

The Gospel of Matthew

CHAPTER 1

- ¶ 1. The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham.
- ¶ 2. Abraham fathered Isaac; and Isaac fathered Jacob; and Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers;
 3. and Judah fathered Pharez and Zarah by Tamar; and Pharez fathered Hesrom; and Hesrom fathered Aram;
 4. and Aram fathered Amminadab; and Amminadab fathered Naason; and Naason fathered Salmon;
 5. and Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab; and Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth; and Obed fathered Jesse;
 6. and Jesse fathered David the king.
- ¶ David the king fathered Solomon by the wife of Uriah;
 7. and Solomon fathered Rehoboam; and Rehoboam fathered Abijah; and Abijah fathered Asa;
 8. and Asa fathered Jehoshaphat; and Jehoshaphat fathered Joram; and Joram fathered Uzziah;
 9. and Uzziah fathered Jotham; and Jotham fathered Ahaz; and Ahaz fathered Hezekiah;
 10. and Hezekiah fathered Manasseh; and Manasseh fathered Amon; and Amon fathered Josiah;
 11. and Josiah fathered Jechoniah and his brothers, about the time of the deportation to Babylon.
- ¶ 12. After the deportation to Babylon, Jechoniah fathered Salathiel; and Salathiel fathered Zerubabel;
 13. and Zerubabel fathered Abiud; and Abiud fathered Eliakim; and Eliakim fathered Azor;
 14. and Azor fathered Sadok; and Sadok fathered Achim; and Achim fathered Eliud;
 15. and Eliud fathered Eleazar; and Eleazar fathered Matthan; and Matthan fathered Jacob;
 16. and Jacob fathered Joseph, the husband of Mariam of whom was born Jesus, who is called “Christ”.
- ¶ 17. So, all the generations from Abraham to David *were* fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the Babylonian deportation to the Messiah, fourteen generations.
- ¶ 18. This is how the birth of Jesus came about.

After his mother Mariam was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child by *the* holy spirit.
19. Now, Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to make her a public spectacle, planned to put her away in secret.
20. But as he pondered over these things, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mariam for your wife because that which is conceived in her is of *the* holy spirit,
21. and she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus^N, for he will save his people from their sins.”
22. This all happened so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled:

23. “Behold, a virgin will conceive and bear a son, and they will call his name Emmanuel [which is translated, ‘God with us’].”
24. And when Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took his wife,
25. but he did not know her until she had given birth to her firstborn son, and he called his name Jesus.

CHAPTER 2

- ¶ 1. Now in the days of Herod the king, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, Magi from the East came to Jerusalem,
2. saying, “Where is the one who is born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the East, and we have come to pay homage to him.”
3. When King Herod heard *this*, he was troubled, and all of Jerusalem with him,
4. and when he had gathered together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah should be born.
5. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet,
6. ‘And you, Bethlehem *in the* land of Judah, you are by no means least among the rulers in Judah, for out of you shall come a ruler, who will shepherd my people Israel.’”
7. Then Herod, having secretly called the Magi, ascertained precisely from them the time of the star’s appearance.
8. Then he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found *him*, bring me a report, so that I, too, may come and do him homage.”
9. Upon hearing the king, they went, and the star that they saw in the East went before them until it stood over where the child was.
10. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with an exceedingly great joy.
11. And when they came into the house, they saw the child, with Mariam its mother; and prostrating themselves, they worshiped him, and they opened their treasure chests and presented gifts to him of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
12. But being warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, they returned to their own country by another way.
- ¶ 13. When they had departed, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Rise and take the child and its mother and flee to Egypt! And stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to seek the child, to kill it.”
14. And he arose and took the child and its mother by night and departed for Egypt,
15. and he was there until the death of Herod, so that which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”
16. Then Herod, when he learned he had been fooled by the Magi, was furious, and he issued orders to do away with all the children in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding areas, from two years old and under, according to the time which he ascertained from the Magi.
17. Then that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying,
18. “A voice was heard in Ramah, great lamentation and weeping and mourning, Rachel crying *for* her children, and she refused to be comforted because they are dead.”

19. After Herod died, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream in Egypt,
20. saying, "Rise and take the child and its mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."
21. And when he arose, he took the child and its mother and went into the land of Israel.
22. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned in a dream, he departed into the territory of Galilee;
23. and when he came, he settled in a city called Nazareth. Thus was fulfilled what was said by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

CHAPTER 3

- ¶ 1. In those days appeared John the Baptizer preaching in the wilderness of Judea
2. and saying, "Repent! for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
3. This is what was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "A voice crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord! Make his paths straight!'"
4. Now this John had clothing *made* of camel hair, and a leather belt around his loins, and his food was locusts and wild honey.
5. At that time, Jerusalem and all Judea, as well as the whole region around Jordan, were coming out to him
6. and were being baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.
7. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "Descendants of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"
8. Produce fruit worthy of repentance!
9. And do not think to say within yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones.
10. The ax is already placed at the root of the trees. Every tree, therefore, that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire!
11. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but after me, one mightier than I is coming, whose sandals I am unworthy to remove; he will baptize you with holy spirit.
12. His winnowing fork *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse what he has threshed and will gather his wheat into the storehouse, but the chaff will he burn up with unquenchable fire."
- ¶ 13. Then Jesus arrived at the Jordan from Galilee *and came* to John to be baptized by him.
14. But John stopped him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and you come to me?"
15. Jesus answered and said to him, "For now, let it be; this is the right way for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him *to be baptized*.
16. And when he had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water, and suddenly the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the spirit of God descending in the form of a dove and coming upon him.

17. And, behold, there was a voice from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

CHAPTER 4

- ¶ 1. At that time, Jesus was led up into the wilderness by the spirit to be tested by the Devil.
2. And after he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.
3. And when the Tempter came to him, he said, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones be turned into bread."
4. But he answered, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.'"
5. Then the Devil carried him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple;
6. and he said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will give orders to His angels concerning you, and they will bear you up in *their* hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"
7. Jesus said to him, "It is also written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"
8. Again, the Devil carried him up into a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory;
9. and he said to him, "All these things will I give you if you fall down and worship me."
10. Then Jesus said to him, "Get behind me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.'"
11. Then the Devil left him; and immediately angels came and ministered to him.
- ¶ 12. Now, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he departed into Galilee,
13. and leaving Nazareth, he went and made his home at Capernaum by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,
14. so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:
15. "O land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles –
16. the people who sit in darkness saw a great light; for those sitting in the region and shadow of death, a light has dawned."
- ¶ 17. From that time, Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent! for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- ¶ 18. Walking along 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. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
20. And immediately abandoning their nets, they followed him.
21. Then, going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James, the *son* of Zebedee, and John, his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.
22. And immediately abandoning the boat and their father, they followed him.

- ¶ 23. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and declaring the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.
24. And his fame spread throughout Syria; and they brought him all those who were sick, and those afflicted with manifold diseases, and tormenting pain, and demon-possessed people, lunatics, and paralytics; and he healed them.
25. Great crowds followed him, from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan;

CHAPTER 5

- ¶ 1. and seeing the crowds, he went up into the mountain, and when he had sat down, his disciples came to him;
2. and 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 shall be comforted.
- ¶ 5. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ¶ 6. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst *for* righteousness, for they shall be filled.
- ¶ 7. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- ¶ 8. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- ¶ 9. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.
- ¶ 10. Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¶ 11. “Blessed are you, when people revile and persecute you, and say every evil thing against you falsely, for my sake.
12. Rejoice, and be glad! Your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
- ¶ 13. “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt loses its flavor, with what shall it be salted? It is good for nothing, but to be thrown out and trampled by men.
14. You are the light of the world; a city on a hill cannot be hid;
15. and people don’t light a candle and then place it under a bushel basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.
16. Let your light shine like that before men, so that they may see *your* good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- ¶ 17. “Don’t suppose that I’ve come to destroy the Law or the prophets; I didn’t come to destroy but to fulfill.
18. I tell you truly, until heaven and earth pass away, not one iota or serif of the Law shall by any means pass away until all things have come to pass.
19. “Whoever, then, breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does and teaches *them* will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20. For I tell you that unless your righteousness far exceeds *that* of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
- ¶ 21. “You’ve heard that it was said to those of ancient time, ‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the judgment.’
22. But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother without cause will be liable to the judgment, and whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ will be answerable to the Sanhedrine; and whoever says, ‘Fool!’ is headed toward fiery Gehenna.^N
23. So, if you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother has anything against you,
24. leave your gift there before the altar and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come offer your gift.
25. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are in the way with him, lest your adversary hand you over to the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.
26. I tell you truly, you will by no means come out of there until you have paid the last penny.
- ¶ 27. “You’ve heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery,’
28. but I say to you that every man who looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
29. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away from you! For it’s better for you that one of your members perish and not *that* your whole body be cast into Gehenna.
30. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away from you! It’s better for you that one of your members perish and not *that* your whole body be cast into Gehenna.
31. And it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce,
32. but I say to you that whoever divorces his wife, except in the case of unchaste conduct, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
- ¶ 33. “Again, you’ve heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not forswear yourself, but you shall pay your vows to the Lord.’
34. But I say to you, do not swear at all, neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God,
35. nor by the earth, for it is a footstool for His feet, nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great king.
36. Neither *sware* by your head, for you can’t make one hair white or black.
37. But let your speech be “Yes” or “No”. What is beyond these comes from the Evil One.
- ¶ 38. “You’ve 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 evil; on the contrary, whoever strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also;

40. and to the one who determines to sue you to take away your tunic, give him your cloak as well.
41. And whoever compels you *to go* one mile, go with him two.
42. Give to him who asks you, and don't turn him away who wants to borrow from you.
- ¶ 43. "You've heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy',
44. but I say to you, love your enemies; bless those who curse you; do good to those who hate you; and pray for those who mistreat you and persecute you.
45. This is how you become sons of your Father in heaven, for He makes His sun to rise upon the evil and the good and sends rain upon the just and the unjust.
46. If you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Don't even tax collectors do the same?
47. And if you greet only your friends, what are you doing more *than anyone*? Don't even the Gentiles do like that?
48. So, be perfect, just as your Father who is in heaven is perfect."

