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“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them into the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey all the things that I have commanded you. See, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
(Matthew 28:19-20 ULB)

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Chapter 1

¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham. ² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. ³ Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram. ⁴ Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon. ⁵ Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse. ⁶ Jesse was the father of David the king,

David the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah. ⁷ Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa. ⁸ Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram an ancestor of Uzziah. ⁹ Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. ¹⁰ Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah. ¹¹ Josiah was an ancestor of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹² After the deportation to Babylon, Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel was an ancestor of Zerubbabel. ¹³ Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor. ¹⁴ Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud. ¹⁵ Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob. ¹⁶ Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. ¹⁷ All the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

¹⁸ The birth of Jesus Christ happened in the following way. His mother,

Mary, was engaged to marry Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband, Joseph, was a righteous man, and he did not want to disgrace her publicly. So he decided to secretly end his engagement with her. ²⁰ As he thought about these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, because the one who is conceived in her is conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you will call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this happened to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying,

²³ “Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call his name Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.” ²⁴ Joseph woke up from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and he took her as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son. Then he called his name Jesus.

Chapter 2

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, learned men from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying, ² “Where is he who was born King of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ Herod brought together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, and he asked them, “Where is the Christ to be born?” ⁵ They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what was written by the prophet,

⁶ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are not the least among the leaders of Judah,
for from you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called the learned men to ask them exactly what time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search carefully for the young child. When you have found him, bring me word, so that I also may come and worship him.” ⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star that they had seen in the east went before them until it came and stood still over where the young child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with very great

joy. ¹¹ They went into the house and saw the young child with Mary his mother. They fell down and worshiped him. They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² God warned them in a dream not to return to Herod, so they departed to their own country by another way.

¹³ After they had departed, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the young child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Remain there until I tell you, for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.” ¹⁴ That night Joseph rose and took the young child and his mother and departed into Egypt. ¹⁵ He remained there until the death of Herod. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been mocked by the learned men, was very angry. He sent and killed all the male children that were in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old and under, according to the time that he had determined exactly from the learned men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet,

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children,
and she refused to be comforted, because they were no
more.”

¹⁹ When Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ “Get up and take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. After God warned him in a dream, he left for the region of Galilee ²³ and went and lived in a city called Nazareth. This fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Chapter 3

¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea saying, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” ³ For this is he who was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

“The voice of one calling out in the wilderness,
‘Make ready the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan River went out to him.

⁶ They were baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to him for baptism, he said to them, “You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath that is coming? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not think of saying among yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham even out of these stones. ¹⁰ Already the ax has been placed against the root of the trees. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ I baptize you with water for repentance. But he who comes after me is mightier than I, and I am not worthy even to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand to thoroughly clear off his threshing floor and to gather his wheat into the storehouse. But he will burn up the chaff with fire that can never be put out.”

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John kept trying to stop him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ Jesus responded and said to him, “Permit it now, for it is right for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John permitted him. ¹⁶ After he was baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him. He saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting upon him. ¹⁷ Behold, a voice came out of the heavens saying, “This is my beloved Son. I am very pleased with him.”

Chapter 4

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² When he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.” ⁴ But Jesus answered and said to him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.’” ⁵ Then the devil took him into the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple building, ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels to take care of you,’
and,

‘They will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not hit your foot against a stone.’”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You must not test the Lord your God.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took him up to a very high hill and showed him all the kingdoms of the world along with all their splendor. ⁹ He said to him, “All these things I will give you, if you fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Go away from here, Satan! For it is written,

‘You will worship the Lord your God, and you will serve
only him.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and served him.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and went and lived in Capernaum, which is by the Sea of Galilee, in the territories of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴ This happened to fulfill what was said by Isaiah the prophet,

¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
toward the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles!

¹⁶ The people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and to those who sat in the region and shadow of death,
upon them has a light arisen.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸ As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ Jesus said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

²⁰ Immediately they left the nets and followed him. ²¹ As Jesus was going on from there he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee, and John his brother. They were in the boat with Zebedee their father mending their nets. He called them, ²² and they immediately left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went about in all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ The news about him went out into all of Syria, and the people brought to him all those who were sick, ill with various diseases and pains, those possessed by demons, and the epileptic and paralytic. Jesus healed them. ²⁵ Large crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Chapter 5

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain. When he had sat down, his disciples came to him. ² He opened his mouth and taught 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,
for they will inherit the earth.

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

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

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

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called sons of God.

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

¹¹ Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil things against you falsely for my sake. ¹² Rejoice and be very glad, for great is your reward in heaven. For in this way people persecuted the prophets who lived before you.

¹³ You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt has lost its taste, how can it be made salty again? It is never again good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but rather on the lampstand, and it shines for everyone in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light shine before people in such a way that they see your good deeds and praise your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ Do not think that I have come to destroy the law or the prophets. I have come not to destroy them, but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I say to you that until heaven and earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall in any way pass away from the law, until all things have been accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever breaks the least one of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever keeps them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I say to you that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will in no way enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹ You have heard that it was said to them in ancient times, 'Do not kill,' and, 'Whoever kills will be in danger of the judgment.' ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be in danger of the judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'You worthless person!' will be in danger of the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. ²³ Therefore if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has anything against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar, and go on your way. First be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Agree with your accuser quickly while you are with him on the

way to court, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I say to you, you will never come out from there until you have paid the last bit of money you owe.

²⁷ You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks on a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. For it is better for you that one of your body parts should perish than that your whole body should be thrown into hell. ³⁰ If your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away from you. For it is better for you that one of your body parts should perish than that your whole body should go into hell. ³¹ It was also said, ‘Whoever sends his wife away, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the cause of sexual immorality, makes her an adulteress. Whoever marries her after she has been divorced commits adultery.

³³ Again, you have heard that it was said to those in ancient times, ‘Do not swear a false oath, but carry out your oaths to the Lord.’ ³⁴ But I say to you, swear not at all, neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God; ³⁵ nor by the earth, for it is the footstool for his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ Neither swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ But let your speech be ‘Yes, yes,’ or ‘No, no.’ Anything that is more than this is from the evil one.

³⁸ You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹ But I say to you, do not resist one who is evil. Instead, whoever strikes you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ If anyone wishes to go to court with you and takes away your coat, let that person also have your cloak. ⁴¹ Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. ⁴² Give to anyone who asks you, and do not turn away from anyone who wishes to borrow from you.

⁴³ You have heard that it was said, ‘You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ^[1] ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who

5:44 ^[1]The best ancient copies omit *Bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you* .

love you, what reward do you get? Do not even the tax collectors do the same thing? ⁴⁷ If you greet only your brothers, what do you do more than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same thing? ⁴⁸ Therefore you must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Chapter 6

¹ Take heed that you do not do your acts of righteousness before people to be seen by them, or else you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ² So when you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before yourself as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may have the praise of people. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your gift may be given in secret. Then your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵ When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners, so that they may be seen by people. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward.

⁶ But you, when you pray, enter your inner chamber. Shut the door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. Then your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷ When you pray, do not make useless repetitions as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Therefore, do not be like them, for your Father knows what things you need before you ask him. ⁹ Therefore pray like this:

‘Our Father in heaven,
may your name be sanctified.

¹⁰ May your kingdom come.
May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

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

¹³ Do not bring us into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.’ ^[1]

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

6:13 ^[1]The best ancient copies omit *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen* .

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

¹⁶ When you fast, do not have a mournful face as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces so that they may appear to people as fasting. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that it would not appear to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret, will reward you.

¹⁹ Do not store up for yourselves treasures on the earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Instead, store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ²² The eye is the lamp of the body. Therefore, if your eye is good, the whole body is filled with light. ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body is full of darkness. Therefore, if the light that is in you is actually darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴ No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. ²⁵ Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink—or about your body, what you will wear. For is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds in the air. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more valuable than they are? ²⁷ Which one of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his lifespan? ²⁸ Why are you anxious about clothing? Think about the lilies in the fields, how they grow. They do not work, and they do not spin cloth. ²⁹ Yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ If God so clothes the grass in the fields, which exists today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious and say, ‘What will we eat?’ or, ‘What will we drink?’ or, ‘What clothes will we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles search for these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you. ³⁴ Therefore, do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Each day has enough evil of its own.

Chapter 7

¹ Do not judge, and you will not be judged. ² For with the judgment you judge, you will be judged, and with the measure that you measure, it will be measured out to you. ³ Why do you look at the tiny piece of straw that is in your brother's eye, but you do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take out the piece of straw that is in your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the piece of straw that is in your brother's eye. ⁶ Do not give what is holy to the dogs, and do not throw your pearls in front of the hogs. Otherwise they may trample them underfoot, and then turn and tear you to pieces.

⁷ Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks, receives; everyone who seeks, finds; and to the person who knocks, it will be opened. ⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ Therefore, if you who 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 Therefore, whatever things you want people to do to you, you should also do to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

¹³ Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many people who go through it. ¹⁴ But the gate is narrow and the way is difficult that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but are truly ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruits you will know them. Do people gather grapes from a thornbush or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but the bad tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ So then, you will recognize them by their fruits. ²¹ Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but only those who do the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many people will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, in your name drive out demons, and in your

name do many mighty deeds?’²³ Then will I openly declare to them, ‘I never knew you! Get away from me, you evildoers!’

²⁴ Therefore, everyone who hears my words and obeys them will be like a wise man who built his house upon a rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall down, for it was built on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears my words and does not obey them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew and struck that house, and it fell, and its destruction was complete.”

²⁸ It came about that when Jesus finished speaking these words, the crowds were astonished by his teaching, ²⁹ for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Chapter 8

¹ When Jesus had come down from the hill, large crowds followed him.

² Behold, a leper came to him and bowed before him, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” ³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing. Be clean.” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. ⁴ Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to any man. Go on your way, and show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.”

⁵ When Jesus had entered into Capernaum, a centurion came to him and asked him, ⁶ saying, “Lord, my servant lies in the house paralyzed and in terrible pain.” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” ⁸ The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, only say the word and my servant will be healed.

⁹ For I also am a man who is placed under authority, and I have soldiers under me. I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another one, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those who were following him, “Truly I say to you, I have not found anyone with such faith in Israel. ¹¹ I tell you, many will come from the east and the west, and they will recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

¹³ Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! As you have believed, so may it be done for you.” And the servant was healed at that very hour.

¹⁴ When Jesus had come into Peter’s house, he saw Peter’s mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵ Jesus touched her hand, and the fever left her. Then she got up and started serving him. ¹⁶ When evening had come, the people brought to Jesus many who were possessed by demons. He drove out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. ¹⁷ In this way was fulfilled that which had been spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, “He himself took our sickness and bore our diseases.”

¹⁸ Now when Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave instructions to leave for the other side of the Sea of Galilee. ¹⁹ Then a scribe came to him and said, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” ²⁰ Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and the birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ²¹ Another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father.” ²² But Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.”

²³ When Jesus had entered a boat, his disciples followed him into it.

²⁴ Behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But Jesus was asleep. ²⁵ The disciples came to him and woke him up, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are about to die!” ²⁶ Jesus said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea. Then there was a great calm. ²⁷ The men marveled and said, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

²⁸ When Jesus had come to the other side and to the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were possessed by demons met him. They were coming out of the tombs and were very violent, so that no traveler could pass that way. ²⁹ Behold, they cried out and said, “What do we have to do with you, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the set time?” ³⁰ Now a herd of many pigs was there feeding, not too far away from them. ³¹ The demons kept imploring Jesus and saying, “If you cast us out, send us away into that herd of pigs.” ³² Jesus said to them, “Go!” The demons came out and went into the pigs; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep hill into the sea and they died in the water. ³³ Those who had been tending the pigs ran away and they went into the city and reported everything, especially what had happened to

the men who had been possessed by demons. ³⁴ Behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus. When they saw him, they begged him to leave their region.

Chapter 9

¹ Jesus entered a boat, crossed over, and came into his own city. ² Behold, they brought to him a paralyzed man lying on a mat. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “Son, be of good cheer. Your sins have been forgiven.” ³ Behold, some of the scribes said among themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” ⁴ Jesus knew their thoughts and said, “Why are you thinking evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins, ...” he said to the paralytic, “Get up, pick up your mat, and go to your house.” ⁷ Then the man got up and went away to his house. ⁸ When the crowds saw this, they were amazed and praised God, who had given such authority to people. ⁹ As Jesus passed by from there, he saw a man named Matthew, who was sitting at the tax collection’s tent. He said to him, “Follow me.” He got up and followed him.

¹⁰ As Jesus sat down to eat in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinful people came and dined with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw it, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinful people?” ¹² When Jesus heard this, he said, “People who are strong in body do not need a physician, only those who are sick. ¹³ You should go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous to repent, but sinners.”

¹⁴ Then the disciples of John came to him and said, “Why do we and the Pharisees often fast, but your disciples do not fast?” ¹⁵ Jesus said to them, “Can wedding attendants be sorrowful while the bridegroom is still with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. ¹⁶ No man puts a piece of new cloth on an old garment, for the patch will tear away from the garment, and a worse tear will be made. ¹⁷ Neither do people put new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will be spilled, and the wineskins will be destroyed. Instead, they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both will be preserved.”

¹⁸ While Jesus was saying these things to them, behold, an official came and bowed down to him. He said, "My daughter has just now died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ Then Jesus got up and followed him, and so did his disciples. ²⁰ Behold, a woman who suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the edge of his garment. ²¹ For she had said to herself, "If only I touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²² But Jesus turned and saw her, and said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well." And the woman was healed from that hour. ²³ When Jesus came into the official's house, he saw the flute players and the crowds making much noise. ²⁴ He said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead, but she is asleep." But they laughed at him in mockery. ²⁵ When the crowd had been put outside, he entered the room and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ The news about this spread into all that region.

²⁷ As Jesus passed by from there, two blind men followed him. They kept shouting and saying, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" ²⁸ When Jesus had come into the house, the blind men came to him. Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I can do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." ²⁹ Then Jesus touched their eyes and said, "Let it be done to you according to your faith," ³⁰ and their eyes were opened. Then Jesus strictly commanded them and said, "See that no one knows about this." ³¹ But the two men went out and spread the news about this throughout that region.

³² As those two men were going away, behold, a mute man possessed by a demon was brought to Jesus. ³³ When the demon had been driven out, the mute man spoke. The crowds were astonished and said, "This has never been seen before in Israel!" ³⁴ But the Pharisees were saying, "By the ruler of the demons, he drives out demons."

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and the villages. He continued teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of disease and all kinds of sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were troubled and discouraged. They were like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. ³⁸ Therefore urgently pray to the Lord of the harvest, so that he may send out laborers into his harvest."

Chapter 10

¹ Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to drive them out, and to heal all kinds of disease and all kinds of sickness. ² Now the names of the twelve apostles were these. The first, Simon (whom he also called Peter), and Andrew his brother; James son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who would betray him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out. He instructed them and said, “Do not go to any place where Gentiles live, and do not enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel; ⁷ and as you go, preach and say, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. ⁹ Do not carry any gold, silver, or copper in your purses. ¹⁰ Do not take a traveling bag for your journey, or an extra tunic, or sandals, or a staff, for a laborer deserves his food. ¹¹ Whatever city or village you enter, find who is worthy in it, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter into the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace come back to you. ¹⁴ As for those who do not receive you or listen to your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. ¹⁵ Truly I say to you, it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

¹⁶ See, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be as wise as serpents and harmless as doves. ¹⁷ Watch out for people! They will deliver you up to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues. ¹⁸ Then you will be brought before governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they deliver you up, do not be anxious about how or what you will speak, for what to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who will speak, but the Spirit of your Father who will speak in you. ²¹ Brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rise up against their parents and cause them to be put to death. ²² You will be hated by everyone because of my name. But whoever endures to the end, that person will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this city, flee to the next, for truly I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of

Israel before the Son of Man has come.

²⁴ A disciple is not greater than his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple that he should be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much worse would be the names they call the members of his household! ²⁶ Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the darkness, say in the daylight, and what you hear softly in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul. Instead, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Do not fear. You are more valuable than many sparrows. ³² Therefore everyone who confesses me before men, I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. ³³ But he who denies me before men, I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

³⁴ Do not think that I came to bring peace upon the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I came to set 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 those 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 He who does not pick up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ He who finds his life will lose it. But he who loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ He who welcomes you welcomes me, and he who welcomes me also welcomes him who sent me. ⁴¹ He who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and he who welcomes a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴² Whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink because he is a disciple, truly I say to you, he will in no way lose his reward."

Chapter 11

¹ It came about that when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.

² Now when John heard in the prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent a message by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for another?” ⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and report to John what you see and hear. ⁵ Blind people are receiving sight, lame people are walking, lepers are being cleansed, deaf people are hearing again, people who have died are being raised back to life, and needy people are being told the good news. ⁶ Blessed is anyone who is not offended by me.”

⁷ As these men went on their way, Jesus began to say to the crowds about John, “What did you go out in the desert to see—a reed being shaken by the wind? ⁸ But what did you go out to see—a man dressed in soft clothing? Really, those who wear soft clothing live in kings’ houses. ⁹ But what did you go out to see—a prophet? Yes, I say to you, and much more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it was written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹ I say to you truly, among those born of women no one is greater than John the Baptist. Yet the least important person in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and men of violence take it by force. ¹³ For all the prophets and the law have been prophesying until John; ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who was to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him listen. ¹⁶ To what should I compare this generation? It is like children playing in the marketplace, who sit and call to one another ¹⁷ and say, ‘We played a flute for you, and you did not dance. We mourned, and you did not weep.’ ¹⁸ For John came not eating bread or drinking wine, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking and they say, ‘Look, he is a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

²⁰ Then Jesus began to rebuke the cities in which most of his mighty deeds were done, because they had not repented. ²¹ “Woe to you,

Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the mighty deeds had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment than for you. ²³ You, Capernaum, do you think you will be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if in Sodom there had been done the mighty deeds that were done in you, it would still have remained until today. ²⁴ But I say to you that it shall be easier for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you concealed these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for so it was well-pleasing in your sight. ²⁷ All things have been entrusted to me from my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father and no one knows the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke on you and learn from me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Chapter 12

¹ At that time Jesus went on the Sabbath day through the grainfields. His disciples were hungry and began to pluck heads of grain and eat them. ² But when the Pharisees saw that, they said to Jesus, “See, your disciples do what is unlawful to do on the Sabbath.” ³ But Jesus said to them, “Have you never read what David did, when he was hungry, and the men who were with him? ⁴ He went into the house of God and ate the bread of the presence, which was unlawful for him to eat and unlawful for those who were with him, but lawful only for the priests. ⁵ Have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath but are guiltless? ⁶ But I say to you that one greater than the temple is here. ⁷ If you had known what this meant, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸ For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

⁹ Then Jesus left from there and went into their synagogue. ¹⁰ Behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. The Pharisees asked Jesus,

saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" so that they might accuse him of sinning. ¹¹ Jesus said to them, "What man would there be among you, who, if he had just one sheep, and if this sheep fell into a deep hole on the Sabbath, would not grasp hold of it and lift it out? ¹² How much more valuable, then, is a man than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." ¹³ Then Jesus said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored to health, just like the other hand. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and plotted against him. They were seeking how they might put him to death.

¹⁵ As Jesus perceived this, he withdrew from there. Many people followed him, and he healed them all. ¹⁶ He commanded them not to make him known to others, ¹⁷ that it might come true, what had been said through Isaiah the prophet, saying,

¹⁸ "See, my servant whom I have chosen;
my beloved one, in whom my soul is well pleased.
I will put my Spirit upon him,
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

¹⁹ He will not strive nor cry aloud;
neither will anyone hear his voice in the streets.

²⁰ He will not break any bruised reed;
he will not quench any smoking flax,
until he leads justice to victory,

²¹ and in his name the Gentiles will have certain hope."

²² Then someone blind and mute, possessed by a demon, was brought to Jesus. He healed him, with the result that the mute man spoke and saw. ²³ All the crowds were amazed and said, "Can this man be the Son of David?" ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard of this miracle, they said, "This man does not cast out demons except by Beelzebul, the prince of the demons." ²⁵ But Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is made desolate, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. ²⁶ If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons drive them out? For this reason they will be your judges. ²⁸ But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹ How can anyone enter the house of the strong man and steal his belongings

without tying up the strong man first? Then he will steal his belongings from his house.³⁰ The one who is not with me is against me, and the one who does not gather with me scatters.³¹ Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.³² Whoever speaks any word against the Son of Man, that will be forgiven him. But whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, that will not be forgiven him, neither in this world, nor in that which is to come.³³ Make a tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.³⁴ You offspring of vipers, since you are evil, how can you say good things? For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.³⁵ The good man from the good treasure of his heart produces what is good, and the evil man from the evil treasure of his heart produces what is evil.³⁶ I say to you that in the day of judgment people will give an account for every idle word they will have said.³⁷ For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

³⁸ Then certain scribes and Pharisees answered Jesus and said, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.”³⁹ But Jesus answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign. But no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the stomach of the big fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation of people and will condemn it. For they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and see, someone greater than Jonah is here.⁴² The Queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them. She came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and see, someone greater than Solomon is here.⁴³ When an unclean spirit has gone away from a man, it passes through waterless places and looks for rest, but does not find it.⁴⁴ Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ Having returned, it finds that house swept out and put in order.⁴⁵ Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all come in to live there. Then the final condition of that man becomes worse than the first. It will be just like that with this evil generation.”

⁴⁶ While Jesus was still speaking to the crowds, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, seeking to speak to him.⁴⁷ Someone said

to him, “Look, your mother and your brothers stand outside, seeking to speak to you.”⁴⁸ But Jesus answered and said to him who told him, “Who is my mother and who are my brothers?”⁴⁹ Then he stretched out his hand toward his disciples and said, “See, here are my mother and my brothers!⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven, that person is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

Chapter 13

¹ On that day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² A very large crowd gathered around him, so he got into a boat and sat in it, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ Then Jesus said many things to them in parables. He said, “Behold, a farmer went out to sow seed. ⁴ As he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil. Immediately they sprang up, because the soil had no depth. ⁶ But when the sun had risen, they were scorched because they had no root, and they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among the thorn plants. The thorn plants grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced a crop, some one hundred times as much, some sixty, and some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him listen.”

¹⁰ The disciples came and said to Jesus, “Why do you talk to the crowd in parables?” ¹¹ Jesus answered and said to them, “You have been given the privilege of understanding mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. ¹² For whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³ This is why I talk to them in parables: Though they are seeing, they do not see; and though they are hearing, they do not hear, or understand. ¹⁴ To them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, that which says,

‘While hearing you will hear, but you will in no way understand;

while seeing you will see, but you will in no way perceive.

¹⁵ For this people’s heart has become dull,
and they are hard of hearing,
and they have closed their eyes,
so they should not see with their eyes,

or hear with their ears,
or understand with their hearts,
so they would turn again,
and I would heal them.’

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear.

¹⁷ Truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things that you see, and did not see them. They desired to hear the things that you hear, and did not hear them. ¹⁸ Listen then to the parable of the farmer who sowed his seed. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom but does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the seed that was sown beside the road. ²⁰ What was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself and he endures for a while. When tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, he quickly falls away. ²² What was sown among the thorn plants, this is the person who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. ²³ What was sown on the good soil, this is the person who hears the word and understands it. He bears fruit and makes a crop, some yielding one hundred times as much as was planted, some sixty, and some thirty times as much.”

²⁴ Jesus presented another parable to them. He said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while people slept, his enemy came and also sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ When the blades sprouted and then produced their crop, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ The servants of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How does it now have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘So do you want us to go and pull them out?’ ²⁹ The landowner said, ‘No. Because while you are pulling out the weeds, you might uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First pull out the weeds and tie them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.””

³¹ Then Jesus presented another parable to them. He said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field.

³² This seed is indeed the smallest of all seeds. But when it has grown, it is greater than the garden plants. It becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.” ³³ Jesus then told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of flour until all the dough had risen.”

³⁴ All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; and he said nothing to them without a parable. ³⁵ This was in order that what had been said through the prophet might come true, when he said,

“I will open my mouth in parables.
I will say things that were hidden from the foundation of
the world.”

³⁶ Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”

³⁷ Jesus answered and said, “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Therefore, as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all the things that cause sin and those who commit iniquity. ⁴² They will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. ⁴³ Then will the righteous people shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him listen.

⁴⁴ The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. A man found it and hid it. In his joy he goes, sells everything he possesses, and buys that field. ⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a man who is a merchant looking for valuable pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one pearl of very great value, he went and sold everything that he possessed and bought it.

⁴⁷ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was cast into the sea, and that gathered creatures of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was filled, the fishermen drew it up on the beach. Then they sat down and gathered the good things into containers, but the worthless things they threw away. ⁴⁹ It will be this way at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from among the righteous. ⁵⁰ They will throw

them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

⁵¹ Have you understood all these things?” The disciples said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² Then Jesus said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple to the kingdom of heaven is like a man who is the owner of a house, who draws out old and new things from his treasure.” ⁵³ Then it came about that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed from that place.

⁵⁴ Then Jesus entered his own region and taught the people in their synagogue. The result was that they were astonished and said, “Where does this man get his wisdom and these miracles from? ⁵⁵ Is not this man the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? Are not his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶ Are not all his sisters with us? Where did he get all these things?” ⁵⁷ They were offended by him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own family.” ⁵⁸ He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.

Chapter 14

¹ About that time, Herod the tetrarch heard the news about Jesus. ² He said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead. Therefore these powers are at work in him.” ³ For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife. ⁴ For John had said to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her as your wife.” ⁵ Herod would have put him to death, but he feared the people, because they regarded him as a prophet. ⁶ But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst and pleased Herod. ⁷ In response, he promised with an oath to give her whatever she should ask. ⁸ After being instructed by her mother, she said, “Give me here, on a platter, the head of John the Baptist.” ⁹ The king was very upset by her request, but because of his oath and because of all those at dinner with him, he ordered that it should be done. ¹⁰ He sent and beheaded John in the prison. ¹¹ Then his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl and she took it to her mother. ¹² Then his disciples came, took up the corpse, and buried it. After this, they went and told Jesus.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to an isolated place. When the crowds heard of it, they followed him on foot from the cities. ¹⁴ Then Jesus came before them and saw the large crowd. He had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ When the evening had come, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the day is already over. Dismiss the crowds, so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ But Jesus said to them, “They have no need to go away. You give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They said to him, “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish.” ¹⁸ Jesus said, “Bring them to me.” ¹⁹ Then Jesus ordered the crowd to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. Looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowd. ²⁰ They all ate and were filled. Then they took up what remained of the broken pieces of food—twelve baskets full. ²¹ Those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he sent away the crowds. ²³ After he had sent away the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. ²⁴ But the boat was now a long way from land, being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was blowing against them. ²⁵ In the fourth watch of the night Jesus approached them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and said, “It is a ghost,” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them right away and said, “Be brave! It is I! Do not be afraid.” ²⁸ Peter answered him and said, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Come.” So Peter got out from the boat and walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when Peter saw the wind, he became afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out and said, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately stretched out his hand, took hold of Peter, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² Then when Jesus and Peter went into the boat, the wind ceased blowing. ³³ Then the disciples in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

³⁴ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. ³⁵ When the men in that place recognized Jesus, they sent messages everywhere into the surrounding area, and they brought to him everyone who was

sick. ³⁶ They begged him that they might just touch the edge of his garment, and as many as touched it were healed.

