment?"

41 And we indeed justly; for we have gotten back what was fitting to how we have lived. But this man, he has done nothing wrong."

42 And then he was saying, "Jesus, remember me Lord, when you come into your kingdom."

43 And he said to him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Jesus' Death

44 And it was now about noon, and darkness came across the whole land until 3:00p.m.,

45 for the sun was darkened.
And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

46 And crying out with a loud voice, Jesus said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." And after he had said this, he expired.

47 Now the centurion when he saw what had happened, was giving glory to God, by saying, "This really must have been a righteous man."

48 And all the crowds who had gathered around for this spectacle, when they observed what took place, they were turning away, beating their breasts.

49 But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed with him from Galilee, stood off at a distance throughout, watching these things.

Jesus' Burial

50 And behold, there was a council member named Joseph, who was a good and righteous man

51 (he was not going along with their decision and actions), from Arimathea, a city in Judea, who was looking forward to the kingdom of God.

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52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

53 And when he had taken it down he wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a hewn-out tomb, which no one was lying in yet.

54 And it was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was coming on.

55 Now some women had followed close behind, which were the ones who had come with him from Galilee; they observed the tomb, and how his body was interred.

56 Then when they returned home, they prepared spices and perfumes. And for the Sabbath though, they did rest, in keeping with the commandment;

Chapter 24

The Resurrection

1 but at the crack of dawn on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared.

2 But they found the stone had been rolled away from the tomb.

Jesus Appears to the Women

3 And when they went inside, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

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4 And it happened that as they stood hesitating about this, behold, two men appeared to them, in gleaming robes.

5 And when terror came over them, such that they had bowed their faces down to the ground, the *men* said to them, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead?"

6 He is not here, but is risen! Recall how he spoke to you while still in Galilee,

7 saying that the Son of Man must be transferred into the hands of sinful mortals, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

8 And they did recall his statements.

9 And when they returned from the tomb, they related all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest.

10 Now it was the Magdalene Mary, and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and the others with them who were telling these things to the apostles;

11 and these statements appeared to them as nonsense, and they did not believe them.

12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb, and after stooping down, he sees only the linen bandages. And he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

On the Road to Emmaus

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13 And behold, that same day, two of them were on their way to a village named Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem.

14 And these two were conversing with each other about the outcome of all these things.

15 And it came about, that they are in conversation, and Jesus himself has come up, walking along with them.

16 Their eyes, however, were being restrained, so as not to recognize him.

17 And he said to them, "What is this discussion you are having with each other as you walk along?" And they came to a stop, looking dismal.

18 And in response, the one named Cleopas said to him, "Are you just visiting Jerusalem, and unaware of the things happening in her during these days?"

19 And he said to them, "What things?"
And they said to him, "The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet powerful in deed and in word, in the eyes of both God and all the people;

20 how the chief priests and our rulers handed him over for the sentence of death, and how they crucified him.

21 And here we had been hoping he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, he is already spending his third day *in the grave* since when these things took place.

22 "And not only that, now some of our women have confounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,

23 and not finding his body, they came back, claiming also to have seen a vision of angels, which were maintaining that he was alive.

24 So some of our number went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see."

25 And he said to them, "O you thick headed, and slow of heart to believe on all the things the prophets have spoken!

26 Were not these things required for the Christ to suffer in order to go on into his glory?"

27 And beginning with Moses, and through all the prophets, he interpreted for them the things in all the writings that were about himself.

28 And they came near to the village to which they were going, and he pretended to go on farther.

29 And they urged him insistently, saying, "Lodge with us, because it is near evening, and the daylight is almost gone." And he went inside, to lodge with them.

30 And it came about that as he reclined with them, he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and was distributing it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he disappeared from them.

32 And they said to each other, "Weren't our hearts burning within us as he talked to us on the road, as he explained the scriptures to us?"

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33 And after rising up that very hour, they returned to Jerusalem, and found the Eleven and those with them all gathered together,

34 who were saying that the Lord really was risen, and had appeared to Simon.

35 And then the former were recounting the events on the road, and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus Appears to the Apostles

36 And while they were speaking these things, he stood in the midst of them, and he is saying to them, "Peace be with you."

37 But alarmed they were, and terrified, thinking they were seeing a ghost.

38 And he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And for what reason are doubts arising in your hearts?"

39 Behold my hands and my feet, that I am me. Touch me, and know, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see me having."

40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

41 But, since they were still not believing, out of joy and astonishment, he said to them, "What do you have to eat in this place?"

42 So they handed him a piece of broiled fish.

43 And he took it, and ate it in front of them.

The Ascension

44 And he said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, how all the things written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled."

45 Then at that time he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.

46 And he said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ was to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day,

47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things.

49 And I am sending my Father's promise down upon you. So you are to stay put in the city until such time you are endued with power from on high."

50 Then he led them outside, as far as Bethany. And after lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

51 And it came about that as he was blessing them, he parted from them, and was taken up into heaven.

52 And they, after worshiping him, returned back to Jerusalem with great rejoicing.

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53 And throughout those days they were continually at the temple, praising God.

John

Chapter 1

The Word Became Flesh Among Us

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made, and without him not one thing was made that has been made.

4 In him was life, and that life was the light for humankind.

5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not mastered it.

6 There came a man sent from God; his name was John.

7 He came as a witness to testify about that light, so that through him all people might believe.

8 He himself was not the light; *he came* rather to bear witness to the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to every human being, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

11 He came to that which was his own, and his own did not receive him.

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12 But to all who did receive him, to those believing on his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

13 *children born*, not from bloods, nor from body desire, nor from a man's decision, but born of God.

14 And the Word became flesh, and moved his tent in among us; and we beheld his glory, the glory as of an only begotten from a Father, full of grace and truth.

15 John testifies concerning him, and he has cried out, saying: "This is he of whom I said, 'The one coming after me has outranked me, because he existed before me.'"

16 And out of his fulness we have all received, yes, grace upon grace.

17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God; but the Only Begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

The Pharisees Question John

19 And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem in order to ask him, "Who are you?"

20 And he confessed, and did not resist; but confessed, "I am not the Anointed One."

21 And they asked him, "Who then? Are you Elijah?"

And he says, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

And he answered, "No."

22 They said therefore to him, "Who are you? So we may give an answer to those who sent us, what do you say about yourself?"

23 He said, "I am just as Isaiah the prophet said: 'the voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord." ' '"

24 And those who were sent were of the Pharisees.

25 And they questioned him and said to him, "Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Anointed One, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

26 John answered them as follows, "I baptize in water, but among you stands one you do not know,

27 he is the one coming after me, who is preferred before me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

28 These things happened in Bethany, on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Behold the Lamb of God

29 The next day he sees Jesus coming toward him, and says, "Behold! The lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me will come a man who has outranked me because he existed before me.'

31 And I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing in water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

32 Then John testified, saying: "I have seen the Spirit come down from heaven like a dove, and it remained upon him.

33 And I myself had not known him, but the one who sent me to baptize in water, he told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit coming down and remaining upon, this is the one who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.'

34 And now I have seen, and *now* I have testified, that this is the Son of God."

John and Andrew Have Found the Messiah

35 The next day, again, John was standing with two of his disciples.

36 And seeing Jesus walking, he says, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

37 The two disciples heard him saying this, and they followed Jesus.

38 And Jesus turned around; and seeing them following, says to them, "What do you want?"

And they said to him, "Rabbi," (which when translated is Teacher), "where are you staying?"

39 He says to them, "Come and see."

They went, and saw where he was staying, and spent the rest of that day with him, it being about 10a.m.

40 Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two hearing from John and following Jesus.

41 This man first thing finds his own brother Simon, and he tells him, "We have found the Messiah" (which when translated is Anointed One).

42 And he led him to Jesus.

Looking at him, Jesus said, "You are Simon son of Jonah. You will be called Kephas" (which when translated is Rock.)

Philip and Nathaniel

43 The next day Jesus decided to go forth into Galilee; and he finds Philip. And Jesus says to him, "Follow me."

44 And Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip finds Nathaniel, and tells him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law, and also the prophets wrote: Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

46 And Nathaniel said to him, "Is it possible for anything good to be from Nazareth?"

Philip says to him, "Come and see."

47 When Jesus saw Nathaniel coming toward him, he says about him, "Behold a true Israelite, in whom there is no artifice."

48 Nathaniel answered, and says to him, "Where do you know me from?"

And Jesus answered and said to him, "I saw you while you were under the fig tree, before Philip called you."

49 Nathaniel answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the King of Israel."

50 Jesus answered and said to him, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You shall see greater things than that."

51 He then says to him, "Truly, truly I say to you, hereafter you shall *all* see heaven torn open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Chapter 2

Water Into Wine

1 And on the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,

2 and both Jesus and his disciples had been invited to the wedding.

3 And when wine was lacking, Jesus' mother says to him, "They have no wine."

4 Jesus says to her, "What business is there between you and me, woman? My time has not yet come."

5 His mother says to the servants, "Whatever he tells you, do."

6 And there were six stone water jars lying there, for the ceremonial washing of the Jews, each holding from two to three measures.

7 Jesus says to them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim.

8 And he tells them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the master of the banquet." And they took some.

9 When the master of the banquet tasted the water become wine, not knowing where it had come from, but the servants having drawn the water knowing, the master of the banquet calls the bridegroom,

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10 and says to him, "Everyone sets out the good wine first, and after they have become drunk, then the cheaper wine. You have kept the good wine till now."

11 This, the first of the miraculous signs, Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

12 After this he went down to Capernaum, he and his mother, and brothers, and his disciples, and there they stayed for a few days.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

13 And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And in the temple he found those selling cattle, sheep and doves, and the money changers sitting.