CHAPTER 6

- ¶ 1. "Beware that you don't do your alms before men to be seen by them; otherwise, you have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.
2. So, when you give alms, don't sound a trumpet before you, as the imposters do in the synagogues and alleyways, that they might be honored by men. I assure you, they have their reward.
3. When you give alms, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
4. so that your alms be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly."
- ¶ 5. "And when you pray, don't be like the imposters, for they enjoy standing to pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that they might be seen by men. I assure you, they have their reward.
6. But as for you, when you pray, go into your secret room and close your door to pray to your Father in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.
7. And when you pray, do not just repeat words like the Gentiles; for they suppose that with their many words they will gain a hearing.
8. Don't be like them, for your Father knows what you have need of before you ask Him.
9. So, you pray like this: 'Our Father who *is* in heaven, let your name be sanctified;
10. may your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.
11. Give us today our daily bread,
12. and forgive us our failures, even as we forgive those who fail us.
13. Don't lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.'
14. If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,
15. but if you don't forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

- ¶ 16. “And whenever you fast, don’t be like the gloomy-faced play-actors who disfigure their faces so that they may appear to men *to be* fasting. I assure you, they have their reward.
17. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face
18. so that you don’t appear to men *to be* fasting but to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who observes in secret will repay you.”
- ¶ 19. “Don’t lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay disfigure, and where thieves break in and steal,
20. but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay disfigure, and where thieves neither break in nor steal.
21. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
22. The lamp of the body is the eye; therefore, if your eye be single, your whole body will be light;
23. but if your eye be evil, your whole body will be dark. Therefore, if the light in you be darkness, how great that darkness is!
24. No one can be a slave for two Masters; either he’ll hate the one and love the other or he’ll be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot be a slave to God and Mammon.
25. I tell you, don’t be anxious about your life, what you eat and what you drink^N; nor about your body, what you will wear. Isn’t the life more than food, and the body *more* than clothes?
26. Look at the birds of the sky; they don’t sow, nor do they reap, nor do they gather into storehouses, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them; aren’t you worth much more than they *are*?
27. Who among you by worrying can add one minute to his life?
28. And why do you worry about clothes? Learn *from* how the lilies of the field grow; they don’t labor, nor do they spin,
29. yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these.
30. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, *which* today lives, and tomorrow is thrown into a furnace, will *He* not all the more *clothe* you, Little Faiths?
31. So, don’t be anxious, saying, “What will we eat?”, or “What will we drink?”, or “What will we wear?”
32. (the Gentiles seek after all these things), for your heavenly Father knows you need all these things.
33. But you seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
34. So, don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient to the day is its trouble.

CHAPTER 7

- ¶ 1. Do not judge, lest you be judged,

2. for with what judgment you judge, you will be judged, and with what measure you measure out to others, it will be measured out to you.
3. Why do you look at the speck in the eye of your brother but do not consider the beam in your own eye?
4. Or how is it that you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," and there the beam is, in your *own* eye!
5. Faker! First, take the beam out of your eye, and then you'll see clearly to remove the speck from the eye of your brother.
- ¶ 6. Do not give what is holy to dogs, neither cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them with their feet, 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, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, it will be opened.
9. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will hand him a stone?
10. And if he asks for a fish, he won't give him a snake, will he?
11. If you, then, being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him?
12. So, whatever you want men to do to you, you do like that also to them; this is the Law and the prophets.
13. Enter through the strait gate because wide *is* the gate and broad the road that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.
14. How strait the gate and narrow the road that leads to life! And few there be who find it.
- ¶ 15. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.
16. You'll recognize them by their fruit. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, are they? or figs from thistles?
17. So, every good tree bears good fruit, and a bad tree bears bad fruit.
18. A good tree cannot bare bad fruit; neither does a bad tree bear good fruit.
19. Every tree that doesn't bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into a fire.
20. And so, you'll recognize them by their fruits.
21. Not everyone who says to me, "Lord! Lord!" will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who *is* in heaven.
22. Many will say to me in that day, "Lord! Lord! Have we not prophesied in your name? And in your name cast out demons, and in your name performed many miracles?"
23. And then will I declare to them, "I never knew you. Go away from me, *you* workers of lawlessness!"
24. Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and does them, I will liken to a wise man who built his house upon a rock,
25. and the rain came down and the floods came up, and the winds blew and beat against that house, but it didn't fall, for it was founded upon rock.

26. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them shall be likened to a foolish man who his built his house on sand.
27. And the rain came down, and the floods came up, and the winds blew and beat against that house and it fell, and great was its collapse.”
- ¶ 28. And it came about, when Jesus concluded these sayings, that the crowds were astonished at his teaching,
29. for he was teaching them as having authority and not as the scribes.

CHAPTER 8

- ¶ 1. Now when he had come down from the mountain, large crowds followed him.
2. And behold, a leper came and knelt before him saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.”
3. And stretching out his hand, Jesus touched him saying, “I will. Be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
4. And Jesus said to him, “See that you tell no one, but go, show yourself to the priest and as a testimony to them, offer the gift that Moses prescribed.”
5. Now when he had entered into Capernaum, there came to him a centurion, pleading with him,
6. and saying, “Lord, my boy has been laid in the house paralyzed, terribly tormented.”
7. And Jesus said to him, “I will come *and* heal him.”
8. And the centurion answered, saying, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof. Just speak the word, and my boy will be healed.
9. For I, myself, am a man under authority also, having soldiers under me, and I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it*.”
10. Now when Jesus had heard this, he marveled, and said to those who followed, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith in Israel.
11. And I tell you that many from the east and west will come and recline for a banquet with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven,
12. but the sons of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth in that place.”
13. And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; as you have believed, let it be *done* for you.” And his boy was healed in that hour.
- ¶ 14. And Jesus, having come into Peter’s house, saw his mother-in-law, laid down and burning with fever.
15. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her and she arose and waited on him.
16. And at dusk, they brought to him many possessed with demons, and he cast out the demons with a word, and he healed all who had illnesses,
17. so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled saying, “He himself took our infirmities and carried our diseases away.”

- ¶ 18. Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave an order to depart to the other side *of the sea*.
19. And one scribe approached and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”
20. And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have dens, and the birds of heaven have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head.”
21. A different man from among his disciples said to him, “Lord, allow me first to leave and bury my father.”
22. But Jesus said to him, “You follow me, and leave the dead to bury their dead.”
- ¶ 23. And when he had boarded the boat, his disciples followed him.
24. And there arose a great storm on the sea, causing the boat to be covered by the waves; but he was sleeping.
25. And when his disciples came to him, they woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are about to die!”
26. But he said to them, “Why are you afraid, Little Faiths?” Then, raising up, he rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.
27. And the men marveled, saying, “What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”
- ¶ 28. And when he came to the other side into the territory of the Gergesenes, two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, met him, so extremely fierce that no one could travel along that road.
29. And they cried out, saying, “What is there between us and you, Jesus, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?”
30. Now there was at a great distance from them a herd of many swine feeding.
31. And the demons begged him, saying, “If you cast us out, let us to go into the herd of swine.”
32. And he said to them, “Go!” And when they came out, they went into the herd of swine. And behold, the entire herd of swine rushed down the steep slope into the sea and perished in the waters.
33. And the herdsmen fled, and when they went into the city, they reported everything, especially the things concerning the demon-possessed men.
34. And the whole city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they implored him that he would depart from their borders.

CHAPTER 9

- ¶ 1. And when he boarded the boat, he crossed over and came to his own city.
2. And they brought to him a paralytic lying on a little bed. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son. Your sins are forgiven."
3. And some of the scribes said within themselves, "This man is blaspheming."
4. Then perceiving their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why are you thinking evil things in your hearts?"
5. For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?
6. But so that you might know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins – then he said to the paralytic – "Arise! Take up your bed and go to your house."
7. And he got up and went home.
8. When the multitude saw *this*, they were awe-struck, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.
- ¶ 9. Going on from there, Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax station, and he said to him, "You follow me." And he rose up and followed him.
- ¶ 10. And it happened, as he reclined at the table in the house, that many tax collectors and sinners came and reclined with Jesus and his disciples.
11. And the Pharisees, looking on, said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
12. But when Jesus heard *it*, he said to them, "Those who are well don't need a doctor, but those who are sick.
13. Go and learn what it means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."
14. Then the disciples of John approached him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?"
15. Jesus said to them, "Can the groomsmen mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.
16. No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth onto an old garment; for its fulness tears away from the garment, and the hole is made worse.
17. Nor do they pour new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wineskins burst and the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved together."
- ¶ 18. While he was saying these things to them, one of the rulers came and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter just now died, but come lay your hand on her and she will live."
19. So Jesus rose up, and his disciples, and he followed him.
20. And a woman who had suffered from bleeding for twelve years came up from behind and touched the tassels of his garment.
21. For she said to herself, "If I just touch his garment, I'll be healed."

22. And Jesus, turning about and seeing her, said, "Take heart, daughter. Your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment.
23. Then, when Jesus entered the ruler's house, he saw the flute players and the people wailing tumultuously,
24. and he said to them, "Go away. The little girl is not dead; she is sleeping." And they laughed at him.
25. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took hold of her hand, and the little girl rose up.
26. And this report spread throughout all that region.
- ¶ 27. As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying out, "Have mercy on us, son of David!"
28. And when he had entered the house, the blind men approached him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I can do this?" They said to him, "Yes, sir."
29. He touched their eyes then, saying, "According to your faith, let it happen to you."
30. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus warned them sternly, "See to it that no one knows *of this*."
31. But when they went out, they spread his fame throughout that region.
- ¶ 32. As they were leaving, they brought to him a dumb man possessed by a demon.
33. And after the demon was cast out, the dumb man spoke. And the crowd marveled, saying, "Never has such been seen in Israel!"
34. But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out demons by the ruler of demons."
- ¶ 35. And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, declaring the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.
36. And seeing the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them because they were weary and cast down, like sheep having no shepherd.
37. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest *is* indeed great, but the laborers *are* few.
38. So then, plead with the Lord of the harvest, that He send laborers out into His harvest."