Chapter 15

¹ Then some Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem. They said, ² “Why do your disciples violate the traditions of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” ³ He answered and said to them, “Then why do you violate the commandment of God for the sake of your traditions? ⁴ For God said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and ‘He who speaks evil of his father or mother, will surely die.’ ⁵ But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother “Whatever help you would have received from me is now a gift given to God,”’ ⁶ that person does not need to honor his father. In this way you have made void the word of God ^[1] for the sake of your traditions. ⁷ You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you when he said,

⁸ ‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me.

⁹ They worship me in vain,
because they teach as their doctrines the commandments of
people.’”

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to himself and said to them, “Listen and understand— ¹¹ Nothing that enters into the mouth defiles a person. Instead, what comes out of the mouth, this is what defiles a person.” ¹² Then the disciples came and said to Jesus, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?” ¹³ Jesus answered and said, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. ¹⁴ Let them alone, they are blind guides. If a blind person guides another blind person, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ Peter responded and said to Jesus, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Jesus said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is then passed out into the latrine? ¹⁸ But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart. They are the things that defile a person. ¹⁹ For from the heart proceed evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft,

15:6 ^[1]The best ancient copies have *the word of God* some other ancient copies have *the commandment*. It is difficult to choose the better reading.

false witness, and slander. ²⁰ These are the things that defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a person.”

²¹ Then Jesus went away from there and withdrew toward the regions of the cities of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Behold, a Canaanite woman came out from that region. She shouted out and said, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” ²³ But Jesus answered her not a word. His disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is shouting after us.” ²⁴ But Jesus answered and said, “I was not sent to anyone except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and bowed down before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered and said, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, but even the little dogs eat some of the crumbs that fall from their masters’ tables.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, “Woman, great is your faith; let it be done for you just as you wish.” At that hour her daughter was healed.

²⁹ Jesus left that place and went near to the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up a hill and sat there. ³⁰ Large crowds came to him. They brought with them lame, blind, mute, and crippled people, and many others who were sick. They presented them at Jesus’ feet, and he healed them. ³¹ So the crowd marveled when they saw the mute persons speak, the crippled made well, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. They praised the God of Israel.

³² Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have stayed with me for three days already and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away without eating, or they may faint on the way.” ³³ The disciples said to him, “Where can we get enough loaves of bread in such a deserted place to satisfy so large a crowd?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven, and a few small fish.” ³⁵ Then Jesus commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground. ³⁶ He took the seven loaves and the fish, and after giving thanks, he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples. The disciples gave them to the crowd. ³⁷ The people all ate and were satisfied. Then they gathered up seven baskets full of the broken pieces that were left over. ³⁸ Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹ Then Jesus sent the crowds away and got into the boat and went into the region of Magadan.

Chapter 16

¹ The Pharisees and Sadducees came and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from the sky. ² But he answered and said to them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’ ³ When it is morning, you say, ‘It will be foul weather, for the sky is red and overcast.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. ⁴ An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.” Then Jesus left them and went away.

⁵ When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. ⁶ Jesus said to them, “Take heed and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” ⁷ The disciples reasoned among themselves and said, “It is because we took no bread.” ⁸ Jesus was aware of this and said, “You of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves and say that it is because you have taken no bread? ⁹ Do you not yet perceive or remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered up? ¹⁰ Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you took up? ¹¹ How is it that you do not understand that I was not speaking to you about bread? Take heed and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” ¹² Then they understood that he was not telling them to beware of yeast in bread, but to beware of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

¹³ Now when Jesus came to the regions near Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ They said, “Some say John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Answering, Simon Peter said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood have not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church. The gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then Jesus commanded the disciples that they should tell no one that he was the Christ.

²¹ From that time Jesus started to tell his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, suffer many things at the hand of the elders and chief priests and scribes, be killed, and be raised back to life on the third day. ²² Then Peter took him aside and rebuked him, saying, “May this be far from you, Lord; may this never happen to you.” ²³ But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, for you do not care for the things of God, but for the things of people.” ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what does it profit a person if he gains the whole world but forfeits his life? What can a person give in exchange for his life? ²⁷ For the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father with his angels. Then he will reward every person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly I say to you, there are some of you standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Chapter 17

¹ Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them up a high mountain by themselves. ² He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his garments became as brilliant as the light. ³ Behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with him. ⁴ Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you desire, I will make here three shelters—one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, there was a voice out of the cloud, saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.” ⁶ When the disciples heard it, they fell on their face and were very afraid. ⁷ Then Jesus came and touched them and said, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ Then they looked up but saw no one except Jesus only.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Report this vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.” ¹⁰ His disciples asked him, saying, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” ¹¹ Jesus answered and said, “Elijah will indeed come and restore all things. ¹² But I tell you, Elijah has already come, but they did not recognize him. Instead, they did whatever

they wanted to him. In the same way, the Son of Man will also suffer at their hands.”¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

¹⁴ When they had come to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, and said, ¹⁵ “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is epileptic and suffers severely. For he often falls into the fire or the water. ¹⁶ I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him.” ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said, “Unbelieving and corrupt generation, how long will I have to stay with you? How long must I bear with you? Bring him here to me.” ¹⁸ Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed from that hour.

¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁰ Jesus said to them, “Because of your small faith. For I truly say to you, if you have faith even as small as a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”^{21/1}

²² While they stayed in Galilee, Jesus said to his disciples, “The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of people,²³ and they will kill him, and the third day he will be raised up.” The disciples became very upset.

²⁴ When they had come to Capernaum, the men who collected the half-shekel tax came to Peter and said, “Does not your teacher pay the half-shekel tax?” ²⁵ He said, “Yes.” When Peter came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first and said, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth collect tolls or taxes? From their sons or from others?” ²⁶ When he said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free.” ²⁷ But so that we do not cause the tax collectors to sin, go to the sea, throw in a hook, and draw in the fish that comes up first. When you have opened its mouth, you will find a shekel. Take it and give it to the tax collectors for me and you.”

Chapter 18

¹ In that same time the disciples came to Jesus and said, “Who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ² Jesus called to himself a little child, set

^{17:21} ^{1/1}The best ancient copies omit v. 21, *But this kind of demon does not go out except with prayer and fasting*.

him among them, ³ and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you turn and become like little children, you will in no way enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name receives me. ⁶ But whoever causes one of these little ones who believes in me to sin, it would be better for him that a great millstone should be hung about his neck, and that he should be sunk into the depths of the sea.

⁷ Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! For it is necessary that those stumbling blocks come, but woe to the person through whom those stumbling blocks come! ⁸ If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life maimed or lame than to be thrown into the eternal fire having two hands or two feet. ⁹ If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye than to be thrown into the eternal fire having both eyes. ¹⁰ See that you do not despise any of these little ones. For I say to you that in heaven their angels always look on the face of my Father who is in heaven.

^{11/12} ¹² What do you think? If anyone has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the hillside and go off seeking the one that went astray? ¹³ If he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. ¹⁴ In the same way, it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵ If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you will have gained your brother.

¹⁶ But if he does not listen to you, take one or two others along with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word might be verified. ¹⁷ And if he refuses to listen to them, tell the matter to the church. If he also refuses to listen to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I say to you, whatever things you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; and whatever you release on earth will be released in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst.”

18:11 ^{11/12}The best ancient copies omit the sentence that some versions include at v. 11. *For the Son of Man came to save that which was lost.*

²¹ Then Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Until seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not tell you seven times, but until seventy times seven. ²³ Therefore the kingdom of heaven is similar to a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settling, one servant was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ But since he had not the means to repay, his master commanded him to be sold, together with his wife and children and everything that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell down, bowed down before him, and said, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ So the master of that servant, since he was moved with compassion, released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants, who owed him one hundred denarii. He grasped him, took him by the throat, and said, ‘Pay me what you owe.’ ²⁹ But his fellow servant fell down and implored him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will repay you.’ ³⁰ But the first servant refused. Instead, he went and threw him into prison until he should pay him what he owed. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were very upset. They came and told their master everything that had happened. ³² Then that servant’s master called him, and said to him, ‘You wicked servant, I forgave you all that debt because you implored me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant, even as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ His master was angry and handed him over to the torturers until he would pay all that was owed. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Chapter 19

¹ It came about that when Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee, and came to the region of Judea that is beyond the Jordan River. ² Great crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

³ Pharisees came to him, testing him, saying to him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?” ⁴ Jesus answered and said, “Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female? ⁵ He who made them also said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and join to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore

what God has joined together, let no one tear apart.”⁷ They said to him, “Why then did Moses command us to give a certificate of divorce and then to send her away?”⁸ He said to them, “For your hardness of heart, Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not that way.⁹ I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and the man who marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”¹⁰ The disciples said to Jesus, “If that is the case of a man with his wife, it is not good to marry.”¹¹ But Jesus said to them, “Not everyone can accept this teaching, but only those who are allowed to accept it.¹² For there are eunuchs who were that way from their mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to receive this teaching, let him receive it.”

¹³ Then some little children were brought to him so that he would lay his hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.¹⁴ But Jesus said, “Permit the little children, and do not forbid them to come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such ones.”¹⁵ He placed his hands on the children, and then he went away from there.

¹⁶ Behold, a man came to Jesus and said, “Teacher, what good thing must I do that I may have eternal life?”¹⁷ Jesus said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? Only one is good, but if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”¹⁸ The man said to him, “Which commandments?” Jesus said, “Do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness,¹⁹ honor your father and your mother, and love your neighbor as yourself.”²⁰ The young man said to him, “All these things I have obeyed. What do I still need?”²¹ Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”²² But when the young man heard what Jesus said, he went away sorrowful, for he had many possessions.

²³ Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.²⁴ Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.”²⁵ When the disciples heard it, they were very astonished and said, “Who then can be saved?”²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, “With people this is impossible, but with God all things are

possible.”²⁷ Then Peter answered and said to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?”²⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, in the new age when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”²⁹ Every one who has left houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, children, or land for my name’s sake, will receive one hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Chapter 20

¹ For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² After he had agreed with the workers for one denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ He went out again about the third hour and saw other workers standing idle in the marketplace. ⁴ To them he said, ‘You also, go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went to work. ⁵ Again he went out about the sixth hour and again the ninth hour, and did the same. ⁶ Once more about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle. He said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all the day long?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning from the last to the first.’ ⁹ When the workers who had been hired at the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ When the first workers came, they thought that they would receive more, but they also received one denarius each. ¹¹ When they received their wages, they complained about the landowner. ¹² They said, ‘These last workers have spent only one hour in work, but you have made them equal to us, we who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But the owner answered and said to one of them, ‘Friend, I do you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for one denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go your way. I choose to give to these last hired workers just the same as to you. ¹⁵ Do I not have the right to do as I want with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.” ^[1]

¹⁷ As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve aside, and on

20:16 ^[1]The best ancient copies omit *Many are called, but few are chosen* .

the way he said to them, ¹⁸ “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes. They will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and will deliver him to the Gentiles for them to mock, to flog, and to crucify him. But on the third day he will be raised up.”

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons. She bowed down before him and asked for something from him. ²¹ Jesus said to her, “What do you wish?” She said to him, “Command that these my two sons may sit, one at your right hand and one at your left hand, in your kingdom.” ²² But Jesus answered and said, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” ²³ He said to them, “My cup you will indeed drink. But to sit at my right hand and at my left hand is not mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” ²⁴ When the other ten disciples heard this, they were very angry with the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles subjugate them, and their important men exercise authority over them. ²⁶ But it must not be this way among you. Instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your servant, ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

²⁹ As they went out from Jericho, a great crowd followed him. ³⁰ There were two blind men sitting by the road. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us.” ³¹ The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be quiet, but they cried out even more loudly, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us.” ³² Then Jesus stood still and called to them and said, “What do you wish me to do for you?” ³³ They said to him, “Lord, that our eyes may be opened.” ³⁴ Then Jesus, being moved with compassion, touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Chapter 21

¹ As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the next village, and you will immediately find a

donkey tied up there, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you about that, you will say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and that person will immediately send them with you.” ⁴ Now this came about that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled. He said,

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion,
‘See, your King is coming to you,
Humble and riding on a donkey—
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

⁶ Then the disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them.

⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat upon the cloaks. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them in the road. ⁹ Then the crowds that went before Jesus and those that followed him were shouting,

“Hosanna to the son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!”

¹⁰ When Jesus had come into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred and said, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

¹² Then Jesus entered the temple. He cast out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and turned over the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³ He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.” ¹⁴ Then the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the marvelous things that he did, and when they heard the children shouting in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became very angry. ¹⁶ They said to him, “Do you hear what they are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes! But have you never read, ‘Out of the mouths of little children and nursing infants you have prepared praise?’” ¹⁷ Then Jesus left them and went out of the city to Bethany and spent the night there.

¹⁸ Now in the morning as he returned to the city, he was hungry. ¹⁹ Seeing a fig tree along the roadside, he went to it and found nothing on it except leaves. He said to it, “May there be no fruit from you ever again,” and immediately the fig tree withered. ²⁰ When the disciples saw it, they marveled and said, “How did the fig tree immediately wither away?”

²¹ Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to this fig tree, but you will even say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will be done. ²² Whatever you ask for in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

²³ When Jesus had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority do you do these things, and who gave you this authority?”

²⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one question. If you tell me, I will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John—from where did it come? From heaven or from men?” They discussed among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the crowd, because they all view John as a prophet.”

²⁷ Then they answered Jesus and said, “We do not know.” He also said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸ But what do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in the vineyard.’ ²⁹ The son answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ Then the man went to the second son and said the same thing. He answered and said, ‘I will go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two sons did his father’s will?” They said, “The first one.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God before you do. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, but you did not believe him. But the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. But you, even when you saw this, you did not repent afterward and believe him.

³³ Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner. He planted a vineyard, set a hedge about it, dug a winepress in it, built a watchtower, and rented it out to vine growers. Then he went into another country.

³⁴ When the time of the fruit harvest approached, he sent some servants to the vine growers to get his fruit. ³⁵ But the vine growers took his servants,

beat one, killed another, and stoned still another. ³⁶ Again, the owner sent other servants, more than the first, but the vine growers treated them in the same way. ³⁷ After that, the owner sent his own son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the vine growers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and take over the inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine growers?’ ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will destroy those miserable men in the most severe way, and will then rent out the vineyard to other vine growers, men who will give him his share of crops at the harvest time.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the scriptures,

‘The stone which the builders rejected
has been made the cornerstone.
This was from the Lord,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

⁴³ Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and will be given to a nation that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ Whoever falls on this stone will be broken to pieces. But anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they understood he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ Seeking to arrest him, they were afraid of the crowd, because the people regarded him as a prophet.

Chapter 22

¹ Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a marriage feast for his son. ³ He sent out his servants to call those who had been invited to come to the marriage feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again the king sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell them who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and fattened calves have been killed, and all things are ready. Come to the marriage feast.”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. ⁶ The others seized the king’s servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his soldiers and they killed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is

ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹ Therefore go to the highway crossings and invite as many people to the marriage feast as you can find.’ ¹⁰ The servants went out to the highways and gathered together all the people they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² The king said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?’ But the man was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind this man hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and the grinding of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many people are called, but few are chosen.”

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and planned how they might entrap Jesus in his own talk. ¹⁶ Then they sent to him their disciples, together with the Herodians. They said to Jesus, “Teacher, we know that you are truthful, and that you teach God’s way in truth. You care for no one’s opinion, and you do not show partiality between people. ¹⁷ So tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus understood their wickedness and said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.” Then they brought a denarius to him. ²⁰ Jesus said to them, “Whose image and name are these?” ²¹ They said to him, “Caesar’s.” Then Jesus said to them, “Then give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

²² When they heard it, they marveled. Then they left him and went away.

²³ On that day some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him. They asked him, ²⁴ saying, “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man dies, having no children, his brother must marry his wife and have children for his brother.’ ²⁵ There were seven brothers. The first married and then died. Having left no children, he left his wife to his brother. ²⁶ Then the second brother did the same thing, then the third, all the way to the seventh brother. ²⁷ After them all, the woman died. ²⁸ Now in the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven brothers? For they all had married her.” ²⁹ But Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, because you do not know the scriptures or the power of God. ³⁰ For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage. Instead, they are like angels in heaven. ³¹ But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, ³² ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? God is not the

God of the dead, but of the living.”³³ When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together. ³⁵ One of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, testing him—³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second commandment is like it—’Love your neighbor as yourself.’⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend the whole law and the prophets.”

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were still gathered together, Jesus asked them a question. ⁴² He said, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ Jesus said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool”’?

⁴⁵ If David then calls the Christ ‘Lord,’ how is he David’s son?”⁴⁶ No one was able to answer him a word, and no man dared ask him any more questions from that day on.

Chapter 23

¹ Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples. ² He said, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. ³ Therefore whatever they command you to do, do these things and observe them. But do not imitate their deeds, for they say things but then do not do them. ⁴ Yes, they bind heavy burdens that are difficult to carry, and then they put them on people’s shoulders. But they themselves will not move a finger to carry them. ⁵ They do all their deeds to be seen by people. For they make their phylacteries wide, and they enlarge the edges of their garments. ⁶ They love the chief places at feasts and the chief seats in the synagogues, ⁷ and special greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by people. ⁸ But you must not be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one teacher, and all you are brothers. ⁹ And call no man on earth your father, for you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. ¹⁰ Neither must you be

called ‘teacher,’ for you have only one teacher, the Christ. ¹¹ But he who is greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

¹³ But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven against people. For you do not enter it yourselves, and neither do you allow those about to enter to do so. ¹⁴^[1] ¹⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you go over sea and land to make one convert, and when he has become one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you.

¹⁶ Woe to you, you blind guides, you who say, ‘Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing. But whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound to his oath.’ ¹⁷ You blind fools! Which is greater, the gold or the temple that makes the gold holy? ¹⁸ And, ‘Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing. But whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is bound to his oath.’ ¹⁹ You blind people! Which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift holy? ²⁰ Therefore, he who swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. ²¹ The one who swears by the temple swears by it and by the one who lives in it. ²² And the one who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits on it.

²³ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, but you have left undone the weightier matters of the law—justice and mercy and faith. But these you ought to have done and not to have left the other undone. ²⁴ You blind guides, you who strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!

²⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶ You blind Pharisee! Clean first the inside of the cup and of the plate, so that the outside may become clean also.

²⁷ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but on the inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean. ²⁸ In the same way, you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

23:14 ^[1]The best ancient copies omit verse 14 (some copies add the verse after verse 12). *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows’ houses, while you make a show of long prayers. You will therefore receive greater condemnation.*

²⁹ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the tombs of the righteous. ³⁰ You say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been participants with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’

³¹ Therefore you testify against yourselves that you are sons of those who killed the prophets. ³² You also fill up the measure of your fathers. ³³ You serpents, you offspring of vipers, how will you escape the judgment of hell? ³⁴ Therefore, see, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes. Some of them you will kill and crucify, and some you will whip in your synagogues and drive them out from city to city. ³⁵ The result is that upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel, to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you killed between the sanctuary and the altar. ³⁶ Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

³⁷ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often did I long to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁸ See, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹ For I say to you, You will not see me from now on until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Chapter 24

¹ Jesus went out from the temple and was going on his way. His disciples came to him to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ² But he answered and said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone will be left on another that will not be torn down.”

³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately and said, “Tell us, when will these things happen? What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” ⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, “Be careful that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name. They will say, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will lead many astray. ⁶ You will hear of wars and reports of wars. See that you are not troubled, for these things must happen; but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ But all these things are only the beginning of birth pains. ⁹ Then they will deliver you up to tribulation

and kill you. You will be hated by all the nations for my name's sake.

¹⁰ Then many will stumble, and betray one another and hate one another.

¹¹ Many false prophets will rise up and lead many astray. ¹² Because lawlessness will increase, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations. Then the end will come.

¹⁵ Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ "let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, ¹⁷ let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house, ¹⁸ and let him who is in the field not return to take his cloak. ¹⁹ But woe to those who are with child and to those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰ Pray that your flight will not occur in the winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be again. ²² Unless those days are shortened, no flesh would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, those days will be shortened. ²³ Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There is the Christ!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will come and show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you ahead of time. ²⁶ Therefore, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out to the wilderness. Or, 'See, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷ For as the lightning shines out from the east and flashes all the way to the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸ Wherever a dead animal is, there the vultures will gather.

²⁹ But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. ³¹ He will send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

³² Learn a lesson from the fig tree. As soon as the branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you should know that he is near, at the very

gates. ³⁴ Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all of these things will have happened. ³⁵ Heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³⁶ But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and took them all away—so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in a field—one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a mill—one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Therefore be on your guard, for you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what time of night the thief was coming, he would have been on guard and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you must also be ready, for the Son of Man will come at an hour that you do not expect.

⁴⁵ So who is the faithful and wise servant whom his master has set over his household in order to give them their food at the right time?

⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his master will find doing that when he comes. ⁴⁷ Truly I say to you that the master will set him over everything that he owns. ⁴⁸ But if an evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master has been delayed,’ ⁴⁹ and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eats and drinks with drunkards, ⁵⁰ then the master of that servant will come on a day that the servant does not expect and at an hour that he does not know. ⁵¹ His master will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

Chapter 25

¹ Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish virgins took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them. ⁴ But the wise virgins took containers of oil along with their lamps. ⁵ Now while the bridegroom was delayed, they all got sleepy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Look, the bridegroom! Go out and meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those virgins rose up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of

your oil because our lamps are going out.’⁹ But the wise answered and said, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and you, go instead to those who sell and buy some for yourselves.’¹⁰ While they went away to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.¹¹ Afterward the other virgins also came and said, ‘Master, master, open for us.’¹² But he answered and said, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’¹³ Watch therefore, for you do not know the day or the hour.

¹⁴ For it is like when a man was about to go into another country. He called his own servants and gave over to them his wealth.¹⁵ To one of them he gave five talents, to another he gave two, and to yet another he gave one talent. Each one received an amount according to his own ability, and that man went on his journey.¹⁶ The one who received the five talents went at once and invested them and made another five talents.¹⁷ Likewise the one who had received two talents made another two.¹⁸ But the servant who had received one talent went away, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master’s money.¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them.²⁰ The servant who had received the five talents came and brought another five talents. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five talents more.’²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things. I will put you in charge over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.’²² The servant who had received two talents came and said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more talents.’²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things. I will put you in charge over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.’²⁴ Then the servant who had received one talent came and said, ‘Master, I know that you are a strict man. You reap where you did not sow, and you harvest where you did not scatter.²⁵ I was afraid, so I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have here what belongs to you.’²⁶ But his master answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sowed and harvest where I have not scattered.²⁷ Therefore you should have given my money to the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.²⁸ Therefore take away the talent from him and give it to the servant who has ten talents.²⁹ For to everyone who possesses, more will be given—even more abundantly. But from anyone

who does not possess anything, even what he does have will be taken away. ³⁰ Throw the worthless servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.’

³¹ When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate the people one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will place the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right hand, ‘Come, you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you cared for me; I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and take you in? Or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and come to you?’ ⁴⁰ Then the King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, what you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those on his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² because I was hungry, but you did not give me food; I was thirsty, but you did not give me a drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger, but you did not take me in; naked, but you did not clothe me; sick and in prison, but you did not care for me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they will also answer and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not serve you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them and say, ‘Truly I say to you, what you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ ⁴⁶ These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’”

Chapter 26

¹ It came about that when Jesus had finished all these words, he said to his disciples, ² “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” ³ Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the palace of the high priest, who was named Caiaphas. ⁴ They plotted together to

arrest Jesus stealthily and kill him. ⁵ For they were saying, “Not during the feast, so that a riot does not arise among the people.”

⁶ Now while Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ as he was reclining at table, a woman came to him having an alabaster jar of very expensive ointment, and she poured it upon his head. ⁸ But when his disciples saw it, they became angry and said, “What is the reason for this waste? ⁹ This could have been sold for a large amount and given to the poor.” ¹⁰ But Jesus, knowing this, said to them, “Why are you troubling this woman? For she has done a beautiful thing for me. ¹¹ You always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² For when she poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. ¹³ Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.”

¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, who was named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, “What are you willing to give me to deliver him to you?” They weighed out thirty pieces of silver for him. ¹⁶ From that moment he sought an opportunity to deliver him to them.

¹⁷ Now on the first day of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus and said, “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?” ¹⁸ He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.”’” ¹⁹ The disciples did as Jesus directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

²⁰ When evening came, he sat down to eat with the twelve disciples.

²¹ As they were eating, he said, “Truly I say to you that one of you will betray me.” ²² They were very sorrowful, and each one began to ask him, “Surely not I, Lord?” ²³ He answered, “The one who dips his hand with me in the dish is the one who will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man will go, just as it is written about him. But woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born.” ²⁵ Judas, who would betray him said, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said it yourself.”

²⁶ As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, and broke it. He gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat. This is my body.” ²⁷ He took a cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them and said, “Drink it, all of you.

²⁸ For this is my blood of the covenant that is poured out for many for the

forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ But I say to you, I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹ Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will fall away tonight because of me, for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

³² But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

³³ But Peter said to him, "Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." ³⁴ Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵ Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you." All the other disciples said the same thing.

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane and said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him and began to become sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch with me." ³⁹ He went a little farther, fell on his face, and prayed. He said, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰ He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "What, could you not watch with me for one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² He went away a second time and prayed. He said, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³ He came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed a third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then Jesus came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Look, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Arise, let us go. Look, the one who is betraying me is near."

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came. A large crowd came with him from the chief priests and elders of the people. They came with swords and clubs. ⁴⁸ Now the man who was going to

betray Jesus had given them a signal, saying, “Whomever I kiss, he is the one. Seize him.”⁴⁹ Immediately he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and he kissed him.⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you have come to do.” Then they came, laid hands on Jesus, and seized him.⁵¹ Behold, one of those who was with Jesus stretched out his hand, drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.⁵² Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back in its place, for all those who take up the sword will perish by the sword.⁵³ Do you think that I could not call upon my Father, and he would send me more than twelve legions of angels?⁵⁴ But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, that this must happen?”⁵⁵ At that time Jesus said to the crowd, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to seize me like a robber? Every day I sat teaching in the temple, and you did not arrest me.⁵⁶ But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled.

⁵⁷ Those who had seized Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered together.⁵⁸ But Peter followed him from a distance to the courtyard of the high priest. He went inside and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death.⁶⁰ They did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later two came forward⁶¹ and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”⁶² The high priest stood up and said to him, “Do you have no answer? What is it that they are testifying against you?”⁶³ But Jesus was silent. The high priest said to him, “I command you by the living God, tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God.”⁶⁴ Jesus replied to him, “You have said it yourself. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we still need witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.⁶⁶ What do you think?” They answered and said, “He is worthy of death.”⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and beat him, and struck him with the palms of their hands,⁶⁸ and said, “Prophecy to us, you Christ. Who is it that struck you?”

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant girl

came to him and said, "You were also with Jesus of Galilee."⁷⁰ But he denied it in front of them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."⁷¹ When he went out to the gateway, another servant girl saw him and said to those there, "This man was also with Jesus of Nazareth."⁷² He again denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!"⁷³ After a little while those who were standing by came and said to Peter, "Surely you are also one of them, for the way you speak gives you away."⁷⁴ Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man," and immediately a rooster crowed.⁷⁵ Peter remembered the words that Jesus had said, "Before the rooster crows you will deny me three times." Then he went outside and wept bitterly.

Chapter 27

¹ Now when morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put him to death. ² They bound him, led him away, and delivered him to Pilate the governor.

³ Then when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus had been condemned, he repented and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴ and said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to that yourself."⁵ Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went out and hanged himself. ⁶ The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put this into the treasury, because it is the price of blood."⁷ They discussed the matter together and with the money bought the potter's field in which to bury strangers. ⁸ For this reason that field has been called, "The Field of Blood" to this day. ⁹ Then that which had been spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, ¹⁰ and they gave it for the potter's field, as the Lord had directed me."

