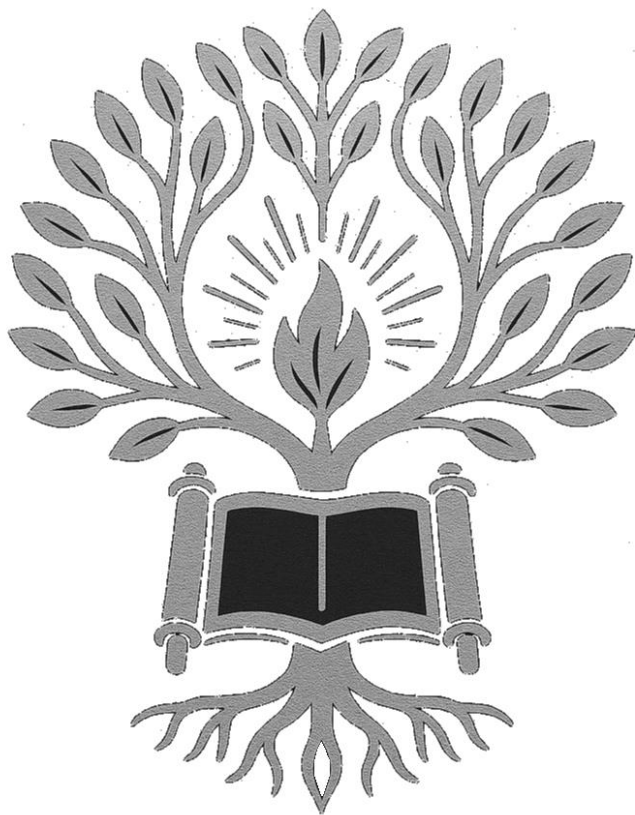
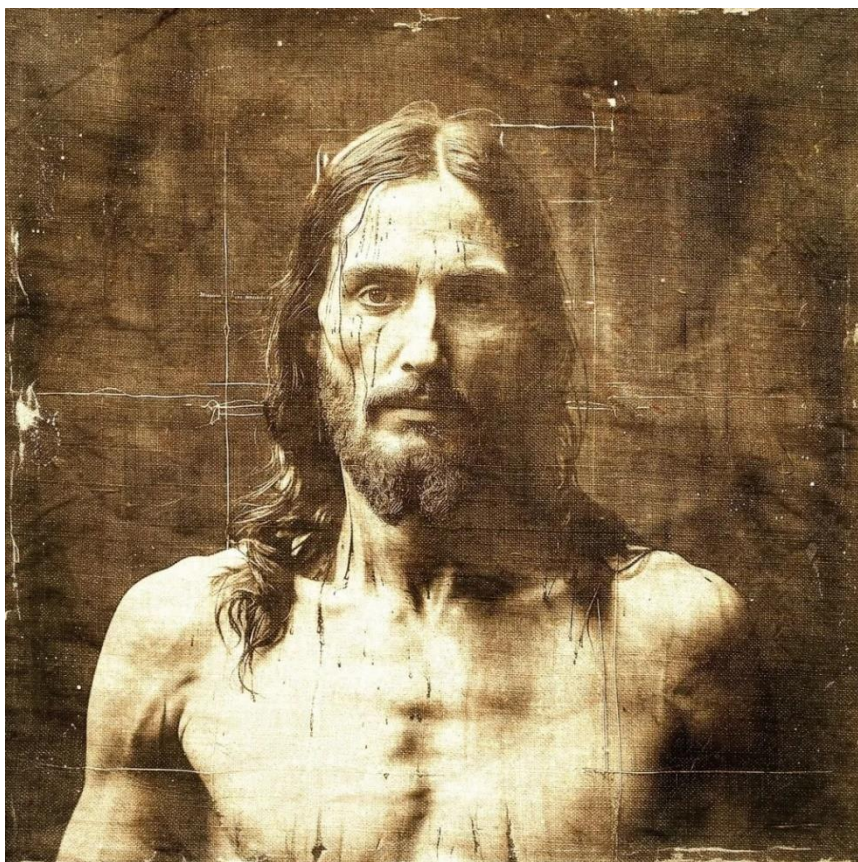


The Testament *of* Jesus



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Introduction

This harmony of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) combines their accounts into a single, clear narrative of Jesus Christ's life, ministry, death, and resurrection. Each Gospel shares similar stories but includes unique details and perspectives. This work carefully selects the most representative passage for each event, creating a complete and accessible story of Jesus' mission for all readers.

The Testament of Jesus is organized into Twelve chapters, each focusing on a key phase of Jesus' life: His Birth (with Pre-Incarnation included), Preparation for Ministry, Early Ministry (primarily in Galilee), Miracles of Christ, Ministry and Parables, Ministry of Galilee, Ministry in Jerusalem, Back to Galilee, Journey to Jerusalem, Final Ministry, Last Passover, and Trial – Crucifixion – Resurrection.

Each chapter is divided into sections with descriptive titles, such as “The Baptism of Jesus,” with verses numbered sequentially within each section. Passages could be referenced as, for example, Chapter 2, The Baptism of Jesus, verses 2–5, would appear like “Baptism of Jesus 2:1-5” providing a clear and familiar format similar to Bible citations like “Matthew 3:13-17.” This could be adapted to personal preference.

Designed for study, reflection, and teaching, *The Testament of Jesus* offers readers a clear and unified narrative of Jesus' life, ministry, and teachings, highlighting His love and purpose. All Scripture quotations are drawn from the World English Bible (WEB), a modern, public-domain English translation, unless otherwise noted.

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Chapter 1

The Birth of Jesus



Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst (dated 1622)

The Word and Pre-Incarnation

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² The same was in the beginning with God.

³ All things were made through him. Without him, nothing was made that has been made.

⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness hasn't overcome it.

⁶ There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷ The same came as a witness, that he might testify about the light, that all might believe through him.

⁸ He was not the light, but was sent that he might testify about the light.

⁹ The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world didn't recognize him.

¹¹ He came to his own, and those who were his own didn't receive him.

¹² But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God's children, to those who believe in his name:

¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and lived among us. We saw his glory, such glory as of the only born Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ John testified about him. He cried out, saying, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me, for he was before me.’”

¹⁶ From his fullness we all received grace upon grace.

¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses. Grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only born Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, has declared him.

Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

¹ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the priestly division of Abijah. He had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

² They were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord.

³ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they both were well advanced in years.

⁴ Now while he executed the priest’s office before God in the order of his division

⁵ according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to enter into the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

⁶ The whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense.

⁷ An angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

⁸ Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him.

⁹ But the angel said to him, "Don't be afraid, Zacharias, because your request has been heard. Your wife, Elizabeth, will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

¹⁰ You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

¹¹ For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he will drink no wine nor strong drink. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

¹² He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.

¹³ He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to prepare a people prepared for the Lord."

¹⁴ Zacharias said to the angel, "How can I be sure of this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years."

¹⁵ The angel answered him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God. I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.

¹⁶ Behold, you will be silent and not able to speak until the day that these things will happen, because you didn’t believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time.”

¹⁷ The people were waiting for Zacharias, and they marveled that he delayed in the temple.

¹⁸ When he came out, he could not speak to them. They perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple. He continued making signs to them, and remained mute.

¹⁹ When the days of his service were fulfilled, he departed to his house.

²⁰ After these days Elizabeth his wife conceived, and she hid herself five months, saying,

²¹ “Thus has the Lord done to me in the days in which he looked at me, to take away my reproach among men.”

Annunciation to Mary

¹ Now in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

² to a virgin pledged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, of David’s house. The virgin’s name was Mary.

⁴ Having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, you highly favored one! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women!”

⁵ But when she saw him, she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered what kind of salutation this might be.

⁶ The angel said to her, “Don’t be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

⁷ Behold, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and shall name him ‘Jesus.’

⁸ He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,

⁹ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever. There will be no end to his Kingdom.”

¹⁰ Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, seeing I am a virgin?”

¹¹ The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, also the holy one who is born from you will be called the Son of God.

¹² Behold, Elizabeth your relative also has conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.

¹³ For nothing spoken by God is impossible.”

¹⁴ Mary said, “Behold, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

¹ Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah,

² and entered into the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

³ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

⁴ She called out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

⁵ Why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

⁶ For behold, when the voice of your greeting came into my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy!

⁷ Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of the things which have been spoken to her from the Lord!"

⁸ Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord.

⁹ My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,

¹⁰ for he has looked at the humble state of his servant. For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed.

¹¹ For he who is mighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name.

¹² His mercy is for generations and generations on those who fear him.

¹³ He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

¹⁴ He has put down princes from their thrones, and has exalted the lowly.

¹⁵ He has filled the hungry with good things. He has sent the rich away empty.

¹⁶ He has given help to Israel, his servant, that he might remember mercy,

¹⁷ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever.”

¹⁸ Mary stayed with her about three months and then returned to her house.

Annunciation to Joseph

¹ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was like this: After his mother, Mary, was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found pregnant by the Holy Spirit.

² Joseph, her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, intended to put her away secretly.

³ But when he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, don’t be afraid to take to yourself Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

⁴ She shall give birth to a son. You shall name him Jesus, for it is he who shall save his people from their sins.”

⁵ Now all this has happened that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying,

⁶ “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall give birth to a son. They shall call his name Immanuel,” which is, being interpreted, “God with us.”

⁷ Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took his wife to himself;

⁸ and didn’t know her sexually until she had given birth to her firstborn son. He named him Jesus.

Birth of John the Baptist

¹ Now the time that Elizabeth should give birth was fulfilled, and she gave birth to a son.

² Her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had magnified his mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her.

³ On the eighth day, they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.

⁴ His mother answered, “Not so; but he will be called John.”

⁵ They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.”

⁶ They made signs to his father, what he would have him called.

⁷ He asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, “His name is John.” They all marveled.

⁸ His mouth was opened immediately and his tongue freed, and he spoke, blessing God.

⁹ Fear came on all who lived around them, and all these sayings were talked about throughout all the hill country of Judea.

¹⁰ All who heard them laid them up in their heart, saying, “What then will this child be?” The hand of the Lord was with him.

¹¹ His father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying,

¹² “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people;

¹³ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David

¹⁴ (as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets who have been from of old),

¹⁵ salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

¹⁶ to show mercy toward our fathers, to remember his holy covenant,

¹⁷ the oath which he swore to Abraham our father,

¹⁸ to grant to us that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, should serve him without fear,

¹⁹ in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.

²⁰ And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways,

²¹ to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the remission of their sins,

²² because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the dawn from on high will visit us,

²³ to shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death; to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

²⁴ The child was growing and becoming strong in spirit, and was in the desert until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

Genealogy of Jesus through Joseph

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

² Abraham became the father of Isaac. Isaac became the father of Jacob. Jacob became the father of Judah and his brothers.

³ Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron. Hezron became the father of Ram.

⁴ Ram became the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon. Nahshon became the father of Salmon.

⁵ Salmon became the father of Boaz by Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed by Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse.

⁶ Jesse became the father of King David. David the king became the father of Solomon by her who had been Uriah's wife.

⁷ Solomon became the father of Rehoboam. Rehoboam became the father of Abijah. Abijah became the father of Asa.

⁸ Asa became the father of Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat became the father of Joram. Joram became the father of Uzziah.

⁹ Uzziah became the father of Jotham. Jotham became the father of Ahaz. Ahaz became the father of Hezekiah.

¹⁰ Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh. Manasseh became the father of Amon. Amon became the father of Josiah.

¹¹ Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

¹² After the exile to Babylon, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel. Shealtiel became the father of Zerubbabel.

¹³ Zerubbabel became the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim. Eliakim became the father of Azor.

¹⁴ Azor became the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim. Achim became the father of Eliud.

¹⁵ Eliud became the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan. Matthan became the father of Jacob.

¹⁶ Jacob became the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, from whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

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

Genealogy of Jesus through Mary

¹ Jesus himself, when he began to teach, was about thirty years old, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli,

² the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,

³ the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai,

⁴ the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah,

⁵ the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

⁶ the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the son of Er,

⁷ the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,

⁸ the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim,

⁹ the son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,

¹⁰ the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon,

¹¹ the son of Amminadab, the son of Aram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,

¹² the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,

¹³ the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah,

¹⁴ the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,

¹⁵ the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan,

¹⁶ the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Birth of Jesus

¹ Now in those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled.

² This was the first enrollment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

³ All went to enroll themselves, everyone to his own city.

⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to David's city, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,

⁵ to enroll himself with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him as wife, being pregnant.

⁶ While they were there, the day had come for her to give birth.

⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a feeding trough, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Angels and Shepherds

¹ There were shepherds in the same country staying in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock.

² Behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

³ The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be to all the people.

⁴ For there is born to you today, in David's city, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

⁵ This is the sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth, lying in a feeding trough."

⁶ Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army praising God and saying,

⁷ "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men."

⁸ When the angels went away from them into the sky, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem, now, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

⁹ They came with haste and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby was lying in the feeding trough.

¹⁰ When they saw it, they publicized widely the saying which was spoken to them about this child.

¹¹ All who heard it wondered at the things which were spoken to them by the shepherds.

¹² But Mary kept all these sayings, pondering them in her heart.

¹³ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, just as it was told them.

Presentation in the Temple

¹ When eight days were fulfilled for the circumcision of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

² When the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”),

⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

⁵ Behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.

⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.

⁷ He came in the Spirit into the temple. When the parents brought in the child, Jesus, that they might do concerning him according to the custom of the law,

⁸ then he received him into his arms and blessed God, and said,

⁹ “Now you are releasing your servant, Master, according to your word, in peace;

¹⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ¹¹ which you have prepared before the face of all peoples;

¹² a light for revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.”

¹³ Joseph and his mother were marveling at the things which were spoken concerning him.

¹⁴ Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary, his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which is spoken against.

¹⁵ Yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

¹⁶ There was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher (she was of a great age, having lived with a husband seven years from her virginity,

¹⁷ and she had been a widow for about eighty-four years), who didn’t depart from the temple, worshiping with fastings and petitions night and day.

¹⁸ Coming up at that very hour, she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of him to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem.

Visit of the Magi

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying,

² “Where is he who is born King of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east, and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴ Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he asked them where the Christ would be born.

⁵ They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is written through the prophet,

⁶ ‘You Bethlehem, land of Judah, are in no way least among the princes of Judah; for out of you shall come a governor who shall shepherd my people, Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called the wise men, and learned from them exactly what time the star appeared.

⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem, and said, “Go and search diligently for the young child. When you have found him, bring me word, so that I also may come and worship him.”

⁹ They, having heard the king, went their way; and behold, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them until it came and stood over where the young child was.

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

¹¹ They came into the house and saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Opening their treasures, they offered to him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹² Being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country another way.

Flight to Egypt and Return

¹ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.”

² He arose and took the young child and his mother by night and departed into Egypt,

³ and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

⁴ Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked by the wise men, was exceedingly angry, and sent out and killed all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding countryside, from two years old and under, according to the exact time which he had learned from the wise men.

⁵ Then that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying,

⁶“A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; she wouldn’t be comforted, because they are no more.”

⁷But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,

⁸“Arise and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel, for those who sought the young child’s life are dead.”

⁹He arose and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

¹⁰But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in the place of his father, Herod, he was afraid to go there. Being warned in a dream, he withdrew into the region of Galilee,

¹¹and came and lived in a city called Nazareth; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets that he will be called a Nazarene.

Jesus’ Childhood in Nazareth

¹When they had accomplished all things that were according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth.

²The child was growing, and was becoming strong in spirit, being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Jesus at the Temple (Age 12)

¹ His parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the Passover.

² When he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast;

³ and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. Joseph and his mother didn't know it,

⁴ but supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's journey; and they looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances.

⁵ When they didn't find him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for him.

⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the middle of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

⁷ All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

⁸ When they saw him, they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us this way? Behold, your father and I were anxiously looking for you."

⁹ He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"

¹⁰ They didn't understand the saying which he spoke to them.

¹¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth. He was subject to them, and his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

¹² And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Chapter 2

Preparation for Ministry



Battesimo di Cristo is a painting by the Italian painter Perugino (c. 1448-1523)

Ministry of John the Baptist

¹ In those days, John the Baptizer came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying,

² “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!”

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

⁴ Now John himself wore clothing made of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵ Then people from Jerusalem, all of Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him.

⁶ They were 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, “You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸ Therefore produce fruit worthy of repentance!

⁹ Don’t think to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father,’ for I tell you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

¹⁰ Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire.

¹¹ “I indeed baptize you in water for repentance, but he who comes after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.

¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his threshing floor. He will gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire.”

Baptism of Jesus

¹ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

² But John would have hindered him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and you come to me?”

³ But Jesus, answering, said to him, “**Allow it now, for this is the fitting way for us to fulfill all righteousness.**” Then he allowed him.

⁴ Jesus, when he was baptized, went up directly from the water: and behold, the heavens were opened to him. He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming on him.

⁵ Behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Temptation of Jesus

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

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

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

⁴ But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of God’s mouth.’”

⁵ Then the devil took him into the holy city. He set him on the pinnacle of the temple,

⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and, ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you don’t dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written, ‘You shall not test the Lord, your God.’”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

⁹ He said to him, “I will give you all of these things, if you will 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 you shall serve him only.’”

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

The Gathering Disciples

¹ Again, the next day, John was standing with two of his disciples,

² and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

³ The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

⁴ Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, “**What are you looking for?**” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which is to say, being interpreted, Teacher), “where are you staying?”

⁵ He said to them, “**Come and see.**” They came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.

⁶ One of the two who heard John and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.

⁷ He first found his own brother, Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah!” (which is, being interpreted, Christ).

⁸ He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “**You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas**” (which is by interpretation, Peter).

⁹ On the next day, he was determined to go out into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, “**Follow me.**”

¹⁰ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

¹¹ Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets, wrote: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

¹² Nathanael said to him, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

¹³ Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said about him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!”

¹⁴ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

¹⁵ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are King of Israel!”

¹⁶ Jesus answered him, “Because I told you, ‘I saw you underneath the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these!”

¹⁷ He said to him, “Most certainly, I tell you all, hereafter you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

Chapter 3

Early Ministry

(Primarily Galilee)



The Marriage at Cana by Gerard David (c. 1500)

First Miracle: Water to Wine

¹ The third day, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there.

² Jesus also was invited, with his disciples, to the wedding.

³ When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine."

⁴ Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Whatever he says to you, do it."

⁶ Now there were six water pots of stone set there after the Jews' way of purifying, containing two or three metretes apiece.

⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the water pots with water." So they filled them up to the brim.

⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the ruler of the feast." So they took it.

⁹ When the ruler of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and didn't know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the ruler of the feast called the bridegroom

¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have drunk freely, then that which is worse. You have kept the good wine until now!”

¹¹ This beginning of his signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Cleansing the Temple (First Passover)

¹ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² He found in the temple those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, and the changers of money sitting.

³ He made a whip of cords and drove all out of the temple, both the sheep and the oxen; and he poured out the changers’ money and overthrew their tables.

⁴ To those who sold the doves, he said, **“Take these things out of here! Don’t make my Father’s house a marketplace!”**

⁵ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will eat me up.”

⁵ The Jews therefore answered him, “What sign do you show us, seeing that you do these things?”

⁶ Jesus answered them, **“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”**

⁷ The Jews therefore said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple! Will you raise it up in three days?”

⁸ But he spoke of the temple of his body.

⁹ When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

¹⁰ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in his name, observing his signs which he did.

¹¹ But Jesus didn’t entrust himself to them, because he knew everyone,

¹² and because he didn’t need for anyone to testify concerning man; for he himself knew what was in man.

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him.”

³ Jesus answered him, “**Most certainly I tell you, unless one is born anew, he can’t see God’s Kingdom.**”

⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Most certainly I tell you, unless one is born of water and Spirit, he can’t enter into God’s Kingdom.

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Don’t marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’

⁸ The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but don’t know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus answered him, “How can these things be?”

¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and don’t understand these things?

¹¹ Most certainly I tell you, we speak that which we know and testify of that which we have seen, and you don’t receive our witness.

¹² If I told you earthly things and you don’t believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

¹³ No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended out of heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

¹⁴ As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

¹⁵ that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only born Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through him.

¹⁸ He who believes in him is not judged. He who doesn't believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only born Son of God.

¹⁹ This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light, for their works were evil.

²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the light and doesn't come to the light, lest his works would be exposed.

²¹ But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his works may be revealed, that they have been done in God."

Christ and John Baptizing

¹ After these things, Jesus came with his disciples into the land of Judea. He stayed there with them and baptized.

² John also was baptizing in Enon near Salim, because there was much water there. They came and were baptized;

³ for John was not yet thrown into prison.

⁴ Therefore a dispute arose on the part of John's disciples with some Jews about purification.

⁵ They came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, he baptizes, and everyone is coming to him.”

⁶ John answered, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven.

⁷ You yourselves testify that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent before him.’

⁸ He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore my joy is made full.

⁹ He must increase, but I must decrease.

¹⁰ “He who comes from above is above all. He who is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

¹¹ What he has seen and heard, of that he testifies; and no one receives his witness.

¹² He who has received his witness has set his seal to this, that God is true.

¹³ For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for God gives the Spirit without measure.

¹⁴ The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand.

¹⁵ One who believes in the Son has eternal life, but one who disobeys the Son won't see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

Woman at the Well

¹ Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John

² (although Jesus himself didn't baptize, but his disciples),

³ he left Judea and departed into Galilee.

⁴ He needed to pass through Samaria.

⁵ So he came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

⁶ Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being tired from his journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

⁸ For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

⁹ The Samaritan woman therefore said to him, "How is it that you, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. So where do you get that living water?”

¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his children and his livestock?”

¹³ Jesus answered her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again,

¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst again; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I don’t get thirsty, neither come all the way here to draw.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

¹⁷ The woman answered, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You said well, ‘I have no husband,’

¹⁸ for you have had five husbands; and he whom you now have is not your husband. This you have said truly.”

¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.

²⁰ Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”

²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

²² You worship that which you don't know. We worship that which we know; for salvation is from the Jews.

²³ But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to be his worshipers.

²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming, he who is called Christ. When he has come, he will declare to us all things.”

²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who speaks to you.”

²⁷ Just then, his disciples came. They marveled that he was speaking with a woman; yet no one said, “What are you looking for?” or, “Why do you speak with her?”

²⁸ So the woman left her water pot, went away into the city, and said to the people,

²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything that I have done. Can this be the Christ?”

³⁰ They went out of the city, and were coming to him.

³¹ In the meanwhile, the disciples urged him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you don't know about.”

³³ The disciples therefore said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

³⁵ Don’t you say, ‘There are yet four months until the harvest’? Behold, I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, that they are white for harvest already.

³⁶ He who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit to eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

³⁷ For in this the saying is true, ‘One sows, and another reaps.’