15 And having made a whip out of ropes, he expelled all from the temple, including the sheep and the cattle, and he poured out the coins of the money changers, and overturned the tables,

16 and he said to those selling the doves, "Take these out of here! Do not make the house of my Father a house of commerce!"

17 Then his disciples remembered that it is written: "The zeal for your house will consume me."

18 The Jews responded therefore and said to him, "What sign are you showing us, that you *can* do these things?"

19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it."

20 Then the Jews said, "This temple was built in forty-six years, and you in three days will raise it?"

21 But he had spoken of the temple of his body.

22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture, and the word that Jesus had spoken.

23 And while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover during the Festival, many believed in his name— seeing the miraculous signs he was doing.

24 But Jesus on his part did not commit himself to them, because he knew all people,

25 and because he had no need that anyone testify about a person, for he knew what was in the person.

Chapter 3

You Must Be Born Again

1 And there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

2 He came to Jesus by night, and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one would be able to do these miraculous signs you are doing, unless God were with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly I say to you, Unless one is born again from above, it is not possible to see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus says to him, "How is it possible for someone who is old, to be born? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless one is born from water and spirit, it is not possible to enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That born from flesh is flesh, and that born from Spirit is spirit.

7 You should not be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.'

8 The wind blows where it will, and the sound of it you hear, but you do not know where it is coming from, and where it is going. Such is everyone born from the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus answered and said to him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "You are Teacher for Israel, and not familiar with these things?

11 Truly, truly I tell you, we are saying what we know, and testifying to what we have seen, and you people do not accept our testimony.

12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

13 And no one has gone up into heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who abides in heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, in like manner the Son of Man must be lifted up,

15 so that everyone who believes in him would not perish , but have everlasting life.

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him would not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

18 The person who believes in him is not condemned. The person who does not believe, is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of God's only begotten Son.

19 And this is the condemnation:

The light
has come into the world.
And human beings
loved the darkness
more than the light,
because their works
were continually evil.

20 For everyone practicing evil things, hates the light, and does not come toward the light, so that his works not be exposed.

21 But one doing the truth comes toward the light, so that his works may be manifest, that they have been accomplished in God."

"He Must Increase; I Must Decrease"

22 After these things, Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean territory, and there he was spending time with them, and baptizing.

23 And John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water there, and they were coming and getting baptized.

24 For John was still not yet thrown into prison.

25 Then a dispute arose between the disciples of John and a certain Jew about ceremonial washing.

26 And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you on the other side of the Jordan, about whom you testified, behold, that man is baptizing, and everyone is moving to him."

27 John answered and said, "A human being is not able to receive a thing that is not given to him from heaven.

28 You yourselves bear witness that I said, 'I am not the Anointed One, but am sent ahead of him.'

29 The one possessing the bride is bridegroom, and the one standing and hearing him, the friend of the bridegroom, who rejoices with a joy on account of the voice of the bridegroom. That joy, my joy, is therefore fulfilled.

30 He must increase, and I must decrease.

31 "The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth is of the earth, and speaks of the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.

32 And what he has seen and heard, this he testifies to, and no one accepts his testimony.

33 The person who accepts his testimony has vouched that God is truthful.

34 For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God; because *to him* God gives the Spirit without measure.

35 The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand.

36 The person who believes in the Son, has eternal life, but the one who disobeys the Son will not see life, but rather, the wrath of God remains upon him."

Chapter 4

The Samaritan Woman at the Well

1 Then, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John,

2 (although Jesus himself was not baptizing, but his disciples),

3 he left Judea, and went into Galilee.

4 But he had to pass through Samaria.

5 Thus it is he comes to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

6 And Jacob's well was there. So there Jesus was, sitting down by the well, tired from the journey. It was about 6p.m.

7 A woman of Samaria comes to draw water. Jesus says to her, "Give me a drink."

8 (For his disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 Then the Samaritan woman says to him, "How is it you, being a Jew, are asking a drink from me, being a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not use *dishes* in common with Samaritans.)

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10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

11 She says to him, "Sir, you do not have a bucket, and the shaft is deep. Where then do you hold the living water?"

12 Are you greater than our forefather Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and also his sons and his animals?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks from this water will thirst again,

14 but whoever drinks from the water which I will give him would by no means ever thirst again. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into life without end."

15 The woman says to him, "Sir, give me this water. Then I wouldn't get thirsty, and neither would I have to keep coming over here to draw."

16 Jesus says to her, "Go call your husband, and come back here."

17 The woman answered and said, "I do not have a husband."
Jesus says to her, "Commendably, you said, 'I do not have a husband.'

18 For you have had five husbands, and he you now have is not your husband. This you have said honestly."

19 The woman says to him, "Sir, I am perceiving that you are a prophet.

20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that the place where *one* must worship is in Jerusalem."

21 Jesus says to her, "Woman, believe me, that a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

22 You *Samaritans* worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, for salvation is of the Jews.

23 Nevertheless, a time is coming, and is now come, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for indeed that is the kind the Father seeks as those worshiping him.

24 God is spirit, and those worshiping him, must worship in spirit and in truth."

25 The woman says to him, "I do know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will teach us everything."

26 Jesus says to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

Lift Your Eyes, See My Food and My Harvest

27 And at this point his disciples came, and they were surprised that he was talking with a woman. Still, no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you talking with her?"

28 Then, the woman left her water jar, and went away into the town. And she says to the people,

29 "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could he be the Messiah?"

30 They were proceeding out of the town and coming toward him.

31 And in the meantime, his disciples were pleading with him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

33 His disciples therefore were saying to each other, "Has someone brought him something to eat?"

34 Jesus says to them, "That I may do the will of him who sent me, is food to me, and that I may finish his work.

35 Do you not say, 'There is four months yet, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look upon the fields. For they are white even now for harvest.

36 And the one harvesting is taking his wages, and gathering fruit resulting in eternal life, so that both the one sowing and the one harvesting may rejoice together.

37 For the saying, 'One is the sower and another is the reaper,' is true in this:

38 I have sent you to harvest what you have not worked. Others have done the hard work, and you have joined in their labor."

The Woman's Talk Bears Fruit

39 And many of the Samaritans from that town had believed in him because of the woman's word testifying, "He told me everything I ever did."

40 When therefore the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to remain with them, and he remained two days.

41 And, because of his word, many more believed.

42 And to the woman they said, "No longer because of your talk do we believe; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man truly is the Messiah, the Savior of the world."

The Official's Son Stays Alive

43 And after the two days he departed from there and went into Galilee.

44 (Now Jesus himself testified, that in his own native place a prophet has no honor.)

45 When then he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him—having seen all the things that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival, for they also had gone to the festival.

46 Jesus came again therefore to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And there was a certain royal official there whose son lay sick at Capernaum.

47 When this man heard that Jesus was coming out of Judea into Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come and heal his son, for he was about to die.

48 Jesus therefore said to him, "Unless you *people* see miraculous signs and terrifying omens, you will never believe."

49 The royal official says to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

50 Jesus says to him, "Go. Your son stays alive."
And the man believed the word that Jesus had said to him, and departed.

51 And even as he was going back down, his servants met him and reported, saying, "Your boy is alive."

52 He therefore ascertained from them the exact time in which he had gotten better. And they said to him, "The fever left him yesterday at 7p.m."

53 Then the father realized: that *was* the hour in which Jesus had said to him, "Your son stays alive." And he and his whole household believed.

54 Again, this second miraculous sign Jesus performed while coming out of Judea into Galilee.

Chapter 5

Jesus Heals in the Spa on the Sabbath

1 After these things, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Hebrew is called Bethesda, having five colonnades.

3 In these a great number of disabled people used to lie, the blind, the lame, the paralyzed, waiting for the movement of the water.

4 For an angel from time to time would come down into the pool, and stir up the water. So the first one getting down in after the stirring of the water would be healed, whatever disease he had formerly been afflicted with.

5 And one man was there who had had a disability thirty-eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lying *there* and learned that he had had *his condition* now for a long time, he says to him, "Do you want to get well?"

7 The invalid answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred, and while I am going, someone else goes down ahead of me."

8 Jesus says to him, "Stand up. Pick up your mat and walk."

9 And immediately the man became well, and he picked up his mat and walked. And that day was during a Sabbath.

10 The Jews therefore said to the man who had been healed, "It is a Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat."

11 He answered them, "The man who made me well, he told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.' "

12 So they asked him, "Who is the man telling you to pick up your mat and walk?"

13 But the man who was healed had not known who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, a crowd being in the place.

14 After these things Jesus finds him at the temple and said to him, "Behold, you are well. Do not sin any longer, or something worse might happen to you."

15 The man went away and reported to the Jews that Jesus was the one who had made him well.

Hear the Voice of the Son and Live

16 And for this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus and looked for a way to kill him, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.

17 But he answered them, "My Father is working continuously up to now, so I also am working."

18 For this reason the Jews tried all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was also saying God was his own father, making himself equal to God.

19 Therefore Jesus responded and said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, the Son is not able to do anything of himself, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever things that One does, these things also the Son does likewise.

20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows him every thing that he does. And indeed, greater works than these he will show him, such that you will be constantly amazed.

21 For just as the Father raises the dead and makes them alive, in this way also the Son makes alive those whom he wishes.

22 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but instead has given all judgment to the Son,

23 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. The person who does not honor the Son is not honoring the Father who sent him.

24 "Truly, truly I say to you, the person who hears my word and believes the one who sent me, has eternal life, and is not going into judgment, but has crossed over out of death into life.

25 Truly, truly I say to you, a time is coming, and is now come, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and the ones who hear will live.