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, "You say so."

¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear all the charges against you?" ¹⁴ But he did not answer even one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵ Now at the feast it was the custom of

the governor to release one prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Who do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸ He knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because of envy. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him and said, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man. For I have suffered much today because of a dream I had about him.” ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas, and have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor asked them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” They said, “Barabbas.” ²² Pilate said to them, “What should I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all answered, “Crucify him.” ²³ Then he said, “Why, what crime has he done?” But they cried out even louder, “Crucify him.” ²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could not do anything, but instead a riot was starting, he took water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am innocent of the blood of this innocent man. See to it yourselves.” ²⁵ All the people said, “May his blood be on us and our children.” ²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them, but he scourged Jesus and handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the government headquarters and gathered the whole company of soldiers. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. ²⁹ They made a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and placed a staff in his right hand. They knelt down before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ They spat on him, and they took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ When they had mocked him, they took the robe off him and put his own garments on him, and led him away to crucify him.

³² As they came out, they found a man from Cyrene named Simon, whom they forced to go with them so that he might carry his cross. ³³ They came to a place called Golgotha, which means “The Place of a Skull.” ³⁴ They gave him wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he tasted it, he would not drink. ³⁵ When they had crucified him, they divided up his garments by casting lots, ³⁶ and they sat and kept guard over him. ³⁷ Above his head they put the charge against him, which read “This is Jesus, the king of the Jews.” ³⁸ Two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right of him and one on the left. ³⁹ Those who passed by insulted him, shaking

their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, “You who were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!” ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests were mocking him, along with the scribes and elders, and said, ⁴² “He saved others, but he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel. Let him come down off the cross, and then we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God, let God rescue him now, if God consents to release him. For he even said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” ⁴⁴ In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also spoke insults to him.

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ About the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice and said, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷ When some of those who were standing there heard it, they said, “He is calling for Elijah.” ⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a reed staff, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest of them said, “Leave him alone. Let us see whether Elijah comes to save him.” ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and gave up his spirit. ⁵¹ Behold, the curtain of the temple was split in two from the top to the bottom, and the earth shook, and the rocks split apart. ⁵² The tombs were opened, and the bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ They came out of the tombs after his resurrection, entered the holy city, and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those who were watching Jesus saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they became very afraid and said, “Truly this was the Son of God.” ⁵⁵ Many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for him were there looking on from a distance. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He approached Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb that he had cut into the rock. Then he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶² The next day, which was the day after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together with Pilate. ⁶³ They said, “Sir,

we remember that when that deceiver was alive, he said, ‘After three days will I rise again.’⁶⁴ Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, otherwise his disciples may come and steal him and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last deception will be worse than the first.”⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “Take a guard. Go and make it as secure as you can.”⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and placing the guard.

Chapter 28

¹ Now late on the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ² Behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, came and rolled away the stone, and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴ The guards shook with fear and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel addressed the women and said to them, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who has been crucified. ⁶ He is not here, but is risen, just as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷ Go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead. See, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.’ See, I have told you.” ⁸ The women quickly left the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” The women came, took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee. There they will see me.”

¹¹ Now while the women were going, behold, some of the guards went into the city and told the chief priests all the things that had happened. ¹² When the priests had met with the elders and discussed the matter with them, they gave a large amount of money to the soldiers¹³ and told them, “Say to others, ‘Jesus’ disciples came by night and stole his body while we were sleeping.’ ¹⁴ If this report reaches the governor, we will persuade him and take any worries away from you.” ¹⁵ So the soldiers took the money and did as they had been instructed. This report spread widely among the Jews and continues even today.

¹⁶ But the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but

some doubted. ¹⁸ Jesus came to them and spoke to them and said, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them into the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach them to obey all the things that I have commanded you. See, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Chapter 1

¹ This is the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Look, I am sending my messenger before your face,
the one who will prepare your way.

³ The voice of one calling out in the wilderness,
‘Make ready the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

⁴ John came, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole country of Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁶ John was wearing a coat of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and he was eating locusts and wild honey.

⁷ He proclaimed, “One will come after me who is more powerful than I; the strap of his sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and he was baptized by John in the Jordan River. ¹⁰ As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens split open and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove. ¹¹ A voice came out of the heavens, “You are my beloved Son. I am very pleased with you.”

¹² Then the Spirit compelled him to go out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels served him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God. ¹⁵ He said, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God

is near. Repent and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶ When he was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ¹⁸ Then immediately they left the nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As Jesus was walking on a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and John his brother; they were in the boat mending the nets. ²⁰ He called them and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and they followed him.

²¹ Then they came into Capernaum, and on the Sabbath, Jesus went into the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as someone who has authority and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who had an unclean spirit cried out, ²⁴ saying, “What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the Holy One of God!” ²⁵ Jesus rebuked the demon and said, “Be quiet and come out of him!” ²⁶ The unclean spirit threw him down and went out from him while crying out with a loud voice. ²⁷ All the people were amazed, so they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching with authority? He even commands the unclean spirits and they obey him!” ²⁸ The news about him went out everywhere into the whole region of Galilee.

²⁹ After coming out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, along with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon’s mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he came, took her by the hand, and raised her up; the fever left her, and she started serving them.

³² That evening, after the sun had set, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. ³³ The whole city gathered together at the door. ³⁴ He healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, but he did not allow the demons to speak because they knew him.

³⁵ He got up very early, while it was still dark; he left and went out into a solitary place and there he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and those who were with him searched for him. ³⁷ They found him and they said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” ³⁸ He said, “Let us go elsewhere, out into the surrounding towns, so that I may preach there also. That is why I

came out here.”³⁹ He went throughout all of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

⁴⁰ A leper came to him. He was begging him; he knelt down and said to him, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.”⁴¹ Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched him, saying to him, “I am willing. Be clean.”⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.⁴³ Jesus strictly warned him and sent him away.⁴⁴ He said to him, “Be sure to say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”⁴⁵ But he went out and began to spread the news widely, so much that Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but he stayed out in remote places. Yet people were still coming to him from everywhere.

Chapter 2

¹ When he came back to Capernaum after a few days, it was heard that he was at home. ² So many gathered there that there was no more space, not even at the door, and Jesus spoke the word to them. ³ Then some men came to him who were bringing a paralyzed man; four people were carrying him. ⁴ When they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof that was above Jesus, and after they made an opening, they lowered the bed the paralyzed man was lying on. ⁵ Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, and they reasoned in their hearts, ⁷ “How can this man speak this way? He blasphemes! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit what they were thinking among themselves. He said to them, “Why are you thinking this in your hearts? ⁹ What is easier to say to the paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven’ or to say ‘Get up, take up your bed, and walk’? ¹⁰ But in order 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 mat, and go to your house.” ¹² He got up and immediately took up the mat, and went out of the house in front of everyone, so that they were all amazed and they gave glory to God, and they said, “We never saw anything like this.”

¹³ He went out again by the lake, and all the crowd came to him, and he

taught them. ¹⁴ As he passed by, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's tent and he said to him, "Follow me." He got up and followed him.

¹⁵ Jesus was having a meal in Levi's house and many tax collectors and sinful people were dining with him and his disciples, for there were many and they followed him. ¹⁶ When the scribes, who were Pharisees, saw that Jesus was eating with the sinful people and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinful people?" ¹⁷ When Jesus heard this he said to them, "People who are strong in body do not need a physician; only people who are sick need one. I did not come to call righteous people, but sinful people."

¹⁸ Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁹ Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding attendants fast while the bridegroom is still with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰ But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and in those days, they will fast. ²¹ No man sews a piece of new cloth on an old garment, otherwise the patch will tear away from it, the new from the old, and there will be a worse tear. ²² No man puts new wine into old wineskins, otherwise the wine will burst the skins and both the wine and the wineskins will be lost. Instead, put new wine into fresh wineskins."

²³ On the Sabbath day Jesus went through some grainfields, and his disciples began to pick heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing something that is not lawful on the Sabbath day?" ²⁵ He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry—he and the men who were with him— ²⁶ how he went into the house of God when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the presence, which it is unlawful for anyone to eat except the priests, and he even gave some to those who were with him?" ²⁷ Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made for mankind, not mankind for the Sabbath. ²⁸ Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath."

Chapter 3

¹ Again Jesus walked into the synagogue and there was a man with a withered hand. ² Some people watched him closely to see if he would

heal him on the Sabbath so that they could accuse him. ³ Jesus said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and stand here in the middle of everyone." ⁴ Then he said to the people, "Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath day or to do harm; to save a life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger, and he was grieved by their hardness of heart, and he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately began to plot with the Herodians as to how they might put him to death.

⁷ Then Jesus, with his disciples, went to the sea, and a great crowd of people followed from Galilee and from Judea ⁸ and from Jerusalem and from Idumea and beyond the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. When they heard about the things he was doing, a great crowd came to him. ⁹ He asked his disciples to have a small boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him. ¹⁰ For he healed many, so that everyone who had afflictions eagerly approached him in order to touch him. ¹¹ Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, and they said, "You are the Son of God." ¹² He strictly ordered them not to make him known.

¹³ He went up on the mountain, and he called for those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed the twelve (whom he named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them to proclaim the message, ¹⁵ and to have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶ Then he appointed the twelve: Simon, to whom he gave the name Peter; ¹⁷ James son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, sons of thunder; ¹⁸ and Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who would betray him.

²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat bread. ²¹ When his family heard about it, they went out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." ²² The scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul" and "By the ruler of the demons he drives out demons." ²³ Jesus called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he is not able to stand,

but has come to an end. ²⁷ But no one can enter into the house of a strong man and steal his belongings without tying up the strong man first, and then he will plunder his house. ²⁸ Truly I say to you, all sins of the sons of men will be forgiven, even all the blasphemies which they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin.” ³⁰ Jesus said this because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came and stood outside. They sent for him, summoning him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, and they are looking for you.” ³³ He answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴ He looked around at those who were sitting in a circle around him and said, “See, here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, that person is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

Chapter 4

¹ Again he began to teach beside the sea, and a large crowd gathered around him. He stepped into a boat that was on the sea, and he sat down in it. The whole crowd was on the shore beside the sea. ² He taught them many things in parables, and in his teaching, this is what he said to them. ³ “Listen, the farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he sowed, some seed fell on the road, and the birds came and devoured it. ⁵ Other seed fell on the rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately it sprang up, because it did not have deep soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, the plants were scorched, and because they had no root, they dried up. ⁷ Other seed fell among the thorn plants. The thorn plants grew up and choked it, and it did not produce a crop. ⁸ Other seed fell into good soil and it produced a crop growing up and increasing thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times.” ⁹ Then he said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear!”

¹⁰ When Jesus was alone, those who were close to him and with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹ He said to them, “To you is given the mystery of the kingdom of God. But to those outside everything is in parables,

¹² so that when they look, yes they look, but do not see, and so that when they hear, yes they hear, but do not understand,

or else they would turn and God would forgive them.”

¹³ Then he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the other parables? ¹⁴ The farmer who sows his seed is the one who sows the word. ¹⁵ These are the ones that fall beside the road, where the word was sown, but when they hear it, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶ These are the ones that are sown on rocky ground, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷ They have no root in themselves, but endure for a short time. Then tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, and immediately they stumble. ¹⁸ The others are the ones that were sown among the thorns. They hear the word, ¹⁹ but the cares of the world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires of other things enter in and choke the word, and it does not produce a crop. ²⁰ Then those that were sown in the good soil are the ones who hear the word and receive it, and they produce crops—thirty, sixty, or a hundred times what was sown.”

²¹ Jesus said to them, “Do you bring a lamp inside the house to put it under a basket, or under the bed? You bring it in and you put it on a lampstand. ²² For nothing is hidden that will not be known, and nothing is secret that will not come out into the open. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!” ²⁴ He said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear, for the measure you use will be measured to you, and more will be added to you. ²⁵ Because whoever has, to him will be given more, and whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken.”

²⁶ He also said, “The kingdom of God is like a man who sows his seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth bears grain by itself: First the blade, then the ear, then the mature grain in the ear. ²⁹ When the crop is ripe, he immediately sends in the sickle because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Again he said, “To what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use to explain it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth. ³² Yet, when it is sown, it grows and becomes greater than all the garden plants, and it forms large branches, so that the birds of heaven can make their nests in its shade.”

³³ With many parables like this he spoke the word to them, as much as they were able to understand, ³⁴ and he did not speak to them without a parable. But when he was alone, he explained everything to his own disciples.

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶ So they left the crowd, taking Jesus with them, just as he was, in the boat. There were other boats going along with him.

³⁷ Just then a violent windstorm arose and the waves were breaking into the boat so that the boat was almost full of water. ³⁸ But Jesus himself was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him up, saying, “Teacher, do you not care that we are about to die?” ³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ Then he said to them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still not have faith?” ⁴¹ They were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, because even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Chapter 5

¹ They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes.

² When Jesus was getting out of the boat, immediately there came up to him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. ³ The man lived in the tombs. No one could restrain him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴ He had been bound many times with shackles and with chains. He tore the chains apart and his shackles were shattered. No one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵ Every night and day in the tombs and in the mountains, he cried out and cut himself with sharp stones. ⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran to him and bowed down before him. ⁷ He cried out with a loud voice, “What do I have to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you by God himself, do not torment me.” ⁸ For he had been saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit.” ⁹ He asked him, “What is your name?” He answered him, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” ¹⁰ He begged him again and again not to send them out of the region. ¹¹ Now a great herd of pigs was there feeding on the hill, ¹² and they begged him, saying, “Send us into the pigs; let us enter into them.” ¹³ So he allowed them; the unclean spirits came out and entered into the pigs, and they rushed down the steep hill into the sea, and about two thousand pigs drowned in the sea. ¹⁴ Then those who were

feeding the pigs ran away and reported what had happened in the city and in the countryside, and so people went out to see what had happened.

¹⁵ Then they came to Jesus and they saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had been possessed by Legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ¹⁶ Those who had seen what happened to the demon-possessed man told them about it in detail, and they also told them about the pigs. ¹⁷ Then they started to beg him to leave their region. ¹⁸ When he was getting into the boat, the demon-possessed man begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹ But Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, “Go to your house and to your people and tell them what the Lord has done for you, and how he has shown you mercy.” ²⁰ So he went away and began to proclaim the great things that Jesus had done for him in the Decapolis, and everyone was amazed.

²¹ Now when Jesus had crossed over again to the other side, in the boat, a great crowd gathered around him, as he was beside the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came, and when he saw him, fell at his feet. ²³ He begged again and again, saying, “My little daughter is near death. I beg you, come and lay your hands on her that she may be made well and live.” ²⁴ So he went with him, and a great crowd followed him and pressed close around him.

²⁵ Now a woman was there who had a flow of blood for twelve years.

²⁶ She had suffered much from many doctors and had spent everything that she had, but instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she had heard the reports about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. ²⁸ For she said, “If I touch just his clothes, I will be healed.” ²⁹ When she touched him, the bleeding stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed from her affliction. ³⁰ Jesus immediately realized in himself that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹ His disciples said to him, “You see this crowd pressed around you, and you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³² But Jesus looked around to see who had done it. ³³ The woman, knowing what had happened to her, feared and trembled. She came and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed from your disease.”

³⁵ While he was speaking, some people came from the leader of the synagogue, saying, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher

any longer?"³⁶ But when Jesus overheard what they said, he said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid. Just believe."³⁷ He did not permit anyone to accompany him, except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.³⁸ They came to the house of the leader of the synagogue and he saw there people making a lot of noise; they were weeping and wailing loudly.³⁹ When he entered the house, he said to them, "Why are you upset and why do you weep? The child is not dead but sleeps."⁴⁰ They laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the father of the child and the mother and those who were with him, and he went in where the child was.⁴¹ He took the hand of the child and said to her, "Talitha, koum!" which being translated would be, "Little girl, I say to you, get up."⁴² Immediately the child got up and walked (for she was twelve years of age). They were immediately astonished with overwhelming amazement.⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know about this. Then he told them to give her something to eat.

Chapter 6

¹ He went out from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² When the Sabbath came, he taught in the synagogue. Many people heard him and they were amazed. They said, "Where did he get these teachings?" "What is this wisdom that has been given to him?" "What are these miracles that he does with his hands?"³ "Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are his sisters not here with us?" They were offended by Jesus. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own household."⁵ He was unable to do any mighty work, except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching.

⁷ Then he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits,⁸ and instructed them to take nothing for their journey, except a staff—no bread, no bag, and no money in their belts—⁹ but to wear sandals, and not to wear two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, remain until you go away from there. ¹¹ If any town will not receive you or listen to you, when you leave that place, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony to them."¹² They went out and proclaimed that people should turn away

from their sins. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

¹⁴ King Herod heard this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ Some others said, "He is Elijah." Still others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets in ancient times." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard this he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For Herod sent to have John arrested and he had him bound in prison on account of Herodias (his brother Philip's wife), because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John told Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ But Herodias held on to anger against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John; he knew that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. Listening to him made him greatly upset, yet he heard him gladly. ²¹ Then the opportunity came when Herod had his birthday and he made a dinner for his officials, and his commanders, and leaders of Galilee. ²² The daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced for them, and she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want and I will give it to you." ²³ He swore to her saying, "Whatever you ask of me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask him for?" She said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵ She immediately hurried back to the king, and she asked, saying, "I want you to give me, right now, the head of John the Baptist on a wooden platter." ²⁶ Though this deeply grieved the king, he could not refuse her request because of the oath he had made and because of his dinner guests. ²⁷ So the king sent a soldier from his guard and commanded him to bring him John's head. The guard went and beheaded him in the prison. ²⁸ He brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of this, they came and took his body and placed it in a tomb.

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ Then he said to them, "Come away by yourselves into a deserted place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. ³² So they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ But they saw them leaving and many recognized them, and they ran there together on foot from all the

towns, and they arrived there before them. ³⁴ When they came ashore, he saw a great crowd and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When the hour was late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place and the hour is already late. ³⁶ Send them away so that they may go into the nearby countryside and villages to buy something to eat for themselves." ³⁷ But he answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Can we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five loaves and two fish." ³⁹ He commanded all the people to sit down in groups upon the green grass. ⁴⁰ They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven he blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate until they were satisfied. ⁴³ They took up broken pieces of bread, twelve baskets full, and also pieces of the fish. ⁴⁴ There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he sent the crowd away. ⁴⁶ When they were gone, he went up the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ Evening came, and the boat was now in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on land. ⁴⁸ He saw that they straining against the oars, for the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea, and he wanted to pass by them. ⁴⁹ But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought he was a ghost and cried out, ⁵⁰ because they saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said to them, "Be courageous! It is I! Do not be afraid!" ⁵¹ He got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased blowing. They were completely amazed. ⁵² For they had not understood what the loaves meant. Instead, their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and anchored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they came out of the boat, the people recognized him immediately, ⁵⁵ and they ran throughout the whole region and began to bring the sick on their mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ Wherever he entered into villages, or cities, or into the country, they would put the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them

touch the edge of his garment, and as many as touched him were healed.

Chapter 7

¹ The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him. ² They saw that some of his disciples ate bread with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, because they hold to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When the Pharisees come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they bathe themselves, and they hold fast to many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pots, copper vessels, and the couches upon which they eat.) ⁵ The Pharisees and the scribes asked Jesus, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, for they eat their bread with unwashed hands?” ⁶ But he said to them, “Isaiah prophesied well about you hypocrites. He wrote,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me.

⁷ Empty worship they offer me,
teaching the rules of men as their doctrines.’

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold fast to the tradition of men.” ⁹ He also said to them, “How well you reject the commandment of God so you may keep your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘He who speaks evil of his father or mother will surely die.’ ¹¹ But you say, ‘If a man says to his father or mother, “Whatever help you would have received from me is Corban”’ (that is to say, ‘Given to God’), ¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or his mother. ¹³ You are making the commandment of God void by your tradition which you have handed down. And many similar things you do.” ¹⁴ He called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand. ¹⁵ There is nothing from outside of a person that can defile him when it enters into him. It is what comes out of the person that defiles him.” ^{16[1]} ¹⁷ Now when Jesus left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ Jesus said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever enters into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ because it cannot go into his heart, but it goes into his stomach and then passes out into the

^{7:16 [1]}The best ancient copies omit vs. 16. *If any man has ears to hear, let him hear.*

latrine?” With this statement Jesus declared all foods clean. ²⁰ He said, “It is that which comes out of the person that defiles him. ²¹ For from within a person, out of the heart, proceed evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evils come from within, and they are what defile a person.”

²⁴ He got up from there and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. There he went into a house and he wanted no one to know where he was, but he could not be hidden. ²⁵ In fact ^[1], as soon a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him, she came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by descent. She begged him to cast out the demon from her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, “Let the children first be fed. For it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸ But she answered and said to him, “Yes, Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹ He said to her, “Because you have said this, you are free to go. The demon has gone out of your daughter.” ³⁰ She went back to her house and found the child lying on the bed, and the demon was gone.

³¹ Then he went out again from the region of Tyre, and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee up into the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him someone who was deaf and had difficulty speaking, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside from the crowd privately, and he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting, he touched his tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is to say, “Open!” ³⁵ At once his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶ Jesus ordered them to tell no one. But the more he ordered them, the more abundantly they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were extremely astonished, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Chapter 8

¹ In those days, there was again a great crowd, and they had nothing to eat. Jesus called his disciples and said to them, ² “I have compassion on the crowd, because they continue to be with me already for three days and have nothing to eat. ³ If I send them away to their home without

^{7:25} ^[1]Some ancient copies have the word, *But* as an alternative reading.

eating, they may faint on the way. Some of them have come a long way.”

⁴ His disciples answered him, “Where can we get enough loaves of bread in such a deserted place to satisfy these people?” ⁵ He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” ⁶ He commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground. He took the seven loaves, gave thanks, and broke them. He gave them to his disciples to set before them, and they set them before the crowd. ⁷ They also had a few small fish, and after he gave thanks for them, he commanded the disciples to serve these as well. ⁸ They ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the remaining broken pieces, seven large baskets. ⁹ There were about four thousand people. Then he sent them away. ¹⁰ Immediately he got into the boat with his disciples, and they went into the region of Dalmanutha.

¹¹ Then the Pharisees came out and began to argue with him. They sought from him a sign from heaven, to test him. ¹² He sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why does this generation seek for a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.” ¹³ Then he left them, got into a boat again, and went away to the other side.

¹⁴ Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread with them. They had no more than one loaf of bread in the boat. ¹⁵ He warned them and said, “Keep watch and be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.” ¹⁶ The disciples reasoned with each other, “It is because we have no bread.” ¹⁷ Jesus was aware of this, and he said to them, “Why are you reasoning about not having bread? Do you not yet perceive? Do you not understand? Have your hearts become so dull? ¹⁸ You have eyes, do you not see? You have ears, do you not hear? Do you not remember? ¹⁹ When I broke the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces of bread did you take up?” They said to him, “Twelve.” ²⁰ “When I broke the seven loaves among the four thousand, how many basketfuls did you take up?” They said to him, “Seven.” ²¹ He said, “Do you not yet understand?”

²² They came to Bethsaida. The people there brought to him a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. ²³ Jesus took hold of the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the village. When he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” ²⁴ He looked up, and said, “I see men who look like walking trees.” ²⁵ Then he again laid his hands upon his eyes, and the man opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw all things clearly. ²⁶ Jesus sent him away to his

home and said, "Do not enter the town."

²⁷ Jesus went out with his disciples into the villages of Caesarea Philippi.

On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do the people say that I am?"

²⁸ They answered him and said, "John the Baptist. Others say, 'Elijah,'

and others, 'One of the prophets.'" ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you

say that I am?" Peter said to him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ Jesus warned

them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and would be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and would be killed, and after three days rise up. ³² He said this clearly.

Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But Jesus turned

and looked at his disciples and then he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! You are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of people." ³⁴ Then he called the crowd and his disciples

together, and he said to them, "If anyone wants to follow me, he must

deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to

save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake and for

the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ What does it profit a person to gain the whole

world and then forfeit his life? ³⁷ What can a person give in exchange for

his life? ³⁸ Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous

and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he

comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Chapter 9

¹ He said to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some of you who are standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power." ² Six days later, Jesus took Peter and James

and John with him up a high mountain, alone by themselves. Then he

was transfigured before them. ³ His garments became radiantly brilliant,

extremely white, whiter than any bleacher on earth could bleach them. ⁴ Then Elijah with Moses appeared to them, and they were talking

with Jesus. ⁵ Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us

to be here, and so let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses,

and one for Elijah." ⁶ (For he did not know what to say, for they were

terrified.) ⁷ A cloud came and overshadowed them. Then a voice came

out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." ⁸ Suddenly,

when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he commanded them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, but they discussed among themselves what “rising from the dead” could mean. ¹¹ They asked him, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” ¹² He said to them, “Elijah does come first to restore all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be despised? ¹³ But I say to you that Elijah has come, and they did whatever they wanted to him, just as scripture says about him.”

¹⁴ When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them and scribes were arguing with them. ¹⁵ As soon as they saw Jesus, the whole crowd was amazed and as they ran up to him they greeted him. ¹⁶ He asked his disciples, “What are you arguing with them about?” ¹⁷ Someone in the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you. He has a spirit that makes him unable to speak. ¹⁸ It seizes him and it throws him down and he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and he becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out of him, but they could not.” ¹⁹ He answered them, “Unbelieving generation, how long will I have to stay with you? How long will I bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰ They brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw him into a convulsion. The boy fell on the ground and foamed at the mouth. ²¹ Jesus asked his father, “How long has he been like this?” The father said, “Since childhood. ²² It has often thrown him into the fire or into the waters and tried to destroy him. If you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.” ²³ Jesus said to him, “‘If you are able?’ All things are possible for the one who believes.” ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe! Help my unbelief!” ²⁵ When Jesus saw the crowd running to them, he rebuked the unclean spirit and said, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter into him again.” ²⁶ It cried out and convulsed the boy greatly and then came out. The boy looked like one who was dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and the boy stood up. ²⁸ When Jesus came into the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹ He said to them, “This kind cannot be cast out except by

prayer.”

³⁰ They went out from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will put him to death. When he has been put to death, after three days he will rise again.” ³² But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum. After he entered the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴ But they were silent. For they had been arguing with one with another on the way about who was the greatest. ³⁵ Sitting down, he called the twelve together and he said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ He took a little child and placed him in their midst. He took him in his arms and said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever receives such a child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, does not receive me but the one who sent me.” ³⁸ John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we stopped him, because he does not follow us.” ³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for there is no one who will do a mighty work in my name and can soon afterwards say anything bad about me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, truly I say to you, he will not lose his reward. ⁴² Whoever causes one of these little ones who believes in me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a large millstone tied around his neck and be thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than to have two hands and to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁴[1] ⁴⁵ If your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life lame than to have your two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁶[2] ⁴⁷ If your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out. It is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm does not die, and the fire is not put out. ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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Chapter 10

¹ Jesus left that place and went to the region of Judea and to the area beyond the Jordan River, and the crowds came to him again. He was teaching them again, as he was accustomed to do. ² Then Pharisees came to him to test him and asked, “Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?” ³ He answered, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴ They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and then to send her away.” ⁵ “It was because of your hard hearts that he wrote you this law,” Jesus said to them. ⁶ “But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’

⁷ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,’ ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’

So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no man tear apart.” ¹⁰ When they were in the house, the disciples asked him again about this. ¹¹ He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² If she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

¹³ Then they brought their little children to him so that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus noticed it, he was very displeased and said to them, “Permit the little children to come to me, and do not forbid them, for the kingdom of God belongs to those who are like them. ¹⁵ Truly I say to you, whoever will not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will definitely not enter it.” ¹⁶ Then he took the children into his arms and blessed them as he placed his hands on them.