³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you haven’t labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ From that city many of the Samaritans believed in him because of the word of the woman, who testified, “He told me everything that I have done.”

⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed there two days.

⁴¹ Many more believed because of his word.

⁴² They said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of your speaking; for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

John the Baptist Imprisoned

¹ For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.

² For John said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."

³ When he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

Return to Galilee

¹ After the two days he went out from there and went into Galilee.

² For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

³ So when he came into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did in Jerusalem at the feast, for they also went to the feast.

⁴ Jesus came therefore again to Cana of Galilee, where he made the water into wine. There was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum.

⁵ When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to him and begged him that he would come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

⁶ Jesus therefore said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders, you will in no way believe."

⁷ The nobleman said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

⁸ Jesus said to him, “Go your way. Your son lives.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

⁹ As he was going down, his servants met him and reported, saying “Your child lives!”

¹⁰ So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. They said therefore to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour, the fever left him.”

¹¹ So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” He believed, as did his whole house.

¹² This is again the second sign that Jesus did, having come out of Judea into Galilee.

Rejection at Nazareth

¹ He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. He entered, as was his custom, into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

² The book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He opened the book, and found the place where it was written,

³ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim release to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, to deliver those who are crushed,

⁴ and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

⁵ He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him.

⁶ He began to tell them, “Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

⁷ All testified about him and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth; and they said, “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?”

⁸ He said to them, “Doubtless you will tell me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done at Capernaum, do also here in your hometown.’ ”

⁹ He said, “Most certainly I tell you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.

¹⁰ But truly I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land.

¹¹ Elijah was sent to none of them, except to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

¹² There were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed, except Naaman, the Syrian.”

¹³ They were all filled with wrath in the synagogue as they heard these things.

¹⁴ They rose up, threw him out of the city, and led him to the brow of the hill that their city was built on, that they might throw him off the cliff.

¹⁵ But he, passing through the middle of them, went his way.

Calling of the First Disciples

¹ Now while the multitude pressed on him and heard the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret.

² He saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

³ He entered into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, **“Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”**

⁵ Simon answered him, “Master, we worked all night and caught nothing; but at your word I will let down the net.”

⁶ When they had done this, they caught a great multitude of fish, and their net was breaking.

⁷ They beckoned to their partners in the other boat, that they should come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

⁸ But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord."

⁹ For he was amazed, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had caught;

¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "**Don't be afraid. From now on you will be catching people alive.**"

¹¹ When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything, and followed him.

Chapter 4

Miracles of Christ



Jesus Walk On Water by French artist Gustave Doré

Nobleman's Son

¹ Jesus came therefore again to Cana of Galilee, where he made the water into wine. There was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum.

² When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to him and begged him that he would come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

³ Jesus therefore said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders, you will in no way believe.”

⁴ The nobleman said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

⁵ Jesus said to him, “Go your way. Your son lives.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

⁶ As he was going down, his servants met him and reported, saying “Your child lives!”

⁷ So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. They said therefore to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour, the fever left him.”

⁸ So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” He believed, as did his whole house.

⁹ This is again the second sign that Jesus did, having come out of Judea into Galilee.

Healing the Demoniac in the Synagogue

¹ Immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out,

² saying, “Ha! What do we have to do with you, Jesus, you Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God!”

³ Jesus rebuked him, saying, **“Be quiet, and come out of him!”**

⁴ The unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

⁵ They were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching? For with authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him!”

⁶ The report of him went out immediately everywhere into all the region of Galilee and its surrounding area.

Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law

¹ He rose up from the synagogue and entered into Simon's house. Simon's mother-in-law was afflicted with a great fever, and they begged him to help her.

² He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she rose up and served them.

Leper Healed

¹ A leper came to him, begging him, kneeling down to him, and saying to him, “If you want to, you can make me clean.”

² Being moved with compassion, he stretched out his hand, and touched him, and said to him, **“I want to. Be made clean.”**

³ When he had said this, immediately the leprosy departed from him and he was made clean.

⁴ He strictly warned him and immediately sent him out,

⁵ and said to him, **“See that you say nothing to anybody, but go show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing the things which Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.”**

⁶ But he went out, and began to proclaim it much, and to spread about the matter, so that Jesus could no more openly enter into a city, but was outside in desert places. People came to him from everywhere.

Calming the Storm

¹ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, **“Let’s go over to the other side.”**

² Leaving the multitude, they took him with them, even as he was, in the boat. Other small boats were also with him.

³ A big wind storm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so much that the boat was already filled.

⁴ He himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and asked him, “Teacher, don’t you care that we are dying?”

⁵ He awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “**Peace! Be still!**” The wind ceased and there was a great calm.

⁶ He said to them, “**Why are you so afraid? How is it that you have no faith?**”

⁷ They were greatly afraid and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Healing the Gerasene Demoniac

¹ They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

² When he had come out of the boat, immediately a man with an unclean spirit met him out of the tombs.

³ He lived in the tombs. Nobody could bind him any more, not even with chains,

⁴ because he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him, and the fetters broken in pieces. Nobody had the strength to tame him.

⁵ Always, night and day, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out, and cutting himself with stones.

⁶ When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and bowed down to him,

⁷ and crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have I to do with you, Jesus, you Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, don’t torment me.”

⁸ For he said to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”

⁹ He asked him, “What is your name?” He said to him, “My name is Legion, for we are many.”

¹⁰ He begged him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

¹¹ Now on the mountainside there was a great herd of pigs feeding.

¹² All the demons begged him, saying, “Send us into the pigs, that we may enter into them.”

¹³ At once Jesus gave them permission. The unclean spirits came out and entered into the pigs. The herd of about two thousand rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and they were drowned in the sea.

¹⁴ Those who fed the pigs fled, and told it in the city and in the country. The people came to see what it was that had happened.

¹⁵ They came to Jesus, and saw him who had been possessed by demons sitting, clothed, and in his right mind, even him who had the legion; and they were afraid.

¹⁶ Those who saw it declared to them what happened to him who was possessed by demons, and about the pigs.

¹⁷ They began to beg him to depart from their region.

¹⁸ As he was entering into the boat, he who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him.

¹⁹ He didn't allow him, but said to him, "Go to your house, to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you and how he had mercy on you."

²⁰ He went his way, and began to proclaim in Decapolis how Jesus had done great things for him, and everyone marveled.

Healing Jaius' Daughter and Women

¹ When Jesus had crossed back over in the boat to the other side, a great multitude was gathered to him; and he was by the sea.

² Behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, came; and seeing him, he fell at his feet

³ and begged him much, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Please come and lay your hands on her, that she may be made healthy, and live."

⁴ He went with him, and a great multitude followed him, and they pressed upon him on all sides.

⁵ A certain woman who had a discharge of blood for twelve years,

⁶ and had suffered many things by many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better, but rather grew worse,

⁷ having heard the things concerning Jesus, came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes.

⁸ For she said, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be made well.”

⁹ Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

¹⁰ Immediately Jesus, perceiving in himself that the power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

¹¹ His disciples said to him, “You see the multitude pressing against you, and you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ”

¹² He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

¹³ But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done to her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

¹⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be cured of your disease.”

¹⁵ While he was still speaking, people came from the synagogue ruler’s house, saying, “Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher any more?”

¹⁶ But Jesus, when he heard the message spoken, immediately said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Don’t be afraid, only believe.”

¹⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

¹⁸ He came to the synagogue ruler’s house, and he saw an uproar, weeping, and great wailing.

¹⁹ When he had entered in, he said to them, “Why do you make an uproar and weep? The child is not dead, but is asleep.”

²⁰ They ridiculed him. But he, having put them all out, took the father of the child, her mother, and those who were with him, and went in where the child was lying.

²¹ Taking the child by the hand, he said to her, “Talitha cumi!” which means, being interpreted, “Girl, I tell you, get up!”

²² Immediately the girl rose up and walked, for she was twelve years old. They were amazed with great amazement.

²³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and commanded that something should be given to her to eat.

Blind Men and Demoniac

¹ As Jesus passed by from there, two blind men followed him, calling out and saying, “Have mercy on us, son of David!”

² When he had come into the house, the blind men came to him. Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They told him, “Yes, Lord.”

³ Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.”

⁴ Then their eyes were opened. Jesus strictly commanded them, saying, “See that no one knows about this.”

⁵ But they went out and spread abroad his fame in all that land.

⁶ As they went out, behold, a mute man who was demon possessed was brought to him.

⁷ When the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke. The multitudes marveled, saying, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!”

⁸ But the Pharisees said, “By the prince of the demons, he casts out demons.”

Paralytic Healed

¹ When he entered again into Capernaum after some days, it was heard that he was at home.

² Immediately many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even around the door; and he spoke the word to them.

³ Four people came, carrying a paralytic to him.

⁴ When they could not come near to him for the crowd, they removed the roof where he was. When they had broken it up, they let down the mat that the paralytic was lying on.

⁵ Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, “**Son, your sins are forgiven you.**”

⁶ But there were some of the scribes sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

⁷ “Why does this man speak blasphemies like that? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

⁸ Immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you reason these things in your hearts?”

⁹ Which is easier, to tell the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven;’ or to say, ‘Arise, and take up your bed, and walk’?

¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”; he said to the paralytic,

¹¹ “I tell you, arise, take up your mat, and go to your house.”

¹² He arose, and immediately took up the mat and went out in front of them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Calling of Matthew/Levi

¹ After these things he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax office, and said to him, “Follow me!”

² He left everything, and rose up and followed him.

³ Levi made a great feast for him in his house. There was a great crowd of tax collectors and others who were reclining with them.

⁴ Their scribes and the Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?”

⁵ Jesus answered them, “Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but those who are sick do.

⁶ I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

Question about Fasting

¹ They said to him, “Why do John’s disciples often fast and pray, likewise also the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink?”

² He said to them, “Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them?”

³ But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them. Then they will fast in those days.”

⁴ He also told a parable to them. “No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old garment, or else he will tear the new, and also the piece from the new will not match the old.

⁵ No one puts new wine into old wineskins, or else the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled and the skins will be destroyed.

⁶ But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.

⁷ No man having drunk old wine immediately desires new, for he says, ‘The old is better.’ ”

Healing at the Pool of Bethesda

¹ After these things, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now in Jerusalem by the sheep gate, there is a pool, which is called in Hebrew, “Bethesda”, having five porches.

³ In these lay a great multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, or paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water;

⁴ for an angel went down at certain times into the pool and stirred up the water. Whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease he had.

⁵ A certain man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years.

⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had been sick for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to be made well?”

⁷ The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I’m coming, another steps down before me.”

⁸ Jesus said to him, “Arise, take up your mat, and walk.”

⁹ Immediately, the man was made well, and took up his mat and walked. Now that day was a Sabbath.

¹⁰ So the Jews said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath. It is not lawful for you to carry the mat.”

¹¹ He answered them, “He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’ ”

¹² Then they asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your mat and walk’?”

¹³ But he who was healed didn't know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a crowd being in the place.

¹⁴ Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you are made well. Sin no more, so that nothing worse happens to you."

¹⁵ The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

¹⁶ For this cause the Jews persecuted Jesus and sought to kill him, because he did these things on the Sabbath.

¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, "My Father is still working, so I am working, too."

¹⁸ For this cause therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the Sabbath, but also called God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

¹⁹ Jesus therefore answered them, "Most certainly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father doing. For whatever things he does, these the Son also does likewise.

²⁰ For the Father has affection for the Son, and shows him all things that he himself does. He will show him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom he desires.

²² For the Father judges no one, but he has given all judgment to the Son,

²³ that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who doesn't honor the Son doesn't honor the Father who sent him.

²⁴ "Most certainly I tell you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and doesn't come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

²⁵ Most certainly I tell you, the hour comes, and now is, when the dead will hear the Son of God's voice; and those who hear will live.

²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, even so he gave to the Son also to have life in himself.

²⁷ He also gave him authority to execute judgment, because he is a son of man.

²⁸ Don't marvel at this, for the hour comes in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice

²⁹ and will come out; those who have done good, to the resurrection of life; and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.

³⁰ I can of myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is righteous, because I don't seek my own will, but the will of my Father who sent me.

³¹ "If I testify about myself, my witness is not valid.

³² It is another who testifies about me. I know that the testimony which he testifies about me is true.

³³ You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth.

³⁴ But the testimony which I receive is not from man. However, I say these things that you may be saved.

³⁵ He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

³⁶ But the testimony which I have is greater than that of John; for the works which the Father gave me to accomplish, the very works that I do, testify about me, that the Father has sent me.

³⁷ The Father himself, who sent me, has testified about me. You have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his form.

³⁸ You don't have his word living in you, because you don't believe him whom he sent.

³⁹ "You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and these are they which testify about me.

⁴⁰ Yet you will not come to me, that you may have life.

⁴¹ I don't receive glory from men.

⁴² But I know you, that you don't have God's love in yourselves.

⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you don't receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him.

⁴⁴ How can you believe, who receive glory from one another, and you don't seek the glory that comes from the only God?

⁴⁵ "Don't think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you, even Moses, on whom you have set your hope.

⁴⁶ For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote about me.

⁴⁷ But if you don't believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

Chapter 5

Ministry and Parables



Sermon on the Mount by Cosimo Rosselli (1482)

Sabbath Controversies

¹ Now on the second Sabbath after the first, he was going through the grain fields. His disciples plucked the heads of grain and ate, rubbing them in their hands.

² But some of the Pharisees said to them, “Why do you do that which is not lawful to do on the Sabbath day?”

³ Jesus, answering them, said, “**Haven’t you read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him,**

⁴ how he entered into God’s house, and took and ate the show bread, and gave also to those who were with him, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests alone?”

⁵ He said to them, “**The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.**”

⁶ It also happened on another Sabbath that he entered into the synagogue and taught. There was a man there, and his right hand was withered.

⁷ The scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against him.

⁸ But he knew their thoughts; and he said to the man who had the withered hand, “**Rise up and stand in the middle.**” He arose and stood.

⁹ Then Jesus said to them, “I will ask you something: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good, or to do harm? To save a life, or to kill?”

¹⁰ He looked around at them all, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He did, and his hand was restored as sound as the other.

¹¹ But they were filled with rage, and talked with one another about what they might do to Jesus.

Sending Out the Twelve

¹ He called to himself his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every sickness.

² Now the names of the twelve apostles are these. The first, Simon, who is called Peter; Andrew, his brother; James the son of Zebedee; John, his brother;

³ Philip; Bartholomew; Thomas; Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; Lebbaeus, who was also called Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

⁵ Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, saying, “Don’t go among the Gentiles, and don’t enter into any city of the Samaritans.

⁶ Rather, go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

⁷ As you go, preach, saying, ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!’

⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons. Freely you received, so freely give.

⁹ Don’t take any gold, silver, or brass in your money belts.

¹⁰ Take no bag for your journey, neither two coats, nor sandals, nor staff: for the laborer is worthy of his food.

¹¹ Into whatever city or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you go on.

¹² As you enter into the household, greet it.

¹³ If the household is worthy, let your peace come on it, but if it isn’t worthy, let your peace return to you.

¹⁴ Whoever doesn’t receive you or hear your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet.

¹⁵ Most certainly 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 “Behold, I send you out as sheep among wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

¹⁷ But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils, and in their synagogues they will scourge you.

¹⁸ Yes, and you will be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony to them and to the nations.

¹⁹ But when they deliver you up, don't be anxious how or what you will say, for it will be given you in that hour what you will say.

²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

²¹ "Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child. Children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

²² You will be hated by all men for my name's sake, but he who endures to the end will be saved.

²³ But when they persecute you in this city, flee into the next, for most certainly I tell you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel until the Son of Man has come.

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

²⁵ It is enough for the disciple that he be like his teacher, and the servant like his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more those of his household!

²⁶ Therefore don't be afraid of them, for there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

²⁷ What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in the ear, proclaim on the housetops.

²⁸ Don't be afraid of those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. Rather, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

²⁹ "Aren't two sparrows sold for an assarion coin? Not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

³¹ Therefore don't be afraid. You are of more value than many sparrows.

³² Everyone therefore who confesses me before men, I will also confess 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 send peace on the earth. I didn't come to send peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I came to set a man at odds against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

³⁶ A man's foes will be those of his own household. ³⁷ He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me isn't worthy of me.

³⁸ He who doesn't take his cross and follow after me isn't worthy of me.

³⁹ He who seeks 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 him who sent me.

⁴¹ He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward. He who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward.

⁴² Whoever gives one of these little ones just a cup of cold water to drink in the name of a disciple, most certainly I tell you, he will in no way lose his reward.”

Sermon on the Mount

¹ Seeing the multitudes, he went up onto the mountain. When he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

² He opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

⁵ Blessed are the gentle,
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 children of God.

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

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people reproach you, persecute you,
and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

¹² Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in
heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before
you.

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its flavor,
with what will it be salted? It is then good for nothing, but to be cast out
and trodden under the feet of men.

¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill can't be
hidden.

¹⁵ Neither do you light a lamp and put it under a measuring
basket, but on a stand; and it shines to all who are in the house.

¹⁶ Even so, let your light shine before men, that they may see
your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ “Don't think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I
didn't come to destroy, but to fulfill.

¹⁸ For most certainly, I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not even one smallest letter or one tiny pen stroke shall in any way pass away from the law, until all things are accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore, whoever shall break one of these least commandments and teach others to do so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever shall do and teach them shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, there is no way you will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to the ancient ones, ‘You shall not murder;’ and ‘Whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’

²² But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause will be in danger of the judgment. Whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ will be in danger of the council. Whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of Gehenna.

²³ “If therefore you are offering your gift at 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 and offer your gift.

²⁵ Agree with your adversary quickly while you are with him on the way; lest perhaps the prosecutor deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you be cast into prison.

²⁶ Most certainly I tell you, you shall by no means get out of there until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery;’

²⁸ but I tell you that everyone who gazes at a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. For it is more profitable for you that one of your members should perish than for your whole body to be cast into Gehenna.

³⁰ If your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off, and throw it away from you. For it is more profitable for you that one of your members should perish, than for your whole body to be cast into Gehenna.

³¹ “It was also said, ‘Whoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorce,’

³² but I tell you that whoever puts away his wife, except for the cause of sexual immorality, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries her when she is put away commits adultery.

³³ “Again you have heard that it was said to the ancient ones, ‘You shall not make false vows, but shall perform to the Lord your vows,’

³⁴ but I tell you, don't swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God;

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

³⁶ Neither shall you swear by your head, for you can't make one hair white or black.

³⁷ But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No' be 'No.' Whatever is more than these is of the evil one.

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

³⁹ But I tell you, don't resist him who is evil; but whoever strikes you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.

⁴⁰ If anyone sues you to take away your coat, let him have your cloak also.

⁴¹ Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

⁴² Give to him who asks you, and don't turn away him who desires to borrow from you.

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

⁴⁴ But I tell 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 that you may be children of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.

⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same?

⁴⁷ If you only greet your friends, what more do you do than others? Don't even the tax collectors do the same?

⁴⁸ Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

⁴⁹ "Be careful that you don't do your charitable giving before men, to be seen by them, or else you have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

⁵⁰ Therefore, when you do merciful deeds, don't sound a trumpet before yourself, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may get glory from men. Most certainly I tell you, they have received their reward.

⁵¹ But when you do merciful deeds, don't let your left hand know what your right hand does,

⁵² so that your merciful deeds may be in secret, then your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

⁵³ "When you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets,

that they may be seen by men. Most certainly, I tell you, they have received their reward.

⁵⁴ But you, when you pray, enter into your inner room, and having shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

⁵⁵ In praying, don't use vain repetitions as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their much speaking.

⁵⁶ Therefore don't be like them, for your Father knows what things you need before you ask him.

⁵⁷ Pray like this:

“Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.

⁵⁸ Let your Kingdom come.

Let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

⁵⁹ Give us today our daily bread.

⁶⁰ Forgive us our debts,
as we also forgive our debtors.

⁶¹ Bring us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.’

⁶² “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

⁶³ But if you don't forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

⁶⁴ “Moreover when you fast, don’t be like the hypocrites, with sad faces. For they disfigure their faces that they may be seen by men to be fasting. Most certainly I tell you, they have received their reward.

⁶⁵ But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,

⁶⁶ so that you are not seen by men to be fasting, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.

⁶⁷ “Don’t lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal;

⁶⁸ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don’t break through and steal;

⁶⁹ for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

⁷⁰ “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light.

⁷¹ But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

⁷² “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You can’t serve both God and Mammon.

⁷³ Therefore I tell you, don't be anxious for your life: what you will eat, or what you will drink; nor yet for your body, what you will wear. Isn't life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

⁷⁴ See the birds of the sky, that they don't sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns. Your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you of much more value than they?

⁷⁵ "Which of you by being anxious, can add one moment to his lifespan?

⁷⁶ Why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They don't toil, neither do they spin,

⁷⁷ yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his glory was not dressed like one of these.

⁷⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today exists and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, won't he much more clothe you, you of little faith?

⁷⁹ "Therefore don't be anxious, saying, 'What will we eat?', 'What will we drink?' or, 'With what will we be clothed?'

⁸⁰ For the Gentiles seek after all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

⁸¹ But seek first God's Kingdom and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well.

⁸² Therefore don't be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Each day's own evil is sufficient.

83 “Don’t judge, so that you won’t be judged.

84 For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you.

85 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but don’t consider the beam that is in your own eye?

86 Or how will you tell your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye,’ and behold, the beam is in your own eye?

87 You hypocrite! First remove the beam out of your own eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother’s eye.

88 “Don’t give that which is holy to the dogs, neither throw your pearls before the pigs, lest perhaps they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

89 “Ask, and it will be given you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened for you.

90 For everyone who asks receives. He who seeks finds. To him who knocks it will be opened.

91 Or who is there among you who, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?

92 Or if he asks for a fish, who will give him a serpent?

93 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

⁹⁴ Therefore, whatever you desire for men to do to you, you shall also do to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

⁹⁵ “Enter in by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter in by it.

⁹⁶ How narrow is the gate and the way is restricted that leads to life! There are few who find it.

⁹⁷ “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves.

⁹⁸ By their fruits you will know them. Do you gather grapes from thorns or figs from thistles?

⁹⁹ Even so, every good tree produces good fruit, but the corrupt tree produces evil fruit.

¹⁰⁰ A good tree can’t produce evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree produce good fruit.

¹⁰¹ Every tree that doesn’t grow good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹⁰² Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

¹⁰³ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

¹⁰⁴ Many will tell me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name, in your name cast out demons, and in your name do many mighty works?’

¹⁰⁵ Then I will tell them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you who work iniquity.’

¹⁰⁶ “Everyone therefore who hears these words of mine and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

¹⁰⁷ The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it didn’t fall, for it was founded on the rock.

¹⁰⁸ Everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn’t do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

¹⁰⁹ The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell—and its fall was great.”