26 For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted also to the Son to have life in himself.

27 And to him he has given authority also to do the judging, because he is the son of a human.

28 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming, when all those in the graves will hear his voice,

29 and stream out, the ones who have done good into a resurrection of life, and the ones who have done evil into a resurrection of judgment.

30 I of myself am not able to do a thing; only as I hear do I judge, and my judgment is righteous, because I am not seeking my own will, but the will of the Father who sent me.

Testimonies About Jesus

31 "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid.

32 There is another who testifies about me, and I know that the testimony which he testifies about me is true.

33 "You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth.

34 I do not accept testimony from a human being; but I am saying these things so that you may be saved.

35 That one was a burning and shining lamp, and in his light you were willing to exult, for a time.

36 "But I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works which the Father has given me to finish, the same works which I am doing, they testify about me that the Father has sent me.

37 And the Father who sent me, He has testified about me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form.

38 And His word, you do not have living in you, because the one He has sent, him you do not believe.

39 You diligently study the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life. And these are the ones that testify about me.

40 Yet you refuse to come to me so that you may have life.

41 "I do not accept praise from human beings;

42 but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if someone else comes in his own name, him you will accept.

44 How is it possible for you to believe, accepting honor from one another, and not seeking the praise from the only God?

45 "But do not think that I will accuse you before the Father. The one accusing you is Moses, on whom you have placed your hope.

46 For if you were believing Moses, you would be believing me, for he wrote about me.

47 But since you are not believing his writings, how will you believe my statements?"

Chapter 6

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

1 After these things, Jesus went across to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (the *Sea of Tiberias*).

2 And a large crowd followed him, because they had seen his miraculous signs he had been performing on the sick.

3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he was sitting, with his disciples.

4 And the Passover was near, the festival of the Jews.

5 Then, lifting up his eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus says to Philip, "Where shall we buy loaves so that these *people* can eat?"

6 But he said this testing him, for he himself had known what he was about to do.

7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii are not enough loaves for them to each get a little!

8 One of his disciples, andrew the brother of Simon Peter, said to him,

9 "There is a youth here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they in the face of so many?"

10 But Jesus said, "Get the people to recline." Now there was plenty of green grass in the place. The men therefore reclined, the number about five thousand.

11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and after giving thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to those reclining, and likewise from the fish, as much as they wanted.

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12 And when they were full, he says to his disciples, "Gather the fragments that are left over, so that nothing is wasted."

13 So they gathered, and filled twelve large baskets with fragments of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

14 Then the people, having seen the miraculous sign Jesus had done, were saying, "This surely is the Prophet who was to come into the world."

15 Jesus therefore, knowing that they were about to come and take him by force to try to make him king, withdrew into the mountain, himself alone.

Jesus Walks on the Water

16 And when evening had come, his disciples had gone down to the lake,

17 and gotten into a boat, and were proceeding across the lake toward Capernaum. And now darkness came, and Jesus had not come to them,

18 and as a great wind was blowing, the lake was becoming very rough.

19 Then, after having rowed about twenty-five or thirty stadia, they behold him walking on the lake, and getting close to the boat, and they were afraid.

20 But he says to them, "It is I. Don't be afraid."

21 Then they willingly took him into the boat. And immediately the boat was at the shore to which they were headed.

I Am the Bread Come Down out of Heaven

22 The next day, the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the lake saw that no other boat had been there except the one onto which his disciples had boarded, and that Jesus had not gotten into the boat with his disciples, but his disciples had gone away alone.

23 (But then other boats, from Tiberias, arrived near the place where they had eaten the loaves, *where* the Lord had given thanks.)

24 When therefore the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

25 And finding him across the lake, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

26 Jesus answered them, and said, "Truly, truly I say to you, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and were satisfied.

27 Do not work for food that perishes, but for food that abides, resulting in eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For him God the Father has sealed."

28 They therefore said to him, "What should we do in order to be working the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered, and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in that one whom he has sent."

30 So they said to him, "What miraculous sign then are you performing, so that we may see, and believe you? What *works* are you working?"

31 Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.'"

32 Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, the bread out of heaven is not given you by Moses; no, the real bread out of heaven my Father is giving you.

33 For the bread of God, is the one coming down out of heaven and giving life to the world."

34 They said therefore to him, "Sir, give us that bread evermore."

35 Then Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. The person who comes to me, would never hunger, and the one believing in me would never thirst.

36 But as I told you, you have seen me and still you are not believing.

37 All *flesh* that the Father gives to me will come to me, and the one who comes to me, I would certainly not drive away.

38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will, but the will of Him who sent me.

39 And this is the will of the Father who sent me: that of all *flesh* that he has given me, I would not lose any of it, but raise it up at the last day.

40 For this is the will of Him who sent me: that anyone looking to the Son and believing in him would have eternal life, and I would raise him up at the last day."

41 Then the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread having come down out of heaven."

42 And they were saying, "Isn't this the Jesus son of Joseph whose father and mother we know? How can he then say this, 'I have come down out of heaven'?"

43 Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Stop grumbling among yourselves.

44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I would raise him up at the last day.

45 It is written in the Prophets: 'And they shall all be taught by God. Everyone therefore who hears from the Father, and has learned, comes to me.

46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

47 Truly, truly I say to you, the person who does believe in me has eternal life.

48 I am the bread of life.

49 Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, and they died.

50 But this is bread coming down out of heaven such that one may eat of it and would not die.

51 I am the living bread come down out of heaven. If someone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

52 Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

53 Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

54 The person eating my flesh and drinking my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is truly food, and my blood is truly drink.

56 The person eating my flesh and drinking my blood abides in me, and I in him.

57 Just as the living Father has sent me, and I live by means of the Father, so also that one eating me will live by means of me.

58 This bread coming down out of heaven is not like the bread your forefathers ate, the manna, and then died. The person eating this bread will live for ever."

59 These things he said while teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

A Teaching Too Scandalous for Some

60 Then many of his disciples hearing said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can listen to it?"

61 But knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "This is shocking you?"

62 Then what if you were seeing the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

63 Spirit is what makes alive; flesh counts for nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

64 Yet some of you are not believing." For Jesus had known from the beginning who the ones not believing were, and who the one was, who would betray him.

65 He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one has the ability to come to me, unless it is given to him from my Father."

66 From this, many of his disciples drew back, and no longer went along with him.

67 Jesus therefore said to the twelve, "You are not thinking of leaving too, are you?"

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

69 And we have believed and have come to know that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

70 Jesus responded to them, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve, for myself? Yet one of you is a devil."

71 He was speaking of Judas, son of Simon of Kerioth; for he, though being one of the Twelve, was going to betray him.

Chapter 7

Jesus' Brothers Judge Him Falsely

1 And after these things, Jesus was walking around in Galilee, for he was not wanting to walk in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.

2 But the Jewish Festival of Booths was near.

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3 So his brothers said to him, "Remove yourself from here and go to Judea, so that your disciples *there* also may see your miracles which you are doing.

4 For no one who wants to become famous, acts in secret. If you *really* are doing these things, show yourself to the world."

5 For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

6 Jesus therefore said to them, "The time for me has not yet come. But for you the time is always suitable.

7 The world cannot hate you, but me it hates, because I testify about it, that its works are evil.

8 You go up to this festival. I am not yet going up to this festival, because for me the time is not yet fully come."

9 And having said these things to them, he remained in Galilee.

Jesus Goes Up for Sukkot

10 And when his brothers had gone up to the festival, then he also went up, not openly, but secretly.

11 The Jews therefore were looking for him in the festival, and saying, "Where is that fellow?"

12 And there was much whispering about him in the crowds. Some were maintaining, "He is a good man."
Others were saying, "No. On the contrary, he is misleading the people."

13 Though none would speak about him openly, for fear of the Jews.

14 And when it was already the middle of the festival, Jesus went up to the temple, and was teaching.

15 The Jews then were marveling, saying, "How does this man know letters, not having received instruction?"

16 Jesus therefore answered them and said, "My teaching is not mine, but rather his who sent me.

17 If someone is inclined to do His will, he will find out about the teaching, whether it is from God, or I am speaking from myself.

18 One who speaks from himself is seeking his own glory. But one seeking the glory of Him who sent him, such a one is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

19 Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you performs the law. Why are you trying to kill me?"

20 The crowd responded and said, "You have a demon. Who is trying to kill you?"

21 Jesus answered and said to them, "One work I did, and you are all appalled.

22 Why is it Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but rather from the patriarchs) and during the Sabbath you circumcise a man?

23 If a man receives circumcision during the Sabbath so that the law of Moses not be broken, why are you incensed at me that I have made the whole man whole during the Sabbath?

24 Judge not by appearances, but judge the righteous judgment."

Is Jesus the Anointed One?

25 Then some of the Jerusalemites were saying, "Is this not the man they are trying to kill?"

26 And behold he is speaking openly, and they say nothing to him. Could it be the authorities have actually come to know that this man really is the Christ?

27 Except this man, we know where he is from; but the Christ, when he comes, no one will know where he is from."

28 Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, "Yes, me you know, and you know where I am from. Yet I have not come of myself. True rather is the one who sent me; him you do not know.

29 I know him, because I am from him, and that one has sent me."

30 Then they were trying to seize him, yet no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.

31 But many of the crowd put trust on him, and they were saying, "When the Christ comes, will he perform more signs than those which this man has done?"

32 The Pharisees heard these whisperings of the crowd about him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to arrest him.

33 Jesus continued and said, "Just a short time more I am with you, and then I am going away, to the one who sent me.

34 You will look for me, and will not find me, and where I am, you are not able to come."

35 The Jews therefore said among themselves, "Where is this man about to go, that we will not find him? Is he about to go into the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks?"