CHAPTER 10

- ¶ 1. And when he had called together his twelve disciples, he gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every sickness.
- ¶ 2. These are the names of twelve apostles:
- First, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; Jacobus, son of Zebedee, and John his brother;
3. Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew, the tax collector, Jacobus, son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, who is called Thaddeus;
4. Simon the Canaanite and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

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- ¶ 5. These twelve Jesus sent out, after he had instructed them, saying, “Don’t go away on a road to Gentiles, and don’t enter into a Samaritan city,
6. but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
7. And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’
8. Heal the sick; raise the dead; cleanse the lepers; cast out demons. Freely you’ve received; freely give.
9. Provide for yourselves neither gold, nor silver, nor copper in your belts,
10. nor a travel bag for the road, nor two cloaks, nor sandals, nor staves; the workman is worthy of his fare.
11. But into whatever city or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave.
12. And when you enter into a house, greet it.
13. And if the household is indeed worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is unworthy, let your peace return to you.
14. And whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words – as you leave that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.
15. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Day of Judgment than for that city.
- ¶ 16. “I’m sending you as sheep in the midst of wolves; so, be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.
17. Beware of men, for they will hand you over to the courts, and they will flog you in their assemblies.
18. Because of me, you will even be brought before rulers and kings, for a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.
19. But when they hand you over, don’t be anxious about how or what you will speak, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time.
20. For it is not you who speak, but the spirit of your Father that speaks in you.
21. But brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and kill them.
22. And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake; but he who endures to the end will be saved.
23. When they persecute you in one city, flee to another; for I tell you truly, you will not finish *going through* the cities of Israel before the Son of man come.
- ¶ 24. A disciple is not above the teacher, neither *is* a slave above his master.
25. It is enough for a disciple to be like his teacher, and a slave like his master. If men have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more those of his household?
26. So, don’t be afraid of them; there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed, and nothing concealed that will not be made known.

27. What I say to you in the dark, speak in the light. And what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops.
28. Don't fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.
29. Aren't two sparrows sold for a penny? And yet, not one of them falls to the earth without the consent of your Father.
30. The very hairs of your head are all numbered.
31. So, don't be afraid; you are more valuable than many sparrows.
32. Everyone, then, who confesses in me before men, I will also confess in him before my Father who *is* in heaven.
33. But whoever denies me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who *is* in heaven.
- ¶ 34. Don't think that I came to bring peace on earth; I did not come to bring peace but a sword.
35. I came to divide a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a young wife against her mother-in-law,
36. and a man's enemies will be members of his own household.
37. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
38. And he who does not accept his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.
39. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.
- ¶ 40. He who receives you receives me; and he who receives me receives the one who sent me.
41. He who receives a prophet because he is^N a prophet will receive a prophets' reward, and he who receives a righteous man because he is^N a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.
42. And whoever gives just a cup of cold water to drink to one of these little ones because he is^N a disciple, I tell you truly, he will by no means lose his reward."

CHAPTER 11

- ¶ 1. When Jesus finished charging his twelve disciples, he departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.
2. When John heard in prison of the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples
3. *and* said to him, "Are you the coming one, or do we wait for another?"
4. Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see:
5. the blind see again; the lame are walking about; lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear; the dead are being raised, and the poor are given good news.
6. And blessed is whoever is not offended in me."
7. As these men were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the multitudes about John. "What did you go out to the wilderness to observe? A reed shaken by the wind?
8. But what did you go out to see? A man arrayed in soft garments? Those clothed in soft apparel are in kings' houses.

9. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet;
10. for this is the one of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’
11. I tell you truly, among those born of women there has not arisen a greater than John the baptizer; yet, he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
12. From the days of John the baptizer until now, the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.
13. For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John,
14. and if you are willing to receive *it*, this is Elias who is to come.
15. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.
16. To what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to their playmates,
17. ‘We piped for you, and you didn’t dance; we sang a dirge for you, and you haven’t mourned.’
18. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’
19. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look! A glutton and a drunkard! A friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Wisdom is justified by her children.”
- ¶ 20. Then he began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles were performed because they did not repent.
21. “Woe to you Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works wrought in you had been wrought in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
22. I tell you, it will be more tolerable in the Day of Judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.
23. And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, you shall be driven down to Hades, for if the mighty works wrought in you had been wrought in Sodom, they would have remained until today.
24. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the Day of Judgment than for you.”
- ¶ 25. At that time, Jesus answered and said, “I do praise you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the learned and intelligent, and have revealed them to babes.
26. Yes, Father, for doing it this way was pleasing in your sight.
27. All things were handed over to me by my Father; and no one really knows the Son except the Father, and no one really knows the Father except the Son, and him to whom the Son wishes to reveal *Him*.
28. Come to me, all who labor and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest.
29. Take my yoke upon 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. During that time, Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and his disciples grew hungry and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.
2. But when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath.”
3. But he said to them, “Haven’t you read what David did when he was hungry, he and those with him,
4. how he went into the house of God and ate the bread set out, which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those with him, but only for the priests?
5. Or haven’t you read in the Law that on the Sabbath, the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and yet they are guiltless?
6. But I tell you that something greater than the temple is here.
7. If you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless.
8. The Son of man is Lord of the Sabbath.”
- ¶ 9. Then, moving on from there, he went into their synagogue,
10. and a man with a withered hand was there; and (so that they might bring a charge against him) they questioned him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”
11. And he said to them, “What man is there among you who will have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath, would not grab it and lift it up?
12. But how much more valuable is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”
13. Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched *it* out, and it was restored, healthy like the other one.
14. The Pharisees went out and took counsel against him, how they might destroy him.
15. When Jesus knew *of it*, he withdrew from there. And great crowds followed him, and he healed them all.
16. And he warned them not to make him known,
17. so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:
18. “Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased; I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.
19. He will not quarrel, nor will he cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the street.
20. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench until he sends justice forth to victory;
21. and in his name will Gentiles hope.”
- ¶ 22. Then a demon-possessed man was brought to him, blind and mute; and he healed him, so that the blind and mute man *was able* both to speak and to see.
23. And all the multitude were amazed and said, “Is not this man the Son of David?”

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24. But when the Pharisees heard *that*, they said, “This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul, the ruler of demons.”
25. When Jesus knew their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and no city or house divided against itself will stand.
26. And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?
27. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? So then, they will be your judges.
28. But if I cast out demons by the spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come upon you.
29. How can anyone enter into the house of a strong man and plunder his goods unless he first binds the strong man? Only then will he plunder his house.
30. He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters.
31. Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but blasphemy against the spirit will not be forgiven.
32. And whoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the holy spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this present age or in the one to come.
33. Either make the tree good and its fruit good or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by *its* fruit.
34. *You* offspring of vipers! How can you, being evil, say good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
35. The good man sends out good things from *his* good treasure, and the evil man sends out evil things from *his* evil treasure.
36. Every worthless word that men speak, they shall give an account of it in the Day of Judgment.
37. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”
- ¶ 38. Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, “Teacher, we desire to see a sign from you.”
39. But he answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but no sign will be given to it, other than the sign of Jonah the prophet.
40. For as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish three days and three nights, so will the Son of man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.
41. The men of Nineveh will stand up in the Judgment against this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and something greater than Jonah is here.
42. The queen of the south will rise up in the Judgment against this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and something greater than Solomon is here.
43. When the unclean spirit comes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but it finds none.

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44. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came'; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and decorated.
45. Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and when they have come in, they make a home there. And the last state of that man is worse than the first.
That's how it will be with this evil generation."
- ¶ 46. While he was speaking to the multitudes, his mother and brothers were standing outside demanding to speak to him.
47. And someone said to him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside demanding to speak to you."
48. But he answered and said to the man who spoke to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"
49. Then, extending his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers."
50. For whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother."

CHAPTER 13

- ¶ 1. That same day, Jesus went out from the house and was sitting by the sea,
2. and large crowds gathered about him, so that he boarded a boat and sat down, and the whole multitude stood on the shore.
3. And he spoke many things to them in parables, saying, “A sower went out to sow,
4. and as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the road, and the birds came and devoured them.
5. But others fell on stony places, where they didn’t have much soil, and since they had no depth of soil, they immediately sprang up;
6. but when the sun rose, they were scorched, and they withered away because they had no root.
7. And other *seed* fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
8. And others fell on good soil and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.
9. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”
- ¶ 10. And the disciples approached him and said, “Why do you talk to them in parables?”
11. He answered and said to them, “Because it is given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but it is not given to them.
12. For whoever has, to him *more* will be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.
13. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing, they do not see, and hearing, they do not hear, nor do they understand.
14. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled which says, ‘You will indeed hear, but by no means will you understand, and you will indeed see, but by no means perceive;
15. for the heart of this people has been made hard, and they have heard with dull ears, and they have shut their eyes, lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand in their heart, and repent, and I heal them.
16. But *your* eyes are blessed because they see, and *your* ears, because they hear.
17. Truly I tell you that many prophets and righteous men longed to see the things you are seeing, and did not see *them*, and to hear the things you are hearing, and did not hear *them*.
18. Hear, then, the parable of the sower.
19. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand, the Evil One comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the one sown by the road.
20. The one sown on stony places is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,
21. yet he has no root in himself, but lasts a little while, and when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, he immediately is offended.
22. As for the one who was sown among thorns, he is one who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke out the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