¹¹⁰ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the multitudes were astonished at his teaching,

¹¹¹ for he taught them with authority, and not like the scribes.

Sermon on the Plain

¹ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a crowd of his disciples and a great number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases,

² as well as those who were troubled by unclean spirits; and they were being healed.

³ All the multitude sought to touch him, for power came out of him and healed them all.

⁴ He lifted up his eyes to his disciples, and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for God’s Kingdom is yours.

⁵ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

⁶ Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude and mock you, and throw out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake.

⁷ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven, for their fathers did the same thing to the prophets.

⁸ “But woe to you who are rich! For you have received your consolation.

⁹ Woe to you, you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

¹⁰ Woe, when men speak well of you, for their fathers did the same thing to the false prophets.

¹¹ “But I tell you who hear: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

¹² bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you.

¹³ To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer also the other; and from him who takes away your cloak, don’t withhold your coat also.

¹⁴ Give to everyone who asks you, and don't ask him who takes away your goods to give them back again.

¹⁵ "As you would like people to do to you, do exactly so to them.

¹⁶ "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

¹⁷ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

¹⁸ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive back as much.

¹⁹ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing back; and your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind toward the unthankful and evil.

²⁰ "Therefore be merciful, even as your Father is also merciful.

²¹ Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Set free, and you will be set free.

²² "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be given to you. For with the same measure you measure it will be measured back to you."

²³ He spoke a parable to them. "Can the blind guide the blind? Won't they both fall into a pit?

²⁴ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

²⁵ Why do you see the speck of chaff that is in your brother's eye, but don't consider the beam that is in your own eye?

²⁶ Or how can you tell your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck of chaff that is in your eye,' when you yourself don't see the beam that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First remove the beam from your own eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck of chaff that is in your brother's eye.

²⁷ "For there is no good tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces good fruit.

²⁸ For each tree is known by its own fruit. For people don't gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush.

²⁹ The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings out that which is good, and the evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings out that which is evil, for out of the abundance of the heart, his mouth speaks.

³⁰ "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and don't do the things which I say?

³¹ Everyone who comes to me, and hears my words and does them, I will show you who he is like.

³² He is like a man building a house, who dug and went deep and laid a foundation on the rock. When a flood arose, the stream broke against that house, and could not shake it, because it was founded on the rock.

³³ But he who hears and doesn't do, is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream broke, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great."

Centurion's Servant

¹ When he came into Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking him for help,

² saying, "Lord, my servant lies in the house paralyzed, grievously tormented."

³ Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

⁴ The centurion answered, "Lord, I'm not worthy for you to come under my roof. Just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

⁵ For I am also a man under authority, having under myself soldiers. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and tell another, 'Come,' and he comes; and tell my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

⁶ When Jesus heard it, he marveled and said to those who followed, "Most certainly I tell you, I haven't found so great a faith, not even in Israel.

⁷ I tell you that many will come from the east and the west, and will sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven,

⁸ but the children of the Kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

⁹ Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way. Let it be done for you as you have believed.” His servant was healed in that hour.

Widow’s Son Raised

¹ Soon afterwards, he went to a city called Nain. Many of his disciples, along with a great multitude, went with him.

² Now when he came near to the gate of the city, behold, one who was dead was carried out, the only born son of his mother, and she was a widow. Many people of the city were with her.

³ When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Don’t cry.”

⁴ He came near and touched the coffin, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I tell you, arise!”

⁵ He who was dead sat up and began to speak. Then he gave him to his mother.

⁶ Fear took hold of all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and, “God has visited his people!”

⁷ This report went out concerning him in the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

Messengers from John

¹ Now when John heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples

² and said to him, “Are you he who comes, or should we look for another?”

³ Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:

⁴ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

⁵ Blessed is he who finds no occasion for stumbling in me.”

⁶ As these went their way, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

⁷ But what did you go out to see? A man in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses.

⁸ But why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet.

⁹ For this is he, of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’

¹⁰ Most certainly I tell you, among those who are born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptizer; yet he who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he.

¹¹ From the days of John the Baptizer until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

¹² For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

¹³ If you are willing to receive it, this is Elijah, who is to come.

¹⁴ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁵ “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces, who call to their companions

¹⁶ and say, ‘We played the flute for you, and you didn’t dance. We mourned for you, and you didn’t lament.’

¹⁷ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’

¹⁸ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom is justified by her children.”

Woe to Unrepentant Cities

¹ Then he began to denounce the cities in which most of his mighty works had been done, because they didn’t repent.

² “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

³ But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.

⁴ You, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, you will go down to Hades. For if the mighty works had been done in Sodom which were done in you, it would have remained until today.

⁵ But I tell you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment, than for you.”

⁶ At that time, Jesus answered, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you hid these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to infants.

⁷ Yes, Father, for so it was well-pleasing in your sight.

⁸ All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows the Son, except the Father; neither does anyone know the Father, except the Son and he to whom the Son desires to reveal him.

⁹ “Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.

¹⁰ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you will find rest for your souls.

¹¹ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Anointing the Feet of Jesus

¹ One of the Pharisees invited him to eat with him. He entered into the Pharisee's house and sat at the table.

² Behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that he was reclining in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment.

³ Standing behind at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and she wiped them with the hair of her head, kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

⁴ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "This man, if he were a prophet, would have perceived who and what kind of woman this is who touches him, that she is a sinner."

⁵ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." He said, "Teacher, say on."

⁶ "A certain lender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

⁷ When they couldn't pay, he forgave them both. Which of them therefore will love him most?"

⁸ Simon answered, "He, I suppose, to whom he forgave the most." He said to him, "You have judged correctly."

⁹ Turning to the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered into your house, and you gave me no water for my

feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head.

¹⁰ You gave me no kiss, but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss my feet.

¹¹ You didn't anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

¹² Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

¹³ He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

¹⁴ Those who sat at the table with him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

¹⁵ He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

Pharisees' Opposition

¹ Then one possessed by a demon, blind and mute, was brought to him; and he healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.

² All the multitudes were amazed, and said, "Can this be the son of David?"

³ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "This man does not cast out demons except by Beelzebul, the prince of the demons."

⁴ Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

⁵ If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

⁶ If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

⁷ But if I by the Spirit of God cast out demons, then God’s Kingdom has come upon you.

⁸ Or how can one enter into the house of the strong man and plunder his goods, unless he first bind the strong man? Then he will plunder his house.

⁹ “He who is not with me is against me, and he who doesn’t gather with me, scatters.

¹⁰ Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.

¹¹ 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 age, or in that which is to come.

¹² “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by its fruit.

¹³ You offspring of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

¹⁴ The good man out of his good treasure brings out good things, and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings out evil things.

¹⁵ I tell you that every idle word that men speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

¹⁶ For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

¹⁷ Then certain of the scribes and Pharisees answered, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.”

¹⁸ But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet.

¹⁹ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the huge fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

²⁰ The men of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, someone greater than Jonah is here.

²¹ The Queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, someone greater than Solomon is here.

²² “When an unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest, and doesn’t find it.

²³ Then he says, ‘I will return into my house from which I came;’ and when he has come back, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order.

²⁴ Then he goes and takes with himself seven other spirits more evil than he is, and they enter in and dwell there. The last state of that man becomes worse than the first. Even so will it be also to this evil generation.”

Parable of the Sower

¹ Again he began to teach by the seaside. A great multitude was gathered to him, so that he entered into a boat in the sea and sat down. All the multitude were on the land by the sea.

² He taught them many things in parables, and told them in his teaching,

³ “Listen! Behold, the farmer went out to sow.

⁴ As he sowed, some seed fell by the road, and the birds came and devoured it.

⁵ Others fell on the rocky ground, where it had little soil, and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of soil.

⁶ When the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

⁷ Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

⁸ Others fell into the good ground and yielded fruit, growing up and increasing. Some produced thirty times, some sixty times, and some one hundred times as much.”

⁹ He said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.”

¹⁰ When he was alone, those who were around him with the twelve asked him about the parables.

¹¹ He said to them, “To you is given the mystery of God’s Kingdom, but to those who are outside, all things are done in parables,

¹² that ‘seeing they may see and not perceive, and hearing they may hear and not understand, lest perhaps they should turn again, and their sins should be forgiven them.’ ”

¹³ He said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? How will you understand all of the parables?

¹⁴ The farmer sows the word.

¹⁵ The ones by the road are the ones where the word is sown; and when they have heard, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.

¹⁶ These in the same way are those who are sown on the rocky places, who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with joy.

¹⁷ They have no root in themselves, but are short-lived. When oppression or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they stumble.

¹⁸ Others are those who are sown among the thorns. These are those who have heard the word,

¹⁹ and the cares of this age, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

²⁰ Those which were sown on the good ground are those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit, some thirty times, some sixty times, and some one hundred times.”

Parable of the Candle under a Bushel

¹ He said to them, “Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Isn’t it put on a stand?”

² For there is nothing hidden except that it should be made known, neither was anything made secret but that it should come to light.

³ If any man has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁴ He said to them, “Take heed what you hear. With whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you; and more will be given to you who hear.

⁵ For whoever has, to him more will be given; and he who doesn’t have, even that which he has will be taken away from him.”

Parable of the Seed Growing Secretly

1 He said, “God’s Kingdom is as if a man should cast seed on the earth,

2 and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up and grow, though he doesn’t know how.

3 For the earth bears fruit by itself: first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

4 But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Parable of the Wheat and Tares

1 He set another parable before them, saying, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field,

2 but while people slept, his enemy came and sowed darnel weeds also among the wheat, and went away.

3 But when the blade sprang up and produced grain, then the darnel weeds appeared also.

4 The servants of the householder came and said to him, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where did these darnel weeds come from?’

5 He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather them up?’

⁶ “But he said, ‘No, lest perhaps while you gather up the darnel weeds, you root up the wheat with them.

⁷ Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the harvest time I will tell the reapers, “First, gather up the darnel weeds, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.””

Mustard Seed and Leaven

¹ He set another parable before them, saying, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took, and sowed in his field,

² which indeed is smaller than all seeds. But when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches.”

³ He spoke another parable to them. “The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until it was all leavened.”

Disciples Ask About Parables

¹ When he was alone, those who were around him with the twelve asked him about the parables.

² He said to them, “To you is given the mystery of God’s Kingdom, but to those who are outside, all things are done in parables,

³ that ‘seeing they may see and not perceive, and hearing they may hear and not understand, lest perhaps they should turn again, and their sins should be forgiven them.’ ”

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¹⁵ He said to them, “Take heed what you hear. With whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you; and more will be given to you who hear.

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¹⁹ For the earth bears fruit by itself: first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

²⁰ But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

²¹ He said, “How will we liken God’s Kingdom? Or with what parable will we illustrate it?

²² It’s like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, though it is less than all the seeds that are on the earth,

²³ yet when it is sown, grows up and becomes greater than all the herbs, and puts out great branches, so that the birds of the sky can lodge under its shadow.”

²⁴ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

²⁵ Without a parable he didn't speak to them; but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

True Family of Jesus

¹ His mother and his brothers came, and standing outside, they sent to him, calling him.

² A multitude was sitting around him, and they told him, “Behold, your mother, your brothers, and your sisters are outside looking for you.”

³ He answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”

⁴ Looking around at those who sat around him, he said, “Behold, my mother and my brothers!

⁵ For whoever does the will of God is my brother, my sister, and mother.”

Reception At Nazareth

¹ He went out from there. He came into his own country, and his disciples followed him.

² When the Sabbath had come, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many hearing him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things?” and, “What is the wisdom that is given to this man, that such mighty works come about by his hands?”

³ Isn’t this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James, Joses, Judah, and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” So they were offended at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own relatives, and in his own house.”

⁵ He could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them.

⁶ He marveled because of their unbelief. He went around the villages teaching.

Sending Forth the Twelve

¹ He called to himself the twelve, and began to send them out two by two; and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

² He commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a staff only: no bread, no wallet, no money in their purse,

³ but to wear sandals, and not put on two tunics.

⁴ He said to them, “Wherever you enter into a house, stay there until you depart from there.

⁵ Whoever will not receive you nor hear you, as you depart from there, shake off the dust that is under your feet for a testimony against

them. Assuredly, I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!”

⁶ They went out and preached that people should repent.

⁷ They cast out many demons, and anointed many with oil who were sick and healed them.

Herod’s Opinion of Jesus

¹ King Herod heard this, for his name had become known, and he said, “John the Baptizer has risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.”

² But others said, “He is Elijah.” Others said, “He is a prophet, or like one of the prophets.”

³ But Herod, when he heard this, said, “This is John, whom I beheaded. He has risen from the dead.”

Death of John the Baptist

¹ For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife.

² For John said to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.”

³ When he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

⁴ But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced among them and pleased Herod.

⁵ Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she should ask.

⁶ She, being prompted by her mother, said, “Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptizer.”

⁷ The king was grieved, but for the sake of his oaths and of those who sat at the table with him, he commanded it to be given,

⁸ and he sent and beheaded John in the prison.

⁹ His head was brought on a platter and given to the young lady; and she brought it to her mother.

¹⁰ His disciples came, took the body, and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus.

Feeding the 5,000

¹ The apostles gathered themselves together to Jesus, and they told him all things, whatever they had done, and whatever they had taught.

² He said to them, “Come away into a deserted place, and rest awhile.” For there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

³ They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

⁴ They saw them going, and many recognized him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to him.

⁵ Jesus came out, saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁶ When it was late in the day, his disciples came to him and said, “This place is deserted, and it is late in the day.

⁷ Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread, for they have nothing to eat.”

⁸ But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They asked him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?”

⁹ He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go see.” When they knew, they said, “Five, and two fish.”

¹⁰ He commanded them that everyone should sit down in groups on the green grass.

¹¹ They sat down in ranks, by hundreds and by fifties.

¹² He took the five loaves and the two fish; and looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves, and he gave to his disciples to set before them, and he divided the two fish among them all.

¹³ They all ate and were filled.

¹⁴ They took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and also of the fish.

¹⁵ Those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Walking on Water

¹ Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

² After he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into the mountain by himself to pray. When evening had come, he was there alone.

³ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, distressed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

⁴ In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came to them, walking on the sea.

⁵ When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It’s a ghost!” and they cried out for fear.

⁶ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, **“Cheer up! It is I! Don’t be afraid.”**

⁷ Peter answered him and said, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the waters.”

⁸ He said, **“Come!”** Peter stepped down from the boat and walked on the waters to come to Jesus.

⁹ But when he saw that the wind was strong, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”

¹⁰ Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, **“You of little faith, why did you doubt?”**

¹¹ When they got up into the boat, the wind ceased.

¹² Those who were in the boat came and worshiped him, saying, “You are truly the Son of God!”

Miracles in Gennesaret

¹ When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

² When the people of that place recognized him, they sent into all that surrounding region and brought to him all who were sick;

³ and they begged him that they might just touch the fringe of his garment. As many as touched it were made whole.

Bread of Life Discourse

¹ On the next day, the multitude that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except the one in which his disciples had embarked, and that Jesus hadn’t entered with his disciples into the boat, but his disciples had gone away alone.

² However, boats from Tiberias came near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks.

³ When the multitude therefore saw that Jesus wasn’t there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

⁴ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”

⁵ Jesus answered them, “Most certainly I tell you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

⁶ Don’t work for the food which perishes, but for the food which remains to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For God the Father has sealed him.”

⁷ They said therefore to him, “What must we do, that we may work the works of God?”

⁸ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

⁹ They said therefore to him, “What then do you do for a sign, that we may see and believe you? What work do you do?”

¹⁰ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness. As it is written, ‘He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.’”

¹¹ Jesus therefore said to them, “Most certainly, I tell you, it wasn’t Moses who gave you the bread out of heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread out of heaven.

¹² For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world.”

¹³ They said therefore to him, “Lord, always give us this bread.”

¹⁴ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will not be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

¹⁵ But I told you that you have seen me, and yet you don't believe.

¹⁶ All those whom the Father gives me will come to me. He who comes to me I will in no way throw out.

¹⁷ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

¹⁸ This is the will of my Father who sent me, that of all he has given to me I should lose nothing, but should raise him up at the last day.

¹⁹ This is the will of the one who sent me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

²⁰ The Jews therefore murmured concerning him, because he said, “I am the bread which came down out of heaven.”

²¹ They said, “Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then does he say, ‘I have come down out of heaven’?”

²² Therefore Jesus answered them, “Don't murmur among yourselves.

²³ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up in the last day.

²⁴ It is written in the prophets, ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who hears from the Father and has learned, comes to me.

²⁵ Not that anyone has seen the Father, except he who is from God. He has seen the Father.

²⁶ Most certainly, I tell you, he who believes in me has eternal life.

²⁷ I am the bread of life.

²⁸ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and they died.

²⁹ This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, that anyone may eat of it and not die.

³⁰ I am the living bread which came down out of heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. Yes, the bread which I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

³¹ The Jews therefore contended with one another, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

³² Jesus therefore said to them, “Most certainly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you don’t have life in yourselves.

³³ He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

³⁴ For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

³⁵ He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I in him.

³⁶ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on me will also live because of me.

³⁷ This is the bread which came down out of heaven—not as our fathers ate the manna and died. He who eats this bread will live forever.”

³⁸ He said these things in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

³⁹ Therefore many of his disciples, when they heard this, said, “This is a hard saying! Who can listen to it?”

⁴⁰ But Jesus knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at this, said to them, “Does this cause you to stumble?

⁴¹ Then what if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

⁴² It is the spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and are life.

⁴³ But there are some of you who don’t believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who didn’t believe, and who it was who would betray him.

⁴⁴ He said, “For this cause I have said to you that no one can come to me, unless it is given to him by my Father.”

⁴⁵ At this, many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him.

⁴⁶ Jesus said therefore to the twelve, “You don’t also want to go away, do you?”

⁴⁷ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life.

⁴⁸ We have come to believe and know that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

⁴⁹ Jesus answered them, “Didn’t I choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?”

⁵⁰ Now he spoke of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, for it was he who would betray him, being one of the twelve.

The Washed Hands

¹ Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem, saying,

² “Why do your disciples disobey the tradition of the elders? For they don’t wash their hands when they eat bread.”

³ He answered them, “Why do you also disobey the commandment of God because of your tradition?

⁴ For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death.’

⁵ But you say, ‘Whoever may tell his father or his mother, “Whatever help you might otherwise have gotten from me is a gift devoted to God,”

⁶ he shall not honor his father or mother.’ You have made the commandment of God void because of your tradition.

⁷ You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying,

⁸ ‘These people draw near to me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

⁹ And they worship me in vain, teaching as doctrine rules made by men.’ ”

¹⁰ He summoned the multitude, and said to them, “Hear, and understand.

¹¹ That which enters into the mouth doesn’t defile the man; but that which proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man.”

¹² Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?”

¹³ But he answered, “Every plant which my heavenly Father didn’t plant will be uprooted.

¹⁴ Leave them alone. They are blind guides of the blind. If the blind guide the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

¹⁵ Peter answered him, “Explain the parable to us.”

¹⁶ So Jesus said, “Do you also still not understand?

¹⁷ Don't you understand that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the belly and then out of the body?

¹⁸ But the things which proceed out of the mouth come out of the heart, and they defile the man.

¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual sins, thefts, false testimony, and blasphemies.

²⁰ These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands doesn't defile the man."

Syrphoenician Woman

¹ Jesus went out from there and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon.

² Behold, a Canaanite woman came out from those borders and cried, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, you son of David! My daughter is severely possessed by a demon!"

³ But he answered her not a word. His disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away; for she cries after us."

⁴ But he answered, "I wasn't sent to anyone but the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

⁵ But she came and worshiped him, saying, "Lord, help me."

⁶ But he answered, "It is not appropriate to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

⁷ But she said, “Yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”

⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Be it done to you even as you desire.”

Miracles of Healing

¹ Jesus departed from there and came near to the sea of Galilee; and he went up on the mountain and sat there.

² Great multitudes came to him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others, and they put them down at his feet. He healed them,

³ so that the multitude wondered when they saw the mute speaking, the injured healed, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

Feeding of the 4,000

¹ In those days, when there was a very great multitude, and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to himself and said to them,

² “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have stayed with me now three days and have nothing to eat.

³ If I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint on the way, for some of them have come a long way.”

⁴ His disciples answered him, “From where could one satisfy these people with bread here in a deserted place?”

⁵ He asked them, “**How many loaves do you have?**” They said, “Seven.”

⁶ He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground, and he took the seven loaves. Having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to serve, and they served the multitude.

⁷ They also had a few small fish. Having blessed them, he said to serve these also.

⁸ They ate and were filled. They took up seven baskets of broken pieces that were left over.

⁹ Those who had eaten were about four thousand. Then he sent them away.

Sign from Heaven

¹ Immediately he entered into the boat with his disciples and came into the region of Dalmanutha.

² The Pharisees came out and began to question him, seeking from him a sign from heaven and testing him.

³ He sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “**Why does this generation seek a sign? Most certainly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation.**”

⁴ He left them, and again entering into the boat, departed to the other side.

Leaven of the Pharisees

¹ They forgot to take bread; and they didn't have more than one loaf in the boat with them.

² He warned them, saying, "Take heed: beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod."

³ They reasoned with one another, saying, "It's because we have no bread."

⁴ Jesus, perceiving it, said to them, "Why do you reason that it's because you have no bread? Don't you perceive yet or understand? Is your heart still hardened?"

⁵ Having eyes, don't you see? Having ears, don't you hear? Don't you remember?

⁶ When I broke the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They told him, "Twelve."

⁷ "When the seven loaves fed the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They told him, "Seven."

⁸ He asked them, "Don't you understand yet?"

Blind Man Healed

¹ He came to Bethsaida. They brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him.

² He took hold of the blind man by the hand, and brought him out of the village. When he had spat on his eyes, and laid his hands on him, he asked him if he saw anything.

³ He looked up, and said, “I see men, but I see them like walking trees.”

⁴ Then again he laid his hands on his eyes. He looked intently, and was restored, and saw everyone clearly.

⁵ He sent him away to his house, saying, “**Don’t enter into the village, nor tell anyone in the village.**”

Chapter 6

Ministry of Galilee



Transfiguration of Christ by Giovanni Bellini (c.1480)

Peter's Confession

¹ Now when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”

² They said, “Some say John the Baptizer, some, Elijah, and others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

³ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

⁴ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

⁵ Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

⁶ I also tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my assembly, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

⁷ I will give to you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven; and whatever you release on earth will have been released in heaven.”

Passion Foretold

¹ Then he commanded the disciples that they should tell no one that he was Jesus the Christ.

² From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up.

³ Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This will never be done to you.”

⁴ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men.”

⁵ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

⁶ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and whoever will lose his life for my sake will find it.

⁷ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what will a man give in exchange for his life?

⁸ For the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will give to everyone according to his deeds.

⁹ Most certainly I tell you, there are some standing here who will in no way taste of death until they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom.”