36 What is the meaning of this statement that he said, 'You will look for me and will not find me, and where I am you are not able to come'?"

37 And in the great and final day of the festival, there stood Jesus. And he cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, he should come to me; and drink,

38 he who believes on me. As the scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from His belly."

39 Now this he said in reference to the Spirit, whom those believing in him were about to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet present, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

40 Many in the crowd therefore who heard these words were saying, "Surely this man is the Prophet."

41 Others were saying, "This man is the Christ." Others were then saying, "What? The Christ comes from Galilee?"

42 Didn't the scripture say that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?"

43 A split therefore occurred among the crowd because of him.

44 And some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him.

Unbelief of the Jewish Authorities

45 Then the officers went to the chief priests and Pharisees, and those said to them, "Why have you not brought him?"

46 The officers answered, "Never has someone spoken so, like this man speaks."

47 The Pharisees therefore answered them, "Have you also been deceived?"

48 Has anyone of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed on him?

49 As for this crowd, cursed are they, not understanding the law."

50 Nicodemus, the one who had come to him by night, who was one of them, says to them,

51 "Our law does not judge the man unless it first hears from him, and knows what he is doing, does it?"

52 They answered and said to him, "You aren't from Galilee too, are you? Investigate and see, that there is no prophet risen out of Galilee."

The Woman Caught in Adultery

53 And each went to his home.

Chapter 8

1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 And at dawn, he showed up in the temple again, and all the people were coming. And having sat down he was teaching them.

3 And the Torah scholars and the Pharisees are bringing toward him a woman who was caught in adultery. And after they stood her in the midst,

4 they say to him, testing him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of adultery.

5 In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. What then do you say?"

6 But this they were saying tempting him, in order that they might obtain basis to accuse him.

But Jesus bent down *and* was writing on the ground with his finger, taking no notice.

7 And after they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "The one among you who is sinless should throw a stone at her first."

8 And after bending down again, he continued writing on the ground.

9 And after they heard this, they went away, one by one, starting with the oldest. And Jesus alone was left, and the woman still being in the midst.

10 And Jesus straightened up, and seeing no one but the woman, he said to her, "Where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

11 And she said, "No one, sir."

And Jesus said, "Neither am I condemning you. Go and sin no more."

The Validity of Jesus' Testimony

12 Jesus then spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. The person who follows me will not walk around in the darkness, but on the contrary, he will have for himself the light of life."

13 The Pharisees therefore said to him, "You are testifying about yourself. Your testimony is not valid."

14 Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I testify about myself, my testimony is valid, because I know where I came from, and where I am going. But you do not know where I am coming from and where I am going."

15 You judge by the flesh; I judge no one.

16 But even if I judge, my judgment is valid, because I am not alone: it is I and the one who sent me.

17 Now even in your law it is written, that the testimony of two persons is valid.

18 I am one testifying about myself, and the one who sent me is testifying about me, the Father."

19 Then they were saying to him, "Where is your father?" Jesus answered, "Neither me nor my Father do you know. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."

20 These statements Jesus spoke in the treasury, teaching in the temple, and no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

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21 Continuing, Jesus said to them, "I am going; and you will seek me, and you will die in your sins. Where I am going, you are not able to come."

22 So the Jews were saying, "Is he going to kill himself, that he says, 'Where I am going, you are not able to come'?"

23 And he said to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

24 I said to you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I am *who I am*, you will die in your sins."

25 Therefore they were saying to him, "Who are you?"
And Jesus said to them, "Why am I even speaking to you at all?"

26 I have many things to say about you, and to judge. But the one who sent me is true, and I, what things I hear from him, those are the things I say in the world."

27 They did not understand that he was speaking to them of the Father.

28 Then Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will find out that I am *he*, and of myself I do nothing, but rather exactly as my Father has taught me, those things I speak.

29 And the one who sent me is continually with me. The Father has not left me alone, because I always do the things pleasing to him."

30 As he was speaking these things, many believed in him.

The Children of Abraham

31 Jesus was therefore saying to the ones who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are true disciples of mine,

32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

33 They responded to him, "We are seed of Abraham, and to no one have we ever been enslaved. How do you mean, that we will become free?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly I say to you, everyone doing sin is a slave of sin.

35 And the slave does not abide in the house in perpetuity; the Son abides in perpetuity.

36 If therefore the Son should make you free, you will be free indeed.

37 I know that you are seed of Abraham; yet you are trying to kill me, because my word has no room in you.

38 What I have seen with my Father, I speak, and you then what you have seen with your father, you are doing."

39 They answered and said to him, "Our father is Abraham." Jesus says to them, "If you were children of Abraham, you would be doing the works of Abraham.

40 But as it is, you are trying to kill me, someone who has spoken to you the truth he has heard from God. This, Abraham did not do.

41 You are doing the works of your father." They then said to him, "We were not conceived in fornication. We have one father: God."

The Children of the Devil

42 Jesus therefore said to them, "If God were your father, you would love me, for I went out from God and have arrived here. For neither did I come of myself, but that One sent me.

43 What is the reason you do not understand my speech? Because you are not able to tolerate my word.

44 You are of your father, the Devil, and the yearnings of your father you want to do. That one has been homicidal from the beginning, and in the truth he has never stood still, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he is speaking from his own things, for he is a liar, and the father of the lie.

45 So I, because I am saying the truth, you do not believe me.

46 Who of you is convicting me of a sin? And if I am saying the truth, why is it you do not believe me?

47 The ones who are of the Father hear the statements of the Father. This is why you do not hear; you are not of God."

The Authorities Attempt Stoning for Claim of Pre-Eminence of Abraham

48 The Jews then answered and said to him, "Do we not rightly say that you are a Samaritan, and have a demon?"

49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon. Quite the opposite, I am honoring my Father. And you are dishonoring me.

50 It is not me seeking my glory. There is One seeking, and judging.

51 Truly, truly I say to you, If someone follows my word, death he will by no means see, into all time."

52 The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and also the Prophets, and you say, 'If someone follows my word, death he will by no means experience, into all time.'

53 Are you greater than our forefather Abraham, who died? And the Prophets also died. What sort of man do you reckon yourself?"

54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, that glory of mine is worthless. My Father is the one glorifying me, the one that you say is our God.

55 And you have never known him, but I know him. Now if I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him, and his word I am following.

56 Abraham, your forefather, made exultation yearning to see my day. And he saw it, and was thrilled."

57 The Jews therefore said to him, "You are not yet fifty, and you have beheld Abraham?"

58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

59 Then they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus hid himself, and went forth from the temple, having passed through the midst of them; and thus moved on.

Chapter 9

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

1 And as he was going along, he saw a man blind from birth.

2 And his disciples queried him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?"

3 Jesus answered, "Neither that this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

4 I must be working at the works of him who sent me, while it is day. Night is coming, when no one can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6 When he had said these things, he spit on the ground, and made mud with the saliva, and rubbed the mud on the blind man's eyes.

7 And he said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of 'Siloam'" (which when translated is 'Sent'). He went therefore and washed, and came back seeing.

8 His neighbors therefore, and those who had previously seen him, that he was blind, were saying, "Isn't this the man usually sitting and begging?"

9 Some were saying, "This is the same man." But others, "No; he only looks like him." He himself kept saying, "I am the one."

10 They were saying therefore to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

11 He answered and said, "A man named Jesus made mud and rubbed my eyes with it, and he told me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So when I went and washed, I saw again."

12 They said therefore to him, "Where is that man? He says, 'I don't know.'"

The Authorities Investigate the Healing

13 And they take him to the Pharisees, the man who had once been blind.

14 Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus had made mud and opened his eyes.

15 So again, the Pharisees also asked him how he came to see. And he told them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and now I see."

16 Some of the Pharisees therefore were saying, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath." Others were saying, "How can a sinful man do such miracles?" So there was a split among them.

17 They are talking to the blind man again: "What do you say about him? For *it was your eyes* he opened." And he said, "He is a prophet."

18 The result was the Jews did not believe about him that he used to be blind and then saw; until they summoned the parents of the one who had received his sight.

19 And they questioned them, saying, "Is this your son, the one you say was born blind? And if so, how does he now see?"

20 And his parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind.

21 But how he now sees, we do not know. Or who opened his eyes, we do not know. He has majority, ask him. He will speak for himself."

22 His parents said these things because they were fearing the Jews. For the Jews had already decided that anyone who acknowledged Him to be the Christ would be put out of the synagogue.

23 This is why his parents said, "He has majority; ask him."

24 Then the man who had been blind they summoned a second time. And they said to him, "Give credit to God. We know that this man is sinful."

25 He then answered and said, "Whether he is sinful, I do not know. One thing I know: Whereas I used to be blind, now I see."

26 But they said to him again, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

27 He answered them, "I told you already, and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

28 They ridiculed him and said, "You are the disciple of that one. We are disciples of Moses.

29 We know for sure that God has spoken to Moses; but this fellow, we don't know where he comes from."

30 The man answered and said to them, "There certainly is something strange in this, that you don't know where he comes from, and he opened my eyes.

31 Now we know that God does not hear the sinful. But if someone is God-fearing, and practicing his will, this kind he hears.

32 Since time began, reports have not been heard that someone opened the eyes of one born blind.

33 If this man were not from God, he would not have been able to do anything."

34 They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and you are teaching us?" Then they threw him out.

Spiritual Blindness

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and finding him, he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

36 That one answered and said, "And who is he, sir, so that I may believe in him."

37 And Jesus said to him, "Not only have you seen him, but he is the one talking with you."

38 And he said, "I believe, Lord." And he worshipped him.

39 And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that those not seeing may see, and that those seeing, may become blind."