23. But as for the one sown on good soil, he is one who hears the word and understands; he bears fruit, and produces, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”
- ¶ 24. Another parable he put forth to them, saying, “The kingdom of the heavens is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.
25. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares amongst the wheat, and went away.
26. And when the planting sprouted and produced fruit, then the tares appeared also.
27. Then the landowner’s slaves came to him and said, ‘Master, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Then, where did the tares come from?’
28. He said to them, ‘An enemy did this.’ Then the slaves said to him, ‘So, do you want us to go out and pull them up?’
29. But he replied, ‘No, lest in gathering up the tares, you uproot the wheat with them.
30. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time, I will tell the reapers, “Gather up the tares first, and bind them into bundles to burn them up; then gather the wheat into my storehouse.””
- ¶ 31. Another parable he put forth to them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field,
32. which indeed is smallest of all seeds, but when it is grown, it is the greatest of garden herbs and becomes a tree, so that the fowls of heaven come and nest in its branches.”
33. Another parable he spoke to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures^N of flour, until it was all leavened.”
- ¶ 34. All these things Jesus spoke to the multitudes in parables, and without a parable he did not speak to them,
35. so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, “I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.”
- ¶ 36. Then, having sent the crowds away, Jesus went home. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.”
37. He answered and said to them, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of man;
38. the field is the world; *as for* the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; the tares are the sons of the Evil One;
39. the enemy who sowed them is the Slanderer; the harvest is the close of this age; and the reapers are angels.
40. Therefore, just as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so will it be at the close of this age.
41. The Son of man will send out his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,
42. and will cast them into the fiery furnace; in that place, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43. Then will the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.
44. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid, and out of joy, he goes and sells whatsoever he has, and buys that field.
- ¶ 45. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls,
46. who, finding one very precious pearl, went away and sold everything he had and bought it.
- ¶ 47. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea, and it gathered some of every kind,
48. which, when it was full, men drew up on the shore; and when they sat down, they gathered the good ones into vessels, but threw the bad ones away.
49. This is how it will be at the close of the age; the angels will go out and separate the wicked from among the righteous,
50. and they will cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”
- ¶ 51. Jesus said to them, “Did you understand all these things?” They said to him, “Yes, Master.”
52. He said to them, “So it is, that every scribe instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who takes out from his treasure new things and old.”
- ¶ 53. And it came to pass that when Jesus ended these parables, he departed from there,
54. and when he came into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and *these* miracles?
55. Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother called Mariam, and his brothers named Jacobus, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?
56. And his sisters, aren’t they all with us? Where, then, *did* he *get* all these things?”
57. And they were offended in him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country and in his own home.”
58. And he did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

CHAPTER 14

- ¶ 1. During that time, Herod the tetrarch heard the fame of Jesus,
2. and he said to his attendants, "This is John the baptizer! He is risen from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."
3. For Herod had arrested John, and bound him, and put *him* in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.
4. For John had been telling him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."
5. And although Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the people because they esteemed him as a prophet.
6. But when Herod's birthday was being celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst; and she delighted Herod
7. so much that he swore with an oath to grant her whatever she might ask.
8. And she, at the urging of her mother, said, "Give me here, on a platter, the head of John the baptizer."
9. Then the king was grieved, but because of the oaths and those reclining at the table with him, he gave order that it be granted.
10. So he sent and beheaded John in the prison.
11. And his head was brought on a platter and given to the young girl, and she brought *it* to her mother.
12. Then John's disciples came and took the body away, and buried it; then they went and reported *it* to Jesus.
- ¶ 13. When Jesus heard *this*, he withdrew from there by boat to a deserted place, alone; but when the crowds heard *of it*, they followed him on foot from the cities.
14. And when Jesus came out, he saw a great multitude, and he was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.
15. When evening was come, his disciples came near to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send the multitudes away so they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.
16. But Jesus said to them, "They don't need to leave; you give them something to eat."
17. But they said to him, "We don't have anything here except five loaves and two fish!"
18. Then he said, "Bring them here to me."
19. And when he had ordered the people to recline on the grass, he took the five loaves and the two fish and looked up toward heaven and offered thanks; and when he broke the loaves, he gave *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes.
20. So they all ate and were filled. And they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve little baskets full.
21. Now those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

- ¶ 22. Immediately then, Jesus made the disciples board the boat and go on before him to the other side while he sent the crowds away.
23. And when he had sent the crowds away, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray, and when evening was come, he was there alone.
24. But the boat was by this time in the midst of the sea, being battered by waves, for the wind was contrary.
25. Now in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went out to them walking on the sea.
26. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.
27. But immediately Jesus spoke to them saying, "Have courage. It is I. Don't be afraid."
28. Peter answered him and said, "Master, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water!"
29. And he said, "Come!" And Peter came down out of the boat and walked on the water to go to Jesus.
30. But when he saw the strong wind he became afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Master, save me!"
31. Immediately then, Jesus stretched out his hand and took hold of him; and he said to him, "Littlefaith, why did you waver?"
32. And as they got onto the boat, the wind ceased.
33. And those in the boat came and worshiped him, saying, "You really are God's son."
- ¶ 34. And when they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.
35. And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent word all around that area and brought to him all who were sick.
36. And they implored him that they might just touch the fringe of his garment; and as many as touched *it* were made completely whole.

Chapter 15

1. Then, scribes and pharisees from Jerusalem came up to Jesus and said,
2. "Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? They do not wash their hands when they eat bread."
3. He answered and said to them, "And why do you transgress the commandment of God for your traditions?"
4. For God commanded, saying, 'Honor *your* father and *your* mother' and 'He who curses father or mother, let him die the death.'
5. But you! You say, 'Whoever says to father or mother, "Whatever I have that might have helped you *is* a temple gift," *he is innocent* even if he never honors his father or his mother.'
6. And so, you make God's commandment void for the sake of *your* tradition.
7. Charlatans! Well did Isaiah prophesy concerning *you*,

8. 'This people draws near to me with their mouth, and with their lips they honor me, but their heart is far from me.
9. In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"
10. Then he called the multitude near and said to them, "Listen and understand!
11. What goes into the mouth does not defile a man! What comes out of the mouth, that defiles a man!"
12. Then his disciples approached him and said, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard that saying?"
13. But he answered and said, "Every plant which my heavenly Father did not plant will be uprooted.
14. Leave them! They are blind guides of blind people. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."
15. Then Peter answered and said to him, "Explain this parable to us."
16. But Jesus said, "Are even you still without understanding?
17. Don't you yet comprehend that everything that enters into the mouth passes on to the belly and then is discharged into the latrine?
18. But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart; those things defile a man.
19. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, immoral acts, thefts, false testimonies, blasphemies;
20. these are things that defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man!"
- ¶ 21. The Jesus left that place and withdrew into the regions of Tyre and Sidon.
22. And a Canaanite woman from those parts came out and cried to him saying, "Have mercy on me, sir, O Son of David. My daughter is severely demon possessed."
23. But he answered her not a word. Then his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Set her free! For she's crying after us!"
24. And he answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
25. But she came and fell down before him, saying, "Sir, help me!"
26. But he answered and said, "It isn't good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."
27. And she said, "Yes, master; but even the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."
28. Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great *is* your faith! Be it done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.
- ¶ 29. Then, moving on from there, Jesus went along the Sea of Galilee. And he went up onto a mountain and sat down there.
30. And large crowds came to him, having with them the lame, the blind, the dumb, the deformed, and many others, and they fairly threw them down at Jesus' feet, and he healed them,
31. so that the crowds marveled when they saw the dumb speaking, the deformed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

- ¶ 32. Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I feel compassion for the people, for they’ve continued with me for three days now and have nothing to eat, and I don’t want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.”
33. His disciples said to him, “Where in this desolate place are we to find enough bread to satisfy such a large crowd?”
34. Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven, and a few small fish.”
35. Then he gave order for the people to stretch out on the ground.
36. And he took the seven loaves and the fish, and after he gave thanks, he broke *them*, and gave *them* to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.
37. And they all ate and were filled. And they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, seven large baskets full.
38. And those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.
39. Then, after sending the crowds away, he boarded *his* boat and went into to the region of Magdala.

Chapter 16

- ¶ 1. And then, Pharisees and Sadducees came up, putting *him* to the test, they asked him to show them a sign from heaven.
2. But he answered and said to them, “When evening comes, you say, ‘*It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.*’
3. And in the morning, *you say, ‘Today will be stormy for the sky is red and lowering.’* Phonies! You know so well how to read the face of the sky, but can’t you *read* the signs of the times?
4. An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.” Then he left them and went away.
- ¶ 5. When his disciples came to the other side, they had forgotten to bring bread.
6. Then Jesus said to them, “Watch out, and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”
7. Then they reasoned among themselves, saying, “*He said that because we didn’t bring bread.*”
8. But Jesus, knowing this, said to them, “Why do you reason among yourselves, littlefaiths? Because *you* brought no bread?
9. Don’t you understand yet? or remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many little baskets you took up?
10. or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many large baskets you took up?
11. How is it that you don’t understand that when I told you, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees,” I wasn’t talking about bread?”
12. Then they understood that he was not telling them to beware of the leaven of bread but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.
- ¶ 13. When Jesus came into the districts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Whom do men consider me, the Son of man, to be?”

14. They said, "Some *say* John the Baptizer; others, Elijah^N; and still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."
15. He said to them, "But you, who do you think I am?"
16. Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
17. Jesus answered him, "You are a blessed man, Simon, son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you but my Father who *is* in the heavens.
18. And I say to you that you are Peter, *the Rock*, and upon this rock I will build my ekklesia, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against her.
19. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on the earth, will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth, will be loosed in the heavens.
20. Then he sternly commanded his disciples to say to no one that he is Jesus, Christ.
- ¶ 21. From that time, Jesus began to show to his disciples that it was necessary for him to leave for Jerusalem, and to suffer many things at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and to be killed, and to be raised up the third day.
22. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God be merciful to you Master! This will never happen to you!"
23. But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me Satan! You are a stumbling stone for me, for you have no mind for the things of God, but for the things of men.
24. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to come after me let him completely deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
25. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
26. For what will it profit a man if he should gain the whole world but lose his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?
27. The Son of man will come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will repay each one according to his deeds.
28. I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will by no means taste of death, until they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

Chapter 17

- ¶ 1 Now after six days, Jesus took Peter, and Jacobus, and his brother John, and led them up into a high mountain by themselves,
- 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shown like the sun, and his garments became white as the light.
- 3 And, behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking together with *Jesus*.
- 4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here, if you are willing, we will make three tabernacles here; one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.
- 5 While he was yet speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a voice *came* out of the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him!"
- 6 And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces, and were greatly afraid.
- 7 But Jesus came over and touched them and said, "Get up and don't be afraid."
- 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus, alone.