Transfiguration

¹ About eight days after these sayings, he took with him Peter, John, and James, and went up onto the mountain to pray.

² As he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became white and dazzling.

³ Behold, two men were talking with him, who were Moses and Elijah,

⁴ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

⁵ Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory, and the two men who stood with him.

⁶ As they were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let’s make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not knowing what he said.

⁷ While he said these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered into the cloud.

⁸ A voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!”

⁹ When the voice came, Jesus was found alone. They were silent, and told no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.

Coming of Elias

¹ They asked him, saying, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”

² He said to them, “Elijah indeed comes first, and restores all things. How is it written about the Son of Man, that he should suffer many things and be despised?”

³ But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they have also done to him whatever they wanted to, even as it is written about him.”

Mute Spirit Healed

¹ Coming to the disciples, he saw a great multitude around them, and scribes questioning them.

² Immediately all the multitude, when they saw him, were greatly amazed, and running to him, greeted him.

³ He asked the scribes, “What are you asking them?”

⁴ One of the multitude answered, “Teacher, I brought to you my son, who has a mute spirit;

⁵ and wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; and he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they weren’t able.”

⁶ He answered him, “Unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to me.”

⁷ They brought him to him, and when he saw him, immediately the spirit convulsed him and he fell on the ground, wallowing and foaming at the mouth.

⁸ He asked his father, “How long has it been since this has been happening to him?” He said, “From childhood.

⁹ Often it has cast him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”

¹¹ Immediately the father of the child cried out with tears, “I believe. Help my unbelief!”

¹² When Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!”

¹³ After crying out and convulsing him greatly, it came out of him. The boy became like one dead, so much that most of them said, “He is dead.”

¹⁴ But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him up; and he arose.

¹⁵ When he had come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we cast it out?”

¹⁶ He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but by prayer and fasting.”

Passion Foretold Again

¹ While they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “**The Son of Man is about to be delivered up into the hands of men,**

² and they will kill him, and the third day he will be raised up.”

They were exceedingly sorry.

Fish Caught for the Tribute

¹ When they had come to Capernaum, those who collected the didrachma coins came to Peter, and said, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the didrachma?”

² He said, “Yes.” When he came into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, “**What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive toll or tribute? From their children, or from strangers?”**

³ Peter said to him, “From strangers.” Jesus said to him, “**Therefore the children are exempt.**

⁴ But, lest we cause them to stumble, go to the sea, cast a hook, and take up the first fish that comes up. When you have opened its mouth, you will find a stater coin. Take that, and give it to them for me and you.”

Little Child

¹ He came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, “**What were you arguing among yourselves on the way?”**

² But they were silent, for they had disputed with one another on the way about who was the greatest.

³ He sat down and called the twelve; and he said to them, “If any man wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all.”

⁴ He took a little child and set him in the middle of them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them,

⁵ “Whoever receives one such little child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, doesn’t receive me, but him who sent me.”

Casting Out Demons

¹ John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone who doesn’t follow us casting out demons in your name; and we forbade him, because he doesn’t follow us.”

² But Jesus said, “Don’t forbid him, for there is no one who will do a mighty work in my name and be able quickly to speak evil of me.

³ For whoever is not against us is on our side.

⁴ For whoever will give you a cup of water to drink in my name because you are Christ’s, most certainly I tell you, he will in no way lose his reward.”

Offences

¹ “Whoever will cause one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for him if he were thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around his neck.

² If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having your two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire,

³ ‘where their worm doesn’t die, and the fire is not quenched.’

⁴ If your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life lame, rather than having your two feet to be cast into Gehenna, into the fire that will never be quenched;

⁵ ‘where their worm doesn’t die, and the fire is not quenched.’

⁶ If your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out. It is better for you to enter into God’s Kingdom with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the Gehenna of fire,

⁷ ‘where their worm doesn’t die, and the fire is not quenched.’

Lost Sheep

¹ See that you don’t despise one of these little ones, for I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

² For the Son of Man came to save that which was lost.

³ “What do you think? If a man has one hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine, go to the mountains, and seek that which has gone astray?

⁴ If he finds it, most certainly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.

⁵ Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

Forgiveness of Injuries

¹ “If your brother sins against you, go, show him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained back your brother.

² But if he doesn’t listen, take one or two more with you, that at the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

³ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the assembly. If he refuses to hear the assembly also, let him be to you as a Gentile or a tax collector.”

Binding and Loosing

¹ “Most certainly I tell you, whatever things you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever things you release on earth will have been released in heaven.

² Again, assuredly I tell you, that if two of you will agree on earth concerning anything that they will ask, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven.

³ For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the middle of them.”

Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

1 Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times?”

2 Jesus said to him, “I don’t tell you until seven times, but, until seventy times seven.

3 Therefore the Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

4 When he had begun to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

5 But because he couldn’t pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, with his wife, his children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

6 The servant therefore fell down and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will repay you all!’

7 The lord of that servant, being moved with compassion, released him and forgave him the debt.

8 But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii, and he grabbed him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’

9 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will repay you!’

¹⁰ He would not, but went and cast him into prison until he should pay back that which was due.

¹¹ So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were exceedingly sorry, and came and told their lord all that was done.

¹² Then his lord called him in and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

¹³ Shouldn’t you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, even as I had mercy on you?’

¹⁴ His lord was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors until he should pay all that was due to him.

¹⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to you, if you don’t each forgive your brother from your hearts for his misdeeds.”

Salt with Fire

¹ “For everyone will be salted with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.

² Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, with what will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Chapter 7

Ministry in Jerusalem



The Miracle of Christ Healing the Blind by El Greco (1570)

Fire from Heaven

¹ It came to pass, when the days were near that he should be taken up, he intently set his face to go to Jerusalem

² and sent messengers before his face. They went and entered into a village of the Samaritans, so as to prepare for him.

³ They didn't receive him, because he was traveling with his face set toward Jerusalem.

⁴ When his disciples, James and John, saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from the sky and destroy them, just as Elijah did?"

⁵ But he turned and rebuked them, "You don't know of what kind of spirit you are.

⁶ For the Son of Man didn't come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." They went to another village.

Answers to Disciples

¹ As they went on the way, a certain man said to him, "I want to follow you wherever you go, Lord."

² Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

³ He said to another, "Follow me!" But he said, "Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father."

⁴ But Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead, but you go and announce God’s Kingdom.”

⁵ Another also said, “I want to follow you, Lord, but first allow me to say good-bye to those who are at my house.”

⁶ But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for God’s Kingdom.”

Teaching at the Feast of Tabernacles

¹ After these things, Jesus was walking in Galilee, for he wouldn’t walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill him.

² Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was at hand.

³ His brothers therefore said to him, “Depart from here and go into Judea, that your disciples also may see your works which you do.

⁴ For no one does anything in secret while he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, reveal yourself to the world.”

⁵ For even his brothers didn’t believe in him.

⁶ Jesus therefore said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.

⁷ The world can’t hate you, but it hates me, because I testify about it, that its works are evil.

⁸ You go up to the feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, because my time is not yet fulfilled.”

⁹ Having said these things to them, he stayed in Galilee.

¹⁰ But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly, but as it were in secret.

¹¹ The Jews therefore sought him at the feast, and said, “Where is he?”

¹² There was much murmuring among the multitudes concerning him. Some said, “He is a good man.” Others said, “Not so, but he leads the multitude astray.”

¹³ Yet no one spoke openly of him for fear of the Jews.

¹⁴ But when it was now the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and taught.

¹⁵ The Jews therefore marveled, saying, “How does this man know letters, having never been educated?”

¹⁶ Jesus therefore answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.

¹⁷ If anyone desires to do his will, he will know about the teaching, whether it is from God or if I am speaking from myself.

¹⁸ He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

¹⁹ Didn’t Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill me?”

²⁰ The multitude answered, “You have a demon! Who seeks to kill you?”

²¹ Jesus answered them, “I did one work and you all marvel because of it.

²² Moses has given you circumcision (not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a boy.

²³ If a boy receives circumcision on the Sabbath, that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I made a man completely healthy on the Sabbath?

²⁴ Don’t judge according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment.”

²⁵ Therefore some of them of Jerusalem said, “Isn’t this he whom they seek to kill?

²⁶ Behold, he speaks openly, and they say nothing to him. Can it be that the rulers indeed know that this is truly the Christ?

²⁷ However, we know where this man comes from, but when the Christ comes, no one will know where he comes from.”

²⁸ Jesus therefore cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, “You both know me, and know where I am from. I have not come of myself, but he who sent me is true, whom you don’t know.

²⁹ I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.”

³⁰ They sought therefore to take him; but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.

³¹ But of the multitude, many believed in him. They said, “When the Christ comes, he won’t do more signs than those which this man has done, will he?”

³² The Pharisees heard the multitude murmuring these things concerning him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.

³³ Then Jesus said, “I will be with you a little while longer, then I go to him who sent me.

³⁴ You will seek me and won’t find me. You can’t come where I am.”

³⁵ The Jews therefore said among themselves, “Where will this man go that we won’t find him? Will he go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?

³⁶ What is this word that he said, ‘You will seek me, and won’t find me;’ and ‘Where I am, you can’t come’?”

³⁷ Now on the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink!

³⁸ He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, from within him will flow rivers of living water.”

³⁹ But he said this about the Spirit, which those believing in him were to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus wasn’t yet glorified.

⁴⁰ Many of the multitude therefore, when they heard these words, said, “This is truly the prophet.”

⁴¹ Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “What, does the Christ come out of Galilee?”

⁴² Hasn’t the Scripture said that the Christ comes of the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?”

⁴³ So a division arose in the multitude because of him.

⁴⁴ Some of them would have arrested him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵ The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said to them, “Why didn’t you bring him?”

⁴⁶ The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this man!”

⁴⁷ The Pharisees therefore answered them, “You aren’t also led astray, are you?”

⁴⁸ Have any of the rulers or any of the Pharisees believed in him?

⁴⁹ But this multitude that doesn’t know the law is cursed.”

⁵⁰ Nicodemus (he who came to him by night, being one of them) said to them,

⁵¹ “Does our law judge a man unless it first hears from him personally and knows what he does?”

⁵² They answered him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and see that no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.”

Woman Taken in Adultery

¹ Everyone went to his own house, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

² Now very early in the morning, he came again into the temple, and all the people came to him. He sat down and taught them.

³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman taken in adultery. Having set her in the middle,

⁴ they told him, “Teacher, we found this woman in adultery, in the very act.

⁵ Now in our law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. What then do you say about her?”

⁶ They said this testing him, that they might have something to accuse him of. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with his finger.

⁷ But when they continued asking him, he looked up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw the first stone at her.”

⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground with his finger.

⁹ They, when they heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning from the oldest, even to the last. Jesus was left alone with the woman where she was, in the middle.

¹⁰ Jesus, standing up, saw her and said, “Woman, where are your accusers? Did no one condemn you?”

¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.” Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way. From now on, sin no more.”

Dispute with Pharisees

¹ Again, therefore, Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life.”

² The Pharisees therefore said to him, “You testify about yourself. Your testimony is not valid.”

³ Jesus answered them, “Even if I testify about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from, and where I am going; but you don’t know where I came from, or where I am going.

⁴ You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one.

⁵ Even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent me.

⁶ It’s also written in your law that the testimony of two people is valid.

⁷ I am one who testifies about myself, and the Father who sent me testifies about me.”

⁸ They said therefore to him, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.”

⁹ Jesus spoke these words in the treasury, as he taught in the temple. Yet no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

¹⁰ Jesus said therefore again to them, “I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sins. Where I go, you can’t come.”

¹¹ The Jews therefore said, “Will he kill himself, because he says, ‘Where I am going, you can’t come’?”

¹² He said to them, “You are from beneath. I am from above. You are of this world. I am not of this world.

¹³ I said therefore to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am† he, you will die in your sins.”

¹⁴ They said therefore to him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning.

¹⁵ I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you. However, he who sent me is true; and the things which I heard from him, these I say to the world.”

¹⁶ They didn’t understand that he spoke to them about the Father.

¹⁷ Jesus therefore said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and I do nothing of myself, but as my Father taught me, I say these things.

¹⁸ He who sent me is with me. The Father hasn’t left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”

¹⁹ As he spoke these things, many believed in him.

²⁰ Jesus therefore said to those Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, then you are truly my disciples.

²¹ You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

²² They answered him, “We are Abraham’s offspring, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How do you say, ‘You will be made free’?”

²³ Jesus answered them, “Most certainly I tell you, everyone who commits sin is the bondservant of sin.

²⁴ A bondservant doesn’t live in the house forever. A son remains forever.

²⁵ If therefore the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

²⁶ I know that you are Abraham’s offspring, yet you seek to kill me, because my word finds no place in you.

²⁷ I say the things which I have seen with my Father; and you also do the things which you have seen with your father.”

²⁸ They answered him, “Our father is Abraham.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.

²⁹ But now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham didn’t do this.

³⁰ You do the works of your father.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father, God.”

³¹ Therefore Jesus said to them, “If God were your father, you would love me, for I came out and have come from God. For I haven’t come of myself, but he sent me.

³² Why don’t you understand my speech? Because you can’t hear my word.

³³ You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and doesn’t stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.

³⁴ But because I tell the truth, you don’t believe me.

³⁵ Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?

³⁶ He who is of God hears the words of God. For this cause you don’t hear, because you are not of God.”

³⁷ Then the Jews answered him, “Don’t we say well that you are a Samaritan, and have a demon?”

³⁸ Jesus answered, “I don’t have a demon, but I honor my Father and you dishonor me.

³⁹ But I don’t seek my own glory. There is one who seeks and judges.

⁴⁰ Most certainly, I tell you, if a person keeps my word, he will never see death.”

⁴¹ Then the Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, as did the prophets; and you say, ‘If a man keeps my word, he will never taste of death.’

⁴² Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died. Who do you make yourself out to be?”

⁴³ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say that he is our God.

⁴⁴ You have not known him, but I know him. If I said, ‘I don’t know him,’ I would be like you, a liar. But I know him and keep his word.

⁴⁵ Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day. He saw it and was glad.”

⁴⁶ The Jews therefore said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old! Have you seen Abraham?”

⁴⁷ Jesus said to them, “Most certainly, I tell you, before Abraham came into existence, I AM.”

⁴⁸ Therefore they took up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple, having gone through the middle of them, and so passed by.

Healing the Man Born Blind

¹ As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.

² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³ Jesus answered, “This man didn’t sin, nor did his parents, but that the works of God might be revealed in him.

⁴ I must work the works of him who sent me while it is day. The night is coming, when no one can work.

⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground, made mud with the saliva, anointed the blind man’s eyes with the mud,

⁷ and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means “Sent”). So he went away, washed, and came back seeing.

⁸ Therefore the neighbors and those who saw that he was blind before said, “Isn’t this he who sat and begged?”

⁹ Others were saying, “It is he.” Still others were saying, “He looks like him.” He said, “I am he.”

¹⁰ They therefore were asking him, “How were your eyes opened?”

¹¹ He answered, “A man called Jesus made mud, anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went away and washed, and I received sight.”

¹² Then they asked him, “Where is he?” He said, “I don’t know.”

¹³ They brought him who had been blind to the Pharisees.

¹⁴ It was a Sabbath when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

¹⁵ Again therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and I see.”

¹⁶ Some therefore of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he doesn’t keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” So there was division among them.

¹⁷ Therefore they asked the blind man again, “What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ The Jews therefore didn’t believe concerning him, that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight,

¹⁹ and asked them, “Is this your son, whom you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

²⁰ His parents answered them, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

²¹ but how he now sees, we don’t know; or who opened his eyes, we don’t know. He is of age. Ask him. He will speak for himself.”

²² His parents said these things because they feared the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if any man would confess him as Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age. Ask him.”

²⁴ So they called the man who was blind a second time, and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.”

²⁵ He therefore answered, “I don’t know if he is a sinner. One thing I do know: that though I was blind, now I see.”

²⁶ They said to him again, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

²⁷ He answered them, “I told you already, and you didn’t listen. Why do you want to hear it again? You don’t also want to become his disciples, do you?”

²⁸ They insulted him and said, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses. But as for this man, we don’t know where he comes from.”

³⁰ The man answered them, “How amazing! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.

³¹ We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, he listens to him.

³² Since the world began it has never been heard of that anyone opened the eyes of someone born blind.

³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

³⁴ They answered him, "You were altogether born in sins, and do you teach us?" Then they threw him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and finding him, he said, "**Do you believe in the Son of God?**"

³⁶ He answered, "Who is he, Lord, that I may believe in him?"

³⁷ Jesus said to him, "**You have both seen him, and it is he who speaks with you.**"

³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe!" and he worshiped him.

³⁹ Jesus said, "**I came into this world for judgment, that those who don't see may see; and that those who see may become blind.**"

⁴⁰ Those of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?"

⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "**If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains.**

Good Shepherd Discourse

¹ “Most certainly, I tell you, one who doesn’t enter by the door into the sheep fold, but climbs up some other way, is a thief and a robber.

² But one who enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

⁴ Whenever he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

⁵ They will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him; for they don’t know the voice of strangers.”

⁶ Jesus spoke this parable to them, but they didn’t understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Jesus therefore said to them again, “Most certainly, I tell you, I am the sheep’s door.

⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn’t listen to them.

⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters in by me, he will be saved, and will go in and go out and will find pasture.

¹⁰ The thief only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹² He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who doesn’t own the sheep, sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and flees. The wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them.

¹³ The hired hand flees because he is a hired hand and doesn’t care for the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and I’m known by my own;

¹⁵ even as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁶ I have other sheep which are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice. They will become one flock with one shepherd.

¹⁷ Therefore the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again.

¹⁸ No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down by myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. I received this commandment from my Father.”

¹⁹ Therefore a division arose again among the Jews because of these words.

²⁰ Many of them said, “He has a demon and is insane! Why do you listen to him?”

²¹ Others said, “These are not the sayings of one possessed by a demon. It isn’t possible for a demon to open the eyes of the blind, is it?”

Feast of the Dedication:

¹ It was the Feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem.

² It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in Solomon’s porch.

³ The Jews therefore came around him and said to him, “How long will you hold us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

⁴ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you don’t believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name, these testify about me.

⁵ But you don’t believe, because you are not of my sheep, as I told you.

⁶ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

⁷ I give eternal life to them. They will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

⁸ My Father who has given them to me is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of my Father’s hand.

⁹ I and the Father are one.”

¹⁰ Therefore the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

¹¹ Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of those works do you stone me?”

¹² The Jews answered him, “We don’t stone you for a good work, but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.”

¹³ Jesus answered them, “Isn’t it written in your law, ‘I said, you are gods’?”

¹⁴ If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture can’t be broken),

¹⁵ do you say of him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You blaspheme,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?

¹⁶ If I don’t do the works of my Father, don’t believe me.

¹⁷ But if I do them, though you don’t believe me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.”

¹⁸ They sought again to seize him, and he went out of their hand.

Departure Beyond Jordan

¹ He went away again beyond the Jordan into the place where John was baptizing at first, and he stayed there.

² Many came to him. They said, “John indeed did no sign, but everything that John said about this man is true.”

³ Many believed in him there.

Chapter 8

Back to Galilee



The Good Samaritan by Balthasar van Cortbemde (1647)

Sending Out the Seventy

1 Now after these things, the Lord also appointed seventy others, and sent them two by two ahead of him into every city and place where he was about to come.

2 Then he said to them, “The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest, that he may send out laborers into his harvest.

3 Go your ways. Behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

4 Carry no purse, nor wallet, nor sandals. Greet no one on the way.

5 Into whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house.’

6 If a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.

7 Remain in that same house, eating and drinking the things they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Don’t go from house to house.

8 Into whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat the things that are set before you.

9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘God’s Kingdom has come near to you.’

¹⁰ But into whatever city you enter and they don't receive you, go out into its streets and say,

¹¹ 'Even the dust from your city that clings to us, we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that God's Kingdom has come near to you.'

¹² I tell you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city."

¹³ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

¹⁴ But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment than for you.

¹⁵ You, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶ Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!"

¹⁸ He said to them, "I saw Satan having fallen like lightning from heaven.

¹⁹ Behold, I give you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will in any way hurt you.

²⁰ Nevertheless, don't rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

²¹ In that same hour, Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I thank you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for so it was well-pleasing in your sight."

²² Turning to the disciples, he said, "All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is, except the Father, and who the Father is, except the Son, and he to whomever the Son desires to reveal him."

²³ Turning to the disciples, he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things that you see, ²⁴for I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see the things which you see, and didn't see them, and to hear the things which you hear, and didn't hear them."

Good Samaritan

¹ Behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

² He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"

³ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

⁴ He said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.”

⁵ But he, desiring to justify himself, asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

⁷ By chance a certain priest was going down that way. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

⁸ In the same way a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

⁹ But a certain Samaritan, as he traveled, came where he was. When he saw him, he was moved with compassion,

¹⁰ came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

¹¹ On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the host, and said to him, ‘Take care of him. Whatever you spend beyond that, I will repay you when I return.’

¹² Now which of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?”

¹³ He said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Mary and Martha

¹ As they went on their way, he entered into a certain village, and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

² She had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard his word.

³ But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she came up to him, and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister left me to serve alone? Ask her therefore to help me."

⁴ Jesus answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things,

⁵ but one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Lord's Prayer

¹ When he finished praying in a certain place, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples."

² He said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

³ Give us day by day our daily bread.

⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' "

Prayer Effectual

¹ He said to them, “Which of you, if you go to a friend at midnight and tell him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,

² for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him,’

³ and he from within will answer and say, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I can’t get up and give it to you’?

⁴ I tell you, although he will not rise and give it to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence, he will get up and give him as many as he needs.

⁵ I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you.

⁶ For everyone who asks receives. He who seeks finds. To him who knocks it will be opened.

⁷ Which of you fathers, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, he won’t give him a snake instead of a fish, will he?

⁸ Or if he asks for an egg, he won’t give him a scorpion, will he?

⁹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

Blasphemous Pharisees Reproved

¹ He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; and the multitudes marveled.

² But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of the demons.”

³ Others, testing him, sought from him a sign from heaven.

⁴ But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation. A house divided against itself falls.

⁵ If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.

⁶ But if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

⁷ But if I by God’s finger cast out demons, then God’s Kingdom has come to you.

⁸ When the strong man, fully armed, guards his own dwelling, his goods are safe.

⁹ But when someone stronger attacks him and overcomes him, he takes from him his whole armor in which he trusted, and divides his plunder.

¹⁰ He who is not with me is against me. He who doesn’t gather with me scatters.”

Unclean Spirit Returning

1 “The unclean spirit, when he has gone out of the man, passes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will turn back to my house from which I came out.’

2 When he returns, he finds it swept and put in order.

3 Then he goes and takes seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there. The last state of that man becomes worse than the first.”