40 And some of the Pharisees heard these words, some who were with him, and they said to him, "And us, we are not blind, are we?"

41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sins. But as you are now saying, 'We see,' your sins therefore remain.

Chapter 10

The Good Shepherd

1 "Truly, truly I say to you, the one not entering the sheep fold through the door, but instead climbing up another way, that one is a thief and a bandit.

2 But the one entering through the door, is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 The doorkeeper opens for this one, and the sheep hear his voice. And he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them forth.

4 And when he has brought out his own sheep, he goes on before them, and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice.

5 But a stranger they will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers."

6 This parable Jesus told them, but they did not understand what the *principles* were that he was speaking to them.

7 Again therefore Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All who have come are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and will go in and go out, and find pasture.

10 The thief does not come, except to steal, and to kill, and to ruin. I have come so they might have life, and have it more.

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

12 But the wage earner, not being a shepherd, and for whom the sheep are not his own, sees the wolf coming and abandons the sheep and flees, and the wolf seizes the sheep and scatters them.

13 The wage earner flees because he is a wage earner and it matters not to him about the sheep.

14 "I am the good shepherd, and I know my own, and am known by my own.

15 Just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 Other sheep I also have, which are not of this fold. Those also I am to bring, and my voice they will hear, and the result will be one flock, one shepherd.

17 For this reason my Father loves me, that I lay down my life, such that I will take it up again.

18 No one takes it from me; I lay it down of myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again; this order I received from my Father."

19 Because of these words therefore, there was again a split among the Jews.

20 Many of them were saying, "He has a demon, and he's crazy. Why are you listening to him?"

21 Others were saying, "These are not the expressions of someone demonized. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

The Authorities Again Attempt Stoning for Claim of Equality With God

22 Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. And it was winter,

23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the Portico of Solomon.

24 Then the Jews surrounded him, and were saying to him, "How long are you keeping our souls in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us clearly."

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I am doing in the name of my Father, these testify for me.

26 Yet, you are not believing, because you are not of my sheep, as I told you.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

28 And I give to them eternal life, and they will by no means perish, into all time, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

29 My Father, the one who gave *them* to me, he is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of my Father's hand.

30 I and the Father are one."

31 Again therefore, the Jews lifted up stones in order to stone him.

32 Jesus responded to them, "Many good works I have shown you from my Father. For which work of them are you stoning me?"

33 The Jews answered him, saying, "Not for good works are we stoning you, but for blasphemy, because you, being a human, are making yourself God."

34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I have said, 'You are gods'?"

35 Why, since he called those to whom the word of God came 'gods,' and the scripture cannot be voided,

36 do you say to the one the Father has consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because he said, 'I am the Son of God'?

37 If I am not doing the works of my Father, do not believe me.

38 And if I am doing *them*, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and believe that the Father is in me, and I in him."

39 And again therefore, they were trying to arrest him. And he got out of their grasp.

40 And he went back to the other side of the Jordan, to the place where John had earlier been baptizing, and he stayed there a while.

41 And many came to him. And they were saying, "Though John performed no miraculous sign, everything John said about this man was true."

42 And many there believed in him.

Chapter 11

The Death of Lazarus

1 Now a certain man was ailing, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 And the Mary who anointed the Lord with perfumed ointment and who wiped his feet off with her hair, was the one whose brother was ailing.

3 The sisters therefore sent to him, saying, "Lord, behold, the one you love is ailing."

4 And when he heard, Jesus said, "This sickness is not to death, but rather for the glory of God, in order that the Son of God be glorified through it."

5 (But Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.)

6 When then he heard that he was ailing, at that time he actually remained in the place in which he was, for two days.

7 Only then, after this, he says to the disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

8 The disciples are saying to him, "The Jews were just now trying to stone you, and you are going back there?"

9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of day? If someone walks around in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

10 But if someone walks around in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not with him."

11 He said these things. And after this, he is saying to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going in order to wake him up."

12 Then his disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, that will help him."

13 But Jesus had spoken of his death, whereas they thought he was speaking of the repose of sleep.

14 So then, Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus died.

15 And for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

16 Then Thomas, the one called the Twin, said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us go also, and die with him."

"I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

17 Arriving therefore, Jesus found him already in the tomb four days since.

18 Now Bethany was close to Jerusalem, about fifteen stadia apart,

19 and many of the Jews had come to those around Martha and Mary, to console them regarding their brother.

20 When therefore Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary stayed put in the house.

21 Martha therefore said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

22 Even now, I know that whatever things you ask God for, God will grant you."

23 Jesus says to her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha says to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection, and the life. The person who believes in me, even though he dies, will live;

26 and everyone who is living and believes in me, will never die. Do you believe this?"

27 She says to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one expected to come into the world."

28 And having said these things she went off, and discreetly invited her sister Mary, as follows, "The Teacher is here, and is asking for you."

29 That one, when she heard, quickly got up and starts coming toward him.

30 (Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was at the place where Martha had met him.)

31 The Jews therefore who were with Mary in the house and consoling her, when they saw how she quickly got up and went out, they followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb, to grieve there."

32 Mary therefore, when she arrived where Jesus was, fell at his feet when she saw him, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 Then Jesus, when he saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her weeping, heaved with deep emotion, and churned inside himself.

34 And he said, "Where have you laid him?"
They are saying to him, "Lord, come and see."

35 Jesus showed tears.

36 The Jews therefore were saying, "See how he loved him."

37 But some of them said, "Shouldn't he who opened the eyes of the blind man, also have been able to make it so this man would not have died?"

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

38 Then Jesus, again heaving inside himself, arrives at the tomb. And a cave it was, and a stone was there, covering over it.

39 Jesus says, "Take away the stone."
Martha, the sister of the one who was dead, says, "Lord, by now he smells; it is the fourth day."

40 Jesus says to her, "Did I not tell you, that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

41 They therefore took away the stone from where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted his eyes above ward, and said, "Father, I thank you, that you have heard me."

42 But I already knew that you always hear me. Only for the sake of the crowd standing around did I say *this*, so that they may believe that it was you who sent me."

43 And having said these things, he shouted out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

44 And the dead man came out, his feet and hands bound up with bandages, and his face wrapped in a handkerchief. Jesus says to them, "Untangle him and allow him to go."

Sanhedrin Decides Jesus Must Die

45 Many of the Jews therefore, of those who had come to Mary and seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

46 But some of them went to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees assembled a Sanhedrin. And they were saying, "What are we doing, that this man is performing so many signs?"

48 If we leave him alone like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come, and take away both our place and our nation."

49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You people know nothing.

50 Neither are you considering how it is expedient for us that one man die for the people, and not the whole nation perish."

51 But this, from himself he did not say. But rather, being high priest that year, he prophesied, that Jesus was about to die for the nation.

52 And not for the nation only, but such that the children of God scattered about, he would gather also, into one *people*.

53 Thus from that time on they were resolved that they would kill him.

54 Therefore, Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but departed from there to an area next to the desert, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed, along with his disciples.

55 But then the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem from out of the country before the Passover, to purify themselves.

56 They were watching for Jesus therefore, and speaking with one another, as they stood in the temple, "How does it seem to you? That he is not coming to the festival at all?"

57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had also given the order, that if anyone knew where he was, he should report it, so that they might arrest him.

Chapter 12

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

1 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus the man who had died was, whom He had raised from the dead.

2 So they made a supper for him there, and Martha was serving, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him.

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3 Then Mary, having taken a litre of expensive ointment of pure oil of nardroot, anointed the feet of Jesus, and with her hair, she wiped his feet. And the house was filled with the smell of the ointment.

4 Then one of his disciples, Judas the Keriothite son of Simon, the one about to betray him, says,

5 "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

6 But he said this not because it mattered to him about the poor, but because he was a thief, and he was usually in charge of the money bag and would steal *from* what was put in.

7 Jesus said therefore, "Leave her alone. She has kept it for the day of my burial.

8 The poor you always have with you, but me, you do not always have."

9 Then a great crowd of the Jews found out that he was there, and they came, not only because of Jesus, but also that they might see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

10 So the chief priests resolved that they would kill Lazarus also,

11 for many of the Jews were going out because of him, and then believing in Jesus.

The Triumphal Entry

12 The next day, a great crowd that had come for the festival, hearing that Jesus is arriving into Jerusalem,

13 took the fronds of palm trees, and went out into a merging with him.
And they were crying out:

"Hosha na!'

"Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord,
the king of Israel!'

14 And Jesus, having found a young donkey, took his seat upon it, just
as it is written:

15 "Fear not, O daughter of Zion;
Behold, your king is coming
sitting on the foal of a donkey."

16 Now these things his disciples did not know at first, but once Jesus
was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written
in reference to him, and that these things they had done to him.

17 The crowd therefore, the one that had been with him when he called
Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead, had been bearing
witness.

18 For this reason also the crowd had come out to join him, because
they had understood him to have done this sign.

19 Then the Pharisees said to each other, "Observe, that you are not
prevailing at all. Behold, the world has gone after him!"

Jesus Ponders Crucifixion

20 And among those going up to worship at the festival, were some
Greeks.

21 These, then, came up to Philip, he from Bethsaida, Galilee. And they beseech him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

22 Philip comes and tells Andrew; and Andrew and Philip in turn tell Jesus.

23 And Jesus responded to them as follows: "The hour has come, that the Son of Man should be glorified.

24 Truly, truly I say to you, if a kernel of wheat does not fall to the ground and die, it remains only one; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

25 The person who loves his life will lose it, and the one who hates his life in this world will preserve it into eternal life.