- 9 As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of man is raised from the dead.”
- 10 And his disciples questioned him, saying, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”
- 11 And Jesus answered and said to them, “Elijah certainly is coming first and he will restore all things.
- 12 But I say to you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. Likewise, the Son of man is also going to suffer at their hands.”
- 13 Then the disciples understood that he spoke to them about John the Baptizer.
- ¶ 14 And when they came to the crowd, a man approached him, kneeling down before him,
- 15 and saying, “Sir, have mercy on my son for he is an epileptic, and is suffering miserably, for often times he falls into the fire and often into the water.
- 16 And I brought him to your disciples and they were not able to heal him.”
- 17 Then Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation! How long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to me!”
- 18 And then 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 couldn’t we cast it out?”
- 20 Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief. For I tell you, that if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain move from this place to there and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.
- 21 However this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.
- ¶ 22 While they remained in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is about to be delivered into the hands of men,
- 23 and they will kill him and on the third day he will be raised up. And they were very grieved.
- 24 When they came into Capernaum, those who collected didrachmas^N went up to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the didrachmas?”
- 25 He said, “Yes.” And when he came into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, “What do you think Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take customs or poll-tax? From their sons or from strangers?”
- 26 Peter said to him, “From strangers.” Jesus said to him, “Well then, the sons live free.
- 27 But, so that we be no stumbling block to them, go to the sea, cast a hook, and take the first fish that comes up, and when you have opened its mouth you will find a stater^N; take that and give *it* to them for me and you.”

Chapter 18

- ¶ 1 At that time the disciples approached Jesus, saying, “Who is really greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”
- 2 And when Jesus had called a little child to him, he stood the child in their midst,
- 3 and said, “I tell you truly, unless you change your course and become like little children, you will never enter into the kingdom of heaven.

- 4 Whoever humbles himself like this little child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven,
5 and whoever receives one such little child for my name's sake, receives me.
- 6 But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better
for him if a millstone driven by an ass was hung around his neck, and he was drowned in the
depth of the sea.
- 7 Woe to the world because of *its* stumblingblocks! It is needful for the stumblingblocks to
come, but woe to the man through whom the stumblingblock comes.
- 8 If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut them off and cast *them* from you. It is
better for you to enter into life lame or maimed than to be cast into the eternal fire having
two hands or two feet.
- 9 If your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and cast *it* away from you. It is better for you to
enter into life having one eye, than to be cast into fiery Gehenna having two eyes.
- 10 See that you do not have an attitude of superiority over one of these little ones, for I tell you
that their angels in heaven are always watching the face of my Father in heaven.
- 11 For the Son of man came to save that which was lost.
- 12 What do you think? If a man had a hundred sheep and one of them went astray, does he not
leave the ninety and nine, going up on the mountains and searching for the one who has
wandered away?
- 13 And if he happens to find it, I tell you truly that he rejoices over it more than over the ninety
and nine that did not go astray.
- 14 Just so, there is not a will in the presence of your Father, who is in heaven, that one of these
little ones should perish.”
- ¶ 15 “If your brother should sin against you, go and tell him *his fault* between you and him alone.
If he listens to you, you have won your brother.
- 16 But if he will not listen, take one or two more with you that by the mouth of two witnesses
or three every word might be established.
- 17 And if he refuses to listen to them, speak to the ekklesia; and if he also refuses to listen to
the ekklesia, let him be just like a gentile or publican to you.
- 18 I tell you truly, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you
loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
- 19 Again, I tell you truly that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything at all that they
should 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, I am there in the midst of them.”
- ¶ 21 Then Peter came near to him and said, “Master, how many times will my brother sin against
me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”
- 22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but up to seventy times seven.
- 23 This is why the kingdom of heaven is likened to a man, a king, who wanted to settle
accounts with his slaves.
- 24 And when he began to settle *them*, one was brought to him who owed him zillions of talents.
- 25 But he being unable to repay *the debt*, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife, and
children, and whatsoever he had, and payment to be made.

- 26 Then falling down, the slave prostrated himself before him, saying, ‘Lord, be patient with me and I will repay you everything.’
- 27 And moved with compassion, the lord of that slave released him, and forgave him the debt.
- 28 But when that slave went out, he found one of his fellow slaves who owed him one hundred denarii, and he grabbed him, and choked *him*, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe’.
- 29 Then, falling down at his feet, his fellow slave begged him, saying, ‘Be patient with me and I will repay you’.
- 30 But he would not; on the contrary, he went and threw him into prison, until he should repay the debt.
- 31 Now when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were very grieved, and came and reported to their lord all that had taken place.
- 32 Then when his lord had summoned him, he said to him, ‘You wicked slave, I forgave you that entire debt, when you begged me.
- 33 Was it not incumbent upon you then to show mercy to your fellow slave even as I showed mercy to you?’
- 34 And his lord, furious, handed him over to the torturers until he repaid all that was owed him.
- 35 This is how my heavenly Father will also deal with *you*, unless, from *your* hearts, each *of you* forgives his brother their trespasses.

Chapter 19

- ¶ 1 Now it came about, when Jesus finished these sayings, that he left Galilee, and came into the borders of Judaea beyond the Jordan.
2. And great multitudes followed him and he healed them there.
3. Then the Pharisees came up to him, to test him, and they said to him, “Is it permissible for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?”
4. And answering them, he said, “Have you not read, that he who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female’?
5. And he said, ‘For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’
6. So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, let not man separate what God has yoked together.”
7. They said to him, “Why, then, did Moses command to give *her* a certificate of separation, and then divorce her?”
8. He said to them, “Moses allowed you to divorce your wives because of your hard heartedness, but at the beginning it wasn’t like that.
9. And I tell you, that whoever divorces his wife, except on account of unchastity, and marries another woman, commits adultery; and he who marries a divorced woman is committing adultery.”
10. His disciples said to him, “If the case for a man with his wife is like that, it’s better not to marry.”
11. But he said to them, “Not everyone can embrace this saying, just those to whom it is given.”

12. For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mothers womb, and there are eunuchs who have been made that way by men; and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let him who is able to take this in, embrace it.”
- ¶ 13. Then little children were brought to him that he might lay hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.
14. Then Jesus said, “Let the children go and don’t stop them from coming to me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”
15. And when he had laid hands on them, he went on from there.
16. Then behold, a man approached him and said, “Good teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”
17. And he said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but one; *that is*, God. But if you would enter into life, keep the commandments.
18. He said to him, “Which?” Jesus said, “Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness;
19. honor your father and mother; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
20. The young man said to him, “I have kept all these things from my youth; what do I yet lack?”
21. Jesus replied to him, “If you want to be perfect, go away, sell the things you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.
22. When the young man heard this, he went away feeling heavy, for he had many possessions.
23. Then Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you truly, a rich man will hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.
24. Once more, I tell you, ‘It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.’”
25. When his disciples heard this, they were utterly astounded, saying, “Who then can be saved?”
26. But Jesus, looking intensely at them, said to them, “With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.”
27. Then Peter answered and said to him, “Look, we left everything and followed you. What will happen to us?”
28. Jesus said to them, “I tell you truly, that you who have followed me, in the new world when the Son of man has sat on the throne of his glory, you will sit also on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
29. And everyone who has left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my name’s sake, shall receive a hundred fold, and shall inherit eternal life.
30. But many who are first will be last, and the last, first.

Chapter 20

- ¶ 1 For the kingdom of heaven is like a man who is master of a house, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

- 2 And when he agreed with the workers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.
- 3 And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing idle in the market place.
- 4 And he said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.'
- 5 And off they went. He went out again about the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same.
- 6 And going out about the eleventh hour, he found other men standing idle, and he said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'
- 7 And they said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right you will receive.'
- 8 Then when evening was come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the workers and pay them their wage starting with the last to the first.'
- 9 And when those who were *hired* about the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius.
- 10 And when the first came, they assumed that they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.
- 11 And when they received it, they began to murmur against the master of the house,
- 12 saying, 'These last men did one hour and you have made them equal to us who bore the burden of the day, and the heat!'
- 13 Then he answered and said to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?'
- 14 Take what is yours and go. I take pleasure in giving to this last man just as to you.
- 15 Is it not legal for me to do what I wish with things that are mine, or is your eye evil because I am good?'
- 16 Thus, the last shall be first and the first last; for many are called but few are chosen."
- 17 And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took his twelve disciples aside on the way and said to them,
- 18 "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man will be betrayed to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death.
- 19 And they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged, and crucified; and on the third day he will be raised up."
- 20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee approached him with her sons, and prostrating herself before *him*, to ask something from him.
- 21 And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Make a decree that these my two sons should sit, one on your right hand and one on your left in your kingdom."
- 22 Then Jesus answered and said, "You don't know what you're asking. Are you able to drink the cup which I am about to drink or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to him, "We are able."
- 23 And then he said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, and you will be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with. But to sit on my right or on my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it is prepared by my Father."
- 24 But when the ten heard this they were moved with indignation against the two brothers.

- 25 But Jesus called them near and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lorded over them, and the great men bear heavy rule over them.
- 26 But it shall not be like that among you. But whoever among you wants to become great he will be your servant.
- 27 And whoever among you wants to be first, let him be your slave.
- 28 Just as the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”
- ¶ 29 And as they were going out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him.
- 30 And behold when two blind men sitting by the road heard that Jesus passed by, they cried out saying, “Have mercy on us Lord Son of David.”
- 31 But the crowd rebuked them, that they should be quiet. But they cried out all the more, saying, “Have mercy on us Lord Son of David.”
- 32 And Jesus stood still, called them, and said, “What do you want me to do for you?”
- 33 They said to him, “Lord, that our eyes might be opened.”
- 34 Then Jesus moved with compassion, touched their eyes and immediately their eyes received sight and they followed him.