4 It came to pass, as he said these things, a certain woman out of the multitude lifted up her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts which nursed you!”

5 But he said, “On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God, and keep it.”

Sign of Jonah

1 When the multitudes were gathering together to him, he began to say, “This is an evil generation. It seeks after a sign. No sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet.

2 For even as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so the Son of Man will also be to this generation.

3 The Queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and will condemn them, for she came from the

ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, one greater than Solomon is here.

⁴ The men of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, one greater than Jonah is here.”

Light of the Body

¹ “No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, that those who come in may see the light.

² The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore when your eye is good, your whole body is also full of light; but when it is evil, your body also is full of darkness.

³ Therefore see whether the light that is in you isn’t darkness.

⁴ If therefore your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly full of light, as when the lamp with its bright shining gives you light.”

Pharisees

¹ Now as he spoke, a certain Pharisee asked him to dine with him. He went in and sat at the table.

² When the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that he had not first washed himself before dinner.

³ The Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter, but your inward part is full of extortion and wickedness.

⁴ You foolish ones, didn’t he who made the outside make the inside also?

⁵ But give for gifts to the needy those things which are within, and behold, all things will be clean to you.

⁶ But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, but you bypass justice and God’s love. You ought to have done these, and not to have left the other undone.

⁷ Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seats in the synagogues and the greetings in the marketplaces.

⁸ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like hidden graves, and the men who walk over them don’t know it.”

⁹ One of the lawyers answered him, “Teacher, in saying this you insult us also.”

¹⁰ He said, “Woe to you lawyers also! For you load men with burdens that are difficult to carry, and you yourselves won’t even lift one finger to help carry those burdens.

¹¹ Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.

¹² So you testify and consent to the works of your fathers. For they killed them, and you build their tombs.

¹³ Therefore also the wisdom of God said, ‘I will send to them prophets and apostles; and some of them they will kill and persecute,

¹⁴ that the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation,

¹⁵ from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zachariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary.’ Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this generation.

¹⁶ Woe to you lawyers! For you took away the key of knowledge. You didn’t enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in, you hindered.”

¹⁷ As he said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be terribly angry, and to draw many things out of him,

¹⁸ lying in wait for him, and seeking to catch him in something he might say, that they might accuse him.

What to Fear

¹ Meanwhile, when a multitude of many thousands had gathered together, so much so that they trampled on each other, he began to tell his disciples first of all, “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

² But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.

³ Therefore whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light. What you have spoken in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

⁴ I tell you, my friends, don't be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

⁵ But I will warn you whom you should fear. Fear him who after he has killed, has power to cast into Gehenna. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

⁶ Aren't five sparrows sold for two assaria coins? Not one of them is forgotten by God.

⁷ But the very hairs of your head are all counted. Therefore, don't be afraid. You are of more value than many sparrows.

⁸ I tell you, everyone who confesses me before men, the Son of Man will also confess before the angels of God;

⁹ but he who denies me in the presence of men will be denied in the presence of God's angels.

¹⁰ Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

¹¹ When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, don't be anxious how or what you will answer or what you will say;

¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that same hour what you must say."

Covetousness

¹ One of the multitude said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

² But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or an arbitrator over you?"

³ He said to them, "Beware! Keep yourselves from covetousness, for a man's life doesn't consist of the abundance of the things which he possesses."

⁴ He spoke a parable to them, saying, "The ground of a certain rich man produced abundantly.

⁵ He reasoned within himself, saying, 'What will I do, because I don't have room to store my crops?'

⁶ He said, 'This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns, build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

⁷ I will tell my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Take your ease, eat, drink, and be merry." '

⁸ But God said to him, ‘You foolish one, tonight your soul is required of you. The things which you have prepared, whose will they be?’

⁹ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

¹⁰ He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, don’t be anxious for your life, what you will eat, nor yet for your body, what you will wear.

¹¹ Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing.

¹² Consider the ravens: they don’t sow, they don’t reap, they have no warehouse or barn, and God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds!

¹³ Which of you by being anxious can add a cubit§ to his height?

¹⁴ If then you aren’t able to do even the least things, why are you anxious about the rest?

¹⁵ Consider the lilies, how they grow. They don’t toil, neither do they spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

¹⁶ But if this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which today exists and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith?

¹⁷ Don't seek what you will eat or what you will drink; neither be anxious.

¹⁸ For the nations of the world seek after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need these things.

¹⁹ But seek God's Kingdom, and all these things will be added to you."

Watchfulness

¹ "Don't be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

² Sell what you have and give gifts to the needy. Make for yourselves purses which don't grow old, a treasure in the heavens that doesn't fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

³ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

⁴ Let your waist be dressed and your lamps burning.

⁵ Be like men watching for their lord when he returns from the wedding feast, that when he comes and knocks, they may immediately open to him.

⁶ Blessed are those servants whom the lord will find watching when he comes. Most certainly I tell you that he will dress himself, make them recline, and will come and serve them.

⁷ They will be blessed if he comes in the second or third watch and finds them so.

⁸ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

⁹ Therefore be ready also, for the Son of Man is coming in an hour that you don't expect him."

¹⁰ Peter said to him, "Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everybody?"

¹¹ The Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his lord will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the right times?

¹² Blessed is that servant whom his lord will find doing so when he comes.

¹³ Truly I tell you that he will set him over all that he has.

¹⁴ But if that servant says in his heart, 'My lord delays his coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, and to eat and drink and to be drunken,

¹⁵ then the lord of that servant will come in a day when he isn't expecting him and in an hour that he doesn't know, and will cut him in two, and place his portion with the unfaithful.

¹⁶ That servant who knew his lord's will, and didn't prepare nor do what he wanted, will be beaten with many stripes,

¹⁷ but he who didn't know, and did things worthy of stripes, will be beaten with few stripes. To whomever much is given, of him will much be required; and to whom much was entrusted, of him more will be asked.

¹⁸ I came to throw fire on the earth. I wish it were already kindled.

¹⁹ But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!

²⁰ Do you think that I have come to give peace in the earth? I tell you, no, but rather division.

²¹ For from now on, there will be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.

²² They will be divided, father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against her mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

²³ He said to the multitudes also, “When you see a cloud rising from the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming,’ and so it happens.

²⁴ When a south wind blows, you say, ‘There will be a scorching heat,’ and it happens.

²⁵ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky, but how is it that you don't interpret this time?

²⁶ Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right?

²⁷ For when you are going with your adversary before the magistrate, try diligently on the way to be released from him, lest perhaps he drag you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.

²⁸ I tell you, you will by no means get out of there until you have paid the very last penny.”

Galileans that Perished

¹ Now there were some present at the same time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

² Jesus answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered such things?

³ I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all perish in the same way.

⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them; do you think that they were worse offenders than all the men who dwell in Jerusalem?

⁵ I tell you, no, but, unless you repent, you will all perish in the same way.”

⁶ He spoke this parable. “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.

⁷ He said to the vine dresser, ‘Behold, these three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and found none. Cut it down! Why does it waste the soil?’

⁸ He answered, ‘Lord, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it.

⁹ If it bears fruit, fine; but if not, after that, you can cut it down.’”

Woman Healed on the Sabbath

¹ He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath day.

² Behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years. She was bent over and could in no way straighten herself up.

³ When Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, “**Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.**”

⁴ He laid his hands on her, and immediately she stood up straight and glorified God.

⁵ The ruler of the synagogue, being indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the multitude, “There are six days in which men ought to work. Therefore come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day!”

⁶ Therefore the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each one of you free his ox or his donkey from the stall on the Sabbath and lead him away to water?”

⁷ Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham whom Satan had bound eighteen long years, be freed from this bondage on the Sabbath day?”

⁸ As he said these things, all his adversaries were disappointed; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

Grain of Mustard-Seed

¹ He said, “What is God’s Kingdom like? To what shall I compare it?”

² It is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and put in his own garden. It grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the sky live in its branches.”

The Leaven

¹ Again he said, “To what shall I compare God’s Kingdom?”

² It is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.”

Chapter 9

Journey to Jerusalem



Resurrection of Lazarus by Giovanni di Paolo (1426)

Are There Few that be Saved

¹ He went on his way through cities and villages, teaching, and traveling on to Jerusalem.

² One said to him, “Lord, are they few who are saved?” He said to them,

³ “Strive to enter in by the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will seek to enter in and will not be able.

⁴ When once the master of the house has risen up and has shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ then he will answer and tell you, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

⁵ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’

⁶ He will say, ‘I tell you, I don’t know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity.’

⁷ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in God’s Kingdom, and yourselves being thrown outside.

⁸ They will come from the east, west, north, and south, and will sit down in God’s Kingdom.

⁹ Behold, there are some who are last who will be first, and there are some who are first who will be last.”

Warning Against Herod

1 On that same day, some Pharisees came, saying to him, “Get out of here and go away, for Herod wants to kill you.”

2 He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I complete my mission.

3 Nevertheless I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the next day, for it can’t be that a prophet would perish outside of Jerusalem.’ ”

Prophecy Against Jerusalem

1 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, like a hen gathers her own brood under her wings, and you refused!

2 Behold, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ”

Dropsy Healed on the Sabbath

1 When he went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on a Sabbath to eat bread, they were watching him.

2 Behold, a certain man who had dropsy was in front of him.

³ Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”

⁴ But they were silent. He took him, and healed him, and let him go.

⁵ He answered them, “Which of you, if your son or an ox fell into a well, wouldn’t immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?”

⁶ They couldn’t answer him regarding these things.

Choosing the Chief Rooms

¹ He spoke a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the best seats, and said to them,

² “When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, don’t sit in the best seat, since perhaps someone more honorable than you might be invited by him,

³ and he who invited both of you would come and tell you, ‘Make room for this person.’ Then you would begin, with shame, to take the lowest place.

⁴ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes, he may tell you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

⁵ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

⁶ He also said to the one who had invited him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, don’t call your friends, nor your brothers, nor your kinsmen, nor rich neighbors, or perhaps they might also return the favor, and pay you back.

⁷ But when you make a feast, ask the poor, the maimed, the lame, or the blind;

⁸ and you will be blessed, because they don’t have the resources to repay you. For you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.”

Parable of the Great Supper

¹ When one of those who sat at the table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is he who will feast in God’s Kingdom!”

² But he said to him, “A certain man made a great supper, and he invited many people.

³ He sent out his servant at supper time to tell those who were invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now.’

⁴ They all as one began to make excuses. “The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please have me excused.’

⁵ “Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go try them out. Please have me excused.’

⁶ “Another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I can’t come.’

⁷ “That servant came, and told his lord these things. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor, maimed, blind, and lame.’

⁸ “The servant said, ‘Lord, it is done as you commanded, and there is still room.’

⁹ The lord said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

¹⁰ For I tell you that none of those men who were invited will taste of my supper. For many are called, but few are chosen.’ ”

Following Christ with the Cross

¹ Now great multitudes were going with him. He turned and said to them,

² “If anyone comes to me, and doesn’t disregard his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he can’t be my disciple.

³ Whoever doesn’t bear his own cross and come after me, can’t be my disciple.

⁴ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, doesn’t first sit down and count the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it?

⁵ Or perhaps, when he has laid a foundation and isn’t able to finish, everyone who sees begins to mock him,

⁶ saying, ‘This man began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

⁷ Or what king, as he goes to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

⁸ Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an envoy and asks for conditions of peace.

⁹ So therefore, whoever of you who doesn’t renounce all that he has, he can’t be my disciple.

¹⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt becomes flat and tasteless, with what do you season it?

¹¹ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Parables – Lost Sheep, Money, Prodigal Son

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming close to him to hear him.

² The Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, “This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.”

³ He told them this parable:

⁴ “Which of you men, if you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them, wouldn’t leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that was lost, until he found it?

⁵ When he has found it, he carries it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

⁶ When he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’

⁷ I tell you that even so there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

⁸ Or what woman, if she had ten drachma† coins, if she lost one drachma coin, wouldn’t light a lamp, sweep the house, and seek diligently until she found it?

⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma which I had lost!’

¹⁰ Even so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner repenting.”

¹¹ He said, “A certain man had two sons.

¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of your property.’ So he divided his livelihood between them.

¹³ Not many days after, the younger son gathered all of this together and traveled into a far country. There he wasted his property with riotous living.

¹⁴ When he had spent all of it, there arose a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need.

¹⁵ He went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

¹⁶ He wanted to fill his belly with the pods that the pigs ate, but no one gave him any.

¹⁷ But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many hired servants of my father’s have bread enough to spare, and I’m dying with hunger!

¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and will tell him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight.

¹⁹ I am no more worthy to be called your son. Make me as one of your hired servants.” ’

²⁰ “He arose and came to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion, and ran, fell on his neck, and kissed him.

²¹ The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

²³ Bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let’s eat and celebrate;

²⁴ for this, my son, was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.’ Then they began to celebrate.

²⁵ Now his elder son was in the field. As he came near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

²⁶ He called one of the servants to him and asked what was going on.

²⁷ He said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and healthy.’

²⁸ But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and begged him.

²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Behold, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed a commandment of yours, but you never gave me a goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.

³⁰ But when this your son came, who has devoured your living with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.’

³¹ He said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

³² But it was appropriate to celebrate and be glad, for this, your brother, was dead, and is alive again. He was lost, and is found.’ ”

Parables – Steward, Rich Man, Lazarus

¹ He also said to his disciples, “There was a certain rich man who had a manager. An accusation was made to him that this man was wasting his possessions.

² He called him, and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’

³ The manager said within himself, ‘What will I do, seeing that my lord is taking away the management position from me? I don’t have strength to dig. I am ashamed to beg.

⁴ I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from management, they may receive me into their houses.’

⁵ Calling each one of his lord’s debtors to him, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe to my lord?’

⁶ He said, ‘A hundred batos of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’

⁷ Then he said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred cors of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’

⁸ His lord commended the dishonest manager because he had done wisely, for the children of this world are, in their own generation, wiser than the children of the light.

⁹ I tell you, make for yourselves friends by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when you fail, they may receive you into the eternal tents.

¹⁰ He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much. He who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

¹¹ If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

¹² If you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to one and despise the other. You aren't able to serve God and Mammon."

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they scoffed at him.

¹⁵ He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts. For that which is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

¹⁶ The law and the prophets were until John. From that time the Good News of God's Kingdom is preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.

¹⁷ But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tiny stroke of a pen in the law to fall.

¹⁸ Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery. He who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

¹⁹ Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day.

²⁰ A certain beggar, named Lazarus, was taken to his gate, full of sores,

²¹ and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Yes, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² The beggar died, and he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

²³ In Hades, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far off, and Lazarus at his bosom.

²⁴ He cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue! For I am in anguish in this flame.'

²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you, in your lifetime, received your good things, and Lazarus, in the same way, bad things. But here he is now comforted and you are in anguish.

²⁶ Besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, that those who want to pass from here to you are not able, and that no one may cross over from there to us.'

²⁷ He said, ‘I ask you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house,

²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, so they won’t also come into this place of torment.’

²⁹ But Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.’

³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’

³¹ He said to him, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if one rises from the dead.’ ”

Offences

¹ He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no occasions of stumbling should come, but woe to him through whom they come!

² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, rather than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.

³ Be careful. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him.

⁴ If he sins against you seven times in the day, and seven times returns, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”

Faith and Merit

¹ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”

² The Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you would tell this sycamore tree, ‘Be uprooted and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

³ But who is there among you, having a servant plowing or keeping sheep, that will say when he comes in from the field, ‘Come immediately and sit down at the table’?

⁴ Wouldn’t he rather tell him, ‘Prepare my supper, clothe yourself properly, and serve me while I eat and drink. Afterward you shall eat and drink’?

⁵ Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded? I think not.

⁶ Even so you also, when you have done all the things that are commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy servants. We have done our duty.’”

Ten Lepers

¹ As he was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the borders of Samaria and Galilee.

² As he entered into a certain village, ten men who were lepers met him, who stood at a distance.

³ They lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” As they went, they were cleansed.

⁵ One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice.

⁶ He fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks; and he was a Samaritan.

⁷ Jesus answered, “Weren’t the ten cleansed? But where are the nine?”

⁸ Were there none found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?”

⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up, and go your way. Your faith has healed you.”

How the Kingdom Comes

¹ Being asked by the Pharisees when God’s Kingdom would come, he answered them, “God’s Kingdom doesn’t come with observation;

² neither will they say, ‘Look, here!’ or, ‘Look, there!’ for behold, God’s Kingdom is within you.”

³ He said to the disciples, “The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.

⁴ They will tell you, ‘Look, here!’ or ‘Look, there!’ Don’t go away or follow after them,

⁵ for as the lightning, when it flashes out of one part under the sky, shines to another part under the sky, so will the Son of Man be in his day.

⁶ But first, he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, even so it will also be in the days of the Son of Man.

⁸ They ate, they drank, they married, and they were given in marriage until the day that Noah entered into the ship, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

⁹ Likewise, even as it was in the days of Lot: they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

¹⁰ but in the day that Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and sulfur from the sky and destroyed them all.

¹¹ It will be the same way in the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

¹² In that day, he who will be on the housetop and his goods in the house, let him not go down to take them away. Let him who is in the field likewise not turn back.

¹³ Remember Lot’s wife!

¹⁴ Whoever seeks to save his life loses it, but whoever loses his life preserves it.

¹⁵ I tell you, in that night there will be two people in one bed. One will be taken and the other will be left.

³⁵ There will be two grinding grain together. One will be taken and the other will be left.”

¹⁷ “Two will be in the field: the one taken, and the other left.”

¹⁸ They, answering, asked him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the body is, there the vultures will also be gathered together.”

Parable of Unjust Judge

¹ He also spoke a parable to them that they must always pray and not give up,

² saying, “There was a judge in a certain city who didn’t fear God and didn’t respect man.

³ A widow was in that city, and she often came to him, saying, ‘Defend me from my adversary!’

⁴ He wouldn’t for a while; but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man,

⁵ yet because this widow bothers me, I will defend her, or else she will wear me out by her continual coming.’ ”

⁶ The Lord said, “Listen to what the unrighteous judge says.

⁷ Won't God avenge his chosen ones who are crying out to him day and night, and yet he exercises patience with them?

⁸ I tell you that he will avenge them quickly. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Parable of Pharisee and Publican

¹ He also spoke this parable to certain people who were convinced of their own righteousness, and who despised all others:

² "Two men went up into the temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector.

³ The Pharisee stood and prayed by himself like this: 'God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men: extortionists, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

⁴ I fast twice a week. I give tithes of all that I get.'

⁵ But the tax collector, standing far away, wouldn't even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his chest, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

⁶ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Divorce

¹ When Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee and came into the borders of Judea beyond the Jordan.

² Great multitudes followed him, and he healed them there.

³ Pharisees came to him, testing him and saying, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?”

⁴ He answered, “Haven’t you read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female,

⁵ and said, ‘For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh’?

⁶ So that they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, don’t let man tear apart.”

⁷ They asked him, “Why then did Moses command us to give her a certificate of divorce and divorce her?”

⁸ He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it has not been so.

⁹ I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and he who marries her when she is divorced commits adultery.”

¹⁰ His disciples said to him, “If this is the case of the man with his wife, it is not expedient to marry.”

¹¹ But he said to them, “Not all men can receive this saying, but those to whom it is given.

¹² For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the Kingdom of Heaven’s sake. He who is able to receive it, let him receive it.”

Infants Brought to Jesus

¹ They were also bringing their babies to him, that he might touch them. But when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

² Jesus summoned them, saying, “Allow the little children to come to me, and don’t hinder them, for God’s Kingdom belongs to such as these.

³ Most certainly, I tell you, whoever doesn’t receive God’s Kingdom like a little child, he will in no way enter into it.”

Rich Man Inquiring

¹ A certain ruler asked him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

² Jesus asked him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good, except one: God.

³ You know the commandments: ‘Don’t commit adultery,’ ‘Don’t murder,’ ‘Don’t steal,’ ‘Don’t give false testimony,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ”

⁴ He said, “I have observed all these things from my youth up.”

⁵ When Jesus heard these things, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

⁶ But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was very rich.

⁷ Jesus, seeing that he became very sad, said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter into God’s Kingdom!

⁸ For it is easier for a camel to enter in through a needle’s eye than for a rich man to enter into God’s Kingdom.”

⁹ Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?”

¹⁰ But he said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

Promises to the Disciples

¹ Peter said, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”

² He said to them, “Most certainly I tell you, there is no one who has left house, or wife, or brothers, or parents, or children, for God’s Kingdom’s sake,

³ who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the world to come, eternal life.”

Laborers in the Vineyard

¹ “For the Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who was the master of a household, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

² When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

³ He went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace.

⁴ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went their way.

⁵ Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.

⁶ About the eleventh hour† he went out and found others standing idle. He said to them, ‘Why do you stand here all day idle?’

⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ “He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and you will receive whatever is right.’

⁸ When evening had come, the lord of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning from the last to the first.’

⁹ When those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius.

¹⁰ When the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise each received a denarius.

¹¹ When they received it, they murmured against the master of the household,

¹² saying, ‘These last have spent one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat!’

¹³ But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Didn’t you agree with me for a denarius?’

¹⁴ Take that which is yours, and go your way. It is my desire to give to this last just as much as to you.

¹⁵ Isn’t it lawful for me to do what I want to with what I own? Or is your eye evil, because I am good?’

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

Death of Christ Foretold

¹ He took the twelve aside and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all the things that are written through the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be completed.

² For he will be delivered up to the Gentiles, will be mocked, treated shamefully, and spit on.

³ They will scourge and kill him. On the third day, he will rise again.”

⁴ They understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they didn’t understand the things that were said.

Request of James and John

¹ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, kneeling and asking a certain thing of him.

² He said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Command that these, my two sons, may sit, one on your right hand and one on your left hand, in your Kingdom.”

³ But Jesus answered, “You don’t know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They said to him, “We are able.”

⁴ He said to them, “You will indeed drink my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give, but it is for whom it has been prepared by my Father.”

⁵ When the ten heard it, they were indignant with the two brothers.

⁶ But Jesus summoned them, and said, “You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

⁷ It shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

⁸ Whoever desires to be first among you shall be your bondservant,

⁹ even as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Blind Men at Jericho

¹ As he came near Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the road, begging.

² Hearing a multitude going by, he asked what this meant.

³ They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

⁴ He cried out, “Jesus, you son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁵ Those who led the way rebuked him, that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “You son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁶ Standing still, Jesus commanded him to be brought to him. When he had come near, he asked him,

⁷ “What do you want me to do?” He said, “Lord, that I may see again.”

⁸ Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight. Your faith has healed you.”

⁹ Immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God. All the people, when they saw it, praised God.

Zaccheus

¹ He entered and was passing through Jericho.

² There was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, and couldn't because of the crowd, because he was short.

⁴ He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was going to pass that way.

⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.”