¹⁷ When he began his journey, a man ran up to him and knelt before him, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ Jesus said, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not testify falsely, do not defraud, honor your father and mother’.” ²⁰ The man said, “Teacher, all these things I have obeyed from the time I was a youth.” ²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. He said to him, “One thing you lack. You must sell all that you have and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²² But because of this statement he looked very sad and he went away

distressed, because he had many possessions.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it is for those who are rich to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ The disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter into 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 the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They were greatly astonished and said to each other, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With people it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” ²⁸ Peter began to speak to him, “Look, we have left everything and have followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for my sake, and for the gospel, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundred times as much now in this world: houses, and brothers, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions, and in the world to come, eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

³² They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going ahead of them. The disciples were amazed, and those who were following behind were afraid. Then Jesus took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what would soon happen to him. ³³ “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death and deliver him to the Gentiles. ³⁴ They will mock him, spit on him, whip him, and put him to death. But after three days he will rise.”

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask you.” ³⁶ He said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ They said, “Allow us to sit with you in your glory, one at your right hand and the other at your left.” ³⁸ But Jesus replied to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup which I will drink or endure the baptism with which I will be baptized?” ³⁹ They said to him, “We are able.” Jesus said to them, “The cup that I will drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you also will be baptized. ⁴⁰ But who is to sit at my right hand or at my left hand is not mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹ When the other ten disciples heard about this, they began to be very angry with

James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them to himself and said, “You know those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles dominate them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be this way among you. Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be the slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he left Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, sat by the road. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to shout and to say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many rebuked the blind man, telling him to be quiet. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and commanded him to be called. They called the blind man, saying, “Be brave! Get up! He is calling for you.” ⁵⁰ He threw aside his coat, sprang up, and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Jesus answered him and said, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to receive my sight.” ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, “Go. Your faith has healed you.” Immediately he could see again, and he followed him on the road.

Chapter 11

¹ Now as they came to Jerusalem, they were close to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, and Jesus sent out two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village opposite us. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it to me. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ you should say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will immediately send it back here.’” ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied at a door outside on the open street, and they untied it. ⁵ Some people were standing there and said to them, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶ They spoke to them as Jesus told them, and the people let them go their way. ⁷ The two disciples brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it so Jesus could ride it. ⁸ Many people spread their garments on the road, and others spread branches they had cut from the fields. ⁹ Those who went before him and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of

the Lord.

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Hosanna in the highest!”

¹¹ Then Jesus entered into Jerusalem and went into the temple and looked around at everything. Now, the time being late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. ¹² The next day, when they returned from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³ Seeing from far away a fig tree that had leaves, he went to see if he could find any fruit on it, and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ He spoke to it, “No one will ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it.

¹⁵ They came to Jerusalem, and he entered the temple and began to cast out the sellers and the buyers in the temple. He turned over the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶ He did not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple that could be sold. ¹⁷ He taught them and said, “Is it not written,

‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations’?

But you have made it a den of robbers.”

¹⁸ The chief priests and the scribes heard what he had said, and they looked for a way to kill him. For they feared him because the entire crowd was amazed at his teaching. ¹⁹ When evening came, they left the city.

²⁰ As they walked by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹ Peter remembered and said, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered away.” ²² Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. ²³ Truly I say to you that whoever says to this mountain, ‘Get up and cast yourself into the sea,’ and if he does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he said will happen, that is what God will do. ²⁴ Therefore I say to you: Everything you pray and ask for, believe that you received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ When you stand and pray, you must forgive whatever you have against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your trespasses.” ^{26[1]}

11:26 ^[1]The best ancient copies omit this verse (See: Mt. 6:15) Mk. 11:26 *But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*

²⁷ They came to Jerusalem again. As Jesus was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to him. ²⁸ They said to him, “By what authority do you do these things, and who gave you the authority to do them?” ²⁹ Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question. Tell me and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. ³⁰ The baptism of John, was it from heaven or from men? Answer me.” ³¹ They discussed between themselves and argued and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ³² But if we say, ‘From men,’” They were afraid of the people, for everyone was convinced that John was a prophet. ³³ Then they answered Jesus and said, “We do not know.” Then Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

Chapter 12

¹ Then Jesus began to teach them in parables. He said, “A man planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, and dug a pit for a winepress. He built a watchtower and then leased the vineyard to vine growers. Then he went away on a journey. ² At the right time, he sent a servant to the vine growers to receive from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. ³ But they took him, beat him, and sent him away with nothing. ⁴ Again he sent to them another servant, and they wounded him in the head and treated him shamefully. ⁵ He sent yet another, and this one they killed. They treated many others in the same way, beating some and killing others. ⁶ He had still one more person to send, a beloved son. He was the last one he sent to them. He said, ‘They will respect my son.’ ⁷ But the vine growers said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ⁸ They seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ Therefore, what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine growers and will give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you not read this scripture?

‘The stone which the builders rejected
has been made the cornerstone.

¹¹ This was from the Lord,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.’”

¹² They sought to arrest Jesus, but they feared the crowd, for they knew that he had spoken this parable against them. So they left him and went

away.

¹³ Then they sent some of the Pharisees and the Herodians to him to trap him with words. ¹⁴ When they came, they said to him, “Teacher, we know that you care for no one’s opinion, and you do not show partiality between people. You truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay or not?” ¹⁵ But Jesus knew their hypocrisy and said to them, “Why do you test me? Bring me a denarius so I can look at it.” ¹⁶ They brought one to Jesus. He said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” ¹⁷ Jesus said, “Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” They marveled at him.

¹⁸ Then Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him. They asked him, saying, ¹⁹ “Teacher, Moses wrote for us, ‘If a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife behind him, but no child, the man should take the brother’s wife, and raise up a descendant for his brother.’” ²⁰ There were seven brothers; the first took a wife and then died, leaving no children. ²¹ Then the second took her and died, leaving no children, and the third likewise. ²² The seven left no children. Last of all, the woman also died. ²³ In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For all seven brothers had her as their wife.” ²⁴ Jesus said, “Is this not the reason you are mistaken, because you do not know the scriptures nor the power of God? ²⁵ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like angels in heaven. ²⁶ But concerning the dead that are raised, have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account about the bush, how God spoke to him and said, ‘I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob’? ²⁷ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite mistaken.”

²⁸ One of the scribes came and heard their discussion; he saw that Jesus answered them well. He asked him, “What commandment is the most important of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’” ³¹ The second commandment is this, ‘You must love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other greater commandment than these.” ³² The scribe said, “Good, Teacher! You have truly said that God is one, and that there is no other besides him. ³³ To love him with all the

heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is even more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had given a wise answer, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that, no one dared to ask Jesus any more questions.

³⁵ While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he said, “How is it that the scribes say the Christ is the son of David? ³⁶ David himself, in the Holy Spirit, said,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.’”

³⁷ David himself calls him ‘Lord,’ so how can the Christ be David’s son?” The large crowd gladly listened to him.

³⁸ In his teaching Jesus said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk in long robes and they like the greetings they receive in the marketplaces ³⁹ and they like to have the chief seats in the synagogues and chief places at feasts. ⁴⁰ They also devour widows’ houses, and they pray long prayers for people to see. These men will receive greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ Then Jesus sat down across from an offering box in the temple area; he was watching people as they dropped their money into the box. Many rich people put in large amounts of money. ⁴² Then a poor widow came and put in two mites, worth about a penny. ⁴³ He called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them who contributed to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For all of them gave out of their abundance. But this widow, out of her poverty, put in all of the money which she had to live on. “

Chapter 13

¹ As Jesus was walking away from the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Teacher, look at the wonderful stones and wonderful buildings!”

² He said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left on another which will not be torn down.”

³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will these

things happen? What will be the sign when all these things are about to happen?"⁵ Jesus began to say to them, "Be careful that no one leads you astray.⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he,' and they will lead many astray.⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not worry; these things must happen, but the end is not yet.⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in many places, and famines. These are the beginnings of birth pains.

⁹ Be on your guard. They will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand before both governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them.¹⁰ But the gospel must first be proclaimed to all the nations.¹¹ When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry about what you should say. For in that hour, what you should say will be given to you; it will not be you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.¹² Brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rise up against their parents and cause them to be put to death.¹³ You will be hated by everyone because of my name. But whoever endures to the end, that person will be saved.

¹⁴ When you see the abomination of desolation standing where it should not be standing (let the reader understand), let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains,¹⁵ let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house or take anything out of it,¹⁶ and let him who is in the field not return to take his cloak.¹⁷ But woe to those who are with child and to those who are nursing infants in those days!¹⁸ Pray that it might not occur in the winter.¹⁹ For there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning, when God created the world, until now, no, nor ever will be again.²⁰ Unless the Lord had shortened the days, no flesh would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, those whom he chose, he cut short the days.²¹ Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it.²² For false Christs and false prophets will appear and will give signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect.²³ Be on guard! I have told you all these things ahead of time.

²⁴ But after the tribulation of those days,

the sun will be darkened,
the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky,
and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send his angels and he will gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the sky.

²⁸ Learn a lesson from the fig tree. As soon as the branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things happening, you know that he is near, close to the gates. ³⁰ Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all of these things occur. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³² But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father.

³³ Be alert! Watch, because you do not know what time it is. ^[1] ³⁴ It is like a man who goes on a journey—he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge of the house, each one with his work, and he commands the watchman to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay alert, because you do not know when the master of the house will come home; it could be in the evening, at midnight, when the rooster crows, or in the morning. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you I say to everyone: Watch!”

Chapter 14

¹ It was now two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were considering how they might stealthily arrest Jesus and then kill him. ² For they were saying, “Not during the feast, so that a riot does not arise among the people.”

³ While Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at the table, a woman came to him having an alabaster jar of very costly liquid, which was pure nard. She broke the jar and poured it on his head. ⁴ But there were some who were angry. They spoke among themselves and said, “What is the reason for this waste? ⁵ This perfume could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and given to the poor.” Then they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, “Leave her alone.

13:33 ^[1]Some ancient authorities read: *Be alert! Watch and pray* .

Why are you troubling her? She has done a beautiful thing for me. ⁷ You always have the poor with you, and whenever you desire you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could. She has anointed my body for burial. ⁹ Truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will be spoken of, in memory of her.”

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went away to the chief priests so that he might deliver him over to them. ¹¹ When the chief priests heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. He began looking for an opportunity to deliver him to them.

¹² On the first day of unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go to prepare, so you may eat the Passover meal?” ¹³ He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man bearing a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Where he enters a house, follow him in and say to the owner of that house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is my guest room where I will eat the Passover with my disciples?”’” ¹⁵ He will show you a large furnished upper room that is ready. Make the preparations for us there.” ¹⁶ The disciples left and went to the city. They found everything as he had said to them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ As they were lying down at the table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, one of you eating with me will betray me.” ¹⁹ They were all very sorrowful, and one by one they said to him, “Surely not I?” ²⁰ Jesus answered and said to them, “It is one of the twelve, the one now dipping bread with me in the bowl. ²¹ For the Son of Man will go the way that the scripture says about him. But woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for him if he had not been born.”

²² As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, and broke it. He gave it to them and said, “Take this. This is my body.” ²³ He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, the blood that is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly I say to you, I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

²⁷ Jesus said to them, “All of you will fall away, for it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd
and the sheep will be scattered.’

²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” ²⁹ Peter said to him, “Even if all fall away, I will not.” ³⁰ Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you, today—yes, this very night—before the rooster crows twice you will deny me three times.” ³¹ But Peter said, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” They all made the same promise.

³² They came to the place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ He took Peter, James, and John with him and began to be distressed and deeply troubled. ³⁴ He said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to the point of death. Remain here and watch.” ³⁵ Going a little farther, Jesus fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ He said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible with you. Remove this cup from me. But not my will, but yours.” ³⁷ He came back and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch for one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹ Again he went away and prayed, and he used the same words. ⁴⁰ When he came back again, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹ He came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come. Look! The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Get up; let us go. Look, the one who is betraying me is near.” ⁴³ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and a large crowd was with him with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now his betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, he is the one. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵ When Judas arrived, immediately he came up to Jesus and said, “Rabbi,” and he kissed him. ⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and seized him. ⁴⁷ But one of them who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸ Jesus said to them, “Do you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹ When I was daily with you and I was teaching in the temple, you did not arrest me. But this was done that the scriptures might be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰ All those with Jesus left him and ran away.

⁵¹ A young man, wearing only a linen garment that was wrapped around him, was following Jesus. When the men seized him ⁵² he left the linen garment and ran away naked.

⁵³ They led Jesus to the high priest. There were gathered with him all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes. ⁵⁴ Now Peter followed him from a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest. He sat among the guards, who were near a fire to keep warm. ⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the entire Jewish council were seeking testimony against Jesus so they might put him to death. But they did not find any. ⁵⁶ For many brought false testimony against him, but even their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ Some stood up and brought false testimony against him; they said, ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.’” ⁵⁹ Yet even their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ The high priest stood up among them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it these men testify against you?” ⁶¹ But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest questioned him and said, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” ⁶² Jesus said, “I am;

and you will see the Son of Man
when he sits at the right hand of power
and comes with the clouds of heaven.”

⁶³ The high priest tore his garments and said, “Do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard the blasphemy. What is your decision?” They all condemned him as one who deserved death. ⁶⁵ Some began to spit on him and to cover his face and strike him and say to him, “Prophecy!” The officers took him and beat him.

⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came to him. ⁶⁷ She saw Peter warming himself, and she looked closely at him and said, “You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus.” ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you are talking about.” Then he went out into the courtyard. ⁶⁹ But the servant girl there saw him and began to say again to those who stood there, “This man is one of them!” ⁷⁰ But he denied it again. After a little while those who stood there were saying to Peter, “Surely you are one

^{14:68} ^[1]Some ancient copies add, “Then the rooster crowed,” but the best ancient copies do not have this phrase.

of them, for you also are a Galilean.”⁷¹ But he began to put himself under curses and to swear, “I do not know this man you are talking about.”⁷² The rooster immediately crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the words that Jesus had said to him: “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times,” and he broke down and wept.

Chapter 15

¹ Early in the morning, the chief priests met together with the elders and scribes and the entire Jewish council. Then they bound Jesus and led him away. They handed him over to Pilate. ² Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³ The chief priests were presenting many charges against Jesus. ⁴ Pilate again asked him, “Do you give no answer? See how many charges they are bringing against you!” ⁵ But Jesus no longer answered Pilate, and that amazed him.

⁶ Now at the time of the feast, Pilate usually released to them one prisoner, a prisoner they requested. ⁷ There with the rebels in prison, among the murderers held for their part in the rebellion, was a man named Barabbas. ⁸ The crowd came to Pilate and began to ask him to do for them as he had done in the past. ⁹ Pilate answered them and said, “Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰ For he knew that it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to cry out that Barabbas should be released instead. ¹² Pilate answered them again and said, “What then should I do with the King of the Jews?” ¹³ They shouted again, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴ Pilate said to them, “What wrong has he done?” But they shouted more and more, “Crucify him.” ¹⁵ Pilate wanted to satisfy the crowd, so he released Barabbas to them. He scourged Jesus and then handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶ The soldiers led him inside the courtyard (which is the government headquarters), and they called together the whole cohort of soldiers. ¹⁷ They put a purple robe on Jesus, and they twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on him. ¹⁸ They began to salute him and say, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹ They struck his head with a reed staff and they spat on him. They bent their knees before him to pretend to worship him.

²⁰ When they had mocked him, they took off of him the purple robe and put his own garments on him, and then led him out to crucify him. ²¹ A certain man, Simon of Cyrene, was coming in from the country (he was the father of Alexander and Rufus), and they forced him to carry his cross.

²² The soldiers brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which interpreted means, "Place of a Skull"). ²³ They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not drink it. ²⁴ They crucified him and divided up his garments by casting lots to determine what piece each soldier would take. ²⁵ It was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶ On a sign they wrote the charge against him, "The king of the Jews." ²⁷ With him they crucified two robbers, one on the right of him and one on his left. ^{28[1]} ²⁹ Those who passed by insulted him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself and come down from the cross!" ³¹ In the same way the chief priests were mocking him with each other, along with the scribes, and said, "He saved others, but he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe," and those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³ At the sixth hour, darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is interpreted, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ Some of those standing by heard his words and said, "Look, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶ Someone ran, put sour wine on a sponge, put it on a reed staff, and gave it to him to drink. The man said, "Let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." ³⁷ Then Jesus cried out with a loud voice and died. ³⁸ The curtain of the temple was split in two from the top to the bottom. ³⁹ When the centurion who stood and faced Jesus saw that he had died in this way, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God." ⁴⁰ There were also women who looked on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James the younger and of Joses), and Salome. ⁴¹ When he was in Galilee they followed him and served him. Many other women also came up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴² When evening had come, because it was the Day of Preparation, that

15:28 ^[1]The best ancient copies omit Mrk. 15:28, *The scripture was fulfilled that says, 'He was counted with the lawless ones,'* (compare LUK 22:37) .

is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea came there. He was a respected member of the council, who was waiting for the kingdom of God. He boldly went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Pilate was amazed that Jesus was already dead; he called the centurion and asked him if Jesus was dead. ⁴⁵ When Pilate learned from the centurion that Jesus was dead, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ Joseph had bought a linen cloth. He took him down from the cross, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of a rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw the place where Jesus was buried.

Chapter 16

¹ When the Sabbath day was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices that they might come and anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb when the sun came up. ³ They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, for it was very large. ⁵ They entered the tomb and saw a young man dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ He said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. Look at the place where they had laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸ They went out and ran from the tomb; they were trembling and amazed. They said nothing to anyone because they were so afraid. ^{9[1]} Early on the first day of the week, after he arose, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told those who were with him, while they were mourning and weeping. ¹¹ They heard that he was alive and that he had been seen by her, but they did not believe.

^{12[2]} After these things he appeared in a different form to two of them, as they were walking out into the country. ¹³ They went and told the rest of the disciples, but they did not believe them.

16:9 ^{1[1]}The best ancient copies omit Mrk. 16:9-20.

16:12 ^{2[2]}The best ancient copies omit Mrk. 16:9-20.

^{14[1]} Jesus later appeared to the eleven as they were reclining at the table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who saw him after he rose from the dead. ¹⁵ He said to them, “Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to the entire creation. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved, and he who does not believe will be condemned. ^{17[2]} These signs will go with those who believe: In my name they will cast out demons. They will speak in new languages. ¹⁸ They will pick up snakes with their hands, and if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well.”

^{19[3]} After the Lord had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ The disciples left and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word by the signs that went with them.

16:14 ^[1]The best ancient copies omit Mrk. 16:9-20.

16:17 ^[2]The best ancient copies omit Mrk. 16:9-20.

16:19 ^[3]The best ancient copies omit Mrk. 16:9-20.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Chapter 1

¹ Many have taken on the work of putting together an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were passed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³ So it seemed good to me also, because I have accurately investigated everything from the beginning, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you might know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

⁵ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zechariah, from the division of Abijah. His wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ They were both righteous before God, obeying all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both very old by this time.

⁸ Now it came about that Zechariah was in God's presence, carrying out the priestly duties in the order of his division. ⁹ According to the customary way of choosing which priest would serve, he had been chosen by lot to enter into the temple of the Lord to burn incense.

¹⁰ The whole crowd of people was praying outside at the hour when the incense was burned. ¹¹ Now an angel of the Lord appeared to him and stood at the right side of the incense altar. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified and fear fell on him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son. You will call his name John. ¹⁴ You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵ For he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ Many of the people of Israel will be turned to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ He will go before the face of the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the disobedient

to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready for the Lord a people prepared for him.”

¹⁸ Zechariah said to the angel, “How can I know this? For I am an old man and my wife is very old.” ¹⁹ The angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God. I was sent to speak to you, to bring you this good news. ²⁰ Behold! You will be silent, unable to speak, until the day these things take place. This is because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at the right time.” ²¹ Now the people were waiting for Zechariah. They were surprised that he was spending so much time in the temple. ²² But when he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized that he had seen a vision while he was in the temple. He kept on making signs to them and remained silent. ²³ It came about that when the days of his service were over, he went to his house.

²⁴ After these days, his wife Elizabeth conceived and for five months she kept herself hidden. She said, ²⁵ “This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked at me with favor in order to take away my shame before people.”

²⁶ In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph. He belonged to the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ He came to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” ²⁹ But she was very confused by his words and she wondered what kind of greeting this could be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ See, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son. You will call his name ‘Jesus.’ ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom.” ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, “How will this happen, since I have not slept with any man?” ³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will come over you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ See, your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age. This is the sixth month for her, she who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible for God.” ³⁸ Mary said, “See, I am the female servant of the Lord. Let it be for me according to your message.” Then

the angel left her.

³⁹ Then Mary arose in those days and quickly went into the hill country, to a city in Judea. ⁴⁰ She went into the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ Now it happened that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby in her womb jumped, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² She raised her voice and said loudly, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ Why has it happened to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For see, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of the things that were told her from the Lord." ⁴⁶ Mary said,

"My soul praises the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit has rejoiced in God my savior.

⁴⁸ For he has looked at the low condition of his female servant.

For see, from now on all generations will call me blessed.

⁴⁹ For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and his name is holy.

⁵⁰ His mercy lasts from generation to generation for those who fear him.

⁵¹ He has displayed strength with his arm; he has scattered those who were proud about the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵² He has thrown down princes from their thrones and he has raised up those of low condition.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich he has sent away empty.

⁵⁴ He has given help to Israel his servant, so as to remember to show mercy

⁵⁵ (as he said to our fathers) to Abraham and his descendants forever."

⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her house.

⁵⁷ Now the time had come for Elizabeth to deliver her baby and she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹ Now it happened on the eighth day that they came to circumcise the child. They would have called him “Zechariah,” after the name of his father. ⁶⁰ But his mother answered and said, “No. He will be called John.”

⁶¹ They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.” ⁶² They made signs to his father as to how he wanted him to be named. ⁶³ His father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” They all were astonished at this. ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was freed. He spoke and praised God. ⁶⁵ Fear came on all who lived around them. All these matters were spread throughout all the hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶ All who heard them stored them in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child become?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷ His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸ “Praised be the Lord, the God of Israel,
for he has come to help and he has accomplished
redemption for his people.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David

⁷⁰ (as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from long
ago),

⁷¹ salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us.

⁷² He will do this to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath that he spoke to Abraham our father.

⁷⁴ He swore to grant to us that we, having been delivered out of the
hand of our enemies,

would serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ Yes, and you, child, will be called a prophet of the
Most High,

for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare his
paths,

to prepare people for his coming,

⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.

- ⁷⁸ This will happen because of the tender mercy of our God,
because of which the sunrise from on high will come to
help us,
⁷⁹ to shine on those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death.
He will do this to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

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

Chapter 2

¹ Now in those days, it came about that Caesar Augustus sent out a decree ordering that a census be taken of all the people living in the world. ² This was the first census made while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ So everyone went to his own city to be registered for the census. ⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David. ⁵ He went there to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant. ⁶ Now it came about that while they were there, the time came for her to deliver her baby. ⁷ She gave birth to a son, her firstborn child, and she wrapped him in long strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸ There were shepherds in that region who were staying in the fields, guarding their flock at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, because I bring you the good news that will bring great joy to all the people. ¹¹ Today a savior was born for you in the city of David! He is Christ the Lord! ¹² This is the sign that will be given to you: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ Suddenly there was together with the angel a great, heavenly army praising God and saying,

- ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and may there be peace on earth among people
with whom he is pleased.”

¹⁵ It came about that when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let us now go to Bethlehem, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ They hurried there and found Mary and Joseph, and saw the baby lying in the manger. ¹⁷ After they had seen him, they made known what had been said to them about this child. ¹⁸ All who heard it were amazed at what was spoken to them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept thinking about all the things she had heard, treasuring them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for everything that they had heard and seen, just as it had been spoken to them.

²¹ When it was the end of the eighth day, when he was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name he had been given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

²² When the required number of days for their purification had passed, according to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary ^[1] brought him up to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. ²³ As it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb will be set apart to the Lord.” ²⁴ So they offered a sacrifice according to what was said in the law of the Lord, “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout. He was looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷ Led by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple. When the parents brought in the infant Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, ²⁸ he took him into his arms and praised God and he said,

²⁹ “Now let your servant depart in peace, Lord, according to your word.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples:

³² A light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to your people Israel.”

³³ His father and mother ^[2] were amazed at what was said about him.

2:22 ^[1]The proper names *Joseph and Mary* were not in the original text, and are supplied for the reader from the third person plural verb.

2:33 ^[2]Some ancient copies add to the text the name of his father, *Joseph*; and some omit the mention of the mother. The most reliable copies have *his father and mother*.

³⁴ Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the downfall and rising up of many people in Israel and for a sign that is rejected—³⁵ and a sword will pierce your own soul—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”³⁶ A prophetess named Anna was there. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher. She was very old. She had lived with her husband for seven years after her virginity,³⁷ and was a widow for eighty-four years. She never left the temple but was serving with fastings and prayers, night and day.³⁸ At that very hour she came near to them and began giving thanks to God and she spoke about the child to everyone who had been waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.³⁹ When they had finished everything they were required to do according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, increasing in wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

⁴¹ His parents went every year to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.⁴² When he was twelve years old, they again went up at the customary time for the feast.⁴³ After they had stayed the full number of days for the feast, they began to return home. But the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem and his parents did not know it.⁴⁴ They assumed that he was with the group that was traveling with them, so they traveled a day’s journey. Then they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem and started looking for him there.⁴⁶ It came about that after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the middle of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.⁴⁷ All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.⁴⁸ When they saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us this way? Listen, your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”⁴⁹ He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I had to be about my Father’s business?”^[1]⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he meant by those words.⁵¹ Then he went back home with them to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² But Jesus continued to grow in wisdom and stature, and increased in favor with God and people.

2:49 ^[1]Some scholars translate “about my Father’s business” as *in my Father’s house*.

Chapter 3

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“A voice of one calling out in the wilderness,
‘Make ready the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

- ⁵ Every valley will be filled,
and every mountain and hill will be made low,
and the crooked roads will be made straight,
and the uneven places will be built into roads,
⁶ and all flesh will see the salvation of God.”

⁷ So John said to the crowds who were coming out to be baptized by him, “You offspring of vipers! Who warned you to run away from the wrath that is coming? ⁸ Therefore, produce fruits that are worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say within yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father,’ for I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. ⁹ Even now the ax is set against the root of the trees. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰ Then the crowds kept asking him, saying, “What then are we to do?” ¹¹ He answered and said to them, “If someone has two tunics, he should share it with a person who has none, and the one having food should do the same.” ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, “Teacher, what must we do?” ¹³ He said to them, “Do not collect more money than you have been ordered to collect.” ¹⁴ Some soldiers also asked him, saying, “What about us? What must we do?” He said to them, “Do not take money from anyone by force, and do not accuse anyone falsely. Be content with your wages.”

¹⁵ Now as the people were eagerly expecting the Christ to come, everyone was wondering in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ. ¹⁶ John answered by saying to them all, “As for me,

I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy even to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to thoroughly clear off his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his storehouse. But he will burn up the chaff with fire that can never be put out.”

¹⁸ With many other exhortations also, John preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ When Herod the tetrarch had been reproved for marrying his brother’s wife Herodias, and for all the other evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ he added this to them all, that he locked John up in prison.

²¹ Now it came about, when all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized, and while he was praying, the heavens opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit in bodily form came down on him like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, whom I love. I am pleased with you.”