26 If someone is serving me, he must follow me; and where I am, there also my servant will be. And if someone is serving me, my Father will honor him.

27 "Now, my soul has become troubled. And what shall I say— 'Father, save me from this hour?' No, for this very thing I have arrived to this hour."

28 "Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven: "I both have glorified *it*, and will glorify again."

29 The crowd therefore standing and hearing was maintaining thunder to have happened. Others were saying, "An angel spoke to him."

30 Jesus answered and said, "Not for my sake has this voice happened, but for you.

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31 Now comes judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will attract all mankind to me."

33 Now this he was saying signaling what manner of death he was about to die.

34 The crowd responded to him: "We have heard out of the law that the Christ remains for ever, so how is it you are saying that the Son of Man is to be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"

35 Jesus therefore said to them, "The light is with you a little while longer. Walk, while you have the light, so that darkness does not overtake you. For the person walking in darkness does not know where he is going.

36 While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may be children of light."

Jesus spoke these things, then went away and was hidden from them.

The Authorities Continue in Unbelief

37 But, though having done so many signs right in front of them, they were not believing in him,

38 so that the word of Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled, which said, "Lord, who has believed our report?

And the arm of the Lord,
to whom has it been revealed?"

39 Because of this they were not able to believe: that again, Isaiah said,

40 "He has blinded their eyes,

and he has hardened their hearts,
so that they would neither see
with their eyes,
nor understand with their hearts,
nor look back around,
such that I would heal them."

41 (Isaiah said these things when he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.)

42 Even so, many even of the rulers believed in him. But, because of the Pharisees, they were not confessing it, for fear they would be put out of the synagogue.

43 For:

They loved the approval
of human beings
over and above
the approval of God.

44 But Jesus cried out, and said, "The person believing in me is not believing in me but in the one who sent me,

45 and the one looking upon me is looking upon the one who sent me.

46 I have come into the world as a light, so that everyone believing in me may not abide in darkness.

47 "And if someone hears my sayings and does not believe, I do not judge him. For I did not come in order to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 The person rejecting me and not believing my statements, has what judges him: the word which I spoke, that will judge him at the last day.

49 For I from myself have not spoken; rather, the Father who sent me, he has given me commandment, what I should say, and how I should speak.

50 And I know, that his commandment means eternal life. Therefore, what things I speak, just as the Father has said *them* to me, I speak them just so."

Chapter 13

The Passover Supper

1 And before the Festival of Passover, Jesus, aware that the hour had come for him to pass on from this world to the Father, *and* having loved those of his own in the world, loved them to the end.

2 And supper having started, with the devil having already put it in the heart of Judas son of Simon of Kerioth to betray him,

3 *and* Jesus being aware that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come forth from God and to God he was going,

4 he rises from the supper and lays down his clothing, and taking a towel, he fastened it around himself.

5 Then, he is putting water into a basin. And he began to wash the feet of the disciples, and to wipe them off with the towel in which he was girded.

6 Thus he comes to Simon Peter. And that one says to him, "Lord, **You** are washing **my** feet?"

7 Jesus answered, and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not know yet, but after these things, you will know."

8 Peter says to him, "No way will you ever wash my feet."
Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you have no place with me."

9 Simon Peter says to him, "Lord. Not just my feet, but my hands and my head as well."

10 Jesus says to him, "One who is bathed has no need, other than the feet, to wash, but is clean on the whole. And you *men* are clean; though not all of you."

11 For he already knew of the one betraying him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 When therefore he had washed their feet and taken his clothes, he reclined again and said to them, "Do you know what I have done for you?"

13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly you say so, for I am.

14 If therefore I, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash the feet of one another.

15 For I have given an example for you, so that just as I have done, you also might do.

16 Truly, truly I say to you: A servant is not greater than his lord, neither an emissary greater than the one who sent him.

17 Since these things you are knowing, blessed are you if you do them.

18 "I am not speaking about all of you; I know whom I have chosen; but, so that the scripture is fulfilled, 'Someone eating bread with me has lifted up his heel against me.'

19 "Yes indeed: I am telling you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe who I am.

20 Truly, truly I say to you, The person who accepts whomever I send, is accepting me; and the person who accepts me, is accepting the One who sent me."

21 When he had said these things, Jesus was disturbed in his spirit, and he testified, and he said, "Truly, truly I say to you: One of you will betray me."

22 Then the disciples were looking at one another, puzzling over about whom he was speaking.

23 Now one of his disciples was reclining in the bosom of Jesus, the one Jesus loved.

24 Simon Peter therefore nods to this one to inquire *of Jesus* about whom he was speaking.

25 That one therefore simply leaned back onto the chest of Jesus and says to him, "Lord, who is it?"

26 Jesus replied, "It is that one for whom I shall dip and give the piece of bread." And after dipping the piece of bread, he gives it to Judas of Kerioth, son of Simon.

27 And after the bread *transaction*, at that time Satan entered into that one. Then Jesus says to him, "What you are doing, do quickly."

28 But none of those reclining knew why he said this to him.

29 For some thought that since Judas was in charge of the money bag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy things we need for the festival," or, that he should give something to the poor.

30 When therefore that one had taken the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

Where Is Jesus Going?

31 After he had gone out, Jesus says, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified.

32 If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself, and glorify him at once.

33 "Children, I am with you only a little while longer. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, I now say to you also: 'Where I am going, you are not able to come.'

34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

35 By this will everyone know that you are my disciples: if you have love among one another."

36 Simon Peter says to him, "Lord, where are you going?"
Jesus answered him, "Where I am going, you are not able to follow me now, but you will follow me later."

37 Peter says to him, "Why am I not able to follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

38 Jesus answered him, "You will lay down your life for me? Truly, truly I say to you, a rooster will not crow, until such time you disown me three times.

Chapter 14

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me.

2 In my Father's house there are many abodes. Otherwise, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

3 And if I go prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you in with myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

4 And where I am going, you know, and the way you know."

Jesus the Way to the Father

5 Thomas says to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. And how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus says to him, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

7 If you had come to know me, you would have come to know my Father as well; indeed, from now on you know him, and have seen him."

8 Philip says to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and that will satisfy us."

9 Jesus says to him, "All this time I have been with you, and you have not come to know me, Philip? The person who has seen me has seen the Father; so how is it you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

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10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The statements which I speak to you I do not speak from myself, but the Father who abides in me, he is doing the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. But if not, believe me because of those works.

12 The person who believes in me, truly, truly I say to you, the works that I do, that one also shall do, and even greater than these *shall do*, because I am going to my Father.

13 Indeed, whatever you shall request in my name, this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If you ask me for something in my name, I will do it.

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

15 "If you love me, keep my commandments.

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he may abide with you for ever,

17 the Spirit of truth, which the world is unable to receive, because it neither perceives him nor knows him. But you know him, because he abides among you, and will be in you.

18 I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.

19 Just a little while longer and the world will be seeing me no more; but you will be seeing me. Because I will be living, you also will live.

20 In that day you will know, that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

21 The person who has my commandments and also keeps them, that is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me, will be loved by my Father, and I also will love him, and will reveal myself to him."

22 Judas (not the Keriouthite) says to him, "Lord, and on what basis is it that, to us, you intend to reveal yourself, and not to the world?"

23 Jesus answered, and said to him, "If someone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him; and we will come to him, and make our abode with him.

24 One who does not love me will not keep my word. And the word that you are hearing is not mine, but the Father's, who sent me.

25 "These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you.

26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, that one will teach you all things, and remind you of all the things I have said to you.

27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28 "You heard how I said to you, 'I am going away, and will be coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that said, 'I am going to the Father;' for my Father is greater than I.

29 And now I have told you, before it happens, so that when it happens, you will believe.

30 I will not speak with you much longer, for the ruler of this world is coming. And he has no pull in me;

31 but, just as the Father has commanded me, this I do, so that the world may know that I love the Father.

"Arise, let us leave here."

Chapter 15

"I Am the Vine, You Are the Branches"

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer.

2 Every branch in me bearing no fruit, he removes, and every branch bearing the fruit, he cleans, so it may bear more fruit.

3 You are now clean, because of the word which I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. Just as the branch is not able to bear fruit from itself, unless it abides in the vine, in the same way neither are you, unless you abide in me.

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who abides in me and I in him, this one bears much fruit, for without me you can produce nothing.

6 If someone does not abide in me, he is thrown aside like the branch that is withered; and they gather such and cast them in the fire, and they are burned.

7 If you abide in me, and my sayings abide in you, you will ask whatever you will, and it will happen for you.

8 In this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and you will be my disciples.

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9 "Just as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you; abide ye in my love.

10 If you keep my commandments, you are abiding in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and am abiding in his love.

11 These things I have spoken to you, so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

12 This is my commandment: that you love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love has no one than this: that one lay down one's life for one's friends.

14 You are my friends, if you practice the things I am commanding you.

15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his lord is doing. But you I have called friends, because all things that I have heard from my Father, I have made known to you.

16 You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and appointed you, that you go and bear fruit, and that your fruit might abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, it may be granted to you.

17 These instructions I am giving you, so that you will love one another.

For This the World Hates You

18 "If the world hates you, be assured that it hated me first, before you.

19 If you were of the world, the world would like its own; but because you are not of the world, and indeed rather I have chosen you out of the world, for this the world hates you.

20 Be mindful of the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his lord.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they took my word to heart, they will take yours to heart also.

21 But all these things they will do to you because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin; but now, they have no excuse for their sin.

23 One who hates me also hates my Father.

24 If I had not done works among them which no one else has done, they would have no sin; but now they have both seen and hated both me and my Father.