⁶ He hurried, came down, and received him joyfully.

⁷ When they saw it, they all murmured, saying, “He has gone in to lodge with a man who is a sinner.”

⁸ Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor. If I have wrongfully exacted anything of anyone, I restore four times as much.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today, salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham.

¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Parable of the Ten Talents

¹ As they heard these things, he went on and told a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that God’s Kingdom would be revealed immediately.

² He said therefore, “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.

³ He called ten servants of his and gave them ten mina coins, and told them, ‘Conduct business until I come.’

⁴ But his citizens hated him, and sent an envoy after him, saying, ‘We don’t want this man to reign over us.’

⁵ When he had come back again, having received the kingdom, he commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by conducting business.

⁶ The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten more minas.’

⁷ He said to him, ‘Well done, you good servant! Because you were found faithful with very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’

⁸ The second came, saying, ‘Your mina, Lord, has made five minas.’

⁹ So he said to him, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’

¹⁰ Another came, saying, ‘Lord, behold, your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief,

¹¹ for I feared you, because you are an exacting man. You take up that which you didn’t lay down, and reap that which you didn’t sow.’

¹² He said to him, ‘Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant! You knew that I am an exacting man, taking up that which I didn’t lay down and reaping that which I didn’t sow.

¹³ Then why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank, and at my coming, I might have earned interest on it?’

¹⁴ He said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina away from him and give it to him who has the ten minas.’

¹⁵ They said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten minas!’

¹⁶ ‘For I tell you that to everyone who has, will more be given; but from him who doesn’t have, even that which he has will be taken away from him.

¹⁷ But bring those enemies of mine who didn't want me to reign over them here, and kill them before me.' ”

¹⁸ Having said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

Raising of Lazarus

¹ Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus from Bethany, of the village of Mary and her sister, Martha.

² It was that Mary who had anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

³ The sisters therefore sent to him, saying, “Lord, behold, he for whom you have great affection is sick.”

⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, “**This sickness is not to death, but for the glory of God, that God's Son may be glorified by it.**”

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

⁶ When therefore he heard that he was sick, he stayed two days in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “**Let's go into Judea again.**”

⁸ The disciples asked him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you. Are you going there again?”

⁹ Jesus answered, “Aren’t there twelve hours of daylight? If a man walks in the day, he doesn’t stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

¹⁰ But if a man walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light isn’t in him.”

¹¹ He said these things, and after that, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going so that I may awake him out of sleep.”

¹² The disciples therefore said, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”

¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he spoke of taking rest in sleep.

¹⁴ So Jesus said to them plainly then, “Lazarus is dead.

¹⁵ I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe. Nevertheless, let’s go to him.”

¹⁶ Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let’s also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ So when Jesus came, he found that he had been in the tomb four days already.

¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about fifteen stadia away.

¹⁹ Many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother.

²⁰ Then when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary stayed in the house.

²¹ Therefore Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you would have been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.

²² Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies. ²⁶ Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, God’s Son, he who comes into the world.”

²⁸ When she had said this, she went away and called Mary, her sister, secretly, saying, “The Teacher is here and is calling you.”

²⁹ When she heard this, she arose quickly and went to him.

³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was in the place where Martha met him.

³¹ Then the Jews who were with her in the house and were consoling her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, “She is going to the tomb to weep there.”

³² Therefore when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you would have been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.”

³³ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews weeping who came with her, he groaned in the spirit and was troubled, ³⁴ and said, “Where have you laid him?” They told him, “Lord, come and see.”

³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ The Jews therefore said, “See how much affection he had for him!”

³⁷ Some of them said, “Couldn’t this man, who opened the eyes of him who was blind, have also kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Jesus therefore, again groaning in himself, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.”

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believed, you would see God’s glory?”

⁴¹ So they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you listened to me.

⁴² I know that you always listen to me, but because of the multitude standing around I said this, that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, **“Lazarus, come out!”**

⁴⁴ He who was dead came out, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, **“Free him, and let him go.”**

Meeting of the Sanhedrin

¹ Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

² But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things which Jesus had done.

³ The chief priests therefore and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, “What are we doing? For this man does many signs.

⁴ If we leave him alone like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

⁵ But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all,

⁶ nor do you consider that it is advantageous for us that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish.”

⁷ Now he didn't say this of himself, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,

⁸ and not for the nation only, but that he might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

⁹ So from that day forward they took counsel that they might put him to death.

Christ Departs to Ephraim

¹ Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews, but departed from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim. He stayed there with his disciples.

² Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand. Many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves.

³ Then they sought for Jesus and spoke with one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think—that he isn't coming to the feast at all?"

⁴ Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had commanded that if anyone knew where he was, he should report it, that they might seize him.

Anointing by Mary

¹ Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, who had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

² So they made him a supper there. Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with him.

³ Therefore Mary took a pound† of ointment of pure nard, very precious, and anointed Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.

⁴ Then Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples, who would betray him, said,

⁵ "Why wasn't this ointment sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

⁶ Now he said this, not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and having the money box, used to steal what was put into it.

⁷ But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She has kept this for the day of my burial.

⁸ For you always have the poor with you, but you don't always have me."

⁹ A large crowd therefore of the Jews learned that he was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

¹⁰ But the chief priests conspired to put Lazarus to death also,

¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

Chapter 10

Final Ministry



The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem by Jorge Afonso (1510)

Jesus Triumphal Entry

¹ When they came near to Jerusalem and came to Bethsphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

² saying to them, “Go into the village that is opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me.

³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and immediately he will send them.”

⁴ All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion, behold, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶ The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them,

⁷ and brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them; and he sat on them.

⁸ A very great multitude spread their clothes on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹ The multitudes who went in front of him, and those who followed, kept shouting, “Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

¹⁰ When he had come into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The multitudes said, “This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Cleansing the Temple (2nd)

1 Jesus entered into the temple of God and drove out all of those who sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the money changers’ tables and the seats of those who sold the doves.

2 He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers!”

3 The lame and the blind came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

4 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children who were crying in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the son of David!” they were indignant,

5 and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes. Did you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of children and nursing babies, you have perfected praise’?”

Barren Fig Tree

1 He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and camped there.

2 Now in the morning, as he returned to the city, he was hungry.

³ Seeing a fig tree by the road, he came to it and found nothing on it but leaves. He said to it, “**Let there be no fruit from you forever!**” Immediately the fig tree withered away.

⁴ When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree immediately wither away?”

⁵ Jesus answered them, “**Most certainly I tell you, if you have faith and don’t doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you told this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ it would be done.**

⁶ **All things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”**

Prayer and Forgiveness

¹ When evening came, he went out of the city.

² As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away from the roots.

³ Peter, remembering, said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which you cursed has withered away.”

⁴ Jesus answered them, “**Have faith in God.**

⁵ **For most certainly I tell you, whoever may tell this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and doesn’t doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is happening, he shall have whatever he says.**

⁶ Therefore I tell you, all things whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you have received them, and you shall have them.

⁷ Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father, who is in heaven, may also forgive you your transgressions.

⁸ But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your transgressions.”

Questioning of Chief Priests

¹ When he had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority do you do these things? Who gave you this authority?”

² Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, which if you tell me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things.

³ The baptism of John, where was it from? From heaven or from men?” They reasoned with themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’

⁴ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude, for all hold John as a prophet.”

⁵ They answered Jesus, and said, “We don’t know.” He also said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

Parable of Two Sons

¹ “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first, and said, ‘Son, go work today in my vineyard.’

² He answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind, and went.

³ He came to the second, and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I’m going, sir,’ but he didn’t go.

⁴ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Most certainly I tell you that the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering into God’s Kingdom before you.

⁵ For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you didn’t believe him; but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. When you saw it, you didn’t even repent afterward, that you might believe him.”

Parable of Wicked Husbandmen

¹ “Hear another parable. There was a man who was a master of a household who planted a vineyard, set a hedge about it, dug a wine press in it, built a tower, leased it out to farmers, and went into another country.

² When the season for the fruit came near, he sent his servants to the farmers to receive his fruit.

³ The farmers took his servants, beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

⁴ Again, he sent other servants more than the first; and they treated them the same way.

⁵ But afterward he sent to them his son, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

⁶ But the farmers, when they saw the son, said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and seize his inheritance.’

⁷ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard, then killed him.

⁸ When therefore the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers?”

⁹ They told him, “He will miserably destroy those miserable men, and will lease out the vineyard to other farmers who will give him the fruit in its season.”

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘The stone which the builders rejected was made the head of the corner. This was from the Lord. It is marvelous in our eyes’?”

¹¹ Therefore I tell you, God’s Kingdom will be taken away from you and will be given to a nation producing its fruit.

¹² He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but on whomever it will fall, it will scatter him as dust.”

¹³ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he spoke about them.

¹⁴ When they sought to seize him, they feared the multitudes, because they considered him to be a prophet.

Parable of Wedding-Garment

¹ Jesus answered and spoke to them again in parables, saying,

² “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king, who made a wedding feast for his son,

³ and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come.

⁴ Again he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “Behold, I have prepared my dinner. My cattle and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding feast!”’

⁵ But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his merchandise;

⁶ and the rest grabbed his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them.

⁷ When the king heard that, he was angry, and sent his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited weren’t worthy.

⁹ Go therefore to the intersections of the highways, and as many as you may find, invite to the wedding feast.’

¹⁰ Those servants went out into the highways and gathered together as many as they found, both bad and good. The wedding was filled with guests.

¹¹ But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man who didn’t have on wedding clothing,

¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here not wearing wedding clothing?’ He was speechless.

¹³ Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and throw him into the outer darkness. That is where the weeping and grinding of teeth will be.’

¹⁴ For many are called, but few chosen.”

Tribute Money

¹ Then the Pharisees went and took counsel how they might entrap him in his talk.

² They sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are honest, and teach the way of God in truth, no matter whom you teach; for you aren’t partial to anyone.

³ Tell us therefore, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”

⁴ But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, “**Why do you test me, you hypocrites?**

⁵ **Show me the tax money.**” They brought to him a denarius.

⁶ He asked them, “**Whose is this image and inscription?**”

⁷ They said to him, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “**Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.**”

⁸ When they heard it, they marveled, and left him and went away.

Sadducees Confuted

¹ On that day Sadducees (those who say that there is no resurrection) came to him. They asked him,

² saying, “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.’

³ Now there were with us seven brothers. The first married and died, and having no offspring left his wife to his brother.

⁴ In the same way, the second also, and the third, to the seventh.

⁵ After them all, the woman died.

⁶ In the resurrection therefore, whose wife will she be of the seven? For they all had her.”

⁷ But Jesus answered them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God.

⁸ For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like God’s angels in heaven.

⁹ But concerning the resurrection of the dead, haven’t you read that which was spoken to you by God, saying,

¹⁰ ‘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.”

¹¹ When the multitudes heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

Great Commandment

¹ But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, gathered themselves together.

² One of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, testing him.

³ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?”

⁴ Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

⁵ This is the first and great commandment.

⁶ A second likewise is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

⁷ The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

David’s Son and David’s Lord

¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,

² saying, “What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “Of David.”

³ He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying,

⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord, sit on my right hand, until I make your enemies a foot stool for your feet’?

⁵ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?”

⁶ No one was able to answer him a word, neither did any man dare ask him any more questions from that day forward.

Hypocrisy and Ambition of Pharisees

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

² saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat.

³ All things therefore whatever they tell you to observe, observe and do, but don’t do their works; for they say, and don’t do.

⁴ For they bind heavy burdens that are grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not lift a finger to help them.

⁵ But they do all their works to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the fringes of their garments,

⁶ and love the place of honor at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues,

⁷ the salutations in the marketplaces, and to be called 'Rabbi, Rabbi' by men.

⁸ But you are not to be called 'Rabbi', for one is your teacher, the Christ, and all of you are brothers.

⁹ Call no man on the earth your father, for one is your Father, he who is in heaven.

¹⁰ Neither be called masters, for one is your master, the Christ.

¹¹ But he who is greatest among you will be your servant.

¹² Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

¹³ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and as a pretense you make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.

¹⁴ But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you shut up the Kingdom of Heaven against men; for you don't enter in yourselves, neither do you allow those who are entering in to enter.

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

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

¹⁷ You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold?

¹⁸ And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obligated.'

¹⁹ You blind fools! For which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift?

²⁰ He therefore who swears by the altar, swears by it and by everything on it.

²¹ He who swears by the temple, swears by it and by him who has been living in it.

²² He who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by him who sits on it.

²³ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy, and faith. But you ought to have done these, and not to have left the other undone.

²⁴ You blind guides, who strain out a gnat, and swallow a camel!

²⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and unrighteousness.

²⁶ You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the platter, that its outside may become clean also.

²⁷ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitened tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones and of all uncleanness.

²⁸ Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

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

³⁰ and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we wouldn't have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.'

³¹ Therefore you testify to yourselves that you are children of those who killed the prophets.

³² Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers.

³³ You serpents, you offspring of vipers, how will you escape the judgment of Gehenna?

³⁴ Therefore, behold, I send to you prophets, wise men, and scribes. Some of them you will kill and crucify; and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city,

³⁵ that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zachariah son of Barachiah, whom you killed between the sanctuary and the altar.

³⁶ Most certainly I tell you, all these things will come upon this generation.

³⁷ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I would have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you would not!

³⁸ Behold, your house is left to you desolate.

³⁹ For I tell you, you will not see me from now on, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

Widow's mite

¹ He looked up and saw the rich people who were putting their gifts into the treasury.

² He saw a certain poor widow casting in two small brass coins.

³ He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow put in more than all of them,

⁴ for all these put in gifts for God from their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, put in all that she had to live on.”

Christ’s Second Coming Foretold

¹ Jesus went out from the temple, and was going on his way. His disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple.

² But he answered them, “You see all of these things, don’t you? Most certainly I tell you, there will not be left here one stone on another, that will not be thrown down.”

³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? What is the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?”

⁴ Jesus answered them, “Be careful that no one leads you astray.

⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will lead many astray.

⁶ You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you aren’t troubled, for all this must happen, but the end is not yet.

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

⁸ But all these things are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹ Then they will deliver you up to oppression and will kill you. You will be hated by all of the nations for my name's sake.

¹⁰ Then many will stumble, and will deliver up one another, and will hate one another.

¹¹ Many false prophets will arise and will lead many astray.

¹² Because iniquity will be multiplied, the love of many will grow cold.

¹³ But he who endures to the end will be saved.

¹⁴ This Good News of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

¹⁵ When, therefore, you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

¹⁷ Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take out the things that are in his house.

¹⁸ Let him who is in the field not return back to get his clothes.

¹⁹ But woe to those who are with child and to nursing mothers in those days!

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

²¹ for then there will be great suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be.

²² Unless those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved. But for the sake of the chosen ones, those days will be shortened.

²³ Then if any man tells you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘There!’ don’t believe it.

²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will arise, and they will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones.

²⁵ Behold, I have told you beforehand.

²⁶ If therefore they tell you, ‘Behold, he is in the wilderness,’ don’t go out; or ‘Behold, he is in the inner rooms,’ don’t believe it.

²⁷ For as the lightning flashes from the east, and is seen even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

²⁸ For wherever the carcass is, that is where the vultures gather together.

²⁹ But immediately after the suffering of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken;

³⁰ and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky. Then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

³¹ He will send out his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together his chosen ones from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

³² Now from the fig tree learn this parable: When its branch has now become tender and produces its leaves, you know that the summer is near.

³³ Even so you also, when you see all these things, know that he is near, even at the doors.

³⁴ Most certainly I tell you, this generation† will not pass away until all these things are accomplished.

³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁶ But no one knows of that day and hour, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

³⁷ As the days of Noah were, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

³⁸ For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ship,

³⁹ and they didn't know until the flood came and took them all away, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and one will be left.

⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and one will be left.

⁴² Watch therefore, for you don't know in what hour your Lord comes.

⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

⁴⁴ Therefore also be ready, for in an hour that you don't expect, the Son of Man will come.

⁴⁵ Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has set over his household, to give them their food in due season?

⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his lord finds doing so when he comes.

⁴⁷ Most certainly I tell you that he will set him over all that he has.

⁴⁸ But if that evil servant should say in his heart, 'My lord is delaying his coming,'

⁴⁹ and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink with the drunkards,

⁵⁰ the lord of that servant will come in a day when he doesn't expect it and in an hour when he doesn't know it,

⁵¹ and will cut him in pieces and appoint his portion with the hypocrites. That is where the weeping and grinding of teeth will be."

Parable of Ten Virgins

¹ "Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

³ Those who were foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them,

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

⁵ Now while the bridegroom delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold! The bridegroom is coming! Come out to meet him!'

⁷ Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘What if there isn’t enough for us and you? You go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’

¹⁰ While they went away to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut.

¹¹ Afterward the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us.’

¹² But he answered, ‘Most certainly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

¹³ Watch therefore, for you don’t know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”

Parable of Talents

¹ “For it is like a man going into another country, who called his own servants and entrusted his goods to them.

² To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey.

³ Immediately he who received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.

⁴ In the same way, he also who got the two gained another two.

⁵ But he who received the one talent went away and dug in the earth and hid his lord’s money.

⁶ Now after a long time the lord of those servants came, and settled accounts with them.

⁷ He who received the five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents. Behold, I have gained another five talents in addition to them.’

⁸ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

⁹ He also who got the two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents. Behold, I have gained another two talents in addition to them.’

¹⁰ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things. I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

¹¹ He also who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you didn’t sow, and gathering where you didn’t scatter.

¹² I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the earth. Behold, you have what is yours.’

¹³ But his lord answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant. You knew that I reap where I didn’t sow, and gather where I didn’t scatter.

¹⁴ You ought therefore to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back my own with interest.

¹⁵ Take away therefore the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.

¹⁶ For to everyone who has will be given, and he will have abundance, but from him who doesn't have, even that which he has will be taken away.

¹⁷ Throw out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ”

Last Judgment

¹ “But 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.

² Before him all the nations will be gathered, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

³ He will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

⁴ Then the King will tell those on his right hand, ‘Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you took me in.

⁶ I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me.'

⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink?

⁸ When did we see you as a stranger and take you in, or naked and clothe you?

⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and come to you?'

¹⁰ The King will answer them, 'Most certainly I tell you, because you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

¹¹ Then he will say also to those on the left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels;

¹² for I was hungry, and you didn't give me food to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink;

¹³ I was a stranger, and you didn't take me in; naked, and you didn't clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

¹⁴ Then they will also answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and didn't help you?'

¹⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Most certainly I tell you, because you didn't do it to one of the least of these, you didn't do it to me.'

¹⁶ These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Voice From Heaven

¹ Now there were certain Greeks among those who went up to worship at the feast.

² Therefore, these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.”

³ Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn, Andrew came with Philip, and they told Jesus.

⁴ Jesus answered them, “The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

⁵ Most certainly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

⁶ He who loves his life will lose it. He who hates his life in this world will keep it to eternal life.

⁷ If anyone serves me, let him follow me. Where I am, there my servant will also be. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

⁸ Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this time’? But I came to this time for this cause.

⁹ Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came out of the sky, saying, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.”

¹⁰ Therefore the multitude who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

¹¹ Jesus answered, “This voice hasn’t come for my sake, but for your sakes.

¹² Now is the judgment of this world. Now the prince of this world will be cast out.

¹³ And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

¹⁴ But he said this, signifying by what kind of death he should die.

¹⁵ The multitude answered him, “We have heard out of the law that the Christ remains forever. How do you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?”

¹⁶ Jesus therefore said to them, “Yet a little while the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, that darkness doesn’t overtake you. He who walks in the darkness doesn’t know where he is going.

¹⁷ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become children of light.” Jesus said these things, and he departed and hid himself from them.

Judgment of Unbelief

¹ But though he had done so many signs before them, yet they didn't believe in him,

² that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

³ For this cause they couldn't believe, for Isaiah said again:

⁴ "He has blinded their eyes and he hardened their heart, lest they should see with their eyes, and perceive with their heart, and would turn, and I would heal them."

⁵ Isaiah said these things when he saw his glory, and spoke of him.

⁶ Nevertheless, even many of the rulers believed in him, but because of the Pharisees they didn't confess it, so that they wouldn't be put out of the synagogue,

⁷ for they loved men's praise more than God's praise.

⁸ Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me, but in him who sent me.

⁹ He who sees me sees him who sent me.

¹⁰ I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in the darkness.

¹¹ If anyone listens to my sayings and doesn't believe, I don't judge him. For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

¹² He who rejects me, and doesn't receive my sayings, has one who judges him. The word that I spoke will judge him in the last day.

¹³ For I spoke not from myself, but the Father who sent me gave me a commandment, what I should say and what I should speak.

¹⁴ I know that his commandment is eternal life. The things therefore which I speak, even as the Father has said to me, so I speak."

Chapter 11

Last Passover



The Last Supper by Joan de Joanes (c. 1562)

Conspiracy of Jews

¹ When Jesus had finished all these words, he said to his disciples,

² “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

³ Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas.

⁴ They took counsel together that they might take Jesus by deceit and kill him.

⁵ But they said, “Not during the feast, lest a riot occur among the people.”

Judas Iscariot

¹ Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests

² and said, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him to you?” So they weighed out for him thirty pieces of silver.

³ From that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

Paschal Supper

¹ Now on the first day of unleavened bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying to him, “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

² He said, “Go into the city to a certain person, and tell him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.” ’ ”

³ The disciples did as Jesus commanded them, and they prepared the Passover.

⁴ Now when evening had come, he was reclining at the table with the twelve disciples.

⁵ As they were eating, he said, “Most certainly I tell you that one of you will betray me.”

⁶ They were exceedingly sorrowful, and each began to ask him, “It isn’t me, is it, Lord?”

⁷ He answered, “He who dipped his hand with me in the dish will betray me.

⁸ The Son of Man goes even as it is written of him, but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born.”

⁹ Judas, who betrayed him, answered, “It isn’t me, is it, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You said it.”

¹⁰ As they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks for it, and broke it. He gave to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”

¹¹ He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, “All of you drink it,

¹² for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the remission of sins.

¹³ But I tell you that I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on, until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's Kingdom."

¹⁴ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Contention of Apostles

¹ A dispute also arose among them, which of them was considered to be greatest.

² He said to them, "The kings of the nations lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called 'benefactors.'

³ But not so with you. Rather, the one who is greater among you, let him become as the younger, and one who is governing, as one who serves.

⁴ For who is greater, one who sits at the table, or one who serves? Isn't it he who sits at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

⁵ But you are those who have continued with me in my trials.

⁶ I confer on you a kingdom, even as my Father conferred on me,

⁷ that you may eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom. You will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Peter's Denials Foretold

¹ Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of me tonight, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

² But after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee.”

³ But Peter answered him, “Even if all will be made to stumble because of you, I will never be made to stumble.”

⁴ Jesus said to him, “Most certainly I tell you that tonight, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”

⁵ Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you.” All of the disciples also said likewise.

