

THE PUBLIC MINISTRY OF JESUS

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

Matthew 3:1-12

1. In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea,

proclaiming,

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

3. This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

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Mark 1:1-8

1. The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;

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Luke 3:1-19

1. In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, 2. during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,

the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

3. He went into all the region around the Jordan,

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

4. as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' "

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5. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; 6. and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

4. John was baptizing in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

(((5. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6. and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.)))

5. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

4. Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

6. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

5. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6. and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them,

7. John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him,

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flee from the wrath to come? 8. Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

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10. And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" 11. In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." 12. Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" 13. He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." 14. Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

15. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16. John answered all of them by saying,

7. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

11. "I baptize you with water for repentance- 8. I have baptized you with water; but he "I baptize you with water; but one who is

ance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

12. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Baptism of Jesus

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

14. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15. But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

16. And when Jesus had been baptized,

will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism of Jesus

9. In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee

and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

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17. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

18. So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

19. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, 20. added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

The Baptism of Jesus

21. Now when all the people were baptized,

and when Jesus also had been baptized

and was praying,

just as he came up from the water,

10. And just as he was coming up out of the water,

suddenly the heavens were opened to him

he saw the heavens torn apart

the heaven was opened,

and he saw

and

22. and

the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

17. And a voice from heaven said,

11. And a voice came from heaven,

And a voice came from heaven,

"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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Genealogy of Jesus

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Matthew 1 1. An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Inverted Lucan Genealogy Luke 3

Luke 3

God created Adam; Adam was the father of Seth; and Seth the father of Enosh; and Enosh the father of Cainan (Kenan); Cainan the father of Mahalaleel; Mahalaleel the father of Jared; Jared the father of Enoch; Enoch the father of Methusela; Methusela the father of Lamech; Lamech the father of Noah; Noah the father of Shem; Shem the father of Arphaxad; Arphaxad the father of Cainan; Cainan the father of Shelah; Shelah the father of Eber; Eber the father of Peleg; Peleg the father of Reu; Reu the father of Serug; Serug the father of

23. He was the son (as was thought) of Joseph son of Heli, 24. son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Melchi, son of Jannai, son of Joseph, 25. son of Mattathias, son of Amos, son of Nahum, son of Esli, son of Naggai, 26. son of Maath, son of Mattathias, son of Semein, son of Josech, son of Joda, 27. son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, son of Neri, 28. son of Melchi, son of Addi, son of Cosam, son of Elmadam, son of Er, 29. son of Joshua, son of Eliezer, son of Jorim, son of Matthat, son of Levi, 30. son of Simeon,

2. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3. and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, 4. and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salm- on, 5. and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, 6. and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, 7. and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, 8. and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, 9. and Uz- ziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, 10. and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, 11. and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

Nahor; Nahor the father of Terah; Terah the father of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac; and Isaac the father of Jacob; and Jacob the father of Judah; and Judah the father of Perez; and Perez the father of Hezron; and Hezron the father of Arni (Aram); and Arni (Aram) the father of Admin; and Admin the father of Amminadab; and Amminadab the father of Nashon; and Nashon the father of Sala (Salmon); and Sala (Salmon) the father of Boaz; and Boaz the father of Obed; and Obed the father of Jesse; and Jesse the father of David;

And David the father of Nathan; and Nathan the father of Mattatha; and Mattatha the father of Menna; and Menna the father Melea; and Melea the father of Eliakim; and Eliakim the father of Jonam; and Jonam the father of Joseph; and Joseph the father of Judah; and Judah the father of Simeon; and Simeon the father of Levi; and Levi the father of Matthat; and Matthat the father of Jorim; and Jorim the father of Eliezer; and Eliezer the father of Joshua; and Joshua the father of Er; and Er the father of Elmadam; and Elmadam the father of Cosam; and Cosam the father of Addi; and Addi the father of Melchi; and Melchi the father of Neri; and Neri the father of Shealtiel; and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel; and Zerubbabel the father of Rhesa; and Rhesa the father of Joanan;

son of Judah, son of Joseph, son of Jonam, son of Eliakim, 31. son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of Nathan,

son of David, 32. son of Jesse, son of Obed, son of Boaz, son of Sala, son of Nahshon, 33. son of Amminadab, son of Admin, son of Arni, son of Hezron, son of Perez, son of Judah, 34. son of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham,

son of Terah, son of Nahor, 35. son of Serug, son of Reu, son of Peleg, son of Eber, son of Shelah, 36. son of Cainan, son of Arphaxad, son of Shem, son of Noah, son of Lamech, 37. son of Methuselah, son of Enoch, son of Jared, son of Mahalaleel, son of Cainan, 38. son of Enos, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God.

12. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13. and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, 14. and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, 15. and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, 16. and Jacob the father of Joseph the (husband / father) of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

and Joanan the father of Joda; and Joda the father of Josech; and Josech the father of Semein; and Semein the father of Mattathias; and Mattathias the father of Maath; and Maath the father of Naggai; and Naggai the father of Esli; and Esli the father of Nahum; and Nahum the father of Amos; and Amos the father of Mattathias; and Mattathias the father of Joseph; and Joseph the father of Jannai; and Jannai the father of Melchi; and Melchi the father of Levi; and Levi the father of Matthat; and Matthat the father of Heli; and Heli the father of Joseph (the husband / father) of Mary of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

17. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations;

and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations;

and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Temptation of Jesus

Matthew 4 1. Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness

to be tempted by the devil.

2. He fasted forty days and forty nights,

Temptation of Jesus

Mark 1 12. And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

13. He was in the wilderness forty days,

tempted by Satan;

Temptation of Jesus

Luke 4 1. Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,

2. where for forty days

he was tempted by the devil.

and he was with the wild beasts;

and afterwards he was famished.

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

4. But he answered, "It is written, "One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

(((8. Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9. and he said to him,)))

(((("All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.")))

(((10. Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan!)))

(((for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' ")))

5. Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6. saying to him,

He ate nothing at all during those days,

and when they were over, he was famished.

3. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

4. Jesus answered him, "It is written, "One does not live by bread alone.' "

5. Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6. And the devil said to him,

"To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

8. Jesus answered him,

"It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

9. Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,

"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself

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7. Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

11. Then the devil left him,

and suddenly angels came

and waited on him.

and the angels

waited on him.

down from here, 10. for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' 11. And "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

12. Jesus answered him, "It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

13. When the devil had finished every test,

he departed from him

until an opportune time.

The Testimony of John the Baptist

Jn. 1:19-28 19. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20. He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." 21. And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." 22. Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23. He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' "as the prophet Isaiah said. 24. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. 25. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, {Or [the Christ]} nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" 26. John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, 27. the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." 28. This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Lamb of God

Jn.1:29-34 29. The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30. This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' 31. I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32. And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize

with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." 34. And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The First Disciples of Jesus

Jn. 1:35-42 35. The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36. and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" 37. The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "**What are you looking for?**" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39. He said to them, "**Come and see.**" They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" [Christ]. 42. He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter {From the word for [rock] in Aramaic [kepha] and Greek [petra], respectively}).

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

Jn. 1:44-51 43. The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "**Follow me.**" 44. Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46. Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47. When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "**Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!**" 48. Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "**I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.**" 49. Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50. Jesus answered, "**Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.**" 51. And he said to him, "**Very truly, I tell you, {Both instances of the Greek word for [you] in this verse are plural} you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.**"

The Wedding At Cana

Jn. 2:1-12 1. On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4. And Jesus said to her, "**Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.**" 5. His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6. Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7. Jesus said to them, "**Fill the jars with water.**" And they filled them up to the brim. 8. He said to them, "**Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.**" So they took it. 9. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10. and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11. Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. 12. After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.

The Cleansing Of The Temple

Mt. 21:12-17 12. Then Jesus entered the temple	Mk. 11:15-19 15. Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple	Lk. 19:45-48 45. Then he entered the temple	Jn. 2:13-25 13. Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
			14. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.
			15. Making a whip of cords,
and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple,	and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple,	and began to drive out those who were selling things there;	he drove all of them out of the temple,
			both the sheep and the cattle.
			He also poured out the coins of the money changers
and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.	and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves;		and overturned their tables.
	16. and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple.		
13. He said to them,	17. He was teaching and saying,	46. and he said,	16. He told those who were selling the doves,
"It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer";	"Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer	"It is written, "My house shall be a house of prayer";	
	for all the nations'?		

but you are making it a den of robbers."

But you have made it a den of robbers."

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"Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" 17. His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

18. The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" 19. Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20. The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21. But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

22. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

23. When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival,

14. The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them.

47. Every day he was teaching in the temple.

many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing.

24. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25. and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Jn. 3:1-21 1. Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." 3. Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." {Or [born anew]}

4. Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 5. Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. {The same Greek word means both [wind] and [spirit]} 7. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' {Or [anew]} 8. The wind ([wind] and [spirit]) blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9. Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10. Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

11. "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13. No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15. that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Jesus and John the Baptist

Jn. 3:22-30. After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. 23. John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized. 24. --John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison. 25. Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. 26. They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him." 27. John answered, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. 28. You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.' 29. He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. 30. He must increase, but I must decrease."

The One Who Comes from Heaven

Jn. 3:31-35. 31. The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. 32. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. 33. Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified {Gk [set a seal to]} this, that God is true. 34. He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. 35. The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. 36. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

Jn 4:1-42 1. Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John" 2. -- although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized-- 3. he left Judea and started back to Galilee. 4. But he had to go through Samaria.

5. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "**Give me a drink.**" 8. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

10. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11. The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12. Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

13. Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14. but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." 15. The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

16. Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 17. The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18. for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" 19. The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you {The Greek word for [you] here and in verses 21 and 22 is plural} say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

21. Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 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" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." 26. Jesus said to her, "I am he, {Gk [I am]} the one who is speaking to you."

27. Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"

28. Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29. "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, {Or [the Christ]} can he?" 30. They left the city and were on their way to him.

31. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32. But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33. So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" 34. Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36. The reaper is already receiving {Or V35 [. . . the fields are already ripe for harvesting. V36 The reaper is receiving]} wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38. I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

39. Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." 40. So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41. And many more believed

because of his word. 42. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Jesus Returns And Teaches In Galilee

Mt. 4:12 12. Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested,

Mk. 1:14-15 14. Now after John was arrested,

Lk. 4:14-15

Jn. 4:43-45

he withdrew to Galilee.

Jesus came to Galilee,

14. Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee,

43. When the two days were over,

he went from that place to Galilee 44. (for Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in the prophet's own country).

proclaiming the good news of God, 15. and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

45. When he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival; for they too had gone to the festival.

and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Jesus Heals an Official's Son

Jn. 4:46-54 46. Then he came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. 47. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. 48. Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." 49. The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." 50. Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. 51. As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. 52. So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." 53. The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household. 54. Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

Lk. 4:16-30 16. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17. and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 18. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, 19. to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

20. And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

22. All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" 23. He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' " 24. And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. 25. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; 26. yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. 27. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

28. When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. 29. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. 30. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Jesus Goes To Capernaum

Mt. 4:13-17 13. He left Nazareth

Lk. 4:31-32

and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 31. He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee,

14. so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15. "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles-- 16. the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." 17. From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

and was teaching them on the sabbath.

32. They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority.

Jesus Heals In Capernaum

Mk. 1:23-24 23. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24. and he cried out, **Lk. 4:33-41** 33. In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice,

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." 34. "Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

35. But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" When the demon had thrown him down before them, he came out of him without having done him any harm.

36. They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, "What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he

Healings at Simon's House

Mt. 8:14-17 14. When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever; 15. he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him.

16. That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and cured all who were sick.

17. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."

commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!"

37. And a report about him began to reach every place in the region.

Healings at Simon's House

Lk. 4:38-41 38. After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. 39. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them.

40. As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them.

41. Demons also came out of many, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah.

Another Preaching Tour

Mk 1:35-45 35. In the morning, while it was still very dark,

Lk 4:42-44 42. At daybreak

he got up and went out to a deserted place,
and there he prayed.

36. And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

37. When they found him,

they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

38. He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do."

39. And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

he departed and went into a deserted place.

And the crowds were looking for him;

and when they reached him,

they wanted to prevent him from leaving them.

43. But he said to them, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose."

44. So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea. {Other ancient authorities read [Galilee]}

Jesus Call The First Disciples

Mt. 4:18-22 18. As he walked by

the Sea of Galilee,

he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen.

Mk 1:16-20 16. As Jesus passed along

the Sea of Galilee,

he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen.

Lk 5:1-11 1. Once while Jesus was standing beside

the lake of Gennesaret,

and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,

2. he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

3. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat

down and taught the crowds from the boat.

4. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5. Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." 6. When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

8. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9. For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10. and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

19. And he said to them,

"Follow me,

and I will make you fish for people."

20. Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

17. And Jesus said to them,

"Follow me

and I will make you fish for people."

18. And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Then Jesus said to Simon,

"Do not be afraid;

from now on you will be catching people."

11. When they had brought their boats to shore,

they left everything and followed him.

21. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Summary Statement of Mission

Mt. 4:23 23. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

19. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

Mk 1:40-45 40. A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him,

"If you choose, you can make me clean."

41. Moved with pity,

Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!"

42. Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

Lk 5:12-16 12. Once, when he was in one of the cities,

there was a man covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground and begged him,

"Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean."

13. Then Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do choose. Be made clean."

Immediately the leprosy left him.

43. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, 44. saying to him,

"See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

45. But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word,

so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

14. And he ordered him to tell no one.

"Go," he said, "and show yourself to the priest, and, as Moses commanded, make an offering for your cleansing, for a testimony to them."

15. But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad;

many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

16. But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.

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The Healing Of A Paralytic

Mt. 9:1-8 1. And after getting into a boat he crossed the sea and came to his own town.

Mk. 2:1-12

1. When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home.

Lk 5:17-26

17. One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting near by (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal.

2. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them.

2. And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed.

3. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.

18. Just then some men came, carrying a paralyzed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus;

4. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd,

19. but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd,

they went up on the roof

they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it,

they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay.

and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son;

your sins are forgiven."

5. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son,

your sins are forgiven."

20. When he saw their faith, he said, "Friend,

your sins are forgiven you."

3. Then some of the scribes said to themselves,

6. Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts,

21. Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question,

"This man is blaspheming."

7. "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy!

"Who is this who is speaking blasphemies?"

Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

4. But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said,

8. At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them,

22. When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them,

"Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

"Why do you raise such questions in your hearts?"

"Why do you raise such questions in your hearts?"

5. For which is easier, to say,

9. Which is easier, to say

23. Which is easier, to say,

to the paralytic,

"Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, "Stand up

"Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, "Stand up

"Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, "Stand up

and take your mat

and walk'?"

and walk'?"

and walk'?"

6. But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he then said to the paralytic—

10. But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he said to the paralytic—

24. But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he said to the one who was paralyzed—

"Stand up, take your bed and go to your home."

11. "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home."

"I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home."

7. And he stood up

12. And he stood up,

25. Immediately he stood up before them,

and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them;

took what he had been lying on,

and went to his home.

and went to his home,

8. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

so that they were all amazed and glorified God,

glorifying God. 26. Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe,

saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

saying, "We have seen strange things today."

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Mt. 9:9-13

Mk 2:13-17 13. Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them.

Lk 5:27-32 27. After this he went out

9. As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

14. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." 28. And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

29. Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house;

10. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.

15. And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples--for there were many who followed him.

and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them.

11. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples,

16. When the scribes of [and] the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples,

30. The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying,

"Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

"Why does he eat [and drink] with tax collectors and sinners?"

"Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

12. But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

17. When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick;

31. Jesus answered, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick;

13. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

The Question About Fasting

Mt. 9:14-17

14. Then the disciples of John came to him, saying,

"Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?"

15. And Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they?"

The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

16. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made.

17. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the

I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

The Question About Fasting

Mk 2:18-22 18. Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting;

and people came and said to him,

"Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

19. Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

20. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

21. "No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made.

22. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst

32. I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance."

The Question About Fasting

Lk 5:33-39

33. Then they said to him,

"John's disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink."

34. Jesus said to them, "You cannot make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?"

35. The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days."

36. He also told them a parable:

"No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old.

37. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will

wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed.

but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins." 38. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

and so both are preserved."

39. And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, "The old is good."

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

John 5:1-47 1. After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, [Bethesda], [Bethsaida] which has five porticoes. 3. In these lay many invalids--blind, lame, and paralyzed. 4. [waiting for the stirring of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and stirred up the water; whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was made well from whatever disease that person had.] 5. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. 6. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to 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; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me."

8. Jesus said to him, "**Stand up, take your mat and walk.**" 9. At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath. 10. So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." 11. But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.' "

12. They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up and walk?'" 13. Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there.

14. Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any 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. **Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath.**

17. But Jesus answered them, "My Father is still working, and I also am working." 18. For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

The Authority of the Son

John 5:19-29. 19. Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. 20. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. 21. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. 22. The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, 23. so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. 24. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

25. "Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. 26. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; 27. and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. 28. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves 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 condemnation.

Witnesses to Jesus

John 5:30. "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

31. "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. 32. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. 33. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. 34. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. 35. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. 36. But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. 37. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, 38. and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

39. "You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. 40. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. 41. I do not accept glory from human beings. 42. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. 43. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. 44. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? 45. Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. 47. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

Plucking Grain on the Sabbath

Mt. 12:1-8 1. At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath;

his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

2. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him,

"Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath."

3. He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry?"

4. He entered the house of God

and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests.

5. Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless?

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

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

Mk. 2:23-28 23. One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way

his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.

24. The Pharisees said to him,

"Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?"

25. And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food?"

26. He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest,

and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions."

Lk. 6:1-5 1. One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields,

his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them.

2. But some of the Pharisees said,

"Why are you doing what is not lawful [to do] on the sabbath?"

3. Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry?"

4. He entered the house of God

and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?"

27. Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; 28. so

5. Then he said to them,

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

the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

"The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

Withered Hand Sabbath Healing

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Mt. 12:9-14 9. He left that place

Mk. 3:1-6

Lk. 6:6-11 6. On another sabbath

and entered their synagogue;

1. Again he entered the synagogue,

he entered the synagogue and taught,

10. a man was there with a withered hand,

and a man was there who had a withered hand.

and there was a man there whose right hand was withered.

2. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him.

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

8. Even though he knew what they were thinking,

3. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward."

he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there.

and they asked him, "Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?" so that they might accuse him.

4. Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save

9. Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the

life or to kill?"

sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?"

11. He said to them, "Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? 12. How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath."

But they were silent.

5. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man,

13. Then he said to the man,

10. After looking around at all of them, he said to him,

"Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other.

"Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

"Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored.

14. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him,

6. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired

11. But they were filled with fury and discussed

with the Herodians against him,

with one another

how to destroy him.

how to destroy him.

what they might do to Jesus.

HE CALLED AND TRAINED HIS DISCIPLES

The Appointment Of The Twelve

Mt. 10:1-4

Mk. 3:13-19 13. He went up the mountain and

Lk. 6:12-19 12. Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray;

and he spent the night in prayer to God. 13.
And when day came,

called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. he called his disciples

1. Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples

14. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles,

and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles:

to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message,

and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out,

15. and to have authority to cast out demons.

and to cure every disease and every sickness.

2. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first,

16. So he appointed the twelve:

Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew;

Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter);

14. Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew,

James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

17. James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder);

and James, and John, and

3. Philip and Bartholomew;

18. and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew,

Philip, and Bartholomew, 15. and

Thomas and Matthew the tax collector;

and Matthew, and Thomas, and

Matthew, and Thomas, and

James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and

James son of Alphaeus, and

4. Simon the Cananaean, and

Simon the Cananaean,

Simon, who was called the Zealot,

16. and Judas son of James, and

Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

19. and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Jesus Teaches and Heals

Lk. 6:17-19 17. He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

The Sermon On The Mount

Matthew 5 The Beatitudes

Lk. 6:20-26 The Beatitudes

1. When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

20. Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

2. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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

21. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

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

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

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

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

7. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

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

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

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

11. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

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

22. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

23. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

24. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

25. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

26. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Salt and Light

Matthew 5 13. "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

Matthew 5 17. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, {Gk [one iota]} not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19. Therefore, whoever breaks {Or [annuls]} one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of

heaven. 20. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Concerning Anger

Matthew 5 21. "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' 22. But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult say Raca to a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. 23. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24. leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. 25. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. 26. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Concerning Adultery

Matthew 5 27. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28. But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

Concerning Divorce

Matthew 5 31. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' 32. But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Concerning Oaths

Matthew 5 33. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' 34. But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35. or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Concerning Retaliation

Matthew 5 38. "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' 39. But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; 40. and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give

your cloak as well; 41. and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. 42. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

Love for Enemies

Matthew 5 43. "You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

44. But I say to you, Love your enemies

and pray for those who persecute you,

45. so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

46. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

47. And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

Love for Enemies

Luke 6:27. "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies,

do good to those who hate you, 28. bless those who curse you,

pray for those who abuse you.

29. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.

31. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

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

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

35. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

36. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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

Matthew 6

Concerning Almsgiving

Matthew. 6:1. "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 3. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4. so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Concerning Prayer

Matthew. 6:5. "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 6. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 7. "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9. "Pray then in this way:

The Our Father

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
10. Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
11. Give us this day our daily bread.
12. And forgive us our debts,

Lk. 11:2. Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
[Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven]
3. Give us each day our daily bread.
4. And forgive us our sins,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13. And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one. Amen

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."
[but rescue us from the evil one]

14. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; 15. but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Concerning Fasting

Matthew 6:16. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 17. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18. so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Concerning Treasures

Matthew 6:19. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20. but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Sound Eye

Matthew 6:22. "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; 23. but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

Serving Two Masters

Matthew 6:24. "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Do Not Worry

Matthew 6:25. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26. Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27. And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? 28. And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29. yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30. But if God so clothes

the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you--you of little faith? 31. Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?' or "What will we drink?' or "What will we wear?' 32. For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Matthew 7

Judging Others

1. "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.
2. For with the judgment you make you will be judged,

and the measure you give will be the measure you get.

3. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?
4. Or how can you say to your neighbor, "Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye?
5. You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

Luke 6

Judging Others

37. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven;

38. give, and it will be given to you.

A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

39. He also told them a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?

40. A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher.

41. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?

42. Or how can you say to your neighbor, "Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye?

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

Profaning the Holy

Matthew 7:6. "Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

Ask, Search, Knock

Matthew 7:7. "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 8. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 9. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? 10. Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? 11. If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

The Golden Rule

Matthew 7:12. "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

The Narrow Gate

Matthew 7:13. "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy {Other ancient authorities read [for the road is wide and easy]} that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. 14. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

A Tree and Its Fruit

Matthew 7:15. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles?

17. In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

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

A Tree and Its Fruit

Luke 6:43. "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit;

20. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

44. for each tree is known by its own fruit.

Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a
bramble bush.

45. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces
good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is
out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

The True Disciple

The True Disciple

Matthew 7:21. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will
enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will
of my Father in heaven.

Luke 6:46. "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what
I tell you?

22. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not
prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and
do many deeds of power in your name?'

23. Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; go away
from me, you evildoers.'

47. I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears
my words, and acts on them.

24. "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on
them

will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

48. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and
laid the foundation on rock;

25. The rain fell, the floods came,

when a flood arose, the river burst

and the winds blew and beat on that house,

against that house

but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.

26. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them

will be like a foolish man

who built his house on sand.

27. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell--and great was its fall!"

28. Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, 29. for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

The Centurion's Servant

Matthew 8:5-13

5. When he entered Capernaum,

a centurion came to him, appealing to him

but could not shake it, because it had been well built. [founded up-on the rock]

49. But the one who hears and does not act

is like a man

who built a house on the ground

without a foundation.

When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house."

The Centurion's Servant

Luke 7:1-10

1. After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people,

he entered Capernaum.

2. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. 3. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave.

4. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, say-

ing,

6. and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress."

7. And he said to him, "I will come and cure him."

8. The centurion answered,

"Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof;

but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed.

9. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go," and he goes, and to another, "Come," and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this," and the slave does it."

10. When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him,

"Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith.

11. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, 12. while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

13. And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you according to your faith."

And the servant was healed in that hour

"He is worthy of having you do this for him, 5. for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us."

6. And Jesus went with them,

but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him,

"Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof;

7. therefore I did not presume to come to you.

But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed.

8. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go," and he goes, and to another, "Come," and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this," and the slave does it."

9. When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said,

"I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith."

10. When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

Jesus Raises the Widow's Son at Nain

Luke 7:11. Soon afterwards [Next day] he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. 12. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. 13. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "**Do not weep.**" 14. Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "**Young man, I say to you, rise!**" 15. The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" 17. This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

The Messengers From John The Baptist

Matthew 11:2-6

2. When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing,
he sent word by his [two of his] disciples 3. and said to him,

"Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

Luke 7:18-23

18. The disciples of John reported all these things to him.

So John summoned two of his disciples 19. and sent them to the Lord to ask,

"Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

20. When the men had come to him, they said,

"John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask,

"Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" "

21. Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind.

4. Jesus answered them,

"Go and tell John what you hear and see:

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

6. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

Jesus Praises John The Baptist

[Matthew 11:7-30](#)

7. As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John:

"What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

8. What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

9. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

10. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

11. Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. 13.

22. And he answered them,

"Go and tell John what you have seen and heard:

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

23. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

Jesus Praises John The Baptist

[Luke 7:24-35](#)

24. When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John:

"What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

25. What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces.

26. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

27. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

28. I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came; 14. and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15. Let anyone with ears listen!

29. (And all the people who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John's baptism. 30. But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves.)

16. "But to what will I compare this generation?"

31. "To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like?"

It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 17. "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

32. They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep."

18. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon";

33. For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, "He has a demon";

19. the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!"

34. the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!"

Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

35. Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

A Sinful Woman Forgiven

Luke 7:36-50 36. One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table.

37. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. 38. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

39. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him--that she is a sinner."

40. Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak."

41. "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, {The denarius was the usual day's wage for a laborer} and the other fifty. 42. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?"

43. Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus {Gk [he]} said to him, "You have judged rightly."

44. Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. 45. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. 46. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

47. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." 48. Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

49. But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

50. And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Some Women Accompany Jesus

Luke 8:1-3 1. Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, 2. as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3. and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

Woes to Unrepentant Cities

Mt. 11:20. Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent.

21. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22. But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

23. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you."

Jesus Thanks His Father

Mt. 11:25. At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26. yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

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

28. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Beelzebul

Mt. 12:25

25. He knew what they were thinking

and said to them,

"Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand.

Beelzebul

Mk. 3:19-30

Then he went home; 20. and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. 21. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind."

22. And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons."

23. And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables,

"How can Satan cast out Satan?

24. If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be

able to stand.

26. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand?

26. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.

27. If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

28. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you.

29. Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his property, without first tying up the strong man? Then indeed the house can be plundered.

27. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

30. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

31. Therefore I tell you, people will be forgiven for every sin and blasphemy,

28. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29. but

but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness,

but is guilty of an eternal sin"—30. for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

32. Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but

whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

A Tree and Its Fruit

Mt. 12:33-45 33. "Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree bad, and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. 34. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good things, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35. The good person brings good things out of a good treasure, and the evil person brings evil things out of an evil treasure. 36. I tell you, on the day of judgment you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter; 37. for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

The Sign of Jonah

38. Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." 39. But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth. 41. The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here! 42. The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here!

The Return of the Unclean Spirit

43. "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but it finds none. 44. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' When it comes, it finds it empty, swept, and put in order. 45. Then it goes and brings along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So will it be also with this evil generation."

Teaching By The Lake

Mt. 13:3-23

3. And he told them many things in parables, saying:

"Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

5. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they

Mk. 4:2-20

2. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them:

3. "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

5. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up

Lk. 8:4-15

4. When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable:

5. "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up.

6. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture.

sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

quickly, since it had no depth of soil.

6. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

6. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away.

7. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

7. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain.

7. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it.

8. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

8. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

8. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold."

9. Let anyone with ears [to hear] listen!"

9. And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

The Purpose of the Parables

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10. Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"

10. When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables.

9. Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant.

11. He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets {Or [mysteries]} of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

11. And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret {Or [mystery]} of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables;

10. He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets {Or [mysteries]} of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables,

12. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

13. The reason I speak to them in parables is that "seeing they do not perceive, and

12. in order that "they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but

so that "looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.'

hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.'

not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven.' "

14. With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: "You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. 15. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn--and I would heal them.'

16. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. 17. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

The Parable of the Sower Explained

18. "Hear then the parable of the sower.

19. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

20. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

The Parable of the Sower Explained

13. And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables?"

14. The sower sows the word. 15. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.

16. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy.

The Parable of the Sower Explained

11. "Now the parable is this:

The seed is the word of God. 12. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

13. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy.

21. yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. {Gk [stumbles]}

22. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

23. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it,

who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The True Kindred of Jesus

Mt. 12:46-50

46. While he was still speaking to the crowds,

his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him.

17. But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. {Or [stumble]}

18. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, 19. but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing.

20. And these are the ones sown on the good soil:

they hear the word and accept it

and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

The True Kindred of Jesus

Mk. 3:31-35

31. Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside,

But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away.

14. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

15. But as for that in the good soil,

these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart,

and bear fruit with patient endurance.

The True Kindred of Jesus

Lk. 8:19-21

19. Then his mother and his brothers came to him,

but they could not reach him because of the crowd.

they sent to him and called him.

47. Someone told him,

"Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

48. But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied,

"Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"

49. And pointing to his disciples, he said,

"Here are my mother and my brothers!"

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

32. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him,

"Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you."

33. And he replied,

"Who are my mother and my brothers?"

34. And looking at those who sat around him, he said,

"Here are my mother and my brothers!"

35. Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

20. And he was told,

"Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."

21. But he said to them,

"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

Teaching By The Lake Continued

Matthew 13:1-2 1. That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

A Lamp under a Bushel Basket

Lk. 4:21-34 21. He said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? 22. For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. 23. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" 24. And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you. 25. For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."

The Parable of the Growing Seed

Lk. 4:26. He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 27. and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Lk. 4:30. He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31. It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32. yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

Mt. 13:24-53 24. He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25. but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" 28. He answered, "An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" 29. But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Mt. 13:31. He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32. it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

The Parable of the Yeast

Mt. 13:33. He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with {Gk [hid in]} three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

The Use of Parables

Mt. 13:34. Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. 35. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet [Isaiah]: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

Mt. 13:36. Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37. He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38. the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39. and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42. and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears {Other ancient authorities add [to hear]} listen!

Three Parables

Mt. 13:44. "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46. on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48. when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50. and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Treasures New and Old

Mt. 13:51. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." 52. And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." 53. When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

Jesus Stills the Storm

Mt. 8:23.

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

Jesus Stills a Storm

Mk. 4:35. On that day,
when evening had come,

he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

36. And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he

Jesus Calms a Storm

Lk. 8:22. One day

he got into a boat with his disciples,

and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake."

was. Other boats were with him.

So they put out,

23. and while they were sailing he fell asleep.

24. A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves;

37. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.

but he was asleep.

38. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion;

25. And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

24. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!"

26. And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?"

Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea;

39. He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,

And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves;

"Peace! Be still!"

Then the wind ceased,

they ceased,

and there was a dead calm.

and there was a dead calm.

and there was a calm.

40. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

25. He said to them, "Where is your faith?"

27. They were amazed, saying,

41. And they were filled with great awe and said to one another,

They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another,

"What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

"Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

Jesus Heals the Gadarene Demoniacs

Mt. 8:28. When he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, {Other ancient authorities read [Gergesenes]; others, [Gerasenes]}

two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way.

29. Suddenly they shouted, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?"

Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

Mk. 5:1. They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. {Other ancient authorities read [Gergesenes]; others, [Gadarenes]}

2. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him.

3. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; 4. for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him.

5. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones.

6. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; 7. and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me."

8. For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"

Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

Lk. 8:26. Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, {Other ancient authorities read [Gadarenes]; others, [Gergesenes]}

which is opposite Galilee.

27. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him.

For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

28. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"--

29. for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles,

but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)

9. Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many."

30. Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.

30. Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them.

31. The demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine."

10. He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country.

31. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

11. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding;

32. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding;

12. and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them."

and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these.

13. So he gave them permission.

So he gave them permission.

32. And he said to them, "Go!"

So they came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the water.

And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

33. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

33. The swineherds ran off, and on going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the demoniacs.

14. The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country.

34. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.

Then people came to see what it was that had happened.

35. Then people came out to see what had happened,

34. Then the whole town came out to meet

15. They came to Jesus

and when they came to Jesus,

Jesus;

and when they saw him,

they begged him to leave their neighborhood.

and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion;

and they were afraid.

16. Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it.

17. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood.

18. As he was getting into the boat,

the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him.

19. But Jesus refused, and said to him,

"Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you."

20. And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had

they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.

And they were afraid.

36. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

37. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes {Other ancient authorities read [Gadarenes]; others, [Gergesenes]} asked Jesus {Gk [him]} to leave them;

for they were seized with great fear.

So he got into the boat and returned.

38. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him;

but Jesus sent him away, saying,

39. "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."

So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

done for him; and everyone was amazed.

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

9.18. While he was saying these things to them,

suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him,

saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."

19. And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

20. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years

came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, 21. for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well."

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

5.21. When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea.

22. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet

23. and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

24. So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

25. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years.

26. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse.

27. She had heard about Jesus,

and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28. for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well."

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

8.40. Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him.

41. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet

and begged him to come to his house, 42. for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying.

As he went, the crowds pressed in on him.

43. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years;

and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her.

44. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped.

29. Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

30. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him,

Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

31. And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' "

32. He looked all around to see who had done it.

33. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him,

and told him the whole truth.

22. Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well."

And instantly the woman was made well.

34. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

35. While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the

45. Then Jesus asked, "Who touched me?"

When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you."

46. But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me."

47. When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him,

she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed.

48. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

49. While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher

teacher any further?"

any longer."

36. But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

50. When Jesus heard this, he replied, "Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved."

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

23. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,

38. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

51. When he came to the house,

39. When he had entered,

he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. 52. They were all weeping and wailing for her;

24. he said,

he said to them,

but he said,

"Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping."

"Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping."

"Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping."

And they laughed at him.

40. And they laughed at him.

53. And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.

25. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and

Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.

(he) took her by the hand,

41. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!"

54. But he took her by the hand and called out, "Child, get up!"

and the girl got up.

42. And immediately the girl got up
and began to walk about.

55. Her spirit returned,
and she got up at once.

Then he directed them to give her something to eat.

At this they were overcome with amazement.

56. Her parents were astounded;

43. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this,

but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

and told them to give her something to eat.

26. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

Mt. 9:27. As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" 28. When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "**Do you believe that I am able to do this?**" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." 29. Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you." 30. And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, "**See that no one knows of this.**" 31. But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district.

Jesus Heals One Who Was Mute

Mt. 9:32. After they had gone away, a demoniac who was mute was brought to him. 33. And when the demon had been cast out, the one who had been mute spoke; and the crowds were amazed and said, "Never has anything like this been seen in Israel." 34. But the Pharisees said, "By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons."

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

Mt. 13:54. He came to his hometown and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? 55. Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? 56. And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?"

57. And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor except in their own country and in their own house."

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

The Question about the Sabbath

Mk. 6:1. One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them.

2. But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful [to do] on the sabbath?" 3. Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? 4. He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?"

5. Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

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Mk. 6:7. He called the twelve

and began to send them out two by two,

and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

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Lk:9:1. Then Jesus called the twelve together

and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases,

2. and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God

and to cure every disease and every sickness.

and to heal.

8. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; 9. but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

3. He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money--not even an extra tunic.

Mt. 10:5. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

"Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6. but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near."

8. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

9. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, 10. no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food.

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

10. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.

4. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there.

12. As you enter the house, greet it.

13. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words,

shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town.

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

11. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you,

as you leave,

shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."

5. Wherever they do not welcome you,

as you are leaving that town

shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."

Coming Persecutions

Mt. 10:16. "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. 17. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; 18. and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. 19. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; 20. for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. 21. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; 22. and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 23. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. 24. "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; 25. it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

Whom to Fear

Mt. 10:26. "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 27. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. {Gk [Gehenna]} 29. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30. And even the hairs of your

head are all counted. 31. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33. but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

Mt. 10:34. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; 36. and one's foes will be members of one's own household. 37. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38. and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Rewards

Mt. 10:40. "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; 42. and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple--truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Mt. 11:1. Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities.

Mk. 6:12. So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. **Lk. 9:6.** They departed and went through the villages,

13. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

Herod's Perplexity

Mt. 14:1. At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus;

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Mk. 6:14. King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known.

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Lk. 9:7. Now Herod the ruler heard about all that had taken place,

Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead,

15. But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." 8. by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the ancient prophets had arisen.

2. and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." 16. But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

9. Herod said, "John I beheaded; but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he tried to see him.

The Death Of John The Baptist

Mt. 14:3. For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, **Mk. 6:17.** For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife,

4. because John had been telling him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." because Herod had married her. 18. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

19. And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,

5. Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet.

20. for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; {Other ancient authorities read [he did many things]}

and yet he liked to listen to him.

6. But when Herod's birthday came,

the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod 7. so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask.

8. Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter."

9. The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given;

10. he sent and had John beheaded in the prison.

11. The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother.

12. His disciples came and took the body and buried it;

then they went and told Jesus.

21. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

22. When his daughter Herodias [the daughter of Herodias herself] came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl,

"Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." 23. And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

24. She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."

25. Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

26. The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

27. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,

28. brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

29. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Feeding the Five Thousand

Mt. 14:13. Now when Jesus heard this,

he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself.

But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

14. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd;

and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

Mk. 6:30. The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

31. He said to them, "**Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.**" For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

33. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

34. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd;

and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd;

Lk. 9:10. On their return the apostles told Jesus {Gk [him]} all they had done.

He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida.

11. When the crowds found out about it, they followed him;

and he welcomed them,

Jn. 6:1. After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.

2. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.

3. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

4. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

5. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him,

and he began to teach them and spoke to them about the many things. kingdom of God,

and healed those who needed to be cured.

15. When it was evening,

35. When it grew late,

12. The day was drawing to a close,

the disciples came to him and said,

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and the twelve came to him and said,

"This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

"This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; 36. send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat."

"Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place."

16. Jesus said to them, "They need not go away;

37. But he answered them,

13. But he said to them,

Jesus said to Philip,

you give them something to eat."

"You give them something to eat."

"You give them something to eat."

"Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"

6. He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

7. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages {Gk [Two hundred denarii]; the denarius was

They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii {The denarius was the usual

day's wage for a laborer} worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?"

the usual day's wage for a laborer} would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

38. And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see."

17. They replied,

When they had found out, they said, They said,

8. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,

"We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

"Five, and two fish."

"We have no more than five loaves and two fish—

9. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish.

But what are they among so many people?"

unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." 14. For there were about five thousand men.

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

19. Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

39. Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass.

And he said to his disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each."

10. Jesus said, "Make the people sit down."

Now there was a great deal of grass in the place;

40. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties.

15. They did so and made them all sit down.

so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish,	41. Taking the five loaves and the two fish,	16. And taking the five loaves and the two fish,	11. Then Jesus took the loaves,
he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves,	he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves,	he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them,	and when he had given thanks,
and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.	and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all.	and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.	he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.
20. And all ate and were filled;	42. And all ate and were filled;	17. And all ate and were filled.	12. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."
and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces,	43. and they took up	What was left over was gathered up,	13. So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten,
twelve baskets full.	twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.	twelve baskets of broken pieces.	they filled twelve baskets.
21. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.	44. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.		14. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

15. When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Jesus Walks on the Water

Mt. 14:22. Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side,

while he dismissed the crowds. 23. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone,

24. but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

25. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

Mk. 6:45. Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida,

while he dismissed the crowd. 46. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

47. When evening came,

the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land.

48. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind,

he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to

Jn. 6:16. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, 17. got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum.

It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

18. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.

19. When they had rowed about three or four miles,

pass them by.

26. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.
27. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."
28. Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."
29. He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31. Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"
32. When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
33. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."
49. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; 50. for they all saw him and were terrified.
- But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."
20. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."
51. Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased.
21. Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going
- And they were utterly astounded, 52. for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

Healing the Sick in Gennesaret

Mk. 6:53. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. 54. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, 55. and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Bread from Heaven

Jn. 6:22. The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. 23. Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24. So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

25. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26. Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

28. Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" 29. Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

30. So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? 31. Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " 32. Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33. For the bread of God is that which {Or [he who]} comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

34. They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35. Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 38. for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

41. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42. They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" 43. Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. 44. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48. I am the bread of life. 49. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

52. The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53. So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55. for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

59. He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

The Words of Eternal Life

60. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" 61. But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? 62. Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63. It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. 65. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

66. Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. 67. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" 68. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." {Other ancient authorities read [the Christ, the Son of the living God]} 70. Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? Yet one of you is a devil." 71. He was speaking of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, {Other ancient authorities read [Judas Iscariot son of Simon;] others, [Judas son of Simon from Karyot] (Kerioth)} for he, though one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

The Tradition of the Elders

Mt. 15:1. Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said,

The Tradition of the Elders

Mk. 7:1. Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him,

2. they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, {Meaning of Gk uncertain} thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4. and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; {Other ancient authorities read [and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they purify themselves]})

and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles [and beds].

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

3. He answered them, "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?"

4. For God said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' 5. But you say that whoever tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is given to God,' then that person need not honor the father. 6. So, for the sake of your tradition, you make void the word [law] [commandment] of God.

7. You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said: 8. "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 9. in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." "

5. So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

6. He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7. in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' 8. You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

9. Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! 10. For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' 11. But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God {Gk lacks [to God]}) -- 12. then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, 13. thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this."

Things That Defile

Mt. 15:10. Then he called the crowd to him and said to them,

Things That Defile

Mk. 7:14. Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen

"Listen and understand:

11. it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."

12. Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?"

13. He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."

15. But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us."

16. Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? 17. Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?"

18. But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.

19. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.

20. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

The Canaanite Woman's Faith

to me, all of you, and understand:

15. there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." 16. ["Let anyone with ears to hear listen"]

17. When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable.

18. He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, 19. since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)

20. And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles.

21. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22. adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

23. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

Mt. 15:21. Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

22. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

23. But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

24. He answered, "**I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**"

25. But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

26. He answered,

"It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

27. She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

28. Then Jesus answered her, "**Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.**"

And her daughter was healed instantly.

Mk. 7:24. From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre [and Sidon].

He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,

25. but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

26. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

27. He said to her, "**Let the children be fed first,**

for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

28. But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

29. Then he said to her, "**For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter.**"

30. So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures Many People

Mt. 15:29. After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down.

30. Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them,

31. so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

Feeding the Four Thousand

Mt. 15:32. Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said,

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

Mk. 7:31. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

32. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

33. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. 34. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

35. And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

37. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Feeding the Four Thousand

Mk. 8:1. In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat,

he called his disciples and said to them,

"I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and

I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way."

33. The disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?"

34. Jesus asked them, "How many loaves have you?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish."

35. Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, 36. he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

37. And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full.

38. Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children.

39. After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan. {Other ancient authorities read [Magdala] or [Magdalan]}

The Demand for a Sign

Mt. 16:1. The Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test Jesus

2. "I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat.

3. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way--and some of them have come from a great distance."

4. His disciples replied, "How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?"

5. He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven."

6. Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd.

7. They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed.

8. They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full.

9. Now there were about four thousand people.

And he sent them away.

The Demand for a Sign

Mk. 8:11. The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, asking

they asked him to show them a sign from heaven.

2. He answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' 3. And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.

4. An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it

except the sign of Jonah."

Then he left them and went away.

The Yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees

5 When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread.

6 Jesus said to them, "Watch out, and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 7 They said to one another, "It is because we have brought no bread."

8 And becoming aware of it, Jesus said, "You of little faith, why are you talking about having no bread? 9 Do you still not perceive?"

Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and

him for a sign from heaven, to test him.

12. And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, "Why does this generation ask for a sign?"

Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation."

13. And he left them, and getting into the boat again, he went across to the other side.

The Yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod

14 Now the disciples had forgotten to bring any bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the boat.

15 And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out—beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod." 16 They said to one another, "It is because we have no bread."

17 And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? 18 Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear?"

And do you not remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves for the

how many baskets you gathered?

five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?" They said to him, "Twelve."

10 Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?

20 "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?"

And they said to him, "Seven."

11 How could you fail to perceive

21 Then he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

that I was not speaking about bread? Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees!"

12 Then they understood that he had not told them to beware of the yeast of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Jesus Cures a Blind Man at Bethsaida

Mk. 8:22. They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. 23. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "**Can you see anything?**" 24. And the man looked up and said, "I can see people, but they look like trees, walking." 25. Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. 26. Then he sent him away to his home, saying, "**Do not even go into the village [or tell anyone in the village].**"

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Mt. 16:13. Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi,

he asked his disciples, "**Who do people say that the Son of Man is?**"

14. And they said,

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Mk. 8:27. Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way

he asked his disciples, "**Who do people say that I am?**"

28. And they answered him,

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Lk. 9: 18. Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him,

he asked them, "**Who do the crowds say that I am?**"

19. They answered,

"Some say John the Baptist,

but others Elijah, and still others

Jeremiah

or one of the prophets."

15. He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16. Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17. And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18. And I tell you, you are Peter, [Petros] and on this rock [petra] I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

19. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

20. Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

21. From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering

"John the Baptist;

and others, Elijah; and still others,

one of the prophets."

29. He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."

30. And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

31. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering,

"John the Baptist;

but others, Elijah; and still others, that

one of the ancient prophets has arisen."

20. He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered, "The Messiah of God."

21. He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone,

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

22. "The Son of Man must undergo great suffering,

at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

22. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

23. But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

34. He called the crowd with his disciples,

and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

35. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

36. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

37. Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

38. Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation,

of them the Son of Man will also be

and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

23. Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

24. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.

25. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?

26. Those who are ashamed of me and of my words,

of them the Son of Man will be ashamed

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

when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Mk. 9: 1. And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God

27. But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."

has come with power."

The Transfiguration

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Mt. 17:1. Six days later (In reference to Caesarea Philippi), Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John

Mk. 9:2. Six days later (In reference to Caesarea Philippi), Jesus took with him Peter and James and John,

Lk. 9:28. Now about eight days after these sayings (In reference to Caesarea Philippi) Jesus took with him Peter and John and James,

and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.

and went up on the mountain

2. And he was transfigured before them,

And he was transfigured before them,

to pray. 29. And while he was praying,

and his face shone like the sun,

the appearance of his face changed,

and his clothes became dazzling white.

3. and his clothes became dazzling white,

and his clothes became dazzling white.

such as no one on earth could bleach them.

3. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

4. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

30. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

31. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was

about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

32. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, [but when they were fully awake] they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

33. Just as they were leaving him,

Peter said to Jesus,

"Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—

not knowing what he said.

34. While he was saying this,

a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

35. Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my Son, my Chosen; [my Beloved] listen to him!"

4. Then Peter said to Jesus,

"Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I [we] will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

5. While he was still speaking,

suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them,

and from the cloud a voice said,

"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

6. When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

7. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."

5. Then Peter said to Jesus,

"Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

6. He did not know what to say,

for they were terrified.

7. Then a cloud overshadowed them,

and from the cloud there came a voice,

"This is my Son, the Beloved [Son]; listen to him!"

8. And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them,

"Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

8. Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them

to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

10. So they kept the matter to themselves,

questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

36. When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

And they kept silent

and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Elijah

Mt. 17:10. And the disciples asked him, "Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

11. He replied, "Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things;

12. but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands."