Chapter 21

- ¶ 1 And when they drew near to Jerusalem, and came into Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples
- 2 saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and you will immediately find a donkey tied and a colt with her; loose *them* and bring *them* to me.
- 3 and if anyone says anything to you, then you say, ‘The Lord has need of them.’ And he will send them immediately.
- 4 But all this took place in order that it might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet saying,
- 5 ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, behold your King is coming to you, lowly, and mounted on a donkey and a colt *with her*, the offspring of a beast of burden.”
- 6 So the disciples went, and they did just as Jesus had instructed them,
- 7 and brought the donkey and the colt *to him*; and they laid their garments upon them and Jesus sat on them.
- 8 Then, most of the crowd spread their own garments on the road, but others cut branches off the trees and spread *them* on the road.
- 9 And the crowds going before *him* and following, cried out, saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!”
- 10 And he entered into Jerusalem, and all the city was shaken, saying, “Who is this man?”
- 11 But the multitudes kept saying, “This is Jesus the prophet who is from Nazareth of Galilee.”
- ¶ 12 And then Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all those who sold and bought in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers, and the chairs of those selling doves.
- 13 And he said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house for prayer, but you have made it a hideout for thieves.’”

- 14 Then the lame and the blind in the temple came to him, and he healed them.
- 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonders he performed, and the children shouting in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” They were indignant.
- 16 And they said to him, “Do you hear what these *children* are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of little children and nursing babies you have perfected praise?’”
- 17 And leaving them, he went outside the city to Bethany and he spent the night there.
- ¶ 18 Early in the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry.
- ¶ 19 And seeing a lone fig tree beside the road, he went to it and found nothing on it except leaves, and he said to it, “May no fruit ever come from you again.” And the fig tree withered up at once.
- 20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither up so quick?”
- 21 Jesus answered and said to them, “I tell you truly, if you have faith and do not waiver, not only will you do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘be taken up and thrown into the sea’, it will happen.
- 22 And all things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.
- ¶ 23 And after he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him while he was teaching, saying, “By what authority are you doing these things and who gave you this authority?”
- 24 Jesus answered and said to them, “I will also ask you one question, which if you answer me, then I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.
- 25 The baptism of John, where was it from? From heaven or from men?” And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say from heaven, he will say to us, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him’,
- 26 ‘But if we say from men’, we fear the people for they all hold John as a prophet.”
- 27 And they answered Jesus and said, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.
- 28 But what do you think? A man had two children and he went up to the first and said, “Child, go work today in my vineyard.
- 29 And the child answered and said, “I don’t want to.” But afterwards felt regret and went.
- 30 And then he came to the second and said likewise, and the second answered and said, “I *will* go, Sir.” And yet, he did not go.
- 31 Which of the two did the will of the father? They said to him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, that the tax collectors and the harlots are going into the kingdom of God before you.
- 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and yet, you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and harlots did believe him. And you, when you saw it, felt no regret afterwards and believe him.

- ¶ 33 Listen to another parable. There was a man, a land owner, who planted a vineyard, placed a hedge around it, and dug a winepress in it, and built a tower, and leased it out to tenants, and went on a journey.
- 34 And when time for the fruit drew near, he sent his slaves to the tenants to receive his fruit.
- 35 And the tenants took his slaves, and they beat up one, and they killed one, and they threw stones at another.
- 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them the same way.
- 37 And at last, he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’
- 38 But the tenants seeing the son, said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come let’s kill him and possess his inheritance.’
- 39 And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.
- 40 So then, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”
- 41 They said to him, “He will cruelly destroy those crooked men; and He will lease his vineyard to other tenants who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.”
- 42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures, ‘The stone which the builders rejected the same is made the head of the corner; this head is from the Lord and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”
- 43 Therefore I say to you that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and will be given to a nation bearing the fruit of it.
- 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but whoever it falls on, it will crush him.”
- 45 And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they knew that he was talking about them.
- 46 And though they desired to seize him, they feared the crowds because they held him as a prophet.

Chapter 22

- ¶ 1 And Jesus answered again and spoke to them in parables, saying,
- 2 “The kingdom of heaven is likened to a certain king who arranged wedding festivities for his son,
- 3 and he sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the festivities, but they didn’t want to come.
- 4 Again he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “Look I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fatlings have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the festivities.”’
- 5 But caring nothing for *it*, they went away, one to his own field and one to his business.
- 6 And the rest seized his servants, treated *them* shamefully and killed *them*.
- 7 And when the king heard that, he was enraged; and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.
- 8 Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who are called were not worthy.’

- 9 Go therefore to the crossroads, and as many as you find, call to the wedding festivities.’
- 10 And when those servants went out on the roads, they gathered together all, as many as they found, both evil and good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.
- 11 But when the king came in to view the guests, he saw a man there not clothed with wedding garments.
- 12 And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you enter here not having wedding garments?’ And he was speechless.
- 13 Then the king said to his ministers, ‘Bind his hands and feet, take him away and cast him into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’
- 14 For many are called but few are chosen.”
- ¶ 15 Then the Pharisees went and took counsel together, how they might entrap him with talk.
- 16 And they sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true, and you truly teach the way of God, and you are not influenced by anyone, for you do not consider the status of men.
- 17 Tell us then, how does it seem to you? Is it right to give tax to Caesar or not?”
- 18 But, knowing their wickedness, Jesus said, “Why are you putting me to a test, you phonies?
- 19 Show me the coin *used for* the tax.” And they brought a denarius to him.
- 20 And he said to them, “Whose is this image and inscription?”
- 21 They said to him, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”
- 22 And when they heard *this*, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.
- ¶ 23 On that day, Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and questioned him,
- 24 saying, “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If any man dies without having children, his brother shall marry his wife, and he shall raise up seed to his brother.’
- 25 Now were there with us seven brothers, and the first married and died, and having no seed, he left his wife to his brother.
- 26 Likewise also the second and the third, until *all seven died*.
- 27 And last of all, the woman also died.
- 28 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven shall she be? For they all had her.”
- 29 Jesus answered and said to them, “You are fooling yourselves, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.
- 30 For in the resurrection, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.
- 31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you never read what was spoken to you by God,
- 32 ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.
- 33 And when the multitudes heard that, they were astonished at his doctrine.
- ¶ 34 Now the Pharisees, when they heard that he put the Sadducees to silence, gathered themselves together for the same purpose.
- 35 And then one among them, an expert in the Law, asked *him* a question, testing him:

- 36 “Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the Law?”
- 37 Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’
- 38 This is the first and great commandment.
- 39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
- 40 On these two commandments hang the entire Law and the prophets.
- ¶ 41 But while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus put a question to them,
- 42 saying, “What do you think about the Messiah? Who’s son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.”
- 43 He said to them, “How is it then that David in Spirit calls him lord, saying,
- 44 ‘The lord said to my lord, sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet’?
- 45 If therefore David calls him lord, how is he his son?
- 46 And no one was able to answer him a word, neither dared anyone from that day to question him any longer.

Chapter 23

- ¶ 1 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to his disciples,
- 2 saying, “The scribes and Pharisees have sat down on Moses’ seat.
- 3 So, everything, whatever they tell you to keep, keep and do; but don’t do according to their deeds, for they say and do not do.
- 4 For they bind up burdens, heavy and difficult to bear, and place them on the shoulders of men, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with *so much as* their finger.
- 5 But all their works they do to be seen by men; and they broaden their phylacteries, and they enlarge the tassels of their garments,
- 6 And they like the place of honor at feasts, and the seat of honor in the synagogues,
- 7 And greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, ‘Rabbi, Rabbi’;
- 8 But as for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi’, for *just* one is your instructor, the Messiah, and you all are brothers.
- 9 And call no one on earth your father, for *just* one is your father in heaven.
- 10 And do not be called instructors, for *just* one is your instructor, the Messiah.
- 11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.
- 12 But whoever will exalt himself shall be humbled; and whoever will humble himself shall be exalted.
- ¶ 13 Woe to you scribes and Pharisees! Shysters! For you lock up the kingdom of heaven against men, you, yourselves, do not go in, nor do you allow those who are going in to enter.
- 14 Woe to you scribes and Pharisees! Shysters! For you devour widows’ houses and for a pretext make long prayers; therefore, you will receive greater condemnation.
- ¶ 15 Woe to you scribes and Pharisees! Shysters! For you go about land and sea to make one convert, and when it is done, you make him twice the son of Gehenna as yourselves.

- 16 Woe to you blind guides who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing, but whoever swears by the gold of the temple he is bound.'
- 17 You fools and blind men! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold?
- 18 And you say, 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing, but whoever swears by the gift upon *the altar*, he is bound.'
- 19 You fools and blind men! For which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift?
- 20 therefore, he who swears by the altar, swears by it and everything on it;
- 21 And he who swears by the temple, swears by it and the one who dwells within it.
- 22 And he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and Him who sits upon it.
- ¶ 23 Woe to you scribes and Pharisees! Shysters! Because you render tithes on mint and dill and cummin, and have left off the weightier matters of the law, justice, and mercy, and faith; these things you should have done and not left off those things.
- 24 Blinds guides, who strain out a gnat and gulp down a camel.
- ¶ 25 Woe to you scribes and Pharisees! Shysters! Because you make the outside of the cup and the dish clean, but inside they are full of greed and injustice.
- 26 Blind Pharisee, clean first what is inside the cup and the dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.
- ¶ 27 Woe to you scribes and Pharisees! Shysters! You are like whitewashed tombs which outwardly appear to be so very lovely, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.
- 28 And you are just like that; on the outside you appear righteous to men but on the inside you are full of pretense and lawlessness.
- ¶ 29 Woe to you scribes and Pharisees! Shysters! For you build up the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous,
- 30 and you say, 'If we were in the days of our fathers, we would not have partaken with them in the blood of the prophets.'
- 31 And thus you bear witness against yourselves that you are the sons of the murderers of the prophets.
- 32 Fill up then the measure of your fathers!
- 33 You snakes, you offspring of vipers, how can you escape the judgment of Gehenna?
- 34 For this reason, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; and some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from city to city.
- 35 So that all the righteous blood shed upon earth may come upon you, from the blood of Abel the righteous to the blood of Zacharias the son of Barachias, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.
- 36 I tell you truly that all these things will come upon this generation.
- 37 Jerusalem, Jerusalem that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her, how often I have wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks together under her wings, and you would not.