The Way

¹ “Don’t let your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.

² In my Father’s house are many homes. If it weren’t so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you.

³ If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also.

⁴ You know where I go, and you know the way.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.

⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on, you know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you such a long time, and do you not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father. How do you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I tell you, I speak not from myself; but the Father who lives in me does his works.

¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the very works’ sake.

¹² Most certainly I tell you, he who believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also; and he will do greater works than these, because I am going to my Father.

¹³ Whatever you will ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

¹⁴ If you will ask anything in my name, I will do it.

¹⁵ If you love me, keep my commandments.

¹⁶ I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he may be with you forever:

¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world can't receive, for it doesn't see him and doesn't know him. You know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you.

¹⁹ Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more; but you will see me. Because I live, you will live also.

²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

²¹ One who has my commandments and keeps them, that person is one who loves me. One who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will reveal myself to him.”

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, what has happened that you are about to reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?”

²³ Jesus answered him, “If a man loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

²⁴ He who doesn't love me doesn't keep my words. The word which you hear isn't mine, but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵ I have said these things to you while still living with you.

²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and will remind you of all that I said to you.

²⁷ Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, I give to you. Don't let your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

²⁸ You heard how I told you, 'I am going away, and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced because I said 'I am going to my Father;' for the Father is greater than I.

²⁹ Now I have told you before it happens so that when it happens, you may believe.

³⁰ I will no more speak much with you, for the prince of the world comes, and he has nothing in me.

³¹ But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father commanded me, even so I do. Arise, let's go from here."

Vine and Branches

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer.

² Every branch in me that doesn't bear fruit, he takes away. Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

³ You are already pruned clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

⁴ Remain in me, and I in you. As the branch can't bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me.

⁵ I am the vine. You are the branches. He who remains in me and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶ If a man doesn't remain in me, he is thrown out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

⁷ If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it will be done for you.

⁸ In this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; and so you will be my disciples.

⁹ Even as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you. Remain in my love.

¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

¹¹ I have spoken these things to you, that my joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be made full.

¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

¹⁴ You are my friends if you do whatever I command you.

¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant doesn't know what his lord does. But I have called you friends, for everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you.

¹⁶ You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatever you will ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

¹⁷ I command these things to you, that you may love one another.

¹⁸ If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you.

¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, since I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his lord.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.

²¹ But they will do all these things to you for my name's sake, because they don't know him who sent me.

²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have had sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin.

²³ He who hates me, hates my Father also.

²⁴ If I hadn't done among them the works which no one else did, they wouldn't have had sin. But now they have seen and also hated both me and my Father.

²⁵ But this happened so that the word may be fulfilled which was written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.'

²⁶ When the Counselor has come, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will testify about me.

²⁷ You will also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning."

Work of Comforter

¹ "I have said these things to you so that you wouldn't be caused to stumble.

² They will put you out of the synagogues. Yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers service to God.

³ They will do these things because they have not known the Father nor me.

⁴ But I have told you these things so that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you about them. I didn't tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you.

⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'

⁶ But because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart.

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I don't go away, the Counselor won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

⁸ When he has come, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment;

⁹ about sin, because they don't believe in me;

¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to my Father, and you won't see me any more;

¹¹ about judgment, because the prince of this world has been judged.

¹² I still have many things to tell you, but you can't bear them now.

¹³ However, when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak from himself; but whatever he hears, he will speak. He will declare to you things that are coming.

¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take from what is mine and will declare it to you.

¹⁵ All things that the Father has are mine; therefore I said that he takes of mine and will declare it to you.

¹⁶ A little while, and you will not see me. Again a little while, and you will see me.”

¹⁷ Some of his disciples therefore said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you won’t see me, and again a little while, and you will see me;’ and, ‘Because I go to the Father’?”

¹⁸ They said therefore, “What is this that he says, ‘A little while’? We don’t know what he is saying.”

¹⁹ Therefore Jesus perceived that they wanted to ask him, and he said to them, “Do you inquire among yourselves concerning this, that I said, ‘A little while, and you won’t see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’?”

²⁰ Most certainly I tell you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

²¹ A woman, when she gives birth, has sorrow because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she doesn’t remember the anguish any more, for the joy that a human being is born into the world.

²² Therefore you now have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

²³ In that day you will ask me no questions. Most certainly I tell you, whatever you may ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

²⁴ Until now, you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full.

²⁵ I have spoken these things to you in figures of speech. But the time is coming when I will no more speak to you in figures of speech, but will tell you plainly about the Father.

²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name; and I don't say to you that I will pray to the Father for you,

²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me, and have believed that I came from God.

²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

²⁹ His disciples said to him, “Behold, now you are speaking plainly, and using no figures of speech.

³⁰ Now we know that you know all things, and don't need for anyone to question you. By this we believe that you came from God.”

³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?

³² Behold, the time is coming, yes, and has now come, that you will be scattered, everyone to his own place, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

³³ I have told you these things, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble; but cheer up! I have overcome the world.”

Prayer of Christ

¹ Jesus said these things, then lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may also glorify you;

² even as you gave him authority over all flesh, so he will give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

³ This is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you sent, Jesus Christ.

⁴ I glorified you on the earth. I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do.

⁵ Now, Father, glorify me with your own self with the glory which I had with you before the world existed.

⁶ I revealed your name to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me. They have kept your word.

⁷ Now they have known that all things whatever you have given me are from you,

⁸ for the words which you have given me I have given to them; and they received them, and knew for sure that I came from you. They have believed that you sent me.

⁹ I pray for them. I don’t pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.

¹⁰ All things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

¹¹ I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them through your name which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are.

¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in your name. I have kept those whom you have given me. None of them is lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

¹³ But now I come to you, and I say these things in the world, that they may have my joy made full in themselves.

¹⁴ I have given them your word. The world hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

¹⁵ I pray not that you would take them from the world, but that you would keep them from the evil one.

¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

¹⁷ Sanctify them in your truth. Your word is truth.

¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, even so I have sent them into the world.

¹⁹ For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ Not for these only do I pray, but for those also who will believe in me through their word,

²¹ that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also maybe one in us; that the world may believe that you sent me.

²² The glory which you have given me, I have given to them, that they may be one, even as we are one,

²³ I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may know that you sent me and loved them, even as you loved me.

²⁴ Father, I desire that they also whom you have given me be with me where I am, that they may see my glory which you have given me, for you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ Righteous Father, the world hasn't known you, but I knew you; and these knew that you sent me.

²⁶ I made known to them your name, and will make it known; that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Gethsemane

¹ Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go there and pray."

² He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and severely troubled.

³ Then Jesus said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with me."

⁴ He went forward a little, fell on his face, and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me; nevertheless, not what I desire, but what you desire.”

⁵ He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What, couldn’t you watch with me for one hour?

⁶ Watch and pray, that you don’t enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

⁷ Again, a second time he went away and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cup can’t pass away from me unless I drink it, your desire be done.”

⁸ He came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

⁹ He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time, saying the same words.

¹⁰ Then he came to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

¹¹ Arise, let’s be going. Behold, he who betrays me is at hand.”

¹² While he was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

¹³ Now he who betrayed him had given them a sign, saying, “Whoever I kiss, he is the one. Seize him.”

¹⁴ Immediately he came to Jesus, and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

¹⁵ Jesus said to him, “Friend, why are you here?” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

¹⁶ Behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

¹⁷ But Jesus answered, “Let me at least do this” and he touched his ear and healed him.

¹⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place, for all those who take the sword will die by the sword.

¹⁹ Or do you think that I couldn’t ask my Father, and he would even now send me more than twelve legions of angels?

²⁰ How then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must be so?”

²¹ In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, “Have you come out as against a robber with swords and clubs to seize me? I sat daily in the temple teaching, and you didn’t arrest me.

²² But all this has happened that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Chapter 12

Trial – Crucifixion – Resurrection



Crucifixion by Andrea Mantegna (1450)

Jesus before Annas and Caiaphas

1 So the detachment, the commanding officer, and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and bound him,

2 and led him to Annas first, for he was father in-law to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

3 Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should perish for the people.

4 Simon Peter followed Jesus, as did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered in with Jesus into the court of the high priest;

5 but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought in Peter.

Jesus before Sanhedrin

1 Now the chief priests, the elders, and the whole council sought false testimony against Jesus, that they might put him to death,

2 and they found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward

3 and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.’ ”

4 The high priest stood up and said to him, “Have you no answer? What is this that these testify against you?”

⁵ But Jesus stayed silent. The high priest answered him, “I adjure you by the living God that you tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God.”

⁶ Jesus said to him, “You have said so. Nevertheless, I tell you, after this you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of the sky.”

⁷ Then the high priest tore his clothing, saying, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Behold, now you have heard his blasphemy.

⁸ What do you think?” They answered, “He is worthy of death!”

⁹ Then they spat in his face and beat him with their fists, and some slapped him,

¹⁰ saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who hit you?”

Peter’s Denial

¹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the court, and a maid came to him, saying, “You were also with Jesus, the Galilean!”

² But he denied it before them all, saying, “I don’t know what you are talking about.”

³ When he had gone out onto the porch, someone else saw him and said to those who were there, “This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

⁴ Again he denied it with an oath, “I don’t know the man.”

⁵ After a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, “Surely you are also one of them, for your speech makes you known.”

⁶ Then he began to curse and to swear, “I don’t know the man!” Immediately the rooster crowed.

⁷ Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” Then he went out and wept bitterly.

Jesus before Pilate

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

² They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting the nation, forbidding paying taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.”

³ Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “So you say.”

⁴ Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

⁵ But they insisted, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee even to this place.”

⁶ But when Pilate heard Galilee mentioned, he asked if the man was a Galilean.

Jesus before Herod

¹ When he found out that he was in Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days.

² Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad, for he had wanted to see him for a long time, because he had heard many things about him. He hoped to see some miracle done by him.

³ He questioned him with many words, but he gave no answers.

⁴ The chief priests and the scribes stood, vehemently accusing him.

⁵ Herod with his soldiers humiliated him and mocked him. Dressing him in luxurious clothing, they sent him back to Pilate.

⁶ Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before that they were enemies with each other.

⁷ Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people,

⁸ and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one that perverts the people, and behold, having examined him before you, I found no basis for a charge against this man concerning those things of which you accuse him.

⁹ Neither has Herod, for I sent you to him, and see, nothing worthy of death has been done by him.

¹⁰ I will therefore chastise him and release him."

¹¹ Now he had to release one prisoner to them at the feast.

¹² But they all cried out together, saying, “Away with this man! Release to us Barabbas!”;

¹³ one who was thrown into prison for a certain revolt in the city, and for murder.

¹⁴ Then Pilate spoke to them again, wanting to release Jesus,

¹⁵ but they shouted, saying, “Crucify! Crucify him!”

¹⁶ He said to them the third time, “Why? What evil has this man done? I have found no capital crime in him. I will therefore chastise him and release him.”

¹⁷ But they were urgent with loud voices, asking that he might be crucified. Their voices and the voices of the chief priests prevailed.

¹⁸ Pilate decreed that what they asked for should be done.

¹⁹ He released him who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus up to their will.

Death of Judas

¹ Then Judas, who betrayed him, when he saw that Jesus was condemned, felt remorse, and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

² saying, “I have sinned in that I betrayed innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? You see to it.”

³ He threw down the pieces of silver in the sanctuary and departed. Then he went away and hanged himself.

⁴ The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, “It’s not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is the price of blood.”

⁵ They took counsel, and bought the potter’s field with them to bury strangers in.

⁶ Therefore that field has been called “The Field of Blood” to this day.

⁷ Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, “They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him upon whom a price had been set, whom some of the children of Israel priced,

⁸ and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

Way to Calvary

¹ When they led him away, they grabbed one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and laid the cross on him to carry it after Jesus.

² A great multitude of the people followed him, including women who also mourned and lamented him.

³ But Jesus, turning to them, said, “**Daughters of Jerusalem, don’t weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.**

⁴ For behold, the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’

⁵ Then they will begin to tell the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and tell the hills, ‘Cover us.’

⁶ For if they do these things in the green tree, what will be done in the dry?”

⁷ There were also others, two criminals, led with him to be put to death.

Crucifixion Begins

¹ When they came to the place that is called “The Skull”, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.

² Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”

Division of Garments

¹ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

² Then they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it, but cast lots for it to decide whose it will be,” that the Scripture might be fulfilled,

which says, “They parted my garments among them. They cast lots for my clothing.” Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Mocking

¹ The people stood watching. The rulers with them also scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, his chosen one!”

² The soldiers also mocked him, coming to him and offering him vinegar,

³ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

⁴ An inscription was also written over him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: “THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

Two Criminals

¹ One of the criminals who was hanged insulted him, saying, “If you are the Christ, save yourself and us!”

² But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Don’t you even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?

³ And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴ He said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

⁵ Jesus said to him, “Assuredly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Jesus' Mother and Beloved Disciple

¹ But standing by Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

² Therefore when Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing there, he said to his mother, **"Woman, behold, your son!"**

³ Then he said to the disciple, **"Behold, your mother!"** From that hour, the disciple took her to his own home.

Darkness

¹ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

² About the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **"Eli, Eli, lima sabachthani?"** That is, **"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

³ Some of them who stood there, when they heard it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."

Jesus' Thirst

¹ After this, Jesus, seeing that all things were now finished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, **"I am thirsty!"**

² Now a vessel full of vinegar was set there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop, and held it at his mouth.

Final Moments

¹ When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished!”

² Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”** Having said this, he breathed his last.

³ When the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, “Certainly this was a righteous man.”

⁴ All the multitudes that came together to see this, when they saw the things that were done, returned home beating their chests.

⁵ All his acquaintances and the women who followed with him from Galilee stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁶ Jesus cried again with a loud voice, and yielded up his spirit.

⁷ Behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. The earth quaked and the rocks were split.

⁸ The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

⁹ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection, they entered into the holy city and appeared to many.

¹⁰ Now the centurion and those who were with him watching Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were done, were terrified, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

¹¹ Many women were there watching from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, serving him.

¹² Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Legs Broken and Side Pierced

¹ Therefore the Jews, because it was the Preparation Day, so that the bodies wouldn't remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a special one), asked of Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away.

² Therefore the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with him;

³ but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they didn't break his legs.

⁴ However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

⁵ He who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, that you may believe.

⁶ For these things happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "A bone of him will not be broken."

⁷ Again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they pierced."

Burial

¹ When evening had come, a rich man from Arimathaea named Joseph, who himself was also Jesus' disciple, came.

² This man went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given up.

³ Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth

⁴ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut out in the rock. Then he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.

⁵ Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶ Now on the next day, which was the day after the Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together to Pilate,

⁷ saying, "Sir, we remember what that deceiver said while he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise again.'

⁸ Command therefore that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest perhaps his disciples come at night and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He is risen from the dead;' and the last deception will be worse than the first."

⁹ Pilate said to them, "You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you can."

¹⁰ So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone.

Resurrection

¹ Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

² Behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from the sky and came and rolled away the stone from the door and sat on it.

³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

⁴ For fear of him, the guards shook, and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel answered the women, “Don’t be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who has been crucified.

⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, just like he said. Come, see the place where the Lord was lying.

⁷ Go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead, and behold, he goes before you into Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.”

⁸ They departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring his disciples word.

⁹ Therefore she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have laid him!”

¹⁰ Therefore Peter and the other disciple went out, and they went toward the tomb.

¹¹ They both ran together. The other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first.

¹² Stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he didn’t enter in.

¹³ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and entered into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying,

¹⁴ and the cloth that had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself.

¹⁵ So then the other disciple who came first to the tomb also entered in, and he saw and believed.

¹⁶ For as yet they didn’t know the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

¹⁷ So the disciples went away again to their own homes.

¹⁸ But Mary was standing outside at the tomb weeping. So as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb,

¹⁹ and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

²⁰ They asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they have laid him.”

²¹ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, and didn’t know that it was Jesus.

²² Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?” She, supposing him to be the gardener, said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him, “Rabboni!” which is to say, “Teacher!”

²⁴ Jesus said to her, “Don’t hold me, for I haven’t yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

²⁵ Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had said these things to her.

Guards’ Report and Cover-up

¹ Now while they were going, behold, some of the guards came into the city and told the chief priests all the things that had happened.

² When they were assembled with the elders and had taken counsel, they gave a large amount of silver to the soldiers,

³ saying, “Say that his disciples came by night and stole him away while we slept.

⁴ If this comes to the governor's ears, we will persuade him and make you free of worry."

⁵ So they took the money and did as they were told. This saying was spread abroad among the Jews, and continues until today.

Disciples going to Emmaus

¹ Behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was sixty stadia from Jerusalem.

² They talked with each other about all of these things which had happened.

³ While they talked and questioned together, Jesus himself came near, and went with them.

⁴ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

⁵ He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk, and are sad?"

⁶ One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things which have happened there in these days?"

⁷ He said to them, "What things?" They said to him, "The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people;

⁸ and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

⁹ But we were hoping that it was he who would redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.

¹⁰ Also, certain women of our company amazed us, having arrived early at the tomb;

¹¹ and when they didn't find his body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.

¹² Some of us went to the tomb and found it just like the women had said, but they didn't see him."

¹³ He said to them, "Foolish people, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

¹⁴ Didn't the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter into his glory?"

¹⁵ Beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he explained to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

¹⁶ They came near to the village where they were going, and he acted like he would go further.

¹⁷ They urged him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is almost evening, and the day is almost over." He went in to stay with them.

¹⁸ When he had sat down at the table with them, he took the bread and gave thanks. Breaking it, he gave it to them.

¹⁹ Their eyes were opened and they recognized him; then he vanished out of their sight.

²⁰ They said to one another, “Weren’t our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us along the way, and while he opened the Scriptures to us?”

²¹ They rose up that very hour, returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and those who were with them,

²² saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”

²³ They related the things that happened along the way, and how he was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

Appearances and Doubts of Thomas

¹ When therefore it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were locked where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the middle and said to them, “Peace be to you.”

² When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore were glad when they saw the Lord.

³ Jesus therefore said to them again, “Peace be to you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.”

⁴ When he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit!

⁵ If you forgive anyone’s sins, they have been forgiven them. If you retain anyone’s sins, they have been retained.”

⁶ But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, wasn't with them when Jesus came.

⁷ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

⁸ After eight days, again his disciples were inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, the doors being locked, and stood in the middle, and said, "Peace be to you."

⁹ Then he said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see my hands. Reach here your hand, and put it into my side. Don't be unbelieving, but believing."

¹⁰ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

¹¹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

¹² While they still didn't believe for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

¹³ They gave him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.

¹⁴ He took them, and ate in front of them.

¹⁵ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you, that all things which are written in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms concerning me must be fulfilled."

¹⁶ Then he opened their minds, that they might understand the Scriptures.

¹⁷ He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

¹⁸ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

¹⁹ You are witnesses of these things.

²⁰ Behold, I send out the promise of my Father on you. But wait in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Appearance at Sea of Tiberias

¹ After these things, Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself this way.

² Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together.

³ Simon Peter said to them, “I’m going fishing.” They told him, “We are also coming with you.” They immediately went out and entered into the boat. That night, they caught nothing.

⁴ But when day had already come, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples didn’t know that it was Jesus.

⁵ Jesus therefore said to them, “Children, have you anything to eat?” They answered him, “No.”

⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” They cast it therefore, and now they weren’t able to draw it in for the multitude of fish.

⁷ That disciple therefore whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked), and threw himself into the sea.

⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from the land, but about two hundred cubits away), dragging the net full of fish.

⁹ So when they got out on the land, they saw a fire of coals there, with fish and bread laid on it.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.”

¹¹ Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land, full of one hundred fifty-three great fish. Even though there were so many, the net wasn’t torn.

¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and eat breakfast!” None of the disciples dared inquire of him, “Who are you?” knowing that it was the Lord.

¹³ Then Jesus came and took the bread, gave it to them, and the fish likewise.

¹⁴ This is now the third time that Jesus was revealed to his disciples after he had risen from the dead.

Redemption of Peter

¹ So when they had eaten their breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “**Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me more than these?**” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you.” He said to him, “**Feed my lambs.**”

² He said to him again a second time, “**Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me?**” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you.” He said to him, “**Tend my sheep.**”

³ He said to him the third time, “**Simon, son of Jonah, do you have affection for me?**” Peter was grieved because he asked him the third time, “**Do you have affection for me?**” He said to him, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I have affection for you.” Jesus said to him, “**Feed my sheep.**”

⁴ **Most certainly I tell you, when you were young, you dressed yourself and walked where you wanted to. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you don’t want to go.”**

⁵ Now he said this, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. When he had said this, he said to him, “**Follow me.**”

⁶ Then Peter, turning around, saw a disciple following. This was the disciple whom Jesus loved, the one who had also leaned on Jesus' chest at the supper and asked, "Lord, who is going to betray you?"

⁷ Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?"

⁸ Jesus said to him, "If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you? You follow me."

⁹ This saying therefore went out among the brothers that this disciple wouldn't die. Yet Jesus didn't say to him that he wouldn't die, but, "If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you?"

¹⁰ This is the disciple who testifies about these things, and wrote these things. We know that his witness is true.

¹¹ There are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they would all be written, I suppose that even the world itself wouldn't have room for the books that would be written.

Great Commission

¹ But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had sent them.

² When they saw him, they bowed down to him; but some doubted.

³ Jesus came to them and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.

⁴ Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

⁵ teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Ascension

¹ He led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

² While he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

³ They worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

⁴ and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.



Ascension of Christ by Benvenuto Tisi da Garofalo (1520)

Appendix

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Notes on Chronology and Thematic Structure

The Testament of Jesus organizes all four Gospels into a single flowing narrative with the chronological structure of verses based on works of Alfred Nevin's "Parallel Bible" (1885) and Robert M. Sutherland's "A Four-column Parallel and Chronological Harmony of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John" (2020). This 'stand-alone' Gospel is arranged into twelve chapters of thematic events reflecting the progression of Jesus' life and mission: Birth (with pre-incarnation), Preparation for Ministry, Early Ministry (Primarily Galilee), Miracles of Christ, Ministry and Parables, Ministry of Galilee, Ministry in Jerusalem, Back to Galilee, Journey to Jerusalem, Final Ministry, Last Passover, and Trial/Crucifixion/Resurrection. This structure prioritizes a strict chronology in historical telling of the Gospels, with careful blending to some verses as demonstrated in the presentation of Christ's Passion. The timeline and sections are designed to provide a cohesive, accessible narrative for personal study and reflection. May it bring you peace, as it has for this editor.

Glossary of Key Terms

- **Galilee:** Northern region where Jesus conducted much of His early ministry.
- **Gethsemane:** The garden where Jesus prayed before His arrest, symbolizing His human struggle and divine submission.