25 But so that the word written about them in the law might be fulfilled, 'They hated me without a cause.'

26 "But when the Counselor has come, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth, who flows forth from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

Chapter 16

1 "These things I have spoken to you so that you may not fall away.

2 They will cause you to be put out of the synagogue; but an hour is coming such that everyone who kills you will reckon to be offering up religious service to God.

3 And these things they will do, because they have not known the Father, neither me.

4 But these things I have spoken to you, so that when the hour comes, you might remember them, that I told you.

The Holy Spirit Will Finish My Work

"And I have not told you these things from the beginning, because I was with you.

5 But now, I am going to the one who sent me, and none of you is asking me, 'Where are you going?'

6 Instead, because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

7 But I am telling you the truth: it works out better for you that I go away, for if I were not to go away, the Counselor would not come to you. Whereas if I go, I will send him to you.

8 And when he has come, that one will refute the world concerning sin, and concerning righteousness, and concerning judgment;

9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;

10 concerning righteousness, because I am going to my Father and you will be observing me no longer;

11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12 "I have many things yet to say to you, but you are not able at the present time to bear *it*.

13 But when that one comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you into all truth. For he will not speak from himself, but rather, whatever things he hears he will speak; and he will report to you the things that are coming.

14 That one will glorify me, because from mine he will take, and report *it* to you.

15 Everything the Father has is mine; this is how I said, 'from mine he will be taking, and report *it* to you.'

16 "A little while, and you will not be observing me; and another little while, and you will see me. Because I am going to the Father."

The Disciples' Pain Will Be Turned to Joy

17 Then some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he is saying to us, 'A little while, and you will not be observing me; and another little while, and you will see me'? And, 'I am going to the Father'?"

18 They kept saying therefore, "What is this 'little while'? We don't know what he is saying."

19 Jesus knew then that they were wanting to query him, and he said to them, "Is it this you are deliberating among yourselves about, that I said, 'A little while and you will not be observing me, and another little while and you will see me'?"

20 Truly, truly I say to you, You will weep and lament, and the world will be cheered. You therefore will be in pain. But your pain will be turned into joy.

21 In the case of the woman about to give birth, she has pain, because for her the hour has come. But when she has delivered the child, no longer is she mindful of the distress, because of the joy that a human being is brought forth into the world.

22 Thus you also, now you do have pain; but I will see you again, and your hearts will be cheered, and your joy, no one is taking away from you.

23 And in that day you will not query me at all. Truly, truly I say to you: whatever you will ask the Father in my name, he will grant it to you.

24 Up to now you have not asked anything in my name; ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be full.

25 "These things I have spoken to you in allegories; but an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in allegories, but I will tell you about the Father plainly.

26 In that day you will make requests in my name, and I am not saying to you that I will make request of the Father on your behalf.

27 For the Father himself likes you, because you have liked me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

28 I went forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am taking leave of the world, and going my way back to the Father."

29 His disciples are saying to him, "There, now you are talking with clarity and not speaking any allegory.

30 Now we know that you know all, and with you there is no need that someone query you. By this we believe that you have come forth from God."

31 Jesus answered them, "For now you believe.

32 Behold, an hour is coming, and has now come, that you will be scattered apart, each to his own, and me you will have abandoned, alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

33 "These things I have spoken to you, so in me you may have peace. In the world you do have tribulation; but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world."

Chapter 17

Jesus Prays for Himself

1 Jesus spoke these things, and when he had lifted up his eyes to heaven, he said:

"Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son, so that your Son may also glorify you;

2 inasmuch as to him you have granted jurisdiction of all flesh, so that to all *flesh* that you have given him, he will grant to them eternal life.

3 And this is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and the one whom you have sent, Jesus Christ.

4 I have glorified you upon the earth, I have finished the work which you have given me to do.

5 And now, Father, glorify thou me, along with yourself, with the glory which I used to have along with you, before the existence of the world.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

6 "I have made known your name to the humans of the world that you have given to me. They had been yours, and you gave them to me, and they have taken your word to heart.

7 Now they are persuaded that everything you have given to me is *indeed* from you;

8 for the sayings which you have given to me I have given to them, and they accepted and knew for sure that I came forth from you, and they believed that you had sent me.

9 I am making request concerning them; not concerning the world am I making request, but only concerning those whom you have given to me. For they are yours;

10 indeed everything of mine is yours, and of yours is mine. And I am glorified in them;

11 yes, no longer am I to be in the world, yet they are in the world, and I am coming to you. O holy Father, keep them in your name, those whom you have given to me, so that they may be one, just as we are *one*.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in your name Those whom you have given to me I guarded, and not one of them met destruction, except the Son of Destruction, so that the scripture may be brought to completion.

13 "But now I am coming to you, and I am speaking these things in the world, so that they may have in them my joy brought to completion.

14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

15 I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them in your truth; your word is truth.

18 Just as you sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

19 And on their behalf I sanctify myself, so that they also may be ones sanctified in truth.

Jesus Prays for All Believers

20 "And not concerning these only am I making request, but also concerning the ones who through their word believe in me,

21 that they all may be one. Just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, so let them also be one in us, so that the world might believe that you sent me.

22 The glory which you have given to me, I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as we are one:

23 I in them, and you in me, so that they may become fully developed into one, and so that the world may know that you sent me, and that you have loved them just as you loved me.

24 "O Father, those whom you have given to me, I desire that where I am, they might also be along with me, so that they may behold that glory of mine, which you have given to me, for you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 "O righteous Father, indeed the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you sent me.

26 And I have made known to them your name, and will do so in the future, so that the love with which you have loved me might always be in them, and I also in them."

Chapter 18

Gethsemane

1 After he said these things, Jesus went forth with his disciples to the other side of the wadi Kidron, where there was a garden, into which he himself went, and also his disciples.

2 And Judas, the one betraying him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples.

Jesus Arrested

3 Judas therefore, after taking the cohort and some guards, from the high priests and the Pharisees, comes there, with lamps and torches and weapons.

4 Then, aware of all the things coming upon him, Jesus went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"

5 They answered him, "Jesus the Nazarene."

Jesus says to them, "I am *he*."

And Judas the one betraying him is also standing there with them.

6 When therefore he said, "I am *he*," they moved away backward, and fell to the ground.

7 Again therefore, he asked them, "Whom are you seeking?"

And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

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8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am *he*. If therefore it is me you are seeking, allow these to go their way."

9 In order that the word which he had said would be fulfilled: "Of those you have given me, I have not lost even one."

10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And the name of the servant was Malchus.

11 Jesus therefore said to Peter, "Put your sword in the sheath. The cup which the Father has given me, am I not to drink it?"

Jesus Taken to Hananiah

12 Then the cohort and its chiliarch and the guards from the Jews took Jesus prisoner and bound him,

13 and they led him away, to Hananiah first, for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest for that year.

14 And Caiaphas was the one having advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man die instead of the people.

Peter's First Denial

15 And Simon Peter was following Jesus, along with another disciple. And that other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest,

16 but Peter had stopped outside, at the door. The other disciple therefore, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the door maid, and brought Peter in.

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17 Then the maidservant, the doorkeeper, says to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"

He says, "No I am not."

18 And the servants and the guards stood by a fire they had made, for it was cold, and they were warming themselves. So Peter was with them, standing and warming himself.

The High Priest Questions Jesus

19 The high priest, then, questioned Jesus, about his disciples and about his teaching.

20 Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I always taught in a synagogue or in the temple, where the Jews always come together, and not said any of it in secret.

21 Why ask me? Ask the ones who have heard, what I spoke to them. You see, they know what things I said."

22 As he was saying these things, one of the guards standing by gave Jesus a whack, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

23 Jesus answered him, "If I spoke wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if acceptably, why are you hitting me?"

24 (Hannaniah had sent him to Caiaphas the high priest, bound.)

Peter's Second and Third Denials

25 And Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore to him, "Are you not also one of his disciples?"

He then denied it and said, "No I am not."

26 One of the servants of the high priest, who was a relative of him whose ear Peter had cut off, says, "Did I not see you with him in the garden?"

27 Again therefore, Peter denied it, and immediately a rooster crowed.

Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

28 They then are leading Jesus away from Caiaphas toward the Praetorium; and it was very early. And they entered not into the Praetorium, so that they would not be defiled but rather might eat the Passover.

29 So Pilate came out to them. And he said, "This man? You are bringing what kind of charge against him?"

30 They answered, and said to him, "If he were not a wrongdoer, we would not have brought him over to you."

31 Pilate therefore said to them, "You take him, and you judge him according to your law."

The Jews then said to him, "For us it is not lawful to execute anyone."

32 So the word of Jesus would be fulfilled, which he had spoken indicating by what means of death he was going to die.

33 So Pilate went back into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus, and he said to him, "You are the king of the Jews?"

34 Jesus answered him, "From yourself are you saying this, or have others spoken to you about me?"

35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What have you done?"

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have fought so that I not be handed over to the Jews. But in fact my kingship is not from here."

37 Pilate therefore said to him, "So then you ARE a king."

Jesus answered, "You are saying that I am a king; I, for this reason have been born, and for this reason have come into the world: to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth hears my voice."

38 Pilate says to him, "What is truth?" And with that said, he went out again to the Jews, and says to them, "I find in him no *causa capitalis*."

39 But there is a custom with you that I release to you one prisoner during the Passover. Would you therefore have me release to you the king of the Jews?"

40 They then all shouted back, saying, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Chapter 19

1 At that time therefore, Pilate took Jesus and scourged him.

2 And the soldiers, after weaving a wreath of thorns, set it on his head, and threw a purple robe around him.

3 And they were saying, "Hail, O king of the Jews," and giving him slaps in the face.

4 Pilate then went outside again, and says to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you will know that I find no *causa capitalis* in him."