Elijah

Mk. 9:11. Then they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

12. He said to them, "Elijah is indeed coming first to restore all things.

How then is it written about the Son of Man, that he is to go through many sufferings and be treated with contempt?

13. But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written about him."

13. Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

Jesus Cures a Boy with a Demon

Mt. 17:14. When they came to the crowd,

a man came to him, knelt before him, and said,

"Lord, have mercy on my son,

for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

The Healing of a Boy with a Spirit

Mk. 9:14. When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them.

15. When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him.

16. He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?"

17. Someone from the crowd answered him,

"Teacher, I brought you my son;

he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak;

18. and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid;

Jesus Heals a Boy with a Demon

Lk. 9:37. On the next day,

when they had come down from the mountain,

a great crowd met him.

38. Just then a man from the crowd shouted,

"Teacher, I beg you to look at my son;

he is my only child.

39. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks.

It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him.

16. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." 40. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

17. Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me." 19. He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." 41. Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here."

20. And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. 42. While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions.

21. Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us."

23. Jesus said to him, "If you are able!--All things can be done for the one who believes." 24. Immediately the father of the child cried out, [with tears] "I believe; help my unbelief!"

25. When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together,

18. And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it [the demon] came out of him, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit,

26. After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is

dead."

and the boy was cured instantly.

27. But Jesus took him by the hand and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.
lifted him up, and he was able to stand.

43. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

19. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

28. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

20. He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

21, [But this kind does not come out except by prayer and fasting]

29. He said to them, "This kind can come out only through prayer [and fasting]."

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Mt. 17:22.

As they were gathering in Galilee,

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Mk. 9:30.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee.

He did not want anyone to know it; 31. for he was teaching his disciples,

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Lk. 9:43. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing,

Jesus said to them,

"The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, 23. and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised."

saying to them,

"The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

he said to his disciples,

44. "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands."

32. But they did not understand what he was saying

and were afraid to ask him.

45. But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it.

And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

And they were greatly distressed.

Jesus and the Temple Tax

Mt. 17:24. When they reached Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the temple tax?" 25. He said, "Yes, he does."

And when he came home, Jesus spoke of it first, asking, "**What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their children or from others?**" 26. When Peter said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "**Then the children are free. 27. However, so that we do not give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; {Gk [stater]; the stater was worth two didrachmas} take that and give it to them for you and me.**"

Who Is the Greatest?

Mk. 9:33. Then they came to Capernaum;

True Greatness

Lk. 9:46. An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest.

47. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts,

and when he was in the house

he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"

34. But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

35. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

36. Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms,

he said to them, 37. "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

took a little child and put it by his side,

48. and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me;

for the least among all of you is the greatest."

Another Exorcist

Mk. 9:38. John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone [who does not follow us] casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."

39. But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

40. Whoever is not against us is for us.

41. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

Another Exorcist

Lk. 9:49. John answered, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us."

50. But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him;

for whoever is not against you is for you."

Temptations to Sin

Mk. 9:42. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. 43. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 44. where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 45. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. 46. where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 47. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, 48. where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 49. "For everyone will be salted with fire. 50. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? {Or [how can you restore its saltiness?]} Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Unbelief of Jesus' Brothers

Jn. 7:1. After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He did not wish [was not at liberty] to go about in Judea because the Jews were looking for an opportunity to kill him.

2. Now the Jewish festival of Booths [Tabernacles] was near. 3. So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea so that your disciples also may see the works you are doing; 4. for no one who wants [wants it] to be widely known acts in secret. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." 5. (For not even his brothers believed in him.)

6. Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. 7. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify against it that its works are evil. 8. Go to the festival yourselves. I am not [yet] going to this festival, for my time has not yet fully come." 9. After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

Jesus at the Festival of Booths

Jn. 7:10. But after his brothers had gone to the festival, then he also went, not publicly but as it were in secret.

11. The Jews were looking for him at the festival and saying, "Where is he?" 12. And there was considerable complaining about him among the crowds. While some were saying, "He is a good man," others were saying, "No, he is deceiving the crowd." 13. Yet no one would speak openly about him for fear of the Jews.

14. About the middle of the festival Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. 15. The Jews were astonished at it, saying, "How does this man have such learning, [this man know his letters] when he has never been taught?" 16. Then Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine but his who sent me. 17. Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own. 18. Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him.

19. "Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you looking for an opportunity to kill me?"

20. The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is trying to kill you?" 21. Jesus answered them, "I performed one work, and all of you are astonished. 22. Moses gave you circumcision (it is, of course, not from Moses, but from the patriarchs), and you circumcise a man on the sabbath. 23. If a man receives circumcision on the sabbath in order that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I healed a man's whole body on the sabbath? 24. Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

Is This the Christ?

Jn. 7:25. Now some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, "Is not this the man whom they are trying to kill? 26. And here he is, speaking openly, but they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Messiah? 27. Yet we know where this man is from; but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from."

28. Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true, and you do not know him. 29. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me."

30. Then they tried to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come.

31. Yet many in the crowd believed in him and were saying, "When the Messiah comes, will he do more signs than this man has done?"

Officers Are Sent to Arrest Jesus

Jn. 7:32. The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering such things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent temple police to arrest him.

33. Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little while longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. 34. You will search for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come."

35. The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? 36. What does he mean by saying, 'You will search for me and you will not find me' and 'Where I am, you cannot come'?"

Rivers of Living Water

Jn. 7:37. On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, 38. and let the one who believes in me drink. 38 The one who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' " 39. Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, [the Holy Spirit] had not been given] because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Division among the People

Jn. 7:40. When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet." 41. Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some asked, "Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? 42. Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" 43. So there was a division in the crowd because of him. 44. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The Unbelief of Those in Authority

Jn. 7:45. Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not arrest him?" 46. The police answered, "Never has anyone spoken like this!"

47. Then the Pharisees replied, "Surely you have not been deceived too, have you? 48. Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? 49. But this crowd, which does not know the law--they are accursed." 50. Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, 51. "Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?"

52. They replied, "Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee." 53. Then each of them went home,

The Woman Caught in Adultery

Jn. 8:1. (7:53) Then each of them went home,) while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. 3. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, 4. they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. 5. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"

6. They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. 7. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "**Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.**"

8. And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. {Other ancient authorities add [the sins of each of them]} 9. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

10. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "**Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?**" 11. She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "**Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.**" {The most ancient authorities lack 7.53--

8.11; other authorities add the passage here or after 7.36 or after 21.25 or after Luke 21.38, with variations of text; some mark the passage as doubtful. }

Jesus the Light of the World

Jn. 8:12. Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." 13. Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." 14. Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15. You judge by human standards; I judge no one. 16. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. 17. In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. 18. I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf."

19. Then they said 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." 20. He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

Jesus Foretells His Death

Jn. 8:21. Again he said to them, "I am going away, and you will search for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." 22. Then the Jews said, "Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, "Where I am going, you cannot come?" 23. He said to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. 24. I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he." {Gk [I am]}

25. They said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Why do I speak to you at all? {Or [What I have told you from the beginning]} 26. I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him."

27. They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father. 28. So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, {Gk [I am]} and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me. 29. And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him."

30. As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

True Disciples

Jn. 8:31. Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; 32. and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

33. They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free'?" 34. Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. 37. I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. 38. I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father."

Jesus and Abraham

Jn. 8:39. They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you are Abraham's children, then do what Abraham did, 40. but now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. 41. You are indeed doing what your father does."

They said to him, "We are not illegitimate children; we have one father, God himself." 42. Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own, but he sent me. 43. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot accept my word. 44. You are from your father the devil, and you choose to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. 46. Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? 47. Whoever is from God hears the words of God. The reason you do not hear them is that you are not from God."

48. The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" 49. Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. 50. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks it and he is the judge. 51. Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death."

52. The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, "Whoever keeps my word will never taste death.' 53. Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?" 54. Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, "He is our God,' 55. though you do not know him. But I know him; if I would say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him and I keep his word. 56. Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad."

57. Then the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" 58. Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am."

59. So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Mk. 10:1. He left that place and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around him; and, as was his custom, he again taught them.

Mt. 19:1. When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. 2. Large crowds followed him, and he cured them there.

A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

Lk. 9:51. When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53. but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" [as Elijah did] 55. But he turned and rebuked them. and said, **"You do not know what spirit you are of, 56 for the Son of Man has not come to destroy the lives of human beings but to save them."** [Then] they went on to another village.

Would-Be Followers of Jesus

Lk. 9:57. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58. And Jesus said to him, **"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."** 59. To another he said, **"Follow me."** But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60. But Jesus {Gk [he]} said to him, **"Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."** 61. Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62. Jesus said to him, **"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."**

The Mission of the Seventy

Lk. 10:1. After this the Lord appointed seventy {Other ancient authorities read [seventy-two]} others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

2. He said to them, **"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' 6. And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9. cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' 10. But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11. 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' 12. I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.**

Woes to Unrepentant Cities

Lk. 10:13. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14. But at the judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon

than for you. 15. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. 16. "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The Return of the Seventy

Lk. 10:17. The seventy {Other ancient authorities read [seventy-two]} returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" 18. He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. 20. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Jesus Rejoices

Lk. 10:21. At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 22. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." 23. Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! 24. For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Lk. 10:25. Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26. He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"

27. He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." 28. And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

29. But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30. Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35. The next day he took out two denarii, {The denarius was the usual day's wage for a laborer} gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."

36. Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" 37. He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

Lk. 10:38. Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." 41. But the Lord answered her, "**Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42. there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.**"

A Man Born Blind Receives Sight

Jn. 9:1. As he walked along, 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, "**Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.**"

6. When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, 7. saying to him, "**Go, wash in the pool of Siloam**" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

8. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9. Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." 10. But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11. He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." 12. They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

The Pharisees Investigate the Healing

Jn. 9:13. They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." 16. Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. 17. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

18. The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19. and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20. His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 21. but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." 22. His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus {Gk [him]} to be the Messiah {Or [the Christ]} would be put out of the synagogue. 23. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24. So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." 25. He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26. They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27. He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" 28. Then they reviled him, saying, "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 do not know where he comes from." 30. The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.

31. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. 32. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34. They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Spiritual Blindness

Jn. 9:35. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36. He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." 37. Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." 38. He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. 39. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind."

40. Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" 41. Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

Jesus the Good Shepherd

Jn. 10:1. "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

6. Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

11. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13.

The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15. just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18. No one takes {Other ancient authorities read [has taken]} it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

19. Again the Jews were divided because of these words. 20. Many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is out of his mind. Why listen to him?" 21. Others were saying, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

Jn. 10:22. At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23. and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

25. Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26. but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30. The Father and I are one."

31. The Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32. Jesus replied, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?" 33. The Jews answered, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God."

34. Jesus answered, "Is it not written in your law, {Other ancient authorities read [in the law]} "I said, you are gods"? 35. If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods"--and the scripture cannot be annulled -- 36. can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's Son"? 37. If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. 38. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand {Other ancient authorities lack [and understand]; others read [and believe]} that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."

39. Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. 40. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. 41. Many came to him, and they were saying, "John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true." 42. And many believed in him there.

The Lord's Prayer

Lk. 11:1. He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2. He said to them, "**When you pray, say:**

Mt. 6:9 Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
10. Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
11. Give us this day our daily bread.
12. And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13. And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one. Amen

Lk. 11:2. Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
[Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven]
3. Give us each day our daily bread.
4. And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."
[but rescue us from the evil one]

Perseverance in Prayer

Lk. 11:5. And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6. for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7. And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8. I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for {Other ancient authorities add [bread, will give a stone; or if your child asks for]} a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12. Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13. If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit {Other ancient authorities read [the Father give the Holy Spirit from heaven]} to those who ask him!"

Jesus and Beelzebul

Lk. 11:14. Now he was casting out a demon that was mute; when the demon had gone out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. 15. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons." 16. Others, to test him, kept demanding from him a sign from heaven.

17. But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house. 18. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? --for you say that I cast out the demons by Beelzebul. 19. Now if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your exorcists {Gk [sons]} cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

20. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. 21. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. 22. But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his plunder. 23. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

The Return of the Unclean Spirit

Lk. 11:24. "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but not finding any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' 25. When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. 26. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first."

True Blessedness

Lk. 11:27. While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!" 28. But he said, "**Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!**"

The Sign of Jonah

Lk. 11:29. When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "**This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. 30. For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. 31. The queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! 32. The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here!**"

The Light of the Body

Lk. 11:33. "No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, {Other ancient authorities add [or under the bushel basket]} but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. 34. Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. 35. Therefore consider whether the light in you is not darkness. 36. If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays."

Jesus Denounces Pharisees and Lawyers

Lk. 11:37. While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him; so he went in and took his place at the table. 38. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. 39. Then the Lord said to him, "**Now you Pharisees clean the out-**

side of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. 40. You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? 41. So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you.

42. "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others.

43. Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honor in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces.

44. Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it."

45. One of the lawyers answered him, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too."

46. And he said, "Woe also to you lawyers! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them.

47. Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed.

48. So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors; for they killed them, and you build their tombs. 49. Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, "I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute," 50. so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, 51. from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation.

52. Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering." 53. When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile toward him and to cross-examine him about many things, 54. lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

A Warning against Hypocrisy

Lk. 12:1. Meanwhile, when the crowd gathered by the thousands, so that they trampled on one another, he began to speak first to his disciples, "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is, their hypocrisy. 2. Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 3. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops.

Exhortation to Fearless Confession

Lk. 12:4. "I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. 5. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority [power] to cast into hell. [Gehenna]} Yes, I tell you, fear him!

6. Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. 7. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

8. "And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; 9. but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. 10. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

11. When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how [or what] you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; 12. for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say."

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Lk. 12:13. Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14. But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"

15. And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 16. Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18. Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20. But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21. So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Do Not Worry

Lk. 12:22. He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. 23. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

24. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25. And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? {Or [add a cubit to your stature]} 26. If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? 27.

Consider the lilies, they neither spin nor weave yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 28. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you - you of little faith!

29. And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. 30. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

31. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. 32. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Watchful Slaves

Lk. 12:35. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36. be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Faithful or the Unfaithful Slave

Lk. 12:41. Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?" 42. And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? 43. Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. 44. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. 45. But if that slave says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, 46. the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, {Or [cut him off]} and put him with the unfaithful. 47. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. 48. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

Jesus the Cause of Division

Lk. 12:49. "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50. I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51. Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52. From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53. they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Interpreting the Time

Lk. 12:54. He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. 55. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. 56. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Settling with Your Opponent

Lk. 12:57. "And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? 58. Thus, when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the case, {Gk [settle with him]} or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison. 59. I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny."

Repent or Perish

Lk. 13:1. At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3. No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5. No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

Lk. 13:6. Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" 8. He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman

Lk. 13:10. Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13. When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God 14. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." 15. But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? 16. And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" 17. When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Lk. 13:18. He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? 19. It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

The Parable of the Yeast

Lk. 13:20. And again he said, "To what should I compare the kingdom of God? 21. It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with {Gk [hid in]} three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

The Narrow Door

Lk. 13:22. Jesus {Gk [He]} went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. 23. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He said to them, 24. "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. 25. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.' 26. Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' 27. But he will say, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!' 28. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. 29. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. 30. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

The Lament over Jerusalem

Lk. 13:31. At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32. He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, {Gk lacks [for me]} "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35. See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when {Other ancient authorities lack [the time comes when]} you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

Jesus Heals the Man with Dropsy

Lk. 14:1. On one occasion when Jesus {Gk [he]} was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. 2. Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. 3. And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?" 4. But they were silent. So Jesus {Gk [he]} took him and healed him, and sent him away. 5. Then he said to them, "If one of you has a child {Other ancient authorities read [a donkey]} or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?" 6. And they could not reply to this.

Humility and Hospitality

Lk. 14:7. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9. and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start

to take the lowest place. 10. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

12. He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet.

Mt. 22:1.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:

2. "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a

king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.

3. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet,

but they would not come.

4. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet."

5. But they made light of it and went away,

one to his farm,

The Parable of the Great Dinner

Lk. 14:15. One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

16. Then Jesus {Gk [he]} said to him,

"Someone gave a great dinner and invited many.

17. At the time for the dinner

he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited,

"Come; for everything is ready now."

18. But they all alike began to make excuses.

The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go

another to his business,

6. while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

7. The king was enraged.

He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

8. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.

9. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'

10. Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

out and see it; please accept my regrets.'

19. Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.'

20. Another said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.'

21. So the slave returned and reported this to his master.

Then the owner of the house became angry

and said to his slave,

"Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.'

22. And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.'

23. Then the master said to the slave, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.

24. For I tell you, {The Greek word for [you] here is plural} none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.' "

11. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12. and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. 13. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14. For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Cost of Discipleship

Lk. 14:25. Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, 26. "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29. Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30. saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' 31. Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32. If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

About Salt

Lk. 14:34. "Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? {Or [how can it be used for seasoning?]} 35. It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Lk. 15:1. Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." 3. So he told them this parable: 4. "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? 5. When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 6. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7. Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

Lk. 15:8. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, {Gk [drachmas], each worth about a day's wage for a laborer} if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9. When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10. Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

Lk. 15:11. Then Jesus {Gk [he]} said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. 13. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16. He would gladly have filled himself with {Other ancient authorities read [filled his stomach with]} the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

17. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18. I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." '

20. So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' {Other ancient authorities add [Treat me like one of your hired servants]} 22. But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24. for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

25. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' 28. Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

29. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" 31. Then the father {Gk [he]} said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

Lk. 16:1. Then Jesus {Gk [he]} said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an ac-

counting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' 3. Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' 5. So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?' 6. He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' 7. Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?' He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty.' 8. And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth {Gk [mammon]} so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. {Gk [tents]} 10. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, {Gk [mammon]} who will entrust to you the true riches? 12. And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13. No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." {Gk [mammon]}

The Law and the Kingdom of God

Lk. 16:14. The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him. 15. So he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others; but God knows your hearts; for what is prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God.

16. "The law and the prophets were in effect until John came; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is proclaimed, and everyone tries to enter it by force. {Or [everyone is strongly urged to enter it]} 17. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one stroke of a letter in the law to be dropped.

18. "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and whoever marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Lk. 16:19. "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21. who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. {Gk [to Abraham's bosom]} The rich man also died and was buried. 23. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. {Gk [in his bosom]} 24. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' 25. But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' 27. He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- 28. for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' 29. Abraham replied, "They

have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' 30. He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31. He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

Some Sayings of Jesus

Lk. 17:1. Jesus said to his disciples, "Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! 2. It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble.

3. Be on your guard! If another disciple [your brother]} sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. 4. And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, "I repent,' you must forgive."