- **Jerusalem:** Judea's capital, central to Passion Week events.
- **Parable:** A story or analogy used by Jesus to teach moral or spiritual lessons, such as the Parable of the Sower.
- **Passover:** A Jewish festival commemorating the Exodus, central to Jesus' ministry timeline and events like the Passion Week.
- **Pharisees:** A Jewish religious group often in conflict with Jesus over legalistic interpretations of the Law.
- **Sabbath:** The Jewish day of rest (seventh day), significant in events like Jesus' healings, which sometimes provoked controversy.
- **Transfiguration:** Jesus face shined like the sun and clothes dazzling white; Moses and Elijah appeared beside him.

Verses Used

The following lists the Gospel passages selected for each event in *The Testament of Jesus*, organized by section. These references provide the most vivid, detailed, and chronologically complete accounts to form a cohesive narrative.

1. Birth of Jesus

- The Word and Pre-Incarnation: John 1:1-18
- Birth of John the Baptist Foretold: Luke 1:5-25
- Annunciation to Mary: Luke 1:26-38

- Mary Visits Elizabeth: Luke 1:39-56
- Annunciation to Joseph: Matthew 1:18-25
- Birth of John the Baptist: Luke 1:57-80
- Genealogy of Jesus: Matthew 1:1-17
- Genealogy of Jesus: Luke 3:23-38
- Birth of Jesus: Luke 2:1-7
- Angels and Shepherds: Luke 2:8-20
- Presentation in the Temple: Luke 2:21-38
- Visit of the Magi: Matthew 2:1-12
- Flight to Egypt and Return: Matthew 2:13-23
- Jesus at the Temple (Age 12): Luke 2:39-52

2. Preparation for Ministry

- Ministry of John the Baptist: Matthew 3:1-12
- Baptism of Jesus: Matthew 3:13-17
- Temptation of Jesus: Matthew 4:1-11
- The Gathering Disciples: John 1:35-51

3. Early Ministry (Primarily Galilee)

- First Miracle: Water to Wine: John 2:1-11
- Cleansing the Temple (First Passover): John 2:13-25
- Nicodemus Visits Jesus: John 3:1-21
- Christ and John Baptizing: John 3:22-36
- Woman at the Well: John 4:1-42
- John the Baptist Imprisoned: Matthew 14:3-5
- Return to Galilee: John 4:43-45

- Rejection at Nazareth: Luke 4:16-30
- Calling of the First Disciples: Luke 5:1-11

4. Miracles of Christ

- Nobleman's Son: John 4:46-54
- Healing the Demoniac in the Synagogue: Mark 1:21-28
- Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law: Luke 4:38-44
- Leper Healed: Mark 1:40-45
- Calming the Storm: Mark 4:35-41
- Healing the Gerasene Demoniac: Mark 5:1-20
- Healing Jairus' Daughter and Women: Mark 5:21-43
- Blind Men and Demoniac: Matthew 9:27-34
- Paralytic Healed: Mark 2:1-12
- Calling of Matthew/Levi: Luke 5:27-32
- Question about Fasting: Luke 5:33-39
- Healing at the Pool of Bethesda: John 5:1-47

5. Ministry and Parables

- Sabbath Controversies: Luke 6:1-11
- Sending Out the Twelve: Matthew 10:1-42
- Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5:1-7:29
- Sermon on the Plain: Luke 6:17-49
- Centurion's Servant: Matthew 8:5-13
- Widow's Son Raised: Luke 7:11-17
- Messengers from John: Matthew 11:2-19
- Woe to Unrepentant Cities: Matthew 11:20-30
- Anointing the Feet of Jesus: Luke 7:36-50

- Pharisees' Opposition: Matthew 12:22-45
- Parable of the Sower: Mark 4:1-20
- Parable of the Candle under a Bushel: Mark 4:21-25
- Parable of the Seed Growing Secretly: Mark 4:26-29
- Parable of the Wheat and Tares: Matthew 13:24-30
- Mustard Seed and Leaven: Matthew 13:31-33
- Disciples Ask About Parables: Matthew 13:34-52
- True Family of Jesus: Mark 3:31-35
- Reception At Nazareth: Mark 6:1-6
- Sending Forth the Twelve: Mark 6:7-13
- Herod's Opinion of Jesus: Mark 6:14-16
- Death of John the Baptist: Matthew 14:3-12
- Feeding of the 5,000: Mark 6:30-44
- Walking on Water: Matthew 14:22-33
- Miracles in Gennesaret: Matthew 14:34-36
- Bread of Life Discourse: John 6:22-71
- The Washed Hands: Matthew 15:1-20
- Syrophenician Woman: Matthew 15:21-28
- Miracles of Healing: Matthew 15:29-31
- Feeding of the 4,000: Mark 8:1-9
- Sign from Heaven: Mark 8:10-13
- Leaven of the Pharisees: Mark 8:14-21
- Blind Man Healed: Mark 8:22-26

6. Ministry of Galilee

- Peter's Confession: Matthew 16:13-19

- Passion Foretold: Matthew 16:20-28
- Transfiguration: Luke 9:28-36
- Coming of Elias: Mark 9:11-13
- Mute Spirit Healed: Mark 9:14-29
- Passion Foretold Again: Matthew 17:22-23
- Fish Caught for the Tribute: Matthew 17:24-27
- Little Child: Mark 9:33-37
- Casting Out Demons: Mark 9:38-41
- Offences: Mark 9:42-48
- Lost Sheep: Matthew 18: 10-14
- Forgiveness of Injuries: Matthew 18: 15-17
- Binding and Loosing: Matthew 18: 18-20
- Parable of the Unmerciful Servant: Matthew 18: 21-35
- Salt with Fire: Mark 9:49-50

7. Ministry in Jerusalem

- Fire from Heaven: Luke 9:51-56
- Answers to Disciples: Luke 9:57-62
- Teaching at the Feast of Tabernacles: John 7:11-53
- Woman Taken in Adultery: John 8:1-11
- Dispute with Pharisees: John 8:12-59
- Man Born Blind: John 9:1-41
- Good Shepherd: John 10:1-21
- Feast of the Dedication: John 10:22-39
- Departure Beyond Jordan: John 10:40-42

8. Back to Galilee

- Mission of the Seventy: Luke 10:1-24
- Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37
- Mary and Martha: Luke 10:38-42
- Lord's Prayer: Luke 11:1-4
- Prayer Effectual: Luke 11:5-13
- Blasphemous Pharisees Reproved: Luke 11:14-23
- Unclean Spirit Returning: Luke 11:24-28
- Sign of Jonah: Luke 11:29-32
- Light of the Body: Luke 11:33-36
- Pharisees: Luke 11:37-54
- What to Fear: Luke 12:1-12
- Covetousness: Luke 12:13-31
- Watchfulness: Luke 12:32-59
- Galileans that Perished: Luke 13:1-9
- Woman Healed on the Sabbath: Luke 13:10-17
- Grain of Mustard-Seed: Luke 13:18-19
- The Leaven: Luke 13:20-21

9. Journey to Jerusalem

- Are There Few that be Saved: Luke 13:22-30
- Warning Against Herod: Luke 13:31-33
- Prophecy Against Jerusalem: Luke 13:34-35
- Dropsy Healed on the Sabbath: Luke 14:1-6
- Choosing the Chief Rooms: Luke 14:7-14
- Parable of the Great Supper: Luke 14:15-24
- Following Christ with the Cross: Luke 14:25-35
- Parables – Lost Sheep, Money, Prodigal Son: Luke 15:1-32

- Parables – Steward, Rich Man, Lazarus: Luke 16:1-31
- Offences: Luke 17:1-4
- Faith and Merit: Luke 17:5-10
- Ten Lepers: Luke 17:11-19
- How the Kingdom Comes: Luke 17:20-37
- Parable of Unjust Judge: Luke 18:1-8
- Parable of Pharisee and Publican: Luke 18:9-14
- Divorce: Matthew 19:1-12
- Infants Brought to Jesus: Luke 18:15-17
- Rich Man Inquiring: Luke 18:18-27
- Promises to the Disciples: Luke 18:28-30
- Laborers in the Vineyard: Matthew 20:1-16
- Death of Christ Foretold: Luke 18:31-34
- Request of James and John: Matthew 20:20-28
- Blind Men at Jericho: Luke 18:35-43
- Zaccheus: Luke 19:1-10
- Parable of the Ten Talents: Luke 19:11-28
- Raising of Lazarus: John 11:1-44
- Meeting of the Sanhedrin: John 11:45-53
- Christ Departs to Ephraim: John 11:54-57
- Anointing by Mary: John 12:1-11

10. Final Ministry

- Jesus Triumphal Entry: Matthew 21:1-11
- Cleansing the Temple (2nd): Matthew 21:12-16
- Barren Fig Tree: Matthew 21:17-22
- Prayer and Forgiveness: Mark 11:19-26

- Questioning of Chief Priests: Matthew 21:23-27
- Parable of Two Sons: Matthew 21:28-32
- Parable of Wicked Husbandmen: Matthew 21:33-46
- Parable of Wedding-Garment: Matthew 22:1-14
- Tribute Money: Matthew 22:15-22
- Sadducees Confuted: Matthew 22:23-33
- Great Commandment: Matthew 22:34-40
- David's Son and David's Lord: Matthew 22:41-46
- Hypocrisy and Ambition of Pharisees: Matthew 23:1-39
- Widow's mite: Luke 21:1-4
- Christ's Second Coming Foretold: Matthew 24:1-51
- Parable of Ten Virgins: Matthew 25:1-13
- Parable of Talents: Matthew 25:14-30
- Last Judgment: Matthew 25:31-46
- Voice From Heaven: John 12:20-36
- Judgment of Unbelief: John 12:37-50

11. Last Passover

- Conspiracy of Jews: Matthew 26:1-5
- Judas Iscariot: Matthew 26:14-16
- Paschal Supper: Matthew 26:17-30
- Contention of Apostles: Luke 22:24-30
- Peter's Denials Foretold: Matthew 26:31-35
- The Way: John 14:1-31
- Vine and Branches: John 15:1-27

- Work of Comforter: John 16:1-33
- Prayer of Christ: John 17:1-26
- Gethsemane: Matthew 26:36-51, Luke 22:51, Matt. 26:52-56

12. Trial – Crucifixion – Resurrection

- Jesus before Annas and Caiaphas: John 18:12-16
- Jesus before Sanhedrin: Matthew 26:59-68
- Peter's Denial: Matthew 26:69-75
- Jesus before Pilate: Luke 23:1-6
- Jesus before Herod: Luke 23:7-25
- Death of Judas: Matthew 27:3-10
- Way to Calvary: Luke 23:26-32
- Crucifixion Begins: Luke 23:33-34a
- Division of Garments: John 19:23-24
- Mocking: Luke 23:35-38
- Two Criminals: Luke 23:39-43
- Jesus' Mother and Beloved Disciple: John 19:25-27
- Darkness: Matthew 27:45-47
- Jesus' Thirst: John 19:28-29
- Final Moments: John 19:30a; Luke 23:46-49; Matt. 27:50-56
- Legs Broken and Side Pierced: John 19:31-37
- Burial: Matthew 27:57-66
- Resurrection: Matthew 28:1-8; John 20:2-18
- Guards' Report and Cover-up: Matthew 28:11-15
- Disciples going to Emmaus: Luke 24:13-35

- Appearances and Doubts of Thomas: John 20:19-29; Luke 24:41-49
- Appearance at Sea of Tiberias: John 21:1-14
- Redemption of Peter: John 21:15-25
- Great Commission: Matthew 28:16-20
- Ascension: Luke 24:50-53

Reasons for Verse Selections

This section explains why specific Gospel passages were chosen for events covered by multiple Gospels, ensuring the best fit for *The Testament of Jesus* based on detail, clarity, and relevance.

- **Genealogy of Jesus (Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 3:23-38):**
Matthew traces Jesus' legal lineage through Joseph to Abraham, emphasizing His Jewish messianic role. Luke traces through Mary (or a different line) to Adam, highlighting His universal significance. Both are included for their complementary perspectives.
- **Ministry of John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1-12):** Matthew's account is vivid, capturing John's preaching and confrontation with Pharisees with a clear messianic focus ("He will baptize with the Holy Spirit"). Mark 1:1-8 is briefer, and Luke 3:1-18 adds context, but Matthew's narrative balance and theology fit best.

- **Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17):** Matthew includes Jesus' dialogue with John, emphasizing obedience and divine approval. Mark 1:9-11 is concise, and Luke 3:21-22 notes prayer, but Matthew's theological richness excels.
- **Temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11):** Matthew's detailed sequence of temptations and Jesus' Scriptural responses is clear. Luke 4:1-13 reorders them, and Mark 1:12-13 is brief. Matthew's clarity suits the narrative.
- **John the Baptist Imprisoned (Matthew 14:3-5):** Matthew's concise account focuses on Herod's role, fitting early ministry context. Mark 6:17-20 and Luke 3:19-20 add details, but Matthew's brevity aligns well.
- **Calling of the First Disciples (Luke 5:1-11):** Luke's vivid account details the miraculous catch and Peter's response, emphasizing commitment. Matthew 4:18-22 and Mark 1:16-20 are briefer, making Luke's narrative depth ideal.
- **Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-7:29):** Matthew's comprehensive discourse covers ethical teachings and kingdom principles fully. Luke's Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:17-49) is shorter, so Matthew's depth is preferred.
- **Healing the Demoniac in the Synagogue (Mark 1:21-28):** Mark's vivid, concise account emphasizes Jesus' authority over evil spirits. Luke 4:31-37 is similar but less focused, making Mark's clarity best.

- **Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law (Luke 4:38-44):** Luke details the context and Jesus' authority rebuking the fever. Matthew 8:14-15 and Mark 1:29-31 are briefer, so Luke's detail is vivid.
- **Leper Healed (Mark 1:40-45):** Mark's vivid emotional details and the man's disobedience add richness. Matthew 8:1-4 and Luke 5:12-16 are less emotive, making Mark's detail best.
- **Paralytic Healed (Mark 2:1-12):** Mark's detailed account of roof-breaking and Jesus' authority over sin is vivid. Matthew 9:1-8 and Luke 5:17-26 are similar but less vivid, so Mark's focus fits.
- **Calming the Storm (Mark 4:35-41):** Mark's vivid, concise account emphasizes Jesus' authority over nature. Matthew 8:23-27 and Luke 8:22-25 are similar, but Mark's drama excels.
- **Healing the Gerasene Demoniac (Mark 5:1-20):** Mark's detailed narrative of transformation and mission is vivid. Matthew 8:28-34 is briefer, and Luke 8:26-39 is less vivid, so Mark's richness is ideal.
- **Centurion's Servant (Matthew 8:5-13):** Matthew highlights the centurion's faith and Gentile inclusion, adding theological depth. Luke 7:1-10 is more narrative, but Matthew's brevity and focus suit the harmony.
- **Feeding of the 5,000 (Mark 6:30-44):** Mark's detailed, vivid account emphasizes disciples' role and provision. Matthew

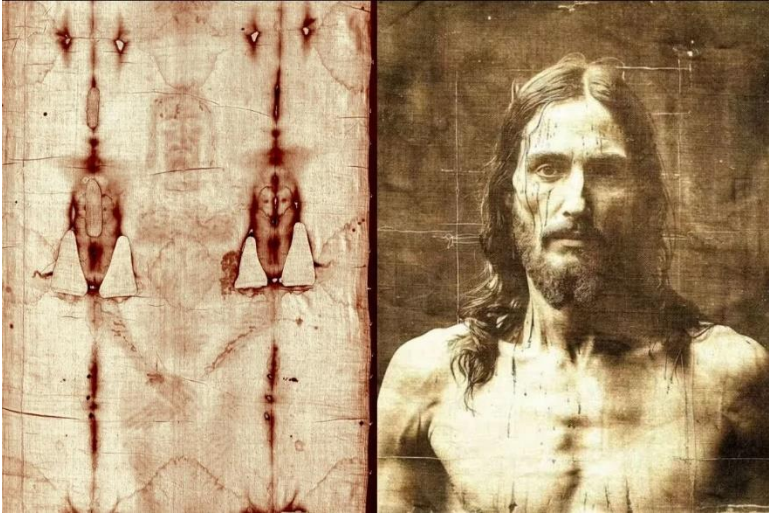
14:13-21, Luke 9:10-17, and John 6:1-15 are less vivid, so Mark's narrative is best.

- **Feeding of the 4,000 (Mark 8:1-10):** Mark's concise focus on Jesus' compassion is clear, distinct from the 5,000. Matthew 15:32-39 adds minor details, but Mark's clarity fits.
- **Walking on Water (Matthew 14:22-33):** Matthew's unique detail of Peter walking on water adds depth to faith and power. Mark 6:45-52 and John 6:16-21 lack this, making Matthew's richness ideal.
- **Healing the Canaanite Woman's Daughter (Matthew 15:21-28):** Matthew's focus on her faith and Gentile ministry adds depth. Mark 7:24-30 is briefer, making Matthew's account better.
- **Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-36):** Luke's unique details like Jesus' departure discussion deepen theology. Matthew 17:1-13 and Mark 9:2-13 are less focused, so Luke's detail fits.
- **Hypocrisy and Ambition of Pharisees (Matthew 23:1-39):** Matthew's comprehensive critique with seven woes is broad and detailed. Luke 11:37-54 is shorter, making Matthew's depth better.
- **Jesus Triumphal Entry (Matthew 21:1-11):** Matthew's account is explicit in tying the event to Old Testament prophecy, quoting Zechariah 9:9 directly. Luke 19:28-44, Mark

11:1-11, and John 12:12-19 are less concise or prophecy-driven.

- **Cleansing the Temple (Second Time) (Matthew 21:12-16):** Matthew's account immediately follows the triumphal entry, with no interruption or overnight delay like found in Mark; providing a seamless narrative flow.
- **Paschal Supper (Last Supper) (Matthew 26:17-35):** Matthew's description is clean, direct, and prophetically grounded. Luke 22:7-38, Mark 14:12-31, and John 13:1-17:26 are less comprehensive.
- **Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-56):** Matthew's account is preferred over the other Gospel versions due to the comprehensive and emotionally vivid portrayal of this pivotal moment. Luke 22:51 was inserted to tell of Jesus healing of the severed ear.
- **Trials of Jesus: Before Annas and Caiaphas (John 18:12-16):** John was the only Gospel telling the brief encounter of Annas before facing Caiaphas; a small detail but important for a comprehensive telling of the trials.
- **Trials of Jesus: Before Pilate and Herod (Luke 23:1-25):** Luke's unique inclusion of Herod adds historical depth. Matthew 27:11-26, Mark 15:1-15, and John 18:28-19:16 lack this, so Luke's detail is best.

- **Crucifixion (blinding of scriptures):** Several Gospels were joined to provide the most detailed account of the crucifixion story: **Way to Calvary** – Luke 23:26-32, **Crucifixion Begins** – Luke 23:33-34a, **Division of Garments** – John 19:23-24, **Mocking** – Luke 23:35-38, **Two Criminals** – Luke 23:39-43, **Jesus' Mother and Beloved Disciple** – John 19:25-27, **Darkness** – Matthew 27:45-47, **Jesus' Thirst** – John 19:28-29, **Final Moments** – John 19:30a; Luke 23:46-49; Matthew 27:50-56, **Legs Broken and Side Pierced** – John 19:31-37.
- **Burial (Matthew 27:57-66):** Matthew's account of Jesus' burial and the guarding of the tomb is preferred over the other Gospels due to emphasis on historical credibility, messianic fulfillment, narrative completeness, and a foundation for the resurrection story. Matthew includes unique details that make his version more comprehensive than Mark, Luke, or John.
- **Resurrection (Matthew 28:1-8 and John 20:1-18):** The addition of John's focus on Mary Magdalene's encounter combined with Matthew's account of the resurrection offers a distinct yet complementary perspectives that, when woven together, provide a more dramatic, emotionally layered, and theologically rich narrative.



Shroud of Turin

AI - Midjourney (art generator)

This AI-generated image of Jesus is a modern artistic rendering based on the Shroud of Turin, a centuries-old linen cloth that is believed to bear the image of the crucified Christ. Created using artificial intelligence, the image attempts to reconstruct a realistic face from the faint impressions on the Shroud, blending recent scientific studies with traditional features often associated with Jesus. While compelling, it reflects cultural assumptions and digital interpretation rather than historical certainty. Positioned beside the original Shroud image, this rendering invites reflection on faith, mystery, and the enduring human desire to visualize the divine.

The Shroud of Turin

The Shroud is an artifact currently held by the Catholic Church. It's a 14'5" by 3'7" piece of ancient linen fabric that was supposedly used to lay over and under the body of Jesus Christ, enveloping him as a burial shroud. The image appears imprinted on only one side of the fabric and is less than 1% of the diameter of a single linen fiber in depth (200 nanometers or 1/12th the thickness of a human hair); not painted, dyed, or burned into the fabric.

Scientists can now track the deterioration rate of cellulose in fibers to estimate the age of the plant from which the cloth was made. Using this method, they determined that the Shroud is likely 2,000 years old, putting it in the time frame for the burial cloth of Jesus.

The man in the image is anatomically correct, and about 5'9" in height. While the front and back images are slightly different in size, that can be explained by the body's position; knees bent in rigor mortis, as would be the case after crucifixion.

The image shows facial trauma, a broken nose, and a wound in the side consistent with Roman execution. The blood on the cloth is AB type and has separated into components, which occurs under extreme stress or trauma (pulmonary edema – fluid filling the lungs due to stress). Over 300 injuries are visible, likely caused by a Roman torture whip with lead balls; not designed to break the skin but to inflict deep internal trauma. The placement of the wounds matches what would be inflicted by two

people of different heights whipping alternately. The blood was on the cloth before the image; the blood soaks through, but the image does not.

There is pollen grains embedded in the cloth, including one that only blooms in April – May around Jerusalem. Soil particles on the nose, knees, and feet suggest someone walking barefoot and falling; compatible with the crucifixion story of Jesus. The shoulders also show damage consistent with carrying a crossbeam.

The Shroud of Turin not only depicts the body's outer features but also shows bones, like an X-ray image. This suggests that the body became transparent, allowing the cloth to record internal structures like the bones of the hands and the roots of the teeth.

Research suggests that a burst of vacuum ultraviolet radiation may be responsible for turning the Shroud of Turin into a perfectly sensitive medium for recording the body's image. Creating such an image would require billions of watts of light energy, far exceeding the capabilities of any known UV source today. Additionally, this radiation would need to produce light without generating heat, otherwise it would vaporize the cloth instantly. UV photons could account for the thin coloration and the appearance of the image in areas where the cloth did not touch the body.

“Jesus' resurrection involved more than returning to life; His body transformed into a glorified, trans-physical state. He could pass through solid doors, yet He was not a ghost. The Shroud may be evidence of this transformation, captured through a miraculous burst of radiation.”

~ Fr. Robert Spitzer