²³ When Jesus began his ministry, he was about thirty years of age. He was the son (as it was assumed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, ²⁴ the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph. ²⁵ Joseph was 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 Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda. ²⁷ Joda was the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Salathiel, the son of Neri, ²⁸ the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, 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 Levi was the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, ³¹ the son of Melea, the son of Menna, 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 Nahshon was the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, 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 Shelah was 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

¹ Then Jesus, being full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River, and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of that time he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man does not live on bread alone.’” ⁵ Then the devil led Jesus up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in an instant of time. ⁶ The devil said to him, “I will give to you all this authority and all their splendor, for they have been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want. ⁷ So then, if you will bow down and worship me, it will be yours.” ⁸ But Jesus answered and said to him, “It is written, ‘You will worship the Lord your God, and you will serve only him.’” ⁹ Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem and put him on the very highest point of the temple building, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written,

‘He will give orders to his angels regarding you, to protect you,’

¹¹ and, ‘They will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Answering him, Jesus said, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished testing Jesus, he went away and left him until another time.

¹⁴ Then Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread throughout the entire surrounding region. ¹⁵ Then he began to teach in their synagogues and he was praised by all.

¹⁶ He came into Nazareth, where he had been raised, and as was his custom, he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day and he stood up to read aloud. ¹⁷ The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He opened the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he anointed me to tell good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the captives,

and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ He began to speak to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² Everyone there spoke well of him and they were amazed at the gracious words which were coming out of his mouth, and they asked, “Is this not the son of Joseph?” ²³ He said to them, “Surely you will say this proverb to me, ‘Doctor, heal yourself. Whatever we heard that you did in Capernaum, do the same in your hometown.’” ²⁴ But he said, “Truly I say to you, no prophet is received in his own hometown. ²⁵ But in truth I tell you that there were many widows in Israel during the time of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, and a great famine came upon all the land. ²⁶ But Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath in Sidon, to a widow living there. ²⁷ There were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet, but none of them were healed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were filled with rage when they heard these things. ²⁹ They got up, forced him out of the town, and led him to the cliff of the hill on which their town was built, so they might throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the middle of them and he went to another place.

³¹ Then he went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and he began to teach them on the Sabbath. ³² They were astonished at his teaching, because he spoke with authority. ³³ Now in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴ “Ah! What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” ³⁵ Jesus rebuked the demon, saying, “Do not speak! Come out of him!” When the demon had thrown the man down in the middle of them, he came out of him, and did not harm him in any way. ³⁶ All the people were very amazed, and they kept talking about it with one another. They said, “What kind of words are these? He commands the unclean spirits with authority and power and they come out.” ³⁷ So news about him began to spread into every part of the surrounding region.

³⁸ Then Jesus left the synagogue and entered into the house of Simon.

Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering with a high fever, and they pleaded with him on her behalf. ³⁹ So he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and started serving them.

⁴⁰ When the sun was setting, people brought to Jesus everyone who was sick with various kinds of diseases. He laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹ Demons also came out from many of them, crying out and saying, "You are the Son of God!" Jesus rebuked the demons and would not let them speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴² When daybreak came, he went out into a solitary place. Crowds of people were looking for him and came to the place where he was. They tried to keep him from going away from them. ⁴³ But he said to them, "I must also preach the good news about the kingdom of God to many other cities, because this is the reason I was sent here."

⁴⁴ Then he continued to preach in the synagogues throughout Judea.

Chapter 5

¹ Now it happened, while the people were crowding around Jesus and listening to the word of God, that he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. ² He saw two boats pulled up by the edge of the lake. The fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Jesus got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put it out in the water a short distance from the land. Then he sat down and taught the people out of the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Take the boat out into the deeper water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked all night, and caught nothing, but at your word, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they gathered a very large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ So they motioned to their partners in the other boat that they should come and help them. They came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord." ⁹ For he was amazed, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken. ¹⁰ This included James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid, because from now on you will catch men." ¹¹ When they had

brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

¹² It came about that while he was in one of the cities, a man full of leprosy was there. When he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” ¹³ Then Jesus reached out his hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing. Be clean.” Immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ He instructed him to tell no one, but told him, “Go on your way, and show yourself to the priest and offer a sacrifice for your cleansing, according to what Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.” ¹⁵ But the report about him spread even farther, and large crowds of people came together to hear him teach and to be healed of their sicknesses. ¹⁶ But he often withdrew into the deserted places and prayed.

¹⁷ It came about on one of those days that he was teaching, and there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there who had come from many different villages in the regions of Galilee and Judea, and also from the town of Jerusalem. The power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸ Now some men came, carrying on a mat a man that was paralyzed, and they looked for a way to bring him inside in order to lay him down in front of Jesus. ¹⁹ They could not find a way to bring him in because of the crowd, so they went up to the housetop and let the man down through the tiles, on his mat, into the midst of the people, right in front of Jesus. ²⁰ Seeing their faith, Jesus said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” ²¹ The scribes and the Pharisees began to question this, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ²² But Jesus, perceiving what they were thinking, answered and said to them, “Why are you questioning this in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you’ or to say ‘Get up and walk?’ ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,”—he said to the paralysed man—“I tell you, get up, pick up your mat and go to your house.” ²⁵ Immediately he got up in front of them and picked up the mat on which he was lying. Then he went away to his house, glorifying God. ²⁶ Everyone was amazed and they glorified God. They were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”

²⁷ After these things happened, Jesus went out from there and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax collector’s tent. He said to him, “Follow me.” ²⁸ So Levi got up and followed him, leaving everything behind.

²⁹ Then Levi gave a big banquet in his house for Jesus. There were many tax collectors there and other people who were reclining at the table and eating with them. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and other sinful people?” ³¹ Jesus answered them, “People who are well do not need a physician; only those who are sick. ³² I did not come to call righteous people to repentance, but to call sinners to repentance.”

³³ They said to him, “The disciples of John often fast and pray, and the disciples of the Pharisees do the same. But your disciples eat and drink.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Can anyone make the wedding attendants of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is still with them? ³⁵ But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, then in those days they will fast.” ³⁶ Then Jesus also spoke a parable to them. “No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and uses it to mend an old garment. If he did that, he would tear the new garment, and the piece of cloth from the new garment would not fit with the cloth of the old garment. ³⁷ No one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does that, the new wine would burst the skins, and the wine would be spilled, and the wineskins would be destroyed. ³⁸ But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. ³⁹ No one after drinking old wine wants the new, for he says, ‘The old is better.’”

Chapter 6

¹ Now it happened on a Sabbath that Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them between their hands, and eating the grain. ² But some of the Pharisees said, “Why are you doing something that is not lawful to do on the Sabbath day?” ³ Answering them, Jesus said, “Have you not even read what David did when he was hungry, he and the men who were with him? ⁴ He went into the house of God, and took the bread of the presence and ate some of it, and also gave some to the men who were with him to eat, even though it was only lawful for the priests to eat it.” ⁵ Then he said to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

⁶ It happened on another Sabbath that he went into the synagogue and taught the people there. A man was there whose right hand was withered.

⁷ The scribes and the Pharisees were watching him closely to see whether

he would heal someone on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. ⁸ But he knew what they were thinking and he said to the man whose hand was withered, "Get up, and stand here in the middle of everyone." So the man got up and stood there. ⁹ Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save a life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰ Then he looked around at them all and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹ But they were filled with anger and they talked to each other about what they might do to Jesus.

¹² It happened in those days that he went out to the mountain to pray. He continued all night in prayer to God. ¹³ When it was day, he called his disciples to him, and he chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles. ¹⁴ The names of the apostles were Simon (whom he also named Peter) and his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, ¹⁵ Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. ¹⁷ Then Jesus came down the mountain with them and stood on a level place with a large crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to listen to him and to be healed of their diseases. People who were troubled with unclean spirits were also healed. ¹⁹ Everyone in the crowd kept trying to touch him because power to heal was coming out from him, and he healed them all.

²⁰ Then he looked at his disciples, and said, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because you will surely have a great reward in heaven, for their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. ²⁴ But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. ²⁵ Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry later. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep later. ²⁶ Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ But I say to you who are listening, love your enemies and do good to those who hate you. ²⁸ Bless those who curse you and pray for those

who mistreat you. ²⁹ To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer him also the other. If someone takes away your coat, do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you. If someone takes away something that belongs to you, do not ask him to give it back to you. ³¹ As you want people to do to you, you should do the same to them. ³² If you only love people who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good only to people who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you only lend to people from whom you expect to be repaid, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies and do good to them. Lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind toward unthankful and evil people. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A generous amount—pressed down, shaken together and spilling over—will pour into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

³⁹ Then he also told them a parable. “Can a blind person guide another blind person? If he did, they would both fall into a pit, would they not? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not greater than his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you look at the tiny piece of straw that is in your brother’s eye, but you do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the piece of straw that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not even see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the piece of straw that is in your brother’s eye. ⁴³ For there is no good tree that produces rotten fruit, nor is there a rotten tree that produces good fruit. ⁴⁴ For each tree is known by the kind of fruit it produces. For people do not gather figs from a thornbush, nor do they gather grapes from a briar bush. ⁴⁵ The good man from the good treasure of his heart produces what is good, and the evil man from the evil treasure of his heart produces what is evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

⁴⁶ Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and yet you do not obey the things that I say? ⁴⁷ Every person who comes to me and hears my words and

obeys them, I will tell you what he is like. ⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep in the ground and built the house's foundation on solid rock. When a flood came, the torrent of water flowed against that house, but could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the person who hears my words and does not obey them, he is like a man who built a house on top of the ground without a foundation. When the torrent of water flowed against that house, it immediately collapsed, and the ruin of that house was complete.”

Chapter 7

¹ After Jesus had finished everything he was saying in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum.

² Now a centurion had a slave who was highly regarded by him, and he was sick and about to die. ³ When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ When they had come to Jesus, they asked him earnestly, saying, “He is worthy to have you do this for him, ⁵ because he loves our nation, and he is the one who built the synagogue for us.” ⁶ So Jesus continued on his way with them. But when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, because I am not worthy for you to come under my roof. ⁷ For this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you, but just say a word and my servant will be healed. ⁸ For I also am a man who is under authority, with soldiers under me. I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another one, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ⁹ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him said, “I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.” ¹⁰ When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant was well.

¹¹ Soon after that, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he came near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother (who was a widow), and a rather large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, he was deeply moved with compassion for her and said to her, “Do not cry.” ¹⁴ Then he went up and touched the wooden frame on which they carried the body, and

those carrying it stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.”¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.¹⁶ Then fear overcame all of them, and they kept praising God, saying, “A great prophet has been raised among us” and “God has looked upon his people.”¹⁷ This news about Jesus spread throughout the whole of Judea and all the neighboring regions.

¹⁸ John’s disciples told him about all these things.¹⁹ Then John called two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to say, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?”²⁰ When they had come near to Jesus, the men said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you to say, ‘Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for another?’”²¹ In that hour he healed many people from sicknesses and afflictions and from evil spirits, and to many blind people he gave sight.²² Jesus answered and said to them, “After you have gone on your way, report to John what you have seen and heard. Blind people are receiving sight, lame people are walking, lepers are being cleansed, deaf people are hearing, people who have died are being raised back to life, and needy people are being told the good news.²³ The person who does not stop believing in me because of my actions is blessed.”

²⁴ After John’s messengers had gone away, Jesus began to say to the crowds about John, “What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed shaken by the wind?²⁵ But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothes? Look, those who wear expensive clothing and who live in luxury are in kings’ palaces.²⁶ But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.²⁷ This is he of whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

²⁸ I say to you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he is.”²⁹ (When all the people heard this, including the tax collectors, they declared that God is righteous, because they had been baptized with the baptism of John.³⁰ But the Pharisees and the experts in Jewish law rejected God’s purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.)³¹ “To what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like?³² They are like children playing in the

marketplace, who sit and call to one another and say, ‘We played a flute for you, and you did not dance. We sang a funeral song, and you did not cry.’³³ For John the Baptist came eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’³⁴ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, he is a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’³⁵ But wisdom is justified by all her children.”

³⁶ Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to eat with him. So after Jesus entered into the Pharisee’s house, he reclined at the table to eat.

³⁷ Behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner. When she found out that he was reclining at the table in the Pharisee’s house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfumed oil.³⁸ As she stood behind him near his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and she wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with perfumed oil.³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this, he thought to himself, saying, “If this man were a prophet, then he would know who and what type of woman is touching him, that she is a sinner.”

⁴⁰ Jesus responded and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” He said, “Say it, Teacher!”⁴¹ Jesus said, “A certain moneylender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.⁴² When they could not pay him, he forgave them both. Therefore, which of them will love him more?”⁴³ Simon answered him and said, “I suppose the one whom he forgave the most.” Jesus said to him, “You have judged correctly.”⁴⁴ Jesus turned to the woman and said to Simon, “You see this woman. I have entered into your house. You gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but from the time I came in she did not stop kissing my feet.⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfumed oil.⁴⁷ Therefore I say to you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven—for she loved much. But the one who is forgiven little, loves little.”⁴⁸ Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”⁴⁹ Those reclining together began to say among themselves, “Who is this that even forgives sins?”⁵⁰ Then Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

Chapter 8

¹ It happened soon afterward that Jesus began traveling around to

different cities and villages, preaching and proclaiming the good news about the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him,² as well as certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and diseases: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had been driven out;³ Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's manager; Susanna; and many others, who, out of their possessions, provided for their needs.

⁴ While a large crowd of people was gathering, and people were coming to him from town after town, he told a parable:⁵ "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some fell beside the road and it was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the sky devoured it.⁶ Some fell on the rock, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.⁷ Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up together with the seed and choked it.⁸ But some fell on good soil and produced a crop that was a hundred times greater." After Jesus had said these things, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear."

⁹ His disciples asked him what this parable meant.¹⁰ He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but for others I speak in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'¹¹ Now this is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God.¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard, but then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so they may not believe and be saved.¹³ The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But they have no root; they believe for a while, and in a time of testing they fall away.¹⁴ The seeds that fell among the thorns are people who hear the word, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and their fruit does not mature.¹⁵ But the seed that fell on the good soil, these are the ones who, hearing the word with an honest and good heart, hold it securely and bear fruit with patient endurance.

¹⁶ No one lights a lamp and covers it with a bowl or puts it under a bed. Rather, he puts it on a lampstand so that everyone who enters may see the light.¹⁷ For nothing is hidden that will not be made known, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come into the light.¹⁸ So listen carefully, for to the one who has, more will be given to him, but the one who does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken away from him."

¹⁹ Then his mother and brothers came to him, but they could not get near him because of the crowd. ²⁰ He was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.” ²¹ But Jesus answered and said to them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

²² Now one day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” They set sail. ²³ But as they sailed he fell asleep. A terrible windstorm came down on the lake, and their boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴ Then Jesus’ disciples came over to him and woke him up, saying, “Master! Master! We are about to die!” He awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water, and they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Where is your faith?” and they were afraid. While they were afraid they were also amazed, and they asked one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?”

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped on the land, he was met by a certain man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and he said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For many times it had seized him, and though he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and he would be driven by the demon into the wilderness. ³⁰ Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” and he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered into him. ³¹ They kept begging him not to send them into the abyss. ³² Now a large herd of pigs was there feeding on the hillside. The demons begged him to let them go into them, and he gave them permission. ³³ So the demons came out of the man and went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep slope into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and told about it in the city and countryside. ³⁵ So the people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone out. He was sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Then those who had seen it told them how the man who had

been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to depart from them, for they were overwhelmed with great fear. So he got into the boat so they could start back. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged him to let him go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home and give a full account of what God has done for you.” The man went on his way, proclaiming throughout the whole city what Jesus had done for him.

⁴⁰ Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. ⁴¹ Behold, a man named Jairus, who was one of the leaders of the synagogue, came and fell down at Jesus’ feet, and he begged him to come to his house, ⁴² because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve years of age, was dying. As Jesus was on his way, the crowds of people pressed together around him.

⁴³ Now a woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years and had spent all her money ^[1], and could not be healed by anyone. ⁴⁴ She came behind Jesus and touched the edge of his coat, and immediately her bleeding stopped. ⁴⁵ Jesus said, “Who was it who touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds of people are all around you and they are pressing in against you.” ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, “Someone did touch me, for I know that power has gone out from me.” ⁴⁷ When the woman saw that she could not escape notice, she came trembling and fell down before him. In the presence of all the people she declared why she had touched him and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”

⁴⁹ While he was still speaking, someone came from the synagogue leader’s house, saying, “Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the teacher any longer.” ⁵⁰ But when Jesus heard this, he answered Jairus, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be healed.” ⁵¹ When he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father of the child and her mother. ⁵² Now all were mourning and wailing for her, but he said, “Do not weep; she is not dead but asleep.” ⁵³ But they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But he took her by the hand and called out, saying, “Child, get up!” ⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. He ordered them to get her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them to

8:43 ^[1]Scholars are divided whether the phrase *[she] had spent all her money* should be included here.

tell no one what had happened.

Chapter 9

¹ He called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to cure diseases. ² He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³ He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey—no staff, no wallet, no bread, no money, and no extra tunic. ⁴ Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave. ⁵ Wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town, shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” ⁶ Then they departed and went through the villages, proclaiming the good news and healing everywhere.

⁷ Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, ⁸ and others said that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had risen. ⁹ Herod said, “I beheaded John. Who is this about whom I hear such things?” And so he tried to see him.

¹⁰ When the apostles returned, they told him everything they had done. Then he took them with him, and they went away privately to a town called Bethsaida. ¹¹ But when the crowds heard about this, they followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and he cured those who needed healing. ¹² Now the day was about to come to an end, and the twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and food, because we are here in an isolated place.” ¹³ But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all these people.” ¹⁴ (There were about five thousand men.) He said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” ¹⁵ So they did this, and made the people sit down. ¹⁶ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, he blessed them and broke them into pieces, and he gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷ They all ate and were satisfied, and what was left over was picked up—twelve baskets of broken pieces.

¹⁸ It came about while Jesus was praying by himself, the disciples were with him. He questioned them, saying, “Who do the crowds say that I

am?”¹⁹ They answered, “John the Baptist. But others say Elijah, and others say that one of the prophets from long ago has risen.”²⁰ Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”²¹ But he strongly warned them to tell this to no one,²² saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and he will be killed and on the third day be raised.”²³ Then he said to them all, “If anyone wants to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.²⁴ Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.²⁵ What good is it for a person to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit himself?²⁶ Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his own glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.²⁷ But I say to you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

²⁸ Now about eight days after Jesus said these words, he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.²⁹ As he was praying, the form of his face was changed, and his clothes became brilliant white.³⁰ Behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah,³¹ who appeared in glorious splendor. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to completion in Jerusalem.³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men who were standing with him.³³ As they were going away from Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)³⁴ As he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered into the cloud.³⁵ A voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, the one who is chosen; listen to him.”³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

³⁷ Now on the next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him.³⁸ Behold, a man from the crowd cried out, saying, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child.³⁹ You see, a spirit takes control over him and he suddenly screams; it causes him to have convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It hardly ever leaves

him and it bruises him badly. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to force it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹ Jesus answered and said, “You unbelieving and depraved generation, how long must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² While the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and shook him with convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ Then they were all amazed at the greatness of God. While they all were marveling at everything he was doing, he said to his disciples, ⁴⁴ “Let these words go deeply into your ears: The Son of Man will be betrayed into the hands of men.” ⁴⁵ But they did not understand this statement. It was hidden from them, so they could not know its meaning, and yet they were afraid to ask about this statement.

⁴⁶ Then an argument started among them about which of them would be the greatest. ⁴⁷ But Jesus, knowing the reasoning in their hearts, took a little child and put him by his side ⁴⁸ and said to them, “Whoever welcomes this child in my name, welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me. For whoever is least among you all is the one who is great.”

⁴⁹ John answered, “Master, we saw someone forcing out demons in your name and we prevented him, because he does not follow along with us.” ⁵⁰ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said, “because whoever is not against you is for you.”

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² He sent messengers on ahead of him, and they went and entered into a Samaritan village to prepare everything for him. ⁵³ But the people there did not welcome him, because he had set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and destroy them?” ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them, ⁵⁶ and they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds in the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ Then he said to another, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ But he said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim far and wide the

kingdom of God.”⁶¹ Then someone else said, “I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say goodbye to those in my home.”⁶² Jesus replied to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Chapter 10

¹ Now after these things, the Lord appointed seventy ^[1] others, and sent them out two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Do not carry a money bag, or a traveler’s bag, or sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘May peace be on this house!’ ⁶ If a person of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in that same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not move around from house to house. ⁸ Whatever town you enter, and they receive you, eat what is set before you, ⁹ and heal the sick that are there. Say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come close to you.’ ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘Even the dust from your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you! But know this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹² I say to you that on the judgment day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. ¹³ Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. ¹⁵ You, Capernaum, do you think you will be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. ¹⁶ The one who listens to you listens to me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons submitted to us in your name.” ¹⁸ Jesus said to them, “I was watching Satan fall from heaven as lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and

10:1 ^[1]Many of the best ancient copies read “seventy” but some read “seventy-two”

nothing will in any way hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice only in this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice even more that your names are engraved in heaven.”

²¹ At that same time he rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you concealed these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to those who are untaught, like little children. Yes, Father, for so it was well pleasing in your sight.” ²² “All things have been entrusted to me from my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” ²³ Then he turned around to the disciples and said privately, “Blessed are those who see the things that you see. ²⁴ I say to you, many prophets and kings desired to see the things you see, and they did not see them, and to hear the things that you hear, and they did not hear them.”

²⁵ Behold, a certain teacher of the Jewish laws stood up so that he might test him, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ He gave an answer and he said, “You will love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.” ²⁹ But the teacher, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus answered him and said, “A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He fell among robbers, who stripped him of his belongings, and beat him, and left him half dead. ³¹ By chance a certain priest was going down that way, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² Similarly a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was. When he saw him, he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He approached him and bound up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, and gave them to the host, and said, ‘Take care of him and whatever extra you spend, when I return, I will repay you.’ ³⁶ Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷ The teacher said, “The one who showed mercy to him.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do the

same.”

³⁸ Now as they were traveling along, he entered into a certain village, and a certain woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and heard his word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was overly busy with preparing to serve a meal. She came up to Jesus, and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious about many things, ⁴² but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is best, which will not be taken away from her.”

Chapter 11

¹ It happened when Jesus was praying in a certain place, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.” ² Jesus said to them, “When you pray say,

‘Father, may your name be sanctified.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us our daily bread each day.

⁴ Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive everyone
who is in debt to us.

Do not lead us into temptation.’”

⁵ Jesus said to them, “Which of you will have a friend, and will go to him at midnight, and say to him, ‘Friend, lend to me three loaves of bread, ⁶ since a friend of mine just came in from the road, and I do not have anything to set before him?’ ⁷ Then the one inside who answered him may say, ‘Do not bother me. The door is already shut, and my children, along with me, are in bed. I am not able to get up and give bread to you.’ ⁸ I say to you, even if he does not get up and give bread to you because you are his friend, yet because of your shameless persistence, he will get up and give you as many loaves of bread as you need. ⁹ I also say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For every asking person receives; and the seeking person finds; and to the person who knocks, it will be opened. ¹¹ Which father among you, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake

instead of a fish? ^[1] ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will you give a scorpion to him? ¹³ Therefore, if you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father from heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

¹⁴ Now Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. ¹⁵ But some of the people said, "By Beelzebul, the ruler of demons, he is driving out demons." ¹⁶ Others tested him and sought from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is made desolate, and a house divided against itself falls. ¹⁸ If Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ If I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your followers drive them out? Because of this, they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you. ²¹ When a strong man who is fully armed guards his own house, his goods are safe, ²² but when a stronger man overcomes him, the stronger man takes away the armor from the man, and plunders the man's possessions. ²³ The one who is not with me is against me, and the one who does not gather with me scatters. ²⁴ When an unclean spirit has gone away from a man, it passes through waterless places and looks for rest. Finding none, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' ²⁵ Having returned, it finds that house swept out and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more evil than itself and they all come in to live there. Then the final condition of that man becomes worse than the first."

²⁷ It happened that, as he said these things, a certain woman raised her voice above the crowd and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you." ²⁸ But he said, "Rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it."

²⁹ As the crowds were increasing, Jesus began to say, "This generation is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, though no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰ For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so too the Son of Man will be a sign to this generation. ³¹ The

11:11 ^[1]The best ancient copies have the shorter reading, which we follow here. Some ancient copies have a longer reading, which also is found in Matthew 7:9: *Which father among you, if your son asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone? Or a fish, will give him a snake?*

Queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and see, someone greater than Solomon is here. ³² The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation of people and will condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and see, someone greater than Jonah is here.

³³ No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it in a hidden place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light.

³⁴ Your eye is the lamp of the body. When your eye is good, the whole body is filled with light. But when your eye is bad, your body is full of darkness. ³⁵ Therefore, be careful that the light in you is not darkness.

³⁶ If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, then your whole body will be like when a lamp shines its brightness on you.”

³⁷ When he had finished speaking, a Pharisee asked him to eat with him at his house, so Jesus went in and reclined. ³⁸ The Pharisee was surprised that Jesus first did not wash before dinner. ³⁹ But the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of cups and bowls, but the inside of you is filled with greed and evil. ⁴⁰ You senseless men! Did not the one who made the outside also make the inside? ⁴¹ Give to the poor what is inside, and then all things will be clean for you.

⁴² But woe to you Pharisees, because you tithe mint and rue and every other garden herb, but you neglect justice and the love of God. It is necessary to act justly and love God, without failing to do the other things also. ⁴³ Woe to you Pharisees, for you love the front seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces. ⁴⁴ Woe to you, for you are like unmarked graves that people walk over without knowing it.”

⁴⁵ One of the teachers of the law said to him, “Teacher, what you say insults us too.” ⁴⁶ Jesus said, “Woe to you, teachers of the law! For you put people under burdens that are hard to carry, but you do not touch the burdens with one of your own fingers. ⁴⁷ Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your ancestors who killed them. ⁴⁸ So you are witnesses and you consent to the works of your ancestors, for they indeed killed them and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹ For this reason also, God’s wisdom said, ‘I will send to them prophets and apostles, and they

will persecute and kill some of them.’⁵⁰ This generation, then, will be held responsible for all the blood of the prophets shed since the world began,⁵¹ from Abel’s blood to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I say to you, this generation will be held responsible.⁵² Woe to you teachers of Jewish laws, because you have taken away the key of knowledge; you do not enter in yourselves, and you hinder those who are entering.”

⁵³ After Jesus left there, the scribes and the Pharisees opposed him and argued with him about many things,⁵⁴ trying to trap him in his own words.

Chapter 12

¹ In the meantime, when many thousands of the people were gathered together, so much that they trampled on each other, he began to say to his disciples first of all, “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.”² But there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing hidden that will not be known.³ So whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops.⁴ I say to you my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that they have no more that they can do.⁵ But I will warn you about whom to fear. Fear the one who, after he has killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I say to you, fear him.⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God.⁷ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear. You are more valuable than many sparrows.⁸ I say to you, everyone who confesses me before men, the Son of Man will also confess before the angels of God,⁹ but he who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God.¹⁰ Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him, but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.¹¹ When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you will speak in your defense, or what you will say,¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that hour what you should say.”