38 And now, *your house is left to you desolate.*

39 For I say to you, you will never see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Chapter 24

¶ 1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and his disciples drew near to show him the temple buildings.

2 But Jesus said to them, “Do not look on all these things. Truly I say to you, there will not be left in this place one stone upon another that will not be torn down.

¶ 3 Then as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, his disciples approached him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what is the sign of your coming, and of the end of the world?”

4 Then Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no man deceive you,

5 for many will come in my name saying, ‘I am the Anointed.’ And they will deceive many.

6 You are going to hear of wars and rumors of wars; See that you are not troubled, for all *these* things must take place, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines, and epidemics, and earthquakes in various places.

8 All these things are just the beginning of labor pains.

9. Then they will hand you over to tribulation and they will kill you and you will be hated by all nations because of my name.

10 And then many will be offended, and they will betray one another, and hate one another.

11 And many false prophets will arise and they will deceive many.

12 And because of a great increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold.

13 But he who endures to the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the earth for a witness to all nations; and then the end will come.

¶ 15 “So when you see the abomination of desolation, that which was spoken through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him who is reading understand),

16 Then let those in Judea flee to the mountains;

17 let not him who is on the rooftop come down to take things out of his house;

18 and let not him who is in the field turn back to get his clothes.

19 And woe to those who are with child and those who are nursing in those days.

20 Pray that your flight not be in winter, nor on a Sabbath.

21 For then shall be great tribulation which has not been from the beginning of the world until now, nor will ever be.

22 And unless those days are shortened, no flesh will be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

23 Then, if anyone says to you ‘Look, here is Christ’, or ‘Here’, do not believe him.

24 For false Christ’s and false apostles will arise, and they will perform great signs and miracles so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

- 25 Take note; I have forewarned you.
- 26 So if they say to you, 'Look! He is in the wilderness,' do not go out there; or 'Look! *He is in the secret chambers,*' do not believe *it*.
- 27 For as the lightning comes out of the east and flashes to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of man be.
- 28 For where the corpse is, there the vultures will be gathered together.
- ¶ 29 "Then, immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give it's light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
- 30 And then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn and they shall see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and much glory.
- 31 And he will send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather his elect from the four winds from one end of heaven to the other.
- ¶ 32 "Now learn a parable from the fig tree. When its branch has already become tender, and it puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.
- 33 Likewise, you too, when you see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors.
- 34 I tell you truly, this generation will by no means pass away until all these things take place.
- 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.
- 36 Now concerning that day and that hour, no man knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor even the Son, but the Father alone.
- 37 Just as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of man be.
- 38 For just as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered into the ark,
- 39 And they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of man be.
- 40 At that time, there will be two men in the field; one will be taken away and one left behind.
- 41 Two women will be grinding in the mill; one will be taken away and one left behind.
- 42 So, watch, for you do not know in what hour your Master is coming.
- 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in which watch the thief is coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.
- 44 Therefore you also be ready, for in such a time you do not suppose, the Son of man is coming.
- 45 Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom his master has set over his servants to give them food in the appointed time?
- 46 Blessed is that slave whom when his master comes, finds him doing like this.
- 47 I tell you truly, that he will set him over all his possessions.
- 48 But if that evil slave should say in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,
- 49 and begins to beat his fellow slaves and to eat and drink with drunkards,
- 50 the master of that slave will come in a day which he does not expect, and in an hour in which he does not know,

51 and he will cut him in two and will give *him* his portion with the pretenders; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Chapter 25

¶ 1 At that time the kingdom of heaven will be likened to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

2 Five of them were wise and the other five foolish.

3 Those who were foolish took their lamps but did not take oil with them.

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 But in the middle of the night a loud cry was made, “Look! The bridegroom is coming! Go out to meet him.”

7 At that, all those virgins woke up, and trimmed their lamps.

8 Then the foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of *your* oil because our lamps are going out.”

9 But the wise answered, “No, there might not be enough for us and *you*. Go instead to those who sell and buy some for yourselves.”

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came. And those who were ready went in with them to the wedding feast and the door was shut.

11 Afterward, the remaining virgins also came, saying, “Lord, Lord, open up for us.”

12 And he answered and said, “I tell you truly, I do not know *you*.”

13 Watch therefore, because *you* do not know the day or the hour.

¶ 14. “It is like a man about to go on a journey, who summoned his slaves, and entrusted his possessions to them.

15 To one he gave five talents, and to another, two *talents*, and to another, one *talent*, to each according to his ability, and he departed at once on the journey.

16 Then, the one who received the five talents went and worked with them and made another five talents.

17 Likewise, the one who had two talents gained two more.

18 But the one who received the one *talent* went and dugged in the earth and hid his master’s silver.

19 Then, after a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

20 He who had received five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. Look, I gained another five talents besides them.’

21 Then his master said to him, ‘Well done, *you* good and faithful slave. You were faithful with little; I will put you in charge over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

22 Then also, he who received two talents approached and said, ‘Master, you entrusted to me two talents; look, I have gained another two talents besides them.’

23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, *you* good and faithful slave. You were faithful with little; I will put you in charge over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

- 24 And then, the one who had received one talent approached and said, ‘Master, I knew you, that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter.
- 25 And so, I was afraid and went and hid your talent in the earth. Here, you have what is yours.’
- 26 And his master answered and said to him, ‘*You* wicked and lazy slave. You knew that I reap where I did not sow, and I gather where I did not scatter *any seed*.
- 27 So you ought to have deposited my silver with the bankers, so that at my coming, I would receive what is mine with interest.
- 28 Therefore, take from him the talent and give *it* to the one who has the ten talents.’
- 29 For to everyone who has, it shall be given, and he will have an abundance, and from him who does not have, what he does have shall be taken away from him.
- 30 And cast out the unprofitable slave into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth in that place.
- ¶ 31. When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory,
- 32 and all nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them from one another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,
- 33 and he will put the sheep on his right hand and the goats on the left.
- 34 Then the king will say to those on his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
- 35 I was hungry and you gave me *something* to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in;
- 36 naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.’
- 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and fed *you*? Or thirsting and gave *you* drink?
- 38 When did we see you a stranger and take *you* in? Or naked, and gave *you* clothes?
- 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and come to you?’
- 40 And the king will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to *you* as often as *you* did it to one of the least of these my brothers *you* did it to me.’
41. Then he will say to those on the left, ‘Go from me, *you* who are cursed into the eternal fire which is prepared for the Slanderer and his angels.
42. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink;
43. I was a stranger and *you* did not take me in; naked and you did not clothe me; sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’
44. Then these will answer saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison and did not minister to you?’
45. Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly I say to *you* as often as *you* did it not to one of the least of these *you* did it not to me.’
46. And these will go away to eternal punishment; but the righteous to eternal life.”

Chapter 26

- ¶ 1. When Jesus ended these sayings, he told his disciples,
2. “Know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of man is will be betrayed to be crucified.”
3. The chief priests and the scribes and the elders of the people were gathered at that time in the palace of the chief priest named Ciaphas,
- 4 and they took counsel together as to how they could by craftiness seize and kill Jesus.
5. But they said, “Not during the feast lest there be an uproar among the people.”
6. Now Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,
- 7 and there came to him a woman with an alabaster container of very expensive perfume, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at the table.
8. And when his disciples saw *this* they were indignant, saying, “What’s the point of this wastefulness?
9. She could have sold this perfume for a lot and given to the poor.”
10. When Jesus heard *that*, he said to them, “Why are you troubling the woman? She has done a good deed to me.
11. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.
12. She has poured this perfume on my body to prepare me for burial.
13. I tell you truly, wherever this good news is preached in the whole world what she has done to me shall also be spoken of in memory of her.”
14. Then one of the twelve, the one called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests
- 15 and said, “What will you give me for me to give him over to you?” And they offered him thirty pieces of silver.
16. And from that time, he sought a good opportunity to betray him.
- ¶ 17. On the first day of unleaven bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said to him, “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?”
18. He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The teacher says, “My time is at hand. Prepare for me and my disciples for the Passover.”’”
19. And the disciples did as Jesus directed, and they prepared for the Passover.
20. And when the evening was come, he reclined for dinner with the twelve.
21. And as they were eating he said, “I tell you truly that one of you will betray me.”
22. And they began to be very grieved, each one of them saying to him, “I’m not the one, am I Master?”
23. And he answered and said, “The one who has dipped with me in the bowl, he will betray me.
24. The Son of man must go as it is written concerning him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed. It was better for him if that man had never been born.”
25. Then Judas, the one who betrayed him, answered and said, “I’m not the one, am I Rabbi?”
Jesus said to him, “You have said *it*.”
26. As they were eating, Jesus took the bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke *it* and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take *it and* eat; this is my body.”

27. And when he had taken the cup and given thanks, he gave *it* to them, saying, “All of you drink some of it,
28. for this is my blood, the *blood* of the new covenant, the *blood* shed for the forgiveness of sins for many.
29. And I tell you, that after this, I will by no means drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it with you in a new way in the kingdom of my Father.
- ¶ 30. And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the *Mount* of Olives.
- ¶ 31. Then Jesus said to them, “Tonight, all of you will be offended because of me, for it is written, ‘I will smite the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’
32. But after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee.”
33. Then Peter answered and said to him, “Though all are offended because of you, still I will never be offended.”
34. Jesus said to him, “I tell you truly, that tonight before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”
35. Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will not deny you.” And then all the disciples said likewise.
- ¶ 36. Then Jesus came with them into a plot of ground called Gethsemane, and he said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go to pray over there.”
37. And taking Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be very heavy and distressed.
38. Then Jesus said to them, “My soul is grieved to death. Stay here and watch with me.”
39. And he went a little way, fell upon his face praying, and said, “O my Father, if it is possible, make this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will.”
40. And then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Is this how it is? Are you not able to watch with me one hour?
41. Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation; the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak.”
42. Again, going away a second time, he prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me except I drink it, your will be done.”
43. And coming *back*, he found them sleeping again, for their eyes were heavy;
44. and leaving them, *he* went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing.
45. Then he came to his disciples, and he said to them, “Keep on sleeping and take your rest; see, the hour has arrived, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
46. Get up; let’s go. Look, the one who betrays me is near.”
- ¶ 47. And as he yet spoke, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a large crowd with swords and clubs from the high priests and the elders of the people.
48. The one who betrayed him had given them a sign, saying, “Whoever I kiss is the man; arrest him.”
49. And straightway, coming to Jesus, he said, “Hello, Rabbi.” And he kissed him tenderly.
50. Jesus said to him, “Friend, why are you here?” Then they came forward, laid their hands on Jesus, and seized him.