5 Jesus came outside therefore, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate says to them, "Behold the man."

6 When therefore the chief priests and their officers saw him, they shouted out, saying, "Crucify! Crucify him!"

Pilate says to them, "You take him yourselves and crucify him. As for me, I do not find *causa capitalis* in him.

7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law of ours, he deserves to die because he called himself the son of God."

8 When therefore Pilate heard this information, he was more afraid,

9 and he entered the Praetorium again, and says to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus did not give him an answer.

10 Pilate then says to him, "To me you are not speaking? Do you not know, that I have authority to crucify you, and I have authority to free you?"

11 Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over me if it had not been given you from above. Because of this, the one who handed me over to you has the greater guilt."

12 From this point on Pilate tried to free him; but the Jews kept shouting out, saying, "If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar! Everyone calling himself a king is opposing Caesar."

13 When therefore Pilate heard this reason, he brought Jesus outside, and he sat down on the judgment seat, at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew called Gabbatha.

14 And it was Preparation for the Passover, and the hour about 6:00am. And he says to the Jews, "Behold, your king."

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15 But they shouted out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"

Pilate says to them, "Shall I crucify your king?"

The chief priests responded, "We have no king but Caesar."

16 At that time therefore he handed him over to them, to be crucified.

The Crucifixion

They took Jesus therefore, and led him away.

17 And carrying his own cross, he proceeded forth, to a place called the Skull Place, which in Hebrew is pronounced Golgotha,

18 where they crucified him, and with him, two others, one on this side and one on the other, and Jesus in the middle.

19 And Pilate also wrote a notice and put it on the cross, and it was inscribed: "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

20 Many of the Jews therefore read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was close to the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Greek, and in Latin.

21 The chief priests of the Jews therefore were saying to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but rather: 'He SAID, I am King of the Jews.'"

22 Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

23 The soldiers then, when they crucified Jesus, took his garments and made four shares, a share for each soldier, plus the tunic. For the tunic was seamless, woven continuously from the top through the whole.

24 They said therefore to one another, "We should not tear it, but cast lots as to whose it shall be." So that the scripture would be fulfilled, "They divided my garments among them; and cast lots over my clothing," those things therefore the soldiers did.

25 And near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, and his mother's sister; *and* the Mary belonging to Clopas, and the Magdalene Mary.

26 Jesus therefore, seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near, says to his mother, "Dear woman, behold your son."

27 Then he says to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that time on, that disciple took her into his own home.

Jesus' Death

28 After these things, Jesus, seeing that all things were now completed, next says, "I am thirsty," so that the scripture would be fulfilled.

29 A container full of vinegar therefore was sitting there, so after filling a sponge with vinegar and sticking it around a hyssop stem, they held it out to his mouth.

30 When therefore he had received the vinegar, Jesus said, "It is finished." And after he bowed his head, he gave up his spirit.

31 Then the Jews, since it was Preparation *Day*, asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken away, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross during the Sabbath; for that day was great among Sabbaths.

32 The soldiers came therefore, and broke the legs of the first one, and of the other crucified with him,

33 but when they came to Jesus they realized he was already dead, and did not in his case break the legs.

34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.

35 And the one who has seen has borne witness, and his testimony is reliable, and he knows that he is saying something true; so you may believe.

36 And these things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not a bone of it shall be broken."

37 And again, another scripture says: "They shall look upon him whom they have pierced."

Jesus' Burial

38 After these things, Joseph from Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because of the fear of the Jews, made request of Pilate that he might take the body of Jesus; and Pilate consented. He went therefore, and took Jesus' body.

39 And Nicodemus, the one who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came as well, carrying a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.

40 They then took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths, with the spices, as is the burial custom with the Jews.

41 And there was in the place where he was crucified, a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, one in which no one had ever yet been laid.

42 So, since it was Preparation for the Jews, and because the tomb was close at hand, that is where they laid Jesus.

Chapter 20

The Empty Tomb

1 And on the first day of the week, very early while still dark, Mary the Magdalene is coming to the tomb; and she sees the stone having been removed from the tomb.

2 She runs therefore, and goes to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and she says to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him."

3 Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple also, and they were going toward the tomb.

4 And the two were running together; and the other disciple ran faster ahead, and came to the tomb first.

5 And after stooping down, he sees the linen cloths lying there. He did not enter inside, however.

6 Then comes Simon Peter, following behind him. And he entered into the tomb, and he observes the linen cloths lying there,

7 and also the sweat cloth which used to be on his head, except not lying with the linen cloths, but folded up in one place apart.

8 Then at that time the other disciple entered, the one who had arrived to the tomb first; and he saw and believed.

9 For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Jesus Appears to Mary of Magdala

10 The disciples then went back to their own homes.

11 But Mary stayed with the tomb, and there she stands, outside, weeping. As she thus was weeping, she stooped down into the tomb,

12 and she beholds two angels in white, one sitting at the head and one sitting at the foot of where the body of Jesus had been lying.

13 And they say to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She says to them, "They have taken my Lord away, and I don't know where they have put him."

14 And when she had said these things, she looked toward the rear, and beholds Jesus having been standing; and she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus says to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" She, thinking he is the gardener, says to him, "Sir, if it is you who took him, tell me where you put him, and I will get him.

16 Jesus says to her, "Mary." She when she turned around, says to him, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

17 Jesus says to her, "Do not cleave to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brothers, and tell them: 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father; to my God and your God.'"

18 Mary goes, announcing to the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and also *announcing* those things he had said to her.

Jesus Appears to the Ten Apostles

19 Then, when it was evening on that first day of the week, with the doors locked where the disciples were assembled, because of the fear of the Jews, Jesus appeared, and stood in their midst. And he says to them, "Peace be with you."

20 And when he had said this, he showed them both his hands and his side. Therefore the disciples rejoiced, seeing the Lord.

21 Then Jesus again said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so also I send you."

22 And having said this, he blew, and says to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 Whose ever sins you forgive, they are forgiven them; whose ever you retain, they are retained."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

24 But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one who was called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples were telling him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and put my finger into the place from the nails, and put my hands into his side, there is no way I will believe."

26 And after eight days, his disciples again were inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus is appearing, even though the doors were locked. And he stood in the midst, and said, "Peace be with you."

27 Thereupon he says to Thomas, "Bring your finger here, and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believing."

28 And Thomas responded and said to him, "My Lord and my God."

29 Jesus says to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those believing without having seen."

30 While therefore Jesus did also do many other signs in the sight of his disciples which are not written in this book,

31 these have been written so that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you might have life through his name.

Chapter 21

Resurrection Fish & Bread

1 After these things, Jesus revealed himself another time to his disciples, on the Sea of Tiberius. And this is how he revealed *himself*.

2 Simon Peter, and Thomas called the Twin, and Nathaniel from Cana of Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples of his, were together.

3 Simon Peter says to them, "I am going to fish."
They say to him, "We are also coming with you."

They went directly, and embarked in the boat. And throughout that night, they caught nothing.

4 And now that it is turning morning, Jesus had stood at the shoreline. However, the disciples have not realized that it is Jesus.

5 Jesus therefore says to them, "Children, have you no fish?" they answered, "No."

6 And he said to them, "Cast the net into the area to the right of the boat, and you will find something." They cast it therefore, and they were not strong enough to retrieve it, because of a fullness of fish.

7 So that disciple whom Jesus loved says to Peter, "It is the Lord." When therefore Simon Peter heard that it is the Lord, he fastened his cloak around himself, for he was stripped for work, and he threw himself into the lake

8 (for they were not far from shore, but only about two hundred cubits away), while the other disciples came in the boat, towing the fish net.

9 As they get down therefore onto the beach, they see a fire of coals established, and fish lying on it, and bread.

10 Jesus says to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have now caught."

11 Simon Peter got up, and dragged the net onto the beach, very full of fish,

15 three *of them*; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus says to them, "Come, eat breakfast." And not one of the disciples got up the courage to challenge him, "Who are you?" For they knew it was the Lord.

13 Jesus comes therefore, and he takes the bread and distributes to them, and the fish likewise.

14 This was now the third time Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples after having risen from the dead.

Jesus Reappoints Peter

15 When therefore they had eaten breakfast, Jesus says to Simon Peter, "Simon son of Jonah, do you love me more than these?"
He says to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
He says to him, "Feed my lambs."

16 Again, he says to him a second time, "Simon son of Jonah, do you love me?"
He says to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
He says to him, "Pastor my sheep."

17 He says to him the third time, "Simon son of Jonah, do you love me?"
Peter was hurt that he said to him the third time, "Do you love me." And he said to him, "Lord, you know all. You know that I love you."
Jesus says to him, "Feed my sheep."

18 Truly, truly I say to you: When you were younger, you would dress yourself, and walk around where you wanted; but after you have become old, you will stretch out your hand, and someone else will dress you, and lead you somewhere you will not want."

19 This he said signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And having said this, he says to him, "Follow me."

And What About John?

The Gospel of John

20 Then Peter turned around, *and* he sees the disciple whom Jesus loved following, that is, the one who in the supper had leaned back onto His chest and said, "Lord, who is the one betraying you?"

21 When he saw this one, Peter says to Jesus, "Lord, and what about him?"

22 Jesus says to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me."

23 This therefore is the word that got out to the brothers: that that disciple would not die. Yet Jesus had not said to him that he would not die; rather, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?"

24 That disciple is the one who is bearing witness to these things, and the one who wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if written in detail, I reckon not even the world itself would be able to hold the books that would be written. Amen.