¹³ Then someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”¹⁴ Jesus said to him, “Man, who made

me a judge or a mediator over you?”¹⁵ He said to them, “Watch that you keep yourselves from all greedy desires, because a person’s life does not consist of the abundance of his possessions.”¹⁶ Then Jesus told them a parable, saying, “The field of a rich man yielded abundantly,¹⁷ and he reasoned with himself, saying, ‘What will I do, because I do not have a place to store my crops?’¹⁸ He said, ‘This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all of my grain and other goods.’¹⁹ I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Rest easy, eat, drink, be merry.’”²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Foolish man, tonight your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’²¹ That is what someone is like who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

²² Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat—or about your body, what you will wear.²³ For life is more than food, and the body is more than clothes.²⁴ Consider the ravens, that they do not sow or reap. They have no storeroom or barn, but God feeds them. How much more valuable you are than the birds!²⁵ Which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his lifespan?²⁶ If then you are not able to do such a very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?²⁷ Consider the lilies—how they grow. They do not labor, neither do they spin. Yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.²⁸ If God so clothes the grass in the field, which exists today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!²⁹ Do not look for what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not be anxious.³⁰ For all the nations of the world look for these things, and your Father knows that you need them.³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.³² Do not fear, little flock, because your Father is very pleased to give you the kingdom.³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Make for yourselves purses which will not wear out—treasure in the heavens that does not run out, where no thief comes near, and no moth destroys.³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ Let your long clothing be tucked in at your belt, and let your lamps be kept burning,³⁶ and be like people looking for their master when he returns from the marriage feast, so that when he comes and knocks, they may immediately open the door for him.³⁷ Blessed are those servants

whom the master will find watching when he comes. Truly I say to you, he will tuck in his long clothing at his belt, and have them sit down at the table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If the master comes in the second watch of the night, or if even in the third watch, and finds them ready, blessed are those servants. ³⁹ But understand this, that if the master of the house had known the hour the thief was coming he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ Be ready also, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man comes.”

⁴¹ Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable only to us, or also to everyone?” ⁴² The Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager whom his lord will set over his other servants to give them their portion of food at the right time? ⁴³ Blessed is that servant whom his lord finds doing that when he comes. ⁴⁴ Truly I say to you that he will set him over all his property. ⁴⁵ But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My lord delays his return,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink, and to become drunk, ⁴⁶ the lord of that servant will come in a day when he does not expect, and in an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and appoint a place for him with the unfaithful. ⁴⁷ That servant, having known his lord’s will, and not having prepared or done according to his will, will be beaten with many blows. ⁴⁸ But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating, he will be beaten with a few blows. But everyone who has been given much, from them much will be required, and the one who has been entrusted with much, even more will be asked.

⁴⁹ I came to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish that it were already kindled. ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how I am distressed until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I came to bring peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵² For from now on there will be five in one house divided—three people against two, and two people against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ Jesus was saying to the crowds also, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ When a south wind is blowing, you say, ‘There will be a scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites, you know how to interpret the

appearance of the earth and the heavens, but how is it that you do not know how to interpret the present time? ⁵⁷ Why do you not judge what is right for yourselves? ⁵⁸ For when you go with your adversary before the magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the matter with him so that he does not drag you to the judge, and so that the judge does not deliver you to the officer, and the officer does not throw you into prison. ⁵⁹ I say to you, you will never come out from there until you have paid the very last bit of money.”

Chapter 13

¹ At that time, some people there told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate mixed with their own sacrifices. ² Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you think that these Galileans were more sinful than all the other Galileans because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you. But if you do not repent, all of you will perish in the same way. ⁴ Or those eighteen people in Siloam on whom a tower fell and killed them, do you think they were worse sinners than other men in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I say. But if you do not repent, all of you will also perish.”

⁶ Jesus told this parable, “Someone had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came and looked for fruit on it but found none. ⁷ The man said to the gardener, ‘Look, for three years I came and tried to find fruit on this fig tree and found none. Cut it down. Why let it waste the ground?’ ⁸ The gardener answered and said, ‘Leave it alone this year while I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, good; but if it does not, cut it down!’”

¹⁰ Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues during the Sabbath. ¹¹ Behold, a woman was there who for eighteen years had a spirit of weakness. She was bent over and was not able to straighten up completely. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called to her and said, “Woman, you are freed from your weakness.” ¹³ He placed his hands on her, and immediately she was straightened up and she glorified God. ¹⁴ But the synagogue ruler was indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath. So the ruler answered and said to the crowd, “There are six days in which it is necessary to work. Come and be healed then, not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ The Lord answered him and said, “Hypocrites! Does not each of you untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead it to

drink on the Sabbath? ¹⁶ So too this daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, should her bonds not be untied on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ As he said these things, all those who opposed him were ashamed, but the whole crowd was rejoicing over all the glorious things he did.

¹⁸ Then Jesus said, "What is the kingdom of God like, and what can I compare it to? ¹⁹ It is like a mustard seed that a man took and threw into his garden, and it grew into a big tree, and the birds of heaven built their nests in its branches."

²⁰ Again he said, "To what can I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹ It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of flour until it spread through all the flour."

²² Then Jesus traveled through the towns and villages, teaching and making his way toward Jerusalem. ²³ Someone said to him, "Lord, are only a few people to be saved?" So he said to them, ²⁴ "Struggle to enter through the narrow door, because, I say to you, many will want to enter, but will not be able to enter. ²⁵ Once the owner of the house gets up and locks the door, then you will stand outside and pound the door and say, 'Lord, Lord, let us in.' He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you or where you are from.' ²⁶ Then you will say, 'We ate and drank in front of you and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ But he will reply, 'I say to you, I do not know where you are from. Get away from me, you evildoers!' ²⁸ There will be crying and the grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in God's kingdom, but you are thrown out. ²⁹ They will come from the east, west, north, and south, and be seated at a table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ Know this, those who are least important will be first, and those who are most important will be last."

³¹ Shortly after, some Pharisees came and said to him, "Go and leave here because Herod wants to kill you." ³² Jesus said, "Go and tell that fox, 'Look, I cast out demons and perform healings today and tomorrow, and the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³ In any case, it is necessary for me to continue on today, tomorrow, and the following day, since it is not acceptable to kill a prophet away from Jerusalem. ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those sent to you. How often I desired to gather your children the way a hen gathers her brood

under her wings, but you did not desire this. ³⁵ See, your house is abandoned. I say to you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Chapter 14

¹ It happened one Sabbath, when he went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees to eat bread, that they were watching him closely.

² Behold, there in front of him was a man who was suffering from edema.

³ Jesus asked the experts in the Jewish law and the Pharisees, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴ But they kept silent. So Jesus took hold of him, healed him, and sent him away. ⁵ He said to them, “Which of you who has a son or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶ They were not able to give an answer to these things.

⁷ When Jesus noticed how those who were invited chose the seats of honor, he spoke a parable, saying to them, ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the place of honor, because someone may have been invited who is more honored than you.

⁹ When the person who invited both of you arrives, he will say to you, ‘Give this other person your place,’ and then in shame you will proceed to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹² Jesus also said to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbors, as they may also invite you in return, and you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid in the resurrection of the just.”

¹⁵ When one of them who sat at the table with Jesus heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is he who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” ¹⁶ But Jesus said to him, “A certain man prepared a large dinner and invited many. ¹⁷ When the dinner was prepared, he sent his servant

to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, because everything is now ready.’¹⁸ They all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please excuse me.’¹⁹ Another said, ‘I have bought five pairs of oxen, and I am going to try them out. Please excuse me.’²⁰ Then another man said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’²¹ The servant came and told his master these things. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in here the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’²² The servant said, ‘Master, what you commanded has been done, and yet there is still room.’²³ The master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.’²⁴ For I say to you, none of those men who were invited will taste my dinner.”²⁵

²⁵ Now large crowds were going with him, and he turned and said to them,²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.²⁷ Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.²⁸ For which of you who desires to build a tower does not first sit down and count the cost to calculate if he has what he needs to complete it?²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to mock him,³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’³¹ Or what king, as he goes to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take advice about whether he is able with ten thousand men to fight the other king who comes against him with twenty thousand men?³² If not, while the other army is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for conditions of peace.³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not give up all that he has cannot be my disciple.³⁴ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its taste, how can it be made salty again?³⁵ It is of no use for the soil or even for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Chapter 15

¹ Now all the tax collectors and other sinners were coming to Jesus to listen to him. ² Both the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled to each other, saying, “This man welcomes sinners, and even eats with them.”

³ Jesus spoke this parable to them, saying, ⁴ “Which one of you, if he has a hundred sheep and then loses one of them, will not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the lost one until he finds it? ⁵ Then when he has found it, he lays it across his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ When he comes to the house, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I say to you that even so, there will be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, more than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸ Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she were to lose one coin, would not light a lamp, sweep the house, and seek diligently until she has found it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I lost.’ ¹⁰ Even so, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “A certain man had two sons, ¹² and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of the wealth that falls to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all he owned and went to a country far away, and there he wasted all his wealth by living recklessly. ¹⁴ Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine spread through that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ He went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have eaten the carob pods that the pigs ate, because no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when the young son came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough food, and I am here, dying from hunger! ¹⁸ I will leave here and go to my father, and will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired servants.’” ²⁰ So the young son left and came toward his father. While he was still far away, his father saw him and was moved with compassion, and he ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² The father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and sandals on his feet. ²³ Then bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us celebrate with a feast! ²⁴ For my son was

dead, and now he is alive. He was lost, and now he is found.’ Then they began to celebrate. ²⁵ Now his older son was out in the field. As he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called to one of the servants and asked what these things might be. ²⁷ The servant said to him, ‘Your brother has come home and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has returned safely.’ ²⁸ The older son was angry and would not go in, and his father came out and begged him. ²⁹ But the older son answered and said to his father, ‘Look, these many years I slaved for you, and I never broke a rule of yours, and yet you never gave me a young goat that I might celebrate with my friends, ³⁰ but when your son came, who has devoured your living with prostitutes, you killed for him the fattened calf.’ ³¹ The father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But it was proper for us to feast and be happy, for this brother of yours was dead, and is now alive; he was lost, and has now been found.’”

Chapter 16

¹ Jesus also said to the disciples, “There was a certain rich man who had a manager, and it was reported to him that this manager was wasting his possessions. ² So the rich man called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give an account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³ The manager said to himself, ‘What should I do, since my master is taking away my management job? I do not have strength to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from my management job, people will welcome me into their houses.’ ⁵ Then the manager called for each one of his master’s debtors, and he asked the first one, ‘How much do you owe to my master?’ ⁶ He said, ‘A hundred baths of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write fifty.’ ⁷ Then the manager said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred cors of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸ The master then commended the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own people than are the children of light. ⁹ I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰ He who is faithful in very little is also faithful in much, and he who is unrighteous in very little is also unrighteous in much. ¹¹ If you have not been faithful

in using unrighteous wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? ¹² If you have not been faithful in using other people's property, who will give you money of your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

¹⁴ Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵ He said to them, "You justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts. That which is exalted among men is detestable in the sight of God. ¹⁶ The law and the prophets were in effect until John came. From that time on, the gospel of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone tries to force their way into it. ¹⁷ But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the law to become invalid.

¹⁸ Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from her husband commits adultery.

¹⁹ Now there was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and was enjoying every day his great wealth. ²⁰ A certain beggar named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² It came about that the beggar died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ So he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, a great chasm has been put in place, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot, and no one can cross over from there to us.' ²⁷ The rich man said, 'I beg you, Father Abraham, that you would send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that it may not be that they come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them listen to them.' ³⁰ The rich man replied, 'No, Father Abraham, but if someone would go to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹ But

Abraham said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’”

Chapter 17

¹ Jesus said to his disciples, “It is certain there will be things that can cause us to sin, but woe to that person through whom they come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³ Watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴ If he sins against you seven times in the day, and seven times returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him!”

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” ⁶ The Lord said, “If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted, and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷ But which of you, who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come immediately and sit down to eat’? ⁸ Will he not say to him, ‘Prepare something for me to eat, and put a belt around your clothes and serve me until I have finished eating and drinking. Then afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹ He does not thank the servant because he did the things that were commanded, does he? ¹⁰ Even so you also, when you have done everything that you are commanded, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants. We have only done what we ought to do.’”

¹¹ It came about that as he traveled to Jerusalem, he went along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered into a certain village, there he was met by ten men who were lepers. They stood far away from him ¹³ and they lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” As they went away they were cleansed. ¹⁵ When one of them saw that he was healed, he turned back, with a loud voice glorifying God. ¹⁶ He fell down at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. He was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus said, “Were not the ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Were there no others who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ He said to him, “Arise, and go. Your faith has made you well.”

²⁰ Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come,

Jesus answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with careful observing. ²¹ Neither will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or, ‘There it is!’ For look, the kingdom of God is within you.”

²² He said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. ²³ Then they will say to you, ‘Look, there! Look, here!’ But do not go out or run after them, ²⁴ for as the lightning shines brightly when it flashes from one part of the sky to another part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in his day. ²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶ As it happened in the days of Noah, even so will it also happen in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ They ate, they drank, they married, and they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark—and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise, even as it happened in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. ²⁹ But in the day that Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and sulfur from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰ After the same manner it will be in the day that the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹ In that day, do not let him who is on the housetop go down to get his goods out of the house; and do not let him who is in the field return. ³² Remember Lot’s wife. ³³ Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will save it. ³⁴ I tell you, in that night there will be two people in one bed. One will be taken, and the other will be left. ³⁵ There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken, and the other will be left.” ^{36[1]} ³⁷ They asked him, “Where, Lord?” and he said to them, “Where there is a body, there will the vultures also be gathered together.”

Chapter 18

¹ Then he spoke a parable to them about how they should always pray and not become discouraged, ² saying, “In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect people. ³ Now there was a widow in that city, and she came often to him, saying, ‘Help me get justice against my opponent.’ ⁴ For a long time he was not willing to help her, but after a while he said to himself, ‘Though I do not fear God or respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow causes me trouble, I will

^{17:36} ^[1]Luke 17:36 the best ancient copies omit, vs. 36 *There will be two in the field; one will be taken and the other left.*

help her get justice, so that she does not wear me out by her constant coming.”⁶ Then the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says.

⁷ Now will not God also bring justice to his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?⁸ I say to you that he will bring justice to them speedily. Even so, when the Son of Man comes, will he indeed find faith on the earth?”

⁹ Then he also spoke this parable to some who were persuaded in themselves that they were righteous and who despised other people,
¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray—the one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed these things about himself, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, unrighteous people, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast two times every week. I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing at a distance, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but hit his breast, saying, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ ¹⁴ I say to you, this man went back down to his house justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but everyone who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹⁵ The people were also bringing to him their infants so that he might touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Permit the little children to come to me, and do not forbid them. For the kingdom of God belongs to such ones. ¹⁷ Truly I say to you, whoever will not receive the kingdom of God like a child will definitely not enter it.”

¹⁸ A certain ruler asked him, saying, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁹ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good, except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments—do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not testify falsely, honor your father and mother.” ²¹ The ruler said, “All these things I have obeyed from the time I was a youth.” ²² When Jesus heard that, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. You must sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven—and come, follow me.” ²³ But when the ruler heard these things, he became extremely sad, for he was very rich. ²⁴ Then Jesus, seeing him, became very sad ^[1] and said, “How difficult it is for those who are rich to enter the kingdom of

18:24 ^[1]Scholars are divided whether the phrase: *[he] became very sad* should be included here. Compare vs 23.

God! ²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ Those hearing it said, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus answered, "The things which are impossible with people are possible with God." ²⁸ Peter said, "Well, we have left everything that is our own and have followed you." ²⁹ Jesus then said to them, "Truly, I say to you that there is no one who has left house, or wife, or brothers, or parents, or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, ³⁰ who will not receive much more in this world, and in the world to come, eternal life."

³¹ After he gathered the twelve to himself, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all the things that have been written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. ³² For he will be given over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked, and shamefully treated, and spit upon. ³³ After whipping him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." ³⁴ They understood none of these things, and this word was hidden from them, and they did not understand the things that were said.

³⁵ It came about that, as Jesus approached Jericho, a certain blind man was sitting by the road begging, ³⁶ and hearing a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. ³⁸ So the blind man cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." ³⁹ The ones who were walking ahead rebuked the blind man, telling him to be quiet. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me." ⁴⁰ Jesus stood still and commanded that the man be brought to him. Then when the blind man was near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, I want to receive my sight." ⁴² Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight. Your faith has healed you." ⁴³ Immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God. All the people, when they saw this, gave praise to God.

Chapter 19

¹ Jesus entered and was passing through Jericho. ² Behold, there was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but could not see over the crowd, because he was small in height. ⁴ So he ran on ahead of the people and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, because Jesus

was about to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” ⁶ So he hurried and came down and welcomed him joyfully. ⁷ When everyone saw this, they all complained, saying, “He has gone in to visit a man who is a sinner.” ⁸ Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone of anything, I will restore four times the amount.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the people who are lost.”

¹¹ As they heard these things, he continued speaking and told a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and they thought that the kingdom of God was about to appear immediately. ¹² He said therefore, “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then to return. ¹³ He called ten of his servants, and gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Conduct business until I come back.’ ¹⁴ But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We will not have this man rule over us.’ ¹⁵ It happened when he came back again, having received the kingdom, he commanded the servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what profit they had made by doing business. ¹⁶ The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.’ ¹⁷ The nobleman said to him, ‘Well done, good servant. Because you were faithful in very little, you will have authority over ten cities.’ ¹⁸ The second came, saying, ‘Your mina, lord, has made five minas.’ ¹⁹ The nobleman said to him, ‘You take charge over five cities.’ ²⁰ Another came, saying, ‘Lord, here is your mina, which I kept safely in a cloth, ²¹ for I was afraid of you, because you are a demanding person. You take up what you did not put in, and you reap what you did not sow.’ ²² The nobleman said to him, ‘By your own words I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I am a demanding person, that I take up what I did not put in, and that I reaped what I did not sow. ²³ Then why did you not put my money in the bank, so that when I returned I would have collected it with interest?’ ²⁴ The nobleman said to them that stood by, ‘Take away from him the mina, and give it to him that has the ten minas.’ ²⁵ They said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten minas.’ ²⁶ ‘I say to you, that everyone who has will be given more, but from him that has not, even that which he has will be taken away. ²⁷ But these enemies of mine, those who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here

and kill them before me.””

²⁸ When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ It came about that when he came near to Bethphage and Bethany, to the hill that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the next village. As you enter, you will find a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it to me. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³² Those who were sent went and found the colt just as Jesus had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, the owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their cloaks upon the colt and set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the place where the Mount of Olives descends, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ Jesus answered and said, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would cry out.”

⁴¹ When Jesus approached the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, “If only you had known in this day, even you, the things which bring you peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you when your enemies will build a barricade around you, and surround you, and press in on you from every side. ⁴⁴ They will strike you down to the ground and your children with you. They will not leave one stone upon another, because you did not recognize it when God was trying to save you.”

⁴⁵ Jesus entered the temple and began to cast out those who were selling, ⁴⁶ saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house will be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

⁴⁷ So Jesus was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the leaders of the people wanted to kill him, ⁴⁸ but they could not find a way to do it, because all the people were listening to him intently.

Chapter 20

¹ It came about one day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came to him with the elders. ² They spoke, saying to him, “Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is who gave you this authority.” ³ He answered and said to them, “I will also ask you a question, and you tell me. ⁴ The baptism of John: was it from heaven or from men?” ⁵ They reasoned with themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’ ⁶ But if we say, ‘From men,’ all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet.” ⁷ So they answered that they did not know where it came from. ⁸ Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

⁹ He told the people this parable, “A man planted a vineyard, rented it out to vine growers, and went into another country for a long time. ¹⁰ At the appointed time he sent a servant to the vine growers, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vine growers beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ He then sent yet another servant and they also beat him, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² He also sent yet a third and they also wounded him, and threw him out. ¹³ So the lord of the vineyard said, ‘What will I do? I will send my beloved son. Maybe they will respect him.’ ¹⁴ But when the vine growers saw him, they discussed among themselves, saying, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵ They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the lord of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy these vine growers, and will give the vineyard to others.” When they heard it, they said, “May it never be!” ¹⁷ But Jesus looked at them, and said, “What is the meaning of that which is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone’?

¹⁸ Every one who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces. But on whomever it falls, it will crush.”

¹⁹ So the scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him in that very hour, for they knew that he had spoken this parable against them.

But they were afraid of the people. ²⁰ Watching him carefully, they sent out spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might find fault with his speech, so as to deliver him up to the rule and to the authority of the governor. ²¹ They asked him, saying, “Teacher, we know that you say and teach rightly, and are not influenced by anyone’s position, but you teach the truth about the way of God. ²² Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ²³ But Jesus understood their craftiness, and said to them, ²⁴ “Show me a denarius. Whose image and name is on it?” They said, “Caesar’s.” ²⁵ He said to them, “Then give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²⁶ They were not able to find fault with what he had said in front of the people, but marveling at his answer, they were silent.

²⁷ When some of the Sadducees came to him, the ones who say that there is no resurrection, ²⁸ they asked him, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife, and being childless, the man should take the brother’s wife, and have a child for his brother. ²⁹ There were seven brothers and the first took a wife, and died childless, ³⁰ and the second as well. ³¹ The third took her, and likewise the seven also left no children, and died. ³² Afterward the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection then, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as their wife.” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “The sons of this world marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are regarded as worthy in that age to receive the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage. ³⁶ Neither can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷ But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the place concerning the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is not the God of the dead, but of the living, because all live to him.” ³⁹ Some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have answered well.” ⁴⁰ For they did not dare ask him any more questions.

⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “How do they say that the Christ is David’s son?”

⁴² For David himself says in the Book of Psalms,

The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,

⁴³ until I make your enemies your footstool.’

⁴⁴ David therefore calls the Christ ‘Lord’, so how is he David’s son?”

⁴⁵ In the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, ⁴⁶ “Beware of the scribes, who desire to walk in long robes, and love special greetings in the marketplaces, and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief places at feasts. ⁴⁷ They also devour widows’ houses, and for a show they make long prayers. Men like this will receive greater condemnation.”

Chapter 21

¹ Jesus looked up and saw the rich men who were putting their gifts into the treasury. ² He saw a certain poor widow putting in two mites. ³ So he said, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them. ⁴ All of these gave gifts out of their abundance. But this widow, out of her poverty, put in all she had to live on.”

⁵ As some spoke of the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and offerings, he said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left on another which will not be torn down.” ⁷ So they asked him, saying, “Teacher, when will these things happen? What will be the sign when these things are about to happen?” ⁸ Jesus answered, “Be careful that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not go after them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and riots, do not be terrified, for these things must happen first, but the end will not happen immediately.”

¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues. There will be terrifying events and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all of these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you over to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. ¹⁴ Therefore resolve in your hearts not to prepare your defense ahead of time, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and wisdom that all your adversaries will not be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ But you will be delivered up also by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by everyone because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ In your endurance you will gain your souls.

²⁰ When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its destruction is near. ²¹ Then let those in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the city leave it, and those who are out in the country must not enter the city. ²² For these are days of vengeance, so that all the things that are written will be fulfilled. ²³ Woe to them who are pregnant and to them who are nursing in those days! For there will be great distress upon the land, and wrath to this people. ²⁴ They will fall by the edge of the sword, and they will be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵ There will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars, and on the earth. The nations will be in distress, anxious because of the roar of the sea and waves. ²⁶ There will be men fainting from fear and from expectation of the things which are coming upon the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your deliverance is coming near.”

²⁹ Jesus told them a parable, “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout buds, you see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ But pay attention to yourselves, so that your hearts are not burdened with the effects of drinking and intoxication, and the worries of life, and then that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon everyone living on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But be alert at all times, praying that you may be strong enough to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

³⁷ So during the days he was teaching in the temple, and at night he went out and stayed on the Mount of Olives. ³⁸ All of the people came early in the morning to hear him in the temple.

Chapter 22

¹ Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread was approaching, which is called the Passover. ² The chief priests and the scribes discussed how they could put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

³ Then Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve.

⁴ Judas went to the chief priests and captains and discussed with them how he would betray Jesus to them. ⁵ They were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶ He consented, and looked for an opportunity to deliver him to them away from the crowd.

⁷ Then came the day of unleavened bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare for us the Passover meal, so that we may eat it.” ⁹ They said to him, “Where do you want us to make preparations?” ¹⁰ He answered them, “Listen, when you have entered the city, a man bearing a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he goes into. ¹¹ Then say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room, where I will eat the Passover with my disciples?’” ¹² He will show you a large furnished upper room. Make the preparations there.”

¹³ So they went, and found everything as he had said to them. Then they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁴ When the time came, he sat down with the apostles. ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “I have greatly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I say to you, I will not eat it again, until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷ Then Jesus took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he said, “Take this, and share it among yourselves. ¹⁸ For I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine again until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ Then he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave to them, saying, “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰ He took the cup in the same way after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹ But pay attention. The one who betrays me is with me at the table. ²² For the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined. But woe to that man through whom he is betrayed!” ²³ They began to discuss among themselves which one of them it might be who would do this.

²⁴ Then there arose also a quarrel among them about which of them was

considered to be greatest. ²⁵ He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles are masters over them, and the ones who have authority over them are referred to as those who do good to their people. ²⁶ But it must not be like this with you. Instead, let the one who is the greatest among you become like the youngest, and let the one who is the most important become like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who sits at the table, or the one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ But you are the ones who have continued with me in my temptations. ²⁹ I give to you a kingdom, even as my Father has given a kingdom to me, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹ Simon, Simon, be aware, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail. After you have turned back again, strengthen your brothers.” ³³ Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” ³⁴ Jesus replied, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, before you deny three times that you know me.”

³⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “When I sent you out without a purse, a bag of provisions, or shoes, did you lack anything?” They answered, “Nothing.” ³⁶ Then he said to them, “But now, the one who has a purse, let him take it, and also a bag of provisions. The one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷ For I say to you, what is written about me must be fulfilled, ‘He was counted with the lawless ones.’ For what is predicted about me is being fulfilled.” ³⁸ Then they said, “Lord, look! Here are two swords.” He said to them, “It is enough.”

³⁹ Jesus went, as he often did, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ When they arrived, he said to them, “Pray that you do not enter into temptation.” ⁴¹ He went away from them about a stone’s throw, and he knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless not my will, but yours be done.” ⁴³ Then an angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him. ⁴⁴ Being in agony, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down upon the ground. ⁴⁵ When he rose up from his prayer, he came to the disciples, and found them sleeping because of their sorrow, ⁴⁶ and asked them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray, that you may not enter into temptation.”

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, behold, a crowd appeared, with Judas, one of the twelve, leading them. He came near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” ⁴⁹ When those who were around Jesus saw what was happening, they said, “Lord, should we strike with the sword?” ⁵⁰ Then one of them struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ Jesus said, “That is enough!” He touched his ear, and healed him. ⁵² Jesus said to the chief priests, to the captains of the temple, and to elders who came against him, “Do you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³ When I was daily with you in the temple, you did not lay your hands on me. But this is your hour, and the authority of darkness.”

⁵⁴ Seizing him, they led him away, and brought him into the high priest’s house. But Peter followed from a distance. ⁵⁵ After they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat in the midst of them. ⁵⁶ A certain female servant saw him as he sat in the light of the fire, and looked straight at him and said, “This man also was with him.” ⁵⁷ But Peter denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” ⁵⁸ After a little while someone else saw him, and said, “You are also one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.” ⁵⁹ After about an hour another man insisted and said, “Truly this man also was with him, for he is a Galilean.” ⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying.” Immediately, while he was speaking, a rooster crowed. ⁶¹ Turning, the Lord looked at Peter, and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, when he said to him, “Before a rooster crows today you will deny me three times.” ⁶² Peter went outside and wept bitterly.