51. And, behold, one of those with Jesus, reached out *his* hand, drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.
52. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place, for all who take up a sword will die by a sword.
53. Do you think that I cannot now call upon my Father, and He will send me more than twelve legions of angels?
54. But then, how could the Scriptures be fulfilled, since it must be this way?”
55. At this time, Jesus said to the crowds, “Why do you come to capture me with swords and clubs as against an insurgent? I sat with you every day, teaching in the temple, and you didn’t arrest me.
56. But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.
- ¶ 57. Then those who arrested Jesus carried *him* away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.
58. But Peter was following him at a distance, up to the high priest’s courtyard, and then entering within, he sat down with the servants to see the end.
59. And the high priests, and the elders, and the Sanhedrine, were seeking false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death.
60. And they could not find *one*; even though many false witnesses came, they could not find *one*.
61. Finally, two false witnesses approached and said, “This man affirmed, “I have power to destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.”
62. And then the high priest, rising up, said to him, “Do you answer nothing? What of these things which they testify against you?”
63. But Jesus was silent. And continuing, the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, that you tell us whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”
64. Jesus said to him, “You said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter, you’ll see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven.”
65. Then the high priest tore his robes, saying, “He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses!? Look, even now you have heard his blasphemy;
66. What do you think?” And answering, they said, “He is worthy of death!”
67. Then they spat in his face, and beat him, and others slapped *him*,
68. saying, “Reveal to us, O Messiah, who is it that hit you?”
- ¶ 69. Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard when one slave girl came up to him, saying, “You were with Jesus of Galilee, too!”
70. But he denied *it* before them all, saying, “I don’t know what you’re talking about.”
71. But when he went out to the forecourt, another slave girl saw him, and she said to those who were there, “This man was also with Jesus the Nazarene!”
72. And again he denied with an oath, “I don’t know the man.”
73. After a short while, those standing by approached and said to Peter, “But you really are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

74. Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man!" And straightway the cock crowed.
75. And Peter remembered Jesus' saying that he spoke to him, "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And then he went out and wept bitterly.

Chapter 27

- ¶ 1. When morning was come, all the high priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus, to put him to death;
2. and when they had tied him up, they led *him* away and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.
- ¶ 3. Then, when Judas, who betrayed him, saw that he was condemned, he regretted the silver pieces, and he returned *them* to the high priests and the elders,
4. saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood!" But they said, "Why *come* to us? You see *to that*."
5. Then he threw down the silver pieces in the temple and ran away; and he went and hanged himself.
6. But the high priests, taking the silver pieces, said, "It is not permitted to put these into the temple treasury, since it is the price for blood."
7. So when they had taken counsel, they bought with them the potter's field as a burial ground for foreigners.
8. Wherefore, that field is called the Field of Blood to this day.
9. Then the prophecy through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "And I took thirty silver pieces, the price of the one who had been priced, whom the sons of Israel set a price on;
10. and they gave them for the potter's field just as the Lord commanded me."
- ¶ 11. Then Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor questioned him, saying, "Are you the king of the Jews?" And Jesus answered him, "You say."
12. But when charges were brought against him by the high priests and the elders, he answered nothing.
13. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many testify against you?"
14. But he did not answer him with even one word, so that the governor was greatly astonished.
15. Now the governor was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to the crowd every feast, whomever they wanted.
16. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner named Barabbas.
17. So when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you, Barabbas? or Jesus, who is called Christ?"
18. For he knew that they handed him over out of envy.
19. And while he sat on the judgment seat, his wife sent a message to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much in a dream because of him."
20. But the high priests and the elders convinced the crowds that they should ask for Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

21. Then the governor answered them and said, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" And they said, "Barabbas".
22. Pilate said to them, "So what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said to him, "Let him be crucified!"
23. But the governor said, "What evil has he done?" But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let him be crucified!"
24. So, seeing that he was getting nowhere and that the uproar was becoming greater, Pilate, taking water, washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man; you yourselves see *to that!*"
25. And all the people, answering, said, "His blood *be* on us and on our children!"
26. Then he released Barabbas to them, but, after flogging Jesus, he gave *him* over to be crucified.
- ¶ 27. Then the soldiers of the governor, when they had taken Jesus to the pretorium, gathered the entire company against him;
28. Then, stripping him naked, they put a scarlet robe on him.
29. And weaving a crown of thorns, they put *it* on his head, with a reed in his right hand. And then they bowed before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
30. And they spat on him, and took the reed and beat *him* on his head.
31. And when they had mocked him, they took the robe off him, and put his clothes on him, and led him away to crucify *him*.
- ¶ 32. As they went, they found a Cyrenian man named Simon, and they compelled this man to carry his cross.
33. And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which is called the Place of the Skull,
34. they gave him wine mixed with gall, but after tasting *it*, he would not drink.
35. When they had crucified him, they divided his clothes by casting lots.
36. Then, they sat down there and watched him.
37. And they placed over his head his accusation, written out, "This one is Jesus, King of the Jews."
38. At the same time, two bandits were crucified with him, one on the right, and one on the left.
39. And those which passed by reviled him, shaking their heads,
40. and saying, "You who destroys the temple, and rebuilds *it* in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."
41. Likewise, the high priests, mocking *him* with the scribes and the elders and the Pharisees, kept saying,
42. "He saved others; he cannot not save himself. If he is the King of Israel, let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him!
43. He trusted in God; let Him deliver him now, if He wants him. For he said, 'I am God's Son.' "
44. Even the bandits who were crucified with him reviled him *with* the same *words*.
- ¶ 45. About the sixth hour, it became dark over all the land until the ninth hour;
46. and about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" (This is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?")
47. When some of those standing there heard *this*, they said, "He is calling for Elijah!"

48. And immediately one of them ran and took a sponge filled with wine, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink.
49. But the others were saying, “Wait! Let’s see if Elijah is coming to save him.”
50. And Jesus, when he had again cried out with a loud voice, gave up the spirit.
51. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two, from the top to the bottom; and the earth shook; and the rocks were split apart;
52. and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of dead saints were raised up.
53. And when they came out of the tombs after his resurrection, they entered into the holy city, and were seen by many.
54. Now when the centurion, and those who were with him guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and those *other* things happen, they were very afraid, saying, “This man really was a son of God!”
55. And there were many women there watching from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, taking care of him,
56. among whom was Maria the Magdalene, and Maria the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.
- ¶ 57. Now, when it was evening, a wealthy man came from Arimathaea, by the name of Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.
58. This man approached Pilate and requested the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given *to him*.
59. And after taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,
60. and he laid it in his own new sepulcher, which was hewn out of a rock; and after rolling a great stone on the door of the tomb, he left.
61. But Maria the Magdalene and the other Maria stayed there and sat down before the sepulcher.
- ¶ 62. The next day, which was after the Preparation, the high priests and the Pharisees were gathered to Pilate,
63. saying, “Sir, we remember that this deceiver said, while living, ‘I will be raised up with the third day.’
64. Therefore, command the sepulcher to be guarded until the third day; lest his disciples, come at night and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He was raised from the dead!’, and the last delusion will be worse than the first.”
65. And Pilate said to them, “Take a guard; go away, make *it* as secure as you are able!”
66. And they went and made the sepulcher secure with a guard, sealing a stone.

Chapter 28

- ¶ 1. But after the Sabbath, at dawn, on the first day of the week, Maria the Magdalene came with the other Maria to see the sepulcher.
2. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and when he came, he rolled away the stone from the entrance, and he sat on top of it.
3. His appearance was as lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.
4. And those who kept watch shook out of fear of him, and they became as dead men.

5. But the angel, answering, said to the women, “Don’t you be frightened! For I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was nailed to a cross.
6. He is not here, for he was raised up, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord was laid!
7. Go quickly and say to his disciples, ‘He is raised from the dead; and he is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see him there.’ See, I have told you.”
8. And going quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy, they ran to tell his disciples.
9. Now as they went to carry the message to his disciples, all of a sudden, Jesus met them, saying, “Hello there!” And they came and held his feet and worshiped him.
10. Then Jesus said to the women, “Do not be afraid; go tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and they will see me there.”
- ¶ 11. And while they were going, some of the guard came to the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.
12. And gathering with the elders, they took counsel and gave many silver pieces to the soldiers,
13. saying, “Say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him as we slept.’
14. And if this is heard by the governor, we will persuade him, and keep you safe.”
15. So, taking the money, they did as they were instructed. And this rumor was spread abroad among the Jews to this day.
- ¶ 16. But the eleven disciples went to Galilee to a mountain which Jesus had appointed to them.
17. And seeing him, they bowed down to him; but they doubted.
18. But Jesus, drawing near, spoke to them, saying, “All power in heaven and on earth is given to me.
19. Go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the holy Spirit,
20. teaching them to keep all that I’ve commanded you; and behold, I am with you all the time, to the end of the world. Amen.”

Footnotes

^N13:33 *A measure equals about thirteen liters. Three measures equals about a bushel.*

^N6:25 many Mss omit “*and what you will drink.*”

^N16:14 Elias

^N16:27 John 7:39 were sure to receive

^N17:24 a didrachma was worth two drachmas or half a Shekel, the traditional amount required by the elders of Israel. This collection was not required by the Law (and was contrary to it - Dt.), but was instead a covetous “tradition of the elders” based on God’s commandment to Moses in Exodus 30:.

^N17:27 a *stater* was worth two didrachmas, or one shekel, which was exactly what Jesus and Peter together needed to make the expected payment.