5. The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6. The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a {Gk [faith as a grain of]} mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

7. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? 8. Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? 9. Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10. So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" "

The Death of Lazarus

Jn. 11:1. Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, {Gk [him]} "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4. But when Jesus heard it, he said, "**This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.**"

5. Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6. after having heard that Lazarus {Gk [he]} was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. 7. Then after this he said to the disciples, "**Let us go to Judea again.**" 8. The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" 9. Jesus answered, "**Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. 10. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.**" 11. After saying this, he told them, "**Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.**" 12. The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." 13. Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 14. Then Jesus told them plainly, "**Lazarus is dead. 15. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.**" 16. Thomas, who was called the Twin, {Gk [Didymus]} said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

Jn. 11:17. When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus {Gk [he]} had already been in the tomb four days. 18. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles {Gk [fifteen stadia]} away, 19. and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 23. Jesus said to her, **"Your brother will rise again."** 24. Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25. Jesus said to her, **"I am the resurrection and the life. {Other ancient authorities lack [and the life]} Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26. and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"** 27. She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, {Or [the Christ]} the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Jesus Weeps

Jn. 11:28. When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29. And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33. When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34. He said, **"Where have you laid him?"** They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35. Jesus began to weep. 36. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37. But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

Jn. 11:38. Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39. Jesus said, **"Take away the stone."** Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." 40. Jesus said to her, **"Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"** 41. So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, **"Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."** 43. When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, **"Lazarus, come out!"** 44. The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, **"Unbind him, and let him go."**

The Plot to Kill Jesus

Jn. 11:45. Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. 46. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what he had done. 47. So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said, "What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. 48. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place {Or [our temple]; Greek [our place]} and our nation." 49. But one of them, Cai-

phas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all! 50. You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed." 51. He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, 52. and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. 53. So from that day on they planned to put him to death. 54. Jesus therefore no longer walked about openly among the Jews, but went from there to a town called Ephraim in the region near the wilderness; and he remained there with the disciples.

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

Lk. 17:11. On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, 13. they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14. When he saw them, he said to them, "**Go and show yourselves to the priests.**" And as they went, they were made clean. 15. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16. He prostrated himself at Jesus' {Gk [his]} feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17. Then Jesus asked, "**Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18. Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?**" 19. Then he said to him, "**Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.**"

The Coming of the Kingdom

Lk. 17:20. Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "**The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; 21. nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' for, in fact, the kingdom of God is among {Or [within]} you.**" 22. Then he said to the disciples, "**The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. 23. They will say to you, 'Look there!' or 'Look here!' Do not go; do not set off in pursuit. 24. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. 25. But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation. 26. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so too it will be in the days of the Son of Man. 27. They were eating and drinking, and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed all of them. 28. Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, 29. but on the day that Lot left Sodom, it rained fire and sulfur from heaven and destroyed all of them 30. --it will be like that on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. 31. On that day, anyone on the housetop who has belongings in the house must not come down to take them away; and likewise anyone in the field must not turn back. 32. Remember Lot's wife. 33. Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it. 34. I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. 35. There will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken and the other left."** 36. {Other ancient authorities add verse 36, ["Two will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left."]} 37. Then they asked him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."

The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

Lk. 18:1. Then Jesus {Gk [he]} told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2. He said, "**In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.'**" 4. For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "**Though I have no fear of God**

and no respect for anyone, 5. yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " {Or [so that she may not finally come and slap me in the face]} 6. And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8. I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Lk. 18:9. He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10. "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' 13. But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14. I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Teaching about Divorce

Mt. 19:3. Some Pharisees came to him, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?"

4. He answered, "Have you not read that the one who made them at the beginning "made them male and female,' 5. and said,

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh"? 6. So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

7. They said to him, "Why then did Moses command us to give a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her?"

Teaching about Divorce

Mk. 10:2. Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

3. He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" 4. They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her."

5. But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.

6. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female.'

7. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8. and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

8. He said to them, "It was because you were so hard-hearted that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

10. Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.

9. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another commits adultery." [and he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery]

11. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12. and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

10. His disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." 11. But he said to them, "Not everyone can accept this teaching, but only those to whom it is given. 12. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let anyone accept this who can."

Jesus Blesses Little Children

Mt. 19:13. Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray.

The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them;

14. but Jesus said,

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Jesus Blesses Little Children

Mk. 10:13. People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them;

and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

14. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Jesus Blesses Little Children

Lk. 18:15. People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them;

and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it.

16. But Jesus called for them and said,

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

15. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

17. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

16. And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

15. And he laid his hands on them

and went on his way.

The Rich Young Man

Mt. 19:16. Then someone came to him and said, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?"

17. And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good.

If you wish to enter into life,

keep the commandments."

18. He said to him, "Which ones?"

And Jesus said, "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; 19. Honor your father and mother; also,

You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The Rich Man

Mk. 10:17. As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

18. Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

19. You know the commandments:

"You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' "

The Rich Ruler

Lk. 18:18. A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

19. Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

20. You know the commandments:

"You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.' "

20. The young man said to him, "I have kept all these; [from my youth]"

what do I still lack?"

21. Jesus said to him,

"If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

22. When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven."

24. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

20. He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."

21. Jesus, looking at him, loved him

and said,

"You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

22. When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

24. And the disciples were perplexed at these words.

But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is [for those who trust in riches] to enter the kingdom of God!"

25. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

21. He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth."

22. When Jesus heard this,

he said to him,

"There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

23. But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich.

24. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

25. Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

25. When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said,	26. They were greatly astounded and said to one another, [to him]}	26. Those who heard it said,
"Then who can be saved?"	"Then who can be saved?"	"Then who can be saved?"
26. But Jesus looked at them and said,	27. Jesus looked at them and said,	27. He replied,
"For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."	"For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."	"What is impossible for mortals is possible for God."
27. Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?"	28. Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."	28. Then Peter said, "Look, we have left our homes and followed you."
28. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.		
29. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields,	29. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields,	29. And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children,
for my name's sake,	for my sake and for the sake of the good news, [gospel]}	for the sake of the kingdom of God,
will receive a hundredfold,	30. who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age--houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—	30. who will not get back very much more in this age,
and will inherit eternal life.	and in the age to come eternal life.	and in the age to come eternal life."
30. But many who are first will be last, and	31. But many who are first will be last, and	

the last will be first.

the last will be first."

The Laborers in the Vineyard

Mt. 20:1. "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, {Gk [a denarius]} he sent them into his vineyard. 3. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4. and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?' 7. They said to him, "Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard.'

8. When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9. When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. {Gk [a denarius]} 10. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. {Gk [a denarius]} 11. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12. saying, "These last worked only 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 replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? {Gk [a denarius]} 14. Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' {Gk [is your eye evil because I am good?]} 16. So the last will be first, and the first will be last." {Other ancient authorities add [for many are called but few are chosen]}

A Third Time Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Mt. 20:17. While Jesus was going up to Jerusalem,

he took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and said to them on the way,

18. "See, we are going up to Jerusalem,

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Mk. 10:32. They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and

Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid.

He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, 33. saying,

"See, we are going up to Jerusalem,

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Lk. 18:31.

Then he took the twelve aside and said to them,

"See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and

everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death;

and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death;

19. then they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked

then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; 34. they will mock him, and spit upon him,

32. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon.

and flogged and crucified;

and flog him, and kill him;

33. After they have flogged him, they will kill him,

and on the third day he will be raised."

and after three days he will rise again."

and on the third day he will rise again."

34. But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

The Request of the Mother of James and John

Mt. 20:20. Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him.

21. And he said to her, "What do you want?"

She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom."

22. But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" [or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?]

The Request of James and John

Mk. 10:35. James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

36. And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?"

37. And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

38. But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

They said to him, "We are able."

23. He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup,

but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

24. When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers.

25. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

26. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant,

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

28. just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

39. They replied, "We are able."

Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

40. but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41. When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

42. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

43. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,

44. and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.

45. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

Mt. 20:29.

As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him.

30. There were two blind men sitting by the roadside.

The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

Mk. 10:46. They came to Jericho.

As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho,

Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar Near Jericho

Lk. 18:35. As he approached Jericho,

a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.

36. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening.

37. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth {Gk [the Nazorean]} is passing by."

When they heard that Jesus was passing by, 47. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth,

they shouted, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

31. The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet; 48. Many sternly ordered him to be quiet,

but they shouted even more loudly, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!" but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

32. Jesus stood still and called them, saying, 49. Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here."

And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."

50. So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" 51. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

and when he came near, he asked him, 41. "What do you want me to do for you?"

33. They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." The blind man said to him, "My teacher, {Aramaic [Rabbouni]} let me see again."

He said, "Lord, let me see again."

34. Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes.

52. Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well."

42. Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you."

Immediately they regained their sight and followed him.

Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

43. Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God;

and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

Jesus and Zacchaeus

Lk. 19:1. He entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." 6. So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. 7. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." 8. Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." 9. Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The Parable of the Ten Pounds

Lk. 19:11. As they were listening to this, he went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.

12. So he said, "A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. 13. He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds, {The mina, rendered here by [pound,] was about three months' wages for a laborer} and said to them, "Do business with these until I come back."

14. But the citizens of his country hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, "We do not want this man to rule over us."

15. When he returned, having received royal power, he ordered these slaves, to whom he had given the money, to be summoned so that he might find out what they had gained by trading. 16. The first came forward and said, "Lord, your pound has made ten more pounds." 17. He said to him, "Well done, good slave! Because you have been trustworthy in a very small thing, take charge of ten cities." 18. Then the second came, saying, "Lord, your pound has made five pounds." 19. He said to him, "And you, rule over five cities." 20. Then the other came, saying, "Lord, here is your pound. I wrapped it up in a piece of cloth, 21. for I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man; you take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow." 22. He said to him, "I will judge you by your

own words, you wicked slave! You knew, did you, that I was a harsh man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? 23. Why then did you not put my money into the bank? Then when I returned, I could have collected it with interest.' 24. He said to the bystanders, "Take the pound from him and give it to the one who has ten pounds.' 25. (And they said to him, "Lord, he has ten pounds!') 26. "I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

27. But as for these enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them--bring them here and slaughter them in my presence."

28. After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.