⁶³ Then the men guarding Jesus mocked and beat him. ⁶⁴ They put a cover over him and asked him, saying, “Prophecy! Who is the one who hit you?” ⁶⁵ They spoke many other things against Jesus, blaspheming him.

⁶⁶ As soon as it was day, the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. They led him into the council ⁶⁷ and said, “If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸ and if I ask you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹ But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” ⁷⁰ They all said, “Then you are the Son of God?” Jesus said to them, “You say that I am.” ⁷¹ They said, “Why do we still need a witness? For we ourselves have heard from his own mouth.”

Chapter 23

¹ The whole company of them rose up and brought Jesus before Pilate.

² They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” ³ Pilate asked him, saying, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered him and said, “You say so.” ⁴ Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes, “I find no fault in this man.” ⁵ But they were insisting, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee even to this place.” ⁶ So when Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ When he discovered that he was under Herod’s authority, he sent Jesus to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem in those days.

⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, because he had wanted to see him for a long time. He had heard about him and he hoped to see some miracle done by him. ⁹ Herod questioned Jesus in many words, but Jesus answered him nothing. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood, violently accusing him. ¹¹ Herod with his soldiers insulted Jesus and they mocked him. Then they dressed him in elegant clothes and sent him back to Pilate. ¹² For Herod and Pilate had become friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been enemies with each other.

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the crowd of people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought to me this man like a man who is leading the people to act badly, and see, I, having questioned him before you, find no fault in this man concerning those things of which you accuse him. ¹⁵ No, nor does Herod, for he sent him back to us, and see, nothing worthy of death has been done by him. ¹⁶ I will therefore punish him, and release him.” ^{17[1]} ¹⁸ But they cried out all together, saying, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas!” ¹⁹ Barabbas was a man who had been put into prison for a certain rebellion in the city and for murder. ²⁰ Pilate addressed them again, desiring to release Jesus. ²¹ But they shouted, saying, “Crucify him, crucify him.” ²² He said to them a third time, “Why, what evil has this man done? I have found nothing deserving the death penalty in him. Therefore after punishing him, I will release him.” ²³ But they were insistent with loud voices, demanding for him to be crucified. Their voices convinced Pilate. ²⁴ So

23:17 ^[1]The best ancient copies omit Luk. 23:17, *Now Pilate was obligated to release to the Jews one prisoner at the feast.*

Pilate decided to grant their demand. ²⁵ He released the one they asked for who had been put in prison for rioting and murder. But he delivered up Jesus to their will.

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him to carry, following Jesus.

²⁷ A great crowd of the people, and of women who grieved and mourned for him, were following him. ²⁸ But turning to them, Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For see, the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that did not bear, and the breasts that did not nurse.’ ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹ For if they do these things while the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³² Other men, two criminals, were led away with him to be put to death.

³³ When they came to the place that is called “The Skull,” there they crucified him, and the criminals—one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” Then they cast lots, dividing up his garments. ³⁵ The people stood watching while the rulers also were mocking him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, the chosen one.” ³⁶ The soldiers also ridiculed him, approaching him, offering him vinegar, ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.” ³⁸ There was also a sign over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who was hanging there insulted him by saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We indeed are here justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds. But this man did nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour ⁴⁵ as the sun’s light failed. Then the curtain of the temple was split in two. ⁴⁶ Crying with a loud voice, Jesus said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” Having said this, he died.

⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying,

“Surely this was a righteous man.”⁴⁸ When all the multitudes who came together to witness this sight saw the things that were done, they returned beating their breasts.⁴⁹ But all those who knew him, and the women who followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰ Behold, there was a man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council. He was a good and righteous man.⁵¹ This man had not agreed with the decision of the Council and their action. He was from the Judean town of Arimathea; and he was looking for the kingdom of God.⁵² This man, approaching Pilate, asked for the body of Jesus.⁵³ He took it down, wrapped it in fine linen, and placed it in a tomb that was cut in stone, where no one had ever been laid.⁵⁴ It was the Day of the Preparation, and the Sabbath was about to begin.⁵⁵ The women who had come with Jesus out of Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid.⁵⁶ They returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

Then on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Chapter 24

¹ Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.³ They entered in, but did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.⁴ It happened that, while they were confused about this, suddenly, two men stood by them in bright shining robes.⁵ As the women were filled with fear and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said to the women, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?”⁶ He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he spoke to you when he was still in Galilee,⁷ saying that the Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”⁸ The women remembered his words,⁹ and returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven and all the rest.¹⁰ Now Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them reported these things to the apostles.¹¹ But this message seemed like idle talk to the apostles, and they did not believe the women.¹² Yet Peter rose up and ran to the tomb, and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves. Peter then departed to his home, wondering what had happened.

¹³ Behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named

Emmaus, which was sixty stadia from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They discussed with each other about all the things that had happened. ¹⁵ It happened that, while they discussed and questioned together, Jesus himself approached and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, “What are the two of you talking about as you walk?” They stood there looking sad. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only person in Jerusalem who does not know the things which have happened there these days?” ¹⁹ Jesus said to them, “What things?” They answered him, “The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had confidence that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. Yes, and what is more, it is now the third day since all these things happened. ²² But also, some women of our company amazed us, having been at the tomb early in the morning. ²³ When they did not find his body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some men who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said. But they did not see him.” ²⁵ Jesus said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things, and to enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning from Moses and through all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things concerning himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as though he were going further. ²⁹ But they compelled him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is almost over.” So Jesus went in to stay with them. ³⁰ It happened that, when he had sat down with them to eat, he took the bread, blessed it, and breaking it, he gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they knew him, and he vanished out of their sight. ³² They said one to another, “Was not our heart burning within us, while he spoke to us on the way, while he opened to us the scriptures?” ³³ They rose up that very hour, and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven gathered together, and those who were with them, ³⁴ saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ So they told the things that happened on the way, and how Jesus was shown to them in the breaking of the bread.

³⁶ As they spoke these things, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace be to you.” ³⁷ But they were terrified and filled

with fear, and supposed that they saw a spirit. ³⁸ Jesus said to them, “Why are you troubled? Why do questions arise in your heart? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see me having.” ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ They still could not believe it because of joy, and they were amazed. Jesus said to them, “Do you have anything to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of a broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it before them.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “When I was with you, I told you that all that was written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds, that they might understand the scriptures. ⁴⁶ He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead on the third day. ⁴⁷ Repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ See, I am sending you what my Father promised. But remain in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ Then Jesus led them out until they were near Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ It happened that, while he was blessing them, he left them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² So they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ They were continually in the temple, blessing God.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
JOHN

Chapter 1

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² This one was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him there was not one thing made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man who was sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ John was not the light, but came that he might testify about the light. ⁹ The true light, which gives light to all men, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own did not receive him. ¹² But to as many as received him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³ These were not born of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and lived among us. We have seen his glory, glory as of the one and only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John testified about him and cried out, saying, “This was the one of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is greater than I am, for he was before me.’” ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received grace after grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The one and only God, who is at the side of the Father, he has made him known.

¹⁹ This is the testimony of John when the Jews sent priests and Levites to him from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰ He confessed—he did not deny, but confessed—“I am not the Christ.” ²¹ So they asked him, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” They said, “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” ²² Then they said to him, “Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?” ²³ He said,

“I am a voice, crying in the wilderness:
‘Make the way of the Lord straight,’

just as Isaiah the prophet said.”²⁴ Now some from the Pharisees were sent,²⁵ and they asked him and said to him, “Why do you baptize then if you are not the Christ nor Elijah nor the prophet?”²⁶ John answered them, saying, “I baptize with water. But among you stands someone you do not know.²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”²⁸ These things were done in Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Look, there is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!³⁰ This is the one of whom I said, ‘The one who comes after me is more than me, for he was before me.’³¹ I did not know him, but it was so that he could be revealed to Israel that I came baptizing with water.”³² John testified, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending like a dove from heaven, and it stayed upon him.³³ I did not recognize him, but he who sent me to baptize in water said to me, ‘Upon whom you shall see the Spirit descending and remaining on him, he is the one baptizing in the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ I have both seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵ Again, the next day, as John was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ they saw Jesus walking by, and John said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”³⁷ His two disciples heard him say this and they followed Jesus.³⁸ Then Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What do you want?” They replied, “Rabbi (which translated means teacher), where are you staying?”³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” Then they came and saw where he was staying; they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and then followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter.⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which translated is: Christ).⁴² He brought him to Jesus, and Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

⁴³ The next day, when Jesus wanted to leave to go to Galilee, he found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.”⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.⁴⁵ Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, “He of whom Moses wrote in the law, and the prophets, we have found

him: Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth.”⁴⁶ Nathaniel said to him, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him and said about him, “See, a true Israelite, in whom is no deceit!”⁴⁸ Nathaniel said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”⁴⁹ Nathaniel replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”⁵⁰ Jesus replied and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you underneath the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than this.”⁵¹ Then he said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Chapter 2

¹ Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples were invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why do you come to me? My time has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Whatever he says to you, do it.” ⁶ Now there were six stone water pots there used for the Jewish ceremonial washing, each containing two to three metretres. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the water pots with water.” So they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ Then he told the servants, “Take some out now and take it to the head waiter.” So they did. ⁹ The head waiter tasted the water that had become wine, but he did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew). Then he called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Every man serves the good wine first and then the cheaper wine when they are drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ This first sign Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. ¹² After this Jesus, his mother, his brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum and they stayed there for a few days.

¹³ Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ He found sellers of oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers were sitting there. ¹⁵ So he made a whip of cords and drove all of them out from the temple, including both the sheep and the oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overthrew

their tables. ¹⁶ To the pigeon sellers he said, “Take these things away from here. Stop making the house of my Father a marketplace.” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸ Then the Jewish authorities responded and said to him, “What sign will you show us, since you are doing these things?” ¹⁹ Jesus replied, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ Then the Jewish authorities said, “This temple was built in forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” ²¹ However, he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he said this, and they believed the scripture and this statement that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover festival, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he did. ²⁴ But Jesus did not trust in them because he knew them all, ²⁵ because he did not need anyone to testify to him about man, for he knew what was in man.

Chapter 3

¹ Now there was a Pharisee whose name was Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. ² This man came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher that came from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus replied to him, “Truly, truly, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” ⁵ Jesus replied, “Truly, truly, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus replied and said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. Yet you do not accept our testimony. ¹² If I told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven—

the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that all who believe in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send the Son into the world in order to condemn the world, but in order to save the world through him. ¹⁸ He who believes in him is not condemned, but he who does not believe is already condemned because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God. ¹⁹ This is the reason for the judgment: The light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.

²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, so that his deeds will not be exposed. ²¹ However, he who practices the truth comes to the light so that it may be plainly seen that his deeds have been done in God.”

²² After this, Jesus and his disciples went into the land of Judea. There he spent some time with them and baptized. ²³ Now John was also baptizing in Aenon near to Salim because there was much water there. People were coming to him and were being baptized, ²⁴ for John had not yet been thrown in prison. ²⁵ Then there arose a dispute between some of John’s disciples and a Jew about ceremonial washing. ²⁶ They went to John and said to him, “Rabbi, the one who was with you on the other side of the Jordan River, about whom you have testified, look, he is baptizing, and they are all going to him.” ²⁷ John replied, “A man cannot receive anything unless it has been given to him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but instead, ‘I have been sent before him.’” ²⁹ The bride belongs to the bridegroom. Now the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the voice of the bridegroom. This, then, is my joy made complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.

³¹ He who comes from above is above all. He who is from the earth is from the earth and speaks about the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. ³² He testifies about what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. ³³ He who has received his testimony has confirmed that God is true. ³⁴ For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God. For he does not give the Spirit by measure. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. ³⁶ He who believes

in the Son has eternal life, but the one who disobeys the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God stays on him.”

Chapter 4

¹ Now when Jesus knew that the Pharisees had heard that he was making and baptizing more disciples than John ² (although Jesus himself was not baptizing, but his disciples were), ³ he left Judea and went back again to Galilee. ⁴ But it was necessary for him to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria, called Sychar, near the piece of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ The well of Jacob was there. Jesus was tired from his journey and sat by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me some water to drink.” ⁸ For his disciples had gone away into the town to buy food. ⁹ Then the Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, being a Jew, are asking me, being a Samaritan woman, for something to drink?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, “If you had known the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you do not have a bucket and the well is deep. Where then do you have the living water?” ¹² You are not greater, are you, than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his cattle?” ¹³ Jesus replied and said to her, “Everyone who drinks from this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. Instead, the water that I will give him will become a fountain of water in him, springing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I may not become thirsty and not have to come here to draw water.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back here.” ¹⁷ The woman answered and said to him, “I do not have a husband.” Jesus replied, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” ¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that Jerusalem is the place where people have to worship.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, that an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, for salvation is from

the Jews. ²³ However, the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to be his worshipers. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and the people who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming (the one called Christ). When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one speaking to you.”

²⁷ At that moment his disciples returned. Now they were wondering why he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸ So the woman left her water pot, went back to the town, and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything that I have ever done. This could not be the Christ, could it?” ³⁰ They left the town and came to him. ³¹ In the meantime, the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to each other, “No one has brought him anything to eat, have they?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘There are four more months and then the harvest comes’? I am saying to you, look up and see the fields, for they are already ripe for harvest! ³⁶ He who is harvesting receives wages and gathers fruit for everlasting life, so that he who sows and he who harvests may rejoice together. ³⁷ For in this the saying, ‘One sows, and another harvests,’ is true. ³⁸ I sent you to harvest what you have not worked for. Others have worked, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans in that city believed in him because of the report of the woman who was testifying, “He told me everything that I have done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ Many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard, and we know that this one is indeed the savior of the world.”

⁴³ After those two days, he departed from there for Galilee. ⁴⁴ For Jesus himself declared that a prophet has no honor in his own country. ⁴⁵ When he came into Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all the things that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival, for they had also gone to the festival.

⁴⁶ Now he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. There was a certain royal official whose son in Capernaum was ill. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to Jesus and asked him to come down and heal his son, who was about to die. ⁴⁸ Jesus then said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders, you will not believe.” ⁴⁹ The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Go. Your son lives.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went away. ⁵¹ While he was going down, his servants met him, saying that his son was living. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to improve. They replied to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” ⁵³ Then the father realized that it was at that hour that Jesus had said to him, “Your son lives.” So he himself and his whole household believed. ⁵⁴ This was the second sign that Jesus did when he came out of Judea to Galilee.

Chapter 5

¹ After this there was a Jewish festival, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now in Jerusalem by the sheep gate, there is a pool, which in Hebrew is called Bethesda, and it has five roofed porches. ³ A large number of people who were sick, blind, lame, or paralyzed were lying there. ^[1] ^{4[2]} ⁵ A certain man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and after he realized that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healthy?” ⁷ The sick man replied, “Sir, I do not have anyone to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up. When I come, another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹ Immediately the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was a Sabbath. ¹⁰ So the Jews said to him who was healed, “It is the Sabbath and you are not permitted to carry your mat.” ¹¹ He replied, “He who made me healthy said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” ¹² They asked him, “Who is the man that said to you, ‘Pick it up and walk’?” ¹³ However, the one who was healed did not know who it was because Jesus had gone away secretly, for there was a crowd in the place. ¹⁴ Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him,

5:3 ^[1]The best ancient copies omit the phrase, *waiting for the moving of the water.*

5:4 ^[2]The best ancient copies omit vs. 4, *For an angel of the Lord went down and stirred up the water at certain times and whoever stepped in while the water was stirring was healed from whatever disease he suffered from.*

“See, you have become healthy! Do not sin anymore, so that something worse will not happen to you.”¹⁵ The man went away and reported to the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him healthy.¹⁶ Now because of these things the Jews persecuted Jesus, because he did these things on the Sabbath.¹⁷ Jesus replied to them, “My Father is working even now, and I, too, am working.”¹⁸ Because of this, the Jews sought even more to kill him because he not only broke the Sabbath, but also called God his own Father, making himself equal to God.

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, the Son can do nothing of himself, except only what he sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father is doing, the Son does these things also.²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and he shows him everything that he himself does, and he will show him greater things than these so that you will be amazed.²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes.²² For the Father judges no one, but he has given all judgment to the Son²³ so that everyone will honor the Son just as they honor the Father. The one who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.²⁴ Truly, truly, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned, but he has passed from death to life.²⁵ Truly, truly, I tell you the time is coming, and is now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.²⁶ For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has also given to the Son so that he has life in himself,²⁷ and the Father has given the Son authority to carry out judgment because he is the Son of Man.²⁸ Do not be amazed at this, for there is a time coming in which everyone who is in the tombs will hear his voice²⁹ and will come out. Those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

³⁰ I can do nothing from myself. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is righteous because I am not seeking my own will but the will of him who sent me.³¹ If I should testify about myself, my testimony would not be true.³² There is another who testifies about me, and I know that the testimony that he gives about me is true.³³ You have sent to John, and he has testified the truth.³⁴ But the testimony that I receive is not from man. I say these things that you might be saved.³⁵ John was a lamp that was burning and shining, and you were willing to rejoice in his light for a while.³⁶ Yet the testimony that I have is greater than that of John, for the

works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I do, testify about me that the Father has sent me.³⁷ The Father who sent me has himself testified about me. You have neither heard his voice nor seen his form at any time.³⁸ You do not have his word remaining in you, for you are not believing in the one whom he has sent.³⁹ You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and these same scriptures testify about me,⁴⁰ and you are not willing to come to me so that you may have life.⁴¹ I do not receive praise from men,⁴² but I know that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another should come in his own name, you would receive him.⁴⁴ How can you believe, you who accept praise from one another but are not seeking the praise that comes from the only God?⁴⁵ Do not think that I myself will accuse you before the Father. The one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have put your hope.⁴⁶ If you believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me.⁴⁷ If you do not believe his writings, how are you going to believe my words?"

Chapter 6

¹ After these things, Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A great crowd was following him because they saw the signs that he was doing on those who were sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴ (Now the Passover, the Jewish festival, was near.) ⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where are we going to buy bread so that these may eat?" ⁶ (But Jesus said this to test Philip, for he himself knew what he was going to do.) ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be sufficient for each one to have even a little." ⁸ One of the disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to Jesus, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five bread loaves of barley and two fish, but what are these among so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." (Now there was a lot of grass in the place.) So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves and after giving thanks, he gave it to those who were sitting. He did the same with the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When the people were filled, he said to his disciples, "Gather up the broken pieces which remain, so that nothing will be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with broken

pieces from the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ Then, when the people saw this sign that he did, they said, “This truly is the prophet who is to come into the world.” ¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and seize him by force to make him king, he withdrew again up the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When it became evening, his disciples went down to the sea. ¹⁷ They got into a boat, and were going over the sea to Capernaum. It was dark by this time, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ A strong wind was blowing, and the sea was getting rough. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about twenty-five or thirty stadia, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were afraid. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I! Do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they were willing to receive him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land where they were going.

²² The next day, the crowd that had been standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there except the one, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³ However, there were some boats that came from Tiberias close to the place where they had eaten the bread loaves after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ When the crowd discovered that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum seeking Jesus. ²⁵ After they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus replied to them, saying, “Truly, truly, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate some of the bread loaves and were filled. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but work for the food that endures to eternal life which the Son of Man will give you, for God the Father has set his seal on him.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do, so that we may do the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus replied and said to them, “This is the work of God: That you believe in the one whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign then will you do, so that we may see and believe you? What will you do?” ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Then Jesus replied to them, “Truly, truly, it was not Moses who gave you the bread out of heaven, but it is my Father who is giving you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ So they said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of

life; he who comes to me will not be hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But I told you that indeed you have seen me, and you do not believe. ³⁷ Everyone whom the Father gives me will come to me, and he who comes to me I will certainly not throw out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ This is the will of him who sent me, that I would lose not one of all those whom he has given me, but will raise them up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him would have eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day.”

⁴¹ Then the Jews grumbled about him because he had said, “I am the bread that has come down from heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Is not this Jesus son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³ Jesus replied 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 will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘Everyone will be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father, except he who is from God—he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, he who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread which comes down from heaven, so that a person may eat some of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats some of this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

⁵² The Jews became angry among themselves and began to argue, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ Then Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in yourselves. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and as I live because of the Father, so he who eats me, he will also live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that has come down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. He who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ But Jesus said these things in the synagogue while he was teaching in Capernaum.

⁶⁰ Then many of his disciples who heard this said, “This is a difficult teaching; who can accept it?” ⁶¹ Jesus, because he knew in himself that his disciples were grumbling at this, said to them, “Does this offend you?” ⁶² Then what if you should see the Son of Man going up to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who makes alive; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit, and they are life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones that would not believe and who it was who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He said, “It is because of this that I said to you that no one can come to me unless it is granted to him by the Father.”

⁶⁶ Because of this, many of his disciples went away and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ Then Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed and come to know that you are the Holy One of God.” ^[1]⁷⁰ Jesus said to them, “Did not I choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?” ⁷¹ Now he spoke of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, for it was he, one of the twelve, who would betray Jesus.

Chapter 7

¹ After these things Jesus traveled about in Galilee, for he did not want to go into Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill him. ² Now the Jewish Festival of Shelters was near. ³ His brothers therefore said to him, “Leave this place and go to Judea, so that your disciples also may see the works that you do. ⁴ No one does anything in secret if he himself wants to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.” ⁵ For even his brothers did not believe in him. ⁶ Jesus therefore said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. ⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. ⁸ You go up to the festival; I am not going to this festival because my time has not yet been fulfilled.” ⁹ After he said these things to them, he stayed in Galilee.

¹⁰ But when his brothers had gone up to the festival, then he also went up, not publicly but in secret. ¹¹ The Jews were looking for him at the festival and said, “Where is he?” ¹² There was much discussion among

^{6:69} ^[1]The phrase *the Holy One of God* is in the best ancient copies. Some later copies add an additional description and they read: *the Christ, the Holy One of God*.

the crowds about him. Some said, "He is a good man." Others said, "No, he leads the crowds astray." ¹³ Yet no one spoke openly about him for fear of the Jews.

¹⁴ When the festival was already half over, Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. ¹⁵ Then the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this man know so much? He has never been educated." ¹⁶ Jesus answered them and said, "My teaching is not mine, but is of him who sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone wishes to do his will, he will know about this teaching, whether it comes from God, or whether I speak from myself. ¹⁸ Whoever speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but whoever seeks the glory of him who sent him, that person is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him. ¹⁹ Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" ²⁰ The crowd answered, "You have a demon. Who seeks to kill you?" ²¹ Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel because of it. ²² Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the ancestors), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a man. ²³ If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses is not broken, why are you angry with me because I made a man completely healthy on the Sabbath? ²⁴ Do not judge according to appearance, but judge righteously."

²⁵ Some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is not this the one they seek to kill? ²⁶ See, he speaks openly, and they say nothing to him. It cannot be that the rulers indeed know that this is the Christ, can it? ²⁷ Yet we know where this one is from. But when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from." ²⁸ Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, "You both know me and know where I come from. I have not come of myself, but he who sent me is true, and you do not know him. ²⁹ I know him because I come from him and he sent me." ³⁰ They were trying to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him because his hour had not yet come. ³¹ But many in the crowd believed in him, and they said, "When the Christ comes, will he do more signs than what this one has done?" ³² The Pharisees heard the crowds whispering these things about Jesus, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. ³³ Jesus then said, "I am still with you for a short amount of time, and then I go to him who sent me. ³⁴ You will seek me but you will not find me; where I go, you will not be able to come." ³⁵ The Jews therefore said among themselves, "Where will this man go that we will not be able

to find him? Will he go to the dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? ³⁶ What is this word that he said, ‘You will seek me but will not find me; where I go, you will not be able to come’?”

³⁷ Now on the last, great day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in me, just as the scripture says, rivers of living water will flow from his stomach.” ³⁹ But he said this about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him would receive; the Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus was not yet glorified. ⁴⁰ Some of the crowd, when they heard these words, said, “This is indeed the prophet.” ⁴¹ Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Does the Christ come from Galilee? ⁴² Have the scriptures not said that the Christ will come from the descendants of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” ⁴³ So there arose a division in the crowds because of him. ⁴⁴ Some of them would have arrested him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵ Then the officers came back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” ⁴⁶ The officers answered, “Never has anyone spoken like this.” ⁴⁷ So the Pharisees answered them, “Have you also been deceived? ⁴⁸ Have any of the rulers believed in him, or any of the Pharisees? ⁴⁹ But this crowd that does not know the law, they are cursed.” ⁵⁰ Nicodemus (one of the Pharisees, who came to him earlier) said to them, ⁵¹ “Does our law judge a man before hearing from him and knowing what he does?” ⁵² They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and see that no prophet comes from Galilee.”

^{53[1]} [Then everyone went to his own house.

Chapter 8

^{1[2]} Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Early in the morning he came to the temple again, and all the people came; he sat down and taught them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in the act of adultery. They placed her in the middle. ^{4[3]} Then they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such people; what do you say

7:53 ^[1]The best ancient copies omit Jhn. 7:53-8:11

8:1 ^[2]See the note about Jhn. 7:53-8:11 above

8:4 ^[3]See the note about John 7:53-8:11 above

about her?"⁶ They said this in order to trap him so that they might have something to accuse him about, but Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground with his finger.^{7[1]} When they continued asking him questions, he stood up and said to them, "The one among you who has no sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."⁸ Again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground with his finger.^{9[2]} When they heard it, they left one by one, beginning with the oldest. Finally Jesus was left alone, with the woman who had been in the middle.¹⁰ Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are your accusers? Did no one condemn you?"¹¹ She said, "No one, Lord." Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."]

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."¹³ The Pharisees said to him, "You bear witness about yourself; your witness is not true."¹⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness about myself, my witness is true. I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I came from or where I am going.¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.¹⁶ Yet if I judge, my judgment is true because I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent me.¹⁷ Yes, and in your law it is written that the testimony of two men is true.¹⁸ I am he who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me."¹⁹ They said to him, "Where is your father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father; if you had known me, you would have known my Father also."²⁰ He said these words in the treasury as he taught in the temple, and no one arrested him because his hour had not yet come.

²¹ So again he said to them, "I am going away; you will seek me and will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come."²² The Jews said, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I am going you cannot come'?"²³ Jesus said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.²⁴ Therefore, I said to you that you will die in your sins. For unless you believe that I AM, you will die in your sins."²⁵ They said therefore to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "What I have said to you from the beginning.²⁶ I have many things to speak and to judge about you. However, he who sent me is true; and the things that I heard from him, these things I say to the

8:7 ^[1]See the note about Jhn. 7:53-8:11 above

8:9 ^[2]See the note about Jhn. 7:53-8:11 above

world.”²⁷ They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father.²⁸ Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then will you know that I AM, and that I do nothing of myself. As the Father taught me, I speak these things.²⁹ He who sent me is with me, and he has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him.”³⁰ As Jesus was saying these things, many believed in him.

³¹ Jesus said to those Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, then you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves of anyone; how can you say, ‘You will be set free?’” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ Therefore, if the Son sets you free, you will be truly free. ³⁷ I know that you are Abraham’s descendants; you seek to kill me because my word has no place in you. ³⁸ I say what I have seen with my Father, and you also do what you heard from your father.” ³⁹ They answered and said to him, “Our father is Abraham.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰ Yet, now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. ⁴¹ You do the works of your father.” They said to him, “We were not born in sexual immorality; we have one Father: God.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and am here; for neither have I come of myself, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand my words? It is because you cannot hear my words. ⁴⁴ You are of your father, the devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature because he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ Yet, because I speak the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I speak the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ He who is of God hears the words of God; you do not hear them because you are not of God.” ⁴⁸ The Jews answered and said to him, “Do we not truly say that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ I do not seek my glory; there is one seeking and judging. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵² The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon.

Abraham and the prophets died; but you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’⁵³ You are not greater than our father Abraham who died, are you? The prophets also died. Who do you make yourself out to be?”⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing; it is my Father who glorifies me—about whom you say that he is your God.⁵⁵ You have not known him, but I know him. If I would say, ‘I do not know him,’ I would be like you, a liar. However, I know him and keep his word.⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced at seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”⁵⁷ The Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and you have seen 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 out of the temple.

Chapter 9

¹ Now as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, so that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither did this man sin, nor his parents, but so that the works of God would be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one will be able to work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ After Jesus said these things, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on his eyes. ⁷ He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam,” (which is translated “Sent”). So the man went away, washed, and came back seeing. ⁸ Then the man’s neighbors and those who had seen him previously as a beggar were saying, “Is not this the man that used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” But he said, “It is me.” ¹⁰ They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹ He answered, “The man who is called Jesus made mud and smeared it on my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received my sight.” ¹² They said to him, “Where is he?” He replied, “I do not know.”

¹³ They brought the man who used to be blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now it was the Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then again the Pharisees asked him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and I now can see.” ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a

sinner do such signs?” So there was a division among them. ¹⁷ So they asked the blind man again, “What do you say about him, since he opened your eyes?” The blind man said, “He is a prophet.” ¹⁸ Now the Jews still did not believe about him that he was blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. ¹⁹ They asked the parents, “Is this your son whom you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰ So his parents answered them, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹ How he now sees, we do not know, and who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him, he is an adult. He can speak for himself.” ²² His parents said these things, because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed that if anyone would confess him to be the Christ, he would be thrown out of the synagogue. ²³ Because of this, his parents said, “He is an adult, ask him.” ²⁴ So for a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵ Then that man replied, “I do not know if he is a sinner. One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I see.” ²⁶ Then they said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷ He answered, “I have told you already, and you did not listen! Why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become his disciples too, do you? ²⁸ They insulted him and said, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from.” ³⁰ The man answered and said to them, “This is remarkable, that you do not know where he is from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if someone is devout and does his will, he listens to him. ³² Since the world began it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴ They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and you are teaching us?” Then they threw him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out of the synagogue. He found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶ He replied and said, “Who is he, Lord, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is the one who is speaking with you.” ³⁸ The man said, “Lord, I believe” and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world so that those who do not see may see and so that those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things and asked him, “Are we also

blind?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin, but now you say, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.”

Chapter 10

¹ “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter through the gate into the sheep pen, but climbs up some other way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² He who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens for him. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger but instead they will avoid him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus spoke this parable to them, but they did not understand what these things were that he was saying to them.

⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the gate of the sheep. ⁸ Everyone who came before me is a thief and a robber, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. If anyone enters in through me, he will be saved; he will go in and out and will find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief does not come if he would not steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they will have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired servant is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming and abandons the sheep and escapes, and the wolf carries them off and scatters them. ¹³ He runs away because he is a hired servant and does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd, and I know my own, and my own know me. ¹⁵ The Father knows me, and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice so that there will be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ This is why the Father loves me: I lay down my life so that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

¹⁹ A division again occurred among the Jews because of these words.

²⁰ Many of them said, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to him?” ²¹ Others said, “These are not the words of a demon-possessed

man. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

²² Then it was time for the Festival of the Dedication in Jerusalem.

²³ It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the porch of Solomon. ²⁴ Then the Jews surrounded him and said to him, "How long will you hold us doubting? If you are the Christ, tell us openly." ²⁵ Jesus replied to them, "I told you, but you do not believe. The works that I do in the name of my Father, these testify concerning me. ²⁶ Yet you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life; they will never die, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all others, and no one is able to snatch them out of the hand of the Father. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

³¹ Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. ³² Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of those works are you stoning me?" ³³ The Jews answered him, "We are not stoning you for any good work, but for blasphemy, because you, a man, are making yourself God." ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods"?' ³⁵ If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken), ³⁶ do you say to him whom the Father set apart and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?" ³⁷ If I am not doing the works of my Father, do not believe me. ³⁸ But if I am doing them, even if you do not believe me, believe in the works so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and that I am in the Father." ³⁹ They tried to seize him again, but he went away out of their hand.

⁴⁰ He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John had first been baptizing, and he stayed there. ⁴¹ Many people came to him and they said, "John indeed did no signs, but all the things that John has said about this man are true." ⁴² Many people believed in him there.

Chapter 11

¹ Now a certain man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with myrrh and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ³ The sisters then sent for Jesus, saying, "Lord, see, he whom you love is sick." ⁴ When Jesus heard it, he said, "This sickness is not to

death, but instead it is for the glory of God so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.”⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, Jesus stayed two more days in the place where he was.⁷ Then after this, he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, right now the Jews are trying to stone you, and you are going back there again?”⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of light in a day? If someone walks in the daytime, he will not stumble, because he sees by the light of this world.¹⁰ However, if he walks at night, he will stumble because the light is not in him.”¹¹ He said these things, and after these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going so that I may wake him out of sleep.”¹² The disciples therefore said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he was speaking about the sleep of resting.¹⁴ Then Jesus said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.¹⁵ I am glad, for your sakes, that I was not there so that you may believe. Let us go to him.”¹⁶ Thomas, who was called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go so that we may die with Jesus.”

¹⁷ When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about fifteen stadia away.¹⁹ Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to comfort them about their brother.²⁰ Then Martha, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet him, but Mary was sitting in the house.²¹ Martha then said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² Even now, I know that whatever you ask from God, he will give to you.”²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, even if he dies, will live;²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”²⁸ When she had said this, she went away and called her sister Mary privately. She said, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”²⁹ When she heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him.³¹ So when the Jews, who were with her in the house and who were comforting her, saw Mary getting up quickly and going out, they followed her, thinking that she was going

to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came to the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell down at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and was troubled; ³⁴ he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how much he loved Lazarus!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of a blind man, also have made this man not die?" ³⁸ Then Jesus again, being deeply moved in himself, went to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of Lazarus, the one who had died, said to Jesus, "Lord, by this time the body will be decaying, for he has been dead for four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that, if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you listened to me. ⁴² I knew that you always listen to me, but it is because of the crowd that is standing around me that I said this, so that they may believe that you have sent me." ⁴³ After he had said this, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out; his feet and hands were bound with cloths, and his face was bound about with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

⁴⁵ Then many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did, believed in him. ⁴⁶ But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things that Jesus had done.

⁴⁷ Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council together and said, "What will we do? This man does many signs. ⁴⁸ If we leave him alone like this, all will believe in him; the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹ However, a certain man among them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing. ⁵⁰ You do not consider that it is better for you that one man dies for the people than that the whole nation perishes." ⁵¹ Now this he said not from himself. Instead, being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation; ⁵² and not only for the nation, but so that the children of God who are scattered would be gathered together into one. ⁵³ So from that day onward they planned how to put Jesus to death.

⁵⁴ No longer did Jesus walk openly among the Jews, but he departed from there into the country near to the wilderness into a town called Ephraim. There he stayed with the disciples. ⁵⁵ Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem from the country before the Passover in order to purify themselves. ⁵⁶ They were looking for Jesus, and speaking one with another as they stood in the temple, “What do you think? That he will not come to the festival?” ⁵⁷ Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given an order that if anyone knew where Jesus was, he should report it so that they might seize him.

Chapter 12

¹ Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead, was. ² So they made him a dinner there, and Martha was serving, but Lazarus was one of those who was lying down at the table with Jesus. ³ Then Mary took a litra of perfume made of very precious pure nard, anointed the feet of Jesus with it, and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, the one who would betray him, said, ⁵ “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” ⁶ Now he said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. He had the moneybag and would steal from what was put in it. ⁷ Jesus said, “Allow her to keep what she has for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor with you. But you will not always have me.”

⁹ Now a large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, and they came, not only for Jesus, but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ The chief priests conspired together so that they might also put Lazarus to death; ¹¹ for it was because of him that many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

¹² On the next day a great crowd came to the festival. When they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³ they took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet him and cried out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.” ¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it was written, ¹⁵ “Do not fear, daughter of Zion; see, your King is coming, sitting on the colt of a donkey.” ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was

glorified, they remembered that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him. ¹⁷ Now the crowd testified that they had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him up from the dead. ¹⁸ It was also for this reason that the crowd went out to meet him, because they heard that he had done this sign.

¹⁹ The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "Look, you can do nothing; see, the world has gone after him."

²⁰ Now certain Greeks were among those who were going up to worship at the festival. ²¹ These went to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip, and they told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them and said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it will bear much fruit. ²⁵ He who loves his life will lose it; but he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, let him follow me; and where I am, there will my servant also be. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷ Now my soul is troubled and what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven and said, "I have glorified it and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ Then the crowd that stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for me, but for you. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world: Now will the ruler of this world be thrown out. ³² When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." ³³ He said this to indicate what kind of death he would die. ³⁴ The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ will stay forever. How can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵ Jesus then said to them, "The light will still be with you for a short amount of time. Walk while you have the light, so that darkness does not overtake you. He who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light so that you may be sons of light."

Jesus said these things and then departed and hid from them. ³⁷ Although Jesus had done so many signs before them, yet they did not believe in him ³⁸ so that the word of Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled, in which he said:

“Lord, who has believed our report,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹ For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah had also said,

⁴⁰ “He has blinded their eyes, and he has hardened their hearts;
otherwise they would see with their eyes and understand
with their hearts,
and turn,
and I would heal them.”

⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw the glory of Jesus and spoke of him. ⁴² But despite that, many of the rulers believed in Jesus; but because of the Pharisees, they did not admit it so that they would not be banned from the synagogue. ⁴³ They loved the praise that comes from people more than the praise that comes from God.

⁴⁴ Jesus cried out and said, “The one who believes in me, believes not only in me but also in him who sent me, ⁴⁵ and the one who sees me sees him who sent me. ⁴⁶ I have come as a light into the world, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in the darkness. ⁴⁷ If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I have not come to judge the world, but to save the world. ⁴⁸ The one who rejects me and who does not receive my words, has one who judges him. The word I have spoken will judge him on the last day. ⁴⁹ For I did not speak for myself, but it is the Father who sent me, who has given me the command about what to say and what to speak. ⁵⁰ I know that his command is eternal life, so that is what I say—just as the Father has spoken to me, so I speak.”

Chapter 13

¹ Now it was before the Festival of the Passover. Jesus knew that his hour had come to go out of this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² Now the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray Jesus. ³ He knew that the Father had given everything over into his hands and that he had come from God and was going back to God.

⁴ He got up from dinner and took off his outer clothing. Then he took a towel and wrapped it around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples and dry them with the towel that he had put around himself. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, and Peter said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will understand this later.” ⁸ Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, do not only wash my feet, but also my hands and my head.” ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed has no need, except to wash his feet, but he is completely clean; you are clean, but not everyone.” ¹¹ (For Jesus knew who would betray him; that is why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”)

¹² So when Jesus had washed their feet and taken his garments and sat down again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done for you?” ¹³ You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are speaking correctly, because so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you should also wash the feet of one another. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example so that you should also do just as I did for you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is a messenger greater than he who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ¹⁸ I am not speaking about all of you; I know those whom I have chosen—but this so that the scripture will be fulfilled: ‘He who eats my bread lifted up his heel against me.’ ¹⁹ I tell you this now before it happens so that when it happens, you may believe that I AM. ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I sent, receives me, and he who receives me, receives him who sent me.”

²¹ When Jesus said this, he was troubled in spirit. He testified and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you that one of you will betray me.” ²² The disciples looked at each other, wondering of whom he was speaking. ²³ One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was lying down at the table against Jesus’ side. ²⁴ Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, “Ask him who he is speaking about.” ²⁵ So he leaned back against the side of Jesus and said to him, “Lord, who is it?” ²⁶ Then Jesus answered, “It is the one for whom I will dip the piece of bread and give it him.” So when he had dipped the bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ Then after the bread, Satan entered into him, so Jesus said to him, “What you are

doing, do it quickly.”²⁸ Now no one who was lying down at the table knew why he said this to him.²⁹ Some thought that, since Judas had the moneybag, Jesus said to him, “Buy what we need to have for the festival,” or that he should give something to the poor.³⁰ After Judas received the bread, he went out immediately. It was night.

³¹ When Judas was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him.³² God will glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him immediately.³³ Little children, I am with you for still a short amount of time. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ Now I also say this to you.³⁴ I am giving you a new commandment, that you should love one another; as I have loved you, so also you should love one another.³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.”

³⁶ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow later.”³⁷ Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”³⁸ Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow before you have denied me three times.”

Chapter 14

¹ “Do not let your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me.² In the house of my Father are many rooms. If it were not so, I would have told you, for I am going to prepare a place for you.³ If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, so that where I am you will also be.⁴ You know the way to where I am going.”⁵ Thomas said to Jesus, “Lord, we do not know where you are going, how can we know the way?”⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me.⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you know him and have seen him.”⁸ Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”⁹ Jesus said to him, “I have been with you for so long and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in

me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from my own authority, but the Father living in me is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me, or else believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will do the works that I do, and he will do greater works than these because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that the Father will be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. ¹⁵ If you love me, you will keep my commandments, ¹⁶ and I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Comforter so that he will be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot receive him because it does not see him or know him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you alone; I will come back to you. ¹⁹ Yet a short amount of time and the world will no longer see me, but you see me. Because I live, you will also live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and that you are in me, and that I am in you. ²¹ He who has my commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me, and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and I will show myself to him.” ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to Jesus, “Lord, why is it that you will show yourself to us and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and we will make our home with him. ²⁴ He who does not love me does not keep my words. The word that you hear is not from me but from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ I have said these things to you, while I am staying with you.

²⁶ However, the Comforter—the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and he will remind you of everything that I said to you. ²⁷ I leave you peace; I give you my peace. I do not give it as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not be afraid. ²⁸ You heard that I said to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I am. ²⁹ Now I have told you before it happens so that, when it happens, you will believe. ³⁰ I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, ³¹ but in order that the world will know that I love the Father, I do just as the Father commanded me. Let us get up and go from here.”

Chapter 15

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that bears fruit so that it will bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the message that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. He who remains in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for without me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and dries up, and they gather the branches and throw them into the fire, and they are burned up. ⁷ If you remain in me, and if my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified in this, that you bear much fruit and so prove that you are my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, as I have kept the commandments of my Father and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have spoken these things to you so that my joy will be in you and so that your joy will be complete. ¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this—that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do the things that I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, for everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain. This is so that whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you love one another. ¹⁸ If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. But because you are not of the world and because I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹ They will do all these things to you because of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ He who hates me also hates my Father. ²⁴ If I had not done the works that no one

else did among them, they would have no sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ But this is in order to fulfill the word that is written in their law, ‘They hated me without a cause.’ ²⁶ When the Comforter—whom I will send to you from the Father, that is, the Spirit of truth, who goes out from the Father—comes, he will testify about me. ²⁷ You are also testifying because you have been with me from the beginning.

Chapter 16

¹ “I have spoken these things to you so that you will not fall away. ² They will throw you out of the synagogues. But the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think that he is offering a service to God. ³ They will do these things because they have not known the Father nor me. ⁴ I have spoken these things to you so that when their hour comes, you will remember that I told you about them. I did not tell you about these things in the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I go to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sadness has filled your heart. ⁷ But truly I tell you, it is better for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, the Comforter will prove the world to be wrong about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment— ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will no longer see me; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. ¹² I have many things to say to you, but you would not understand them now. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of Truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak from himself. But he will say whatever he hears, and he will tell you things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and he will tell it to you. ¹⁵ Everything that the Father has is mine. Therefore, I said that the Spirit will take from what is mine and he will tell it to you. ¹⁶ In a short amount of time you will no longer see me, and after another short amount of time you will see me.” ¹⁷ Then some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A short amount of time you will no longer see me and after another short amount of time you will see me,’ and, ‘Because I go to the Father?’” ¹⁸ Therefore they said, “What is this that he says, ‘A short amount of time’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹ Jesus saw

that they wanted to ask him, and he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will no longer see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?”²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will be glad. You will become full of sadness, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.²¹ When a woman gives birth she has sadness because her hour has come, but when she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers her pain because of her joy that a man has been born into the world.²² So you have sadness now, but I will see you again, and your heart will be glad, and no one will be able to take away your joy from you.²³ On that day you will not ask me anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.²⁴ Until now you have not asked anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive so that your joy will be fulfilled.

²⁵ I have said these things to you in figures of speech, but the hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech, but instead I will tell you plainly about the Father.²⁶ On that day you will ask in my name and I do not say to you that I will pray to the Father for you,²⁷ for the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and because you have believed that I came from the Father.²⁸ I came from the Father, and I have come into the world. Again, I am leaving the world and I am going to the Father.”²⁹ His disciples said, “See, now you are speaking plainly and you are not using figures of speech.³⁰ Now we know that you know all things, and you do not need anyone to ask you questions. Because of this, we believe that you have come from God.”³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you believe now?”³² See, the hour is coming, yes, and has indeed come, when you will be scattered, everyone to his own home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me.³³ I have spoken these things to you so that you will have peace in me. In the world you have troubles, but have courage, I have conquered the world.”

Chapter 17

¹ After Jesus said these things, he lifted up his eyes to the heavens and said, “Father, the hour has come, glorify your Son so that the Son will glorify you—² just as you gave him authority over all flesh so that he would give eternal life to everyone whom you have given him.³ This

is eternal life: That they know you, the only true God, and him whom you sent, Jesus Christ. ⁴ I glorified you on the earth. I have finished the work that you have given me to do. ⁵ Now, Father, glorify me along with yourself with the glory that I had with you before the world was made. ⁶ I revealed your name to the people whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me comes from you, ⁸ for I have given them all the words that you gave me. They received them and truly knew that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ Everything that is mine is yours, and yours is mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ I am no longer in the world, but these people are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me so that they will be one, just as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I protected them, and not one of them was destroyed, except for the son of destruction, so that the scriptures would be fulfilled. ¹³ Now I am coming to you, but I am saying these things in the world so that they will have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 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 do not ask for you to take them away from the world, but for you to keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Set them apart by the truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For their sakes I have set myself apart, so that they themselves may also be set apart in truth. ²⁰ I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word ²¹ so that they will all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world will believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you gave me, I have given to them, so that they will be one, just as we are one: ²³ I in them, and you in me—that they may be brought to complete unity, so that the world will know that you sent me, and that you have loved them just as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you gave me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ²⁵ Righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I know you; and these know that you sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known so that

the love with which you have loved me will be in them, and I will be in them.”

Chapter 18

¹ After Jesus spoke these words, he went out with his disciples to the other side of the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden into which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who was going to betray him, also knew the place, for Jesus often went there with his disciples. ³ Then Judas, leading a group of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, who knew all the things that were happening to him, went forward and asked them, “Who are you looking for?” ⁵ They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am.” Judas, who betrayed him, was also standing with the soldiers. ⁶ So when he said to them, “I am,” they went backward and fell to the ground. ⁷ Then again he asked them, “Who are you looking for?” Again they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am. So if you are looking for me, let these go.” ⁹ This was in order to fulfill the word that he said: “Of those whom you have given me, I lost no one.” ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. Now the name of the servant was Malchus. ¹¹ Jesus said to Peter, “Put the sword back into its sheath. Should I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

¹² So the group of soldiers and the captain, and the officers of the Jews, seized Jesus and tied him up. ¹³ They led him first to Annas, for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴ Now Caiaphas was the one who had given the advice to the Jews that it would be better that one man die for the people.

¹⁵ Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest; ¹⁶ but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the female doorkeeper and he brought Peter in. ¹⁷ Then the female servant, the doorkeeper, said to Peter, “Are you not also one of the disciples of this man?” He said, “I am not.” ¹⁸ Now the servants and the officers were standing there, and they had made a charcoal fire, for it

was cold, and they were warming themselves. Peter was also with them, standing there and warming himself.

¹⁹ The high priest then asked Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

²⁰ Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I was always teaching in synagogues and in the temple where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why did you ask me? Ask those who have heard me about what I said. Look, these people know what I said." ²² When Jesus had said this, one of the officers standing there struck Jesus and said, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "If I spoke wrongly, testify about the wrong, but if rightly, why do you hit me?" ²⁴ Then Annas sent him tied up to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. The people then said to him, "Are you not also one of his disciples?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, who was a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷ Peter then denied again, and immediately the rooster crowed.

²⁸ Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the government headquarters. It was early in the morning, and they did not enter the government headquarters so that they would not be defiled but would eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation are you bringing against this man?" ³⁰ They answered and said to him, "If this man was not an evildoer, we would not have given him over to you." ³¹ Pilate therefore said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death." ³² They said this so that the word of Jesus would be fulfilled which he had spoken to indicate by what kind of death he would die.

³³ Then Pilate entered the government headquarters again and called Jesus and he said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you speak from yourself, or did others speak to you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own people and the chief priests gave you over to me. What did you do?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were part of this world, then my servants would fight so that I would not be given

over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.”³⁷ Pilate then said to him, “Are you a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I have been born, and for this purpose I have come into the world, so that I would bear witness to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”³⁸ Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” When he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, “I find no guilt in this man.”³⁹ But you have the custom that I release one person to you at the Passover. So do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you?”⁴⁰ Then they cried out again and said, “Not this man, but Barabbas.” Now Barabbas was a robber.

Chapter 19

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and whipped him. ² The soldiers weaved a crown of thorns. They put it on the head of Jesus and dressed him with a purple garment. ³ They came to him and said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and they struck him. ⁴ Then Pilate went outside again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him outside to you so that you will know that I find no guilt in him.” ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. Pilate said to them, “Look, here is the man!” ⁶ When therefore the chief priests and the officers saw Jesus, they cried out and said, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” ⁷ The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he has to die because he claimed to be the Son of God.” ⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid, ⁹ and he entered the government headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where do you come from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ Then Pilate said to him, “Are you not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” ¹¹ Jesus answered him, “You do not have any power over me except for what has been given to you from above. Therefore, he who gave me over to you has a greater sin.” ¹² At this answer, Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, saying, “If you release this man, you are not a friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.” ¹³ When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place called “The Pavement,” but in Hebrew, “Gabbatha.” ¹⁴ Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover, at about the sixth hour. Pilate said to the Jews, “See, here is your king!” ¹⁵ They cried out, “Away with him,

away with him; crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Should I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”¹⁶ Then Pilate gave Jesus over to them to be crucified.

¹⁷ Then they took Jesus, and he went out, carrying the cross for himself, to the place called “The Place of a Skull,” which in Hebrew is called “Golgotha.”¹⁸ They crucified Jesus there, and with him two other men, one on each side, with Jesus in the middle.¹⁹ Pilate also wrote a sign and put it on the cross. There it was written: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. The sign was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This one said, ‘I am King of the Jews.’””²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, divided them into four shares, one for each of them; and also the tunic. Now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.²⁴ Then they said to each other, “Let us not tear it, but instead let us cast lots for it to decide whose it will be.” This happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled which said,

“They divided my garments among themselves
and cast lots for my clothing.”

This is what the soldiers did.²⁵ Now standing beside Jesus’ cross were his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, see, your son!”²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “See, your mother!” From that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸ After this, knowing that everything was now completed and so that the scriptures would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”²⁹ A container full of sour wine was placed there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop staff and lifted it up to his mouth.³⁰ When Jesus had taken the sour wine, he said, “It is finished.” He bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹ Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, and so that

the bodies would not remain on the cross during the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was especially important), asked Pilate to break their legs and to remove them.³² Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man and of the second man who had been crucified with Jesus.³³ When they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they did not break his legs.³⁴ However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.³⁵ The one who saw this has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that what he said is true so that you would also believe.³⁶ For these things happened in order to fulfill scripture, “Not one of his bones will be broken.”³⁷ Again, another scripture says, “They will look at him whom they pierced.”

³⁸ After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, since he was a disciple of Jesus (but secretly for fear of the Jews), asked Pilate if he could take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission. So Joseph came and took away his body.³⁹ Nicodemus also came, he who at first had come to Jesus by night. He brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about one hundred litras in weight.⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices, as was the custom of the Jews to bury bodies.⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden was a new tomb in which no person had yet been buried.⁴² Because it was the day of preparation for the Jews and because the tomb was close by, they laid Jesus in it.

Chapter 20

¹ Now early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and she saw the stone rolled away from the tomb.² So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and she said to them, “They took away the Lord out from the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”³ Then Peter and the other disciple went out, and they went to the tomb.⁴ They both ran together, and the other disciple quickly ran ahead of Peter and arrived at the tomb first.⁵ Then stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go inside.⁶ Simon Peter then arrived after him and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there⁷ and the cloth that had been on his head. It was not lying with the linen cloths but was folded up in a place by itself.⁸ Then the other disciple, the one who first arrived at the tomb, also went in, and he saw and believed.⁹ For

until that time they still did not know the scripture that he should rise from the dead. ¹⁰ So the disciples went back home again.

¹¹ But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she stooped down into the tomb. ¹² She saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the foot of where the body of Jesus had lain. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they took away my Lord, and I do not know where they have put him.” ¹⁴ When she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” She thought that he was the gardener, so she said to him, “Sir, if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned, and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabboni” (which means “Teacher”). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, for I have not yet gone up to the Father, but go to my brothers and say to them that I will go up to my Father and your Father, and my God and your God.” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and that he had said these things to her.

¹⁹ When it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of where the disciples were, were closed for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the middle of them and said to them, “Peace to you.”

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus then said to them again, “Peace to you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” ²² When Jesus had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ Whoever’s sins you forgive, they are forgiven; whoever’s sins you keep back, they are kept back.”

²⁴ Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples later said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” He said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ After eight days his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came while the doors were closed, and stood among them, and said, “Peace to you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger and see my hands. Reach here with your hand and put it into

my side. Do not be unbelieving, but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God.”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and believed.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, signs that have not been written in this book,³¹ but these have been written so that you would believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and so that believing, you would have life in his name.

Chapter 21

¹ After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how he showed himself: ² Simon Peter was together with Thomas called Didymus, Nathaniel from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples of Jesus. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We, too, will come with you.” They went and got into a boat, but they caught nothing during the whole night. ⁴ Now, when it was already early in the morning, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus. ⁵ So Jesus said to them, “Young men, do you have anything to eat?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they threw their net and were not able to draw it in because of the large number of fish. ⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord.” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tied up his outer garment (for he was undressed), and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat (for they were not far from the land, about two hundred cubits off), and they were pulling the net full of fish. ⁹ When they got out upon the land, they saw a charcoal fire there and fish laid on it, with bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ Simon Peter then went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish; 153. There were so many, but the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and eat breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them, and the fish also. ¹⁴ This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after he had risen from the dead.

¹⁵ After they ate breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John,

do you love me more than these?” Peter said to him, “Yes Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter said to him, “Yes Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.”

¹⁷ He said to him a third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was sad because Jesus had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” He said to him, “Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to clothe yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you become old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will clothe you and carry you where you will not want to go.”¹⁹ Now Jesus said this in order to indicate with what kind of death Peter would glorify God. After he had said this, he said to Peter, “Follow me.”²⁰ Peter turned around and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who had also leaned back against the side of Jesus at the dinner and who had said, “Lord, who is the one who will betray you?”²¹ Peter saw him and then said to Jesus, “Lord, what will this man do?”²² Jesus said to him, “If I want him to stay until I come, what is that to you? Follow me.”²³ So this statement spread among the brothers, that that disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to Peter that the other disciple would not die, but, “If I want him to stay until I come, what is that to you?”

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies about these things, and who wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.²⁵ There are also many other things that Jesus did. If each one were written down, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

