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THE MOST FAMOUS BIBLE VERSE IN THE WORLD

“This is the one Scripture that I always preach on in a crusade, usually on the opening night. I suppose it is the most familiar passage in the Bible. It has only twenty-five words in the English translation of it, but it is the gospel in a nutshell. Someone has called it a miniature Bible.”

—Billy Graham

Your KJVER *Discover Jesus* New Testament is filled with wonderful parables, adventures, and truths about Jesus Christ. Whether you are reading the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, any of the letters to the churches, or even the mystical Revelation of John, you will find one thing that fills every letter of every word on every page—the limitless love of God. And there is one Bible verse that probably encompasses that love more than any other. It would not be an exaggeration to suggest that millions of people have been saved by this wonderful verse by simply reading it in the Bible, or seeing “John 3:16” painted on a wall, or even on a waving sign at a football game. Perhaps you’ve seen it and wondered why it is such a big deal.

It is a simple verse with a simple yet boundless message:

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. —John 3:16

This verse tells us some very important things about the love of God. It tells us that our salvation begins with God’s love. We are not saved because we love God; we are saved because God first loves us. Our salvation begins in God’s loving us, and it ends in our loving God.

UNIVERSAL LOVE

The first thing this verse teaches us about the love of God is that it is universal. “*God so loved **the world***”—not some part of it, not one group of people, or a particular country—but “*God so loved the world.*” God loves the rich, but God loves the poor just as much as He loves the rich. God loves the educated, but He loves the uneducated just as much. God loves the great scholar, the man of science, the university professor, and the student, but He loves the man who can’t read or write just as much as He loves the most brilliant scientist or philosopher on earth. When a celebrity or a person of great accomplishment gives their life to Christ, we are de-

lighted and hold it up to world as a great example. But if some man or woman who can't even read or write stands up to accept Christ, God is just as much pleased. It might be hard for some to accept, but God loves the moral, the upright, the virtuous, and the righteous person the same as He loves the sinner, the outcast, the abandoned, and the debauched. He loves the bad just as much as He loves the good.

As Billy Graham once remarked, "The word '*whosoever*' in this verse means the whole world. Whatever the color of a person's skin, whatever language he speaks, God loves him and God is willing to save him. To me that is marvelous."

Are you a thief? God loves you. Are you an addict? God loves you. Are you unfaithful to your spouse? God loves you. Are you an atheist? God loves you. You can search all over but you will never be able to find, in all the world, a man or woman whom God doesn't love.

HOLY LOVE

The second thing this verse teaches us about the love of God is that God's love is a holy love. "*God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son.*" A great many people cannot understand that. They say, "I cannot see why God loves me if He doesn't forgive my sins outright without His Son dying in my place. I cannot see the necessity of Christ's death. If God is love, and if God loves me and loves everybody, why doesn't He take us to heaven right away without Christ's having to die for us?"

The text answers the question: "*God so loved.*" That "*so*" brings out the character of God's love. It was of such a character that God could not and would not pardon sin without an atonement. God is a holy God. God's love is a holy love. Now, God's holiness, like everything about God, is real. There is no hypocrisy in God. It is real love, real righteousness, and real holiness; and God's holiness, since it is real, must manifest itself in some way. It must either manifest itself in the punishment of the sinner—our eternal banishment from Him—or it must manifest itself in some other way.

To "atone" for something is to make amends or pay reparations. Now, the death of Jesus Christ upon the cross was God substituting His atoning action, making amends or paying the price for our sin, for His punitive action. Some might ask, "How is it just that a loving God would take a guilty person's sin and lay it upon an innocent third person, Jesus Christ? That doesn't sound just." True enough, that would *not* be just; but that is not what the Bible teaches. The Bible doesn't teach that God transfers the sin of a guilty person to an innocent person, Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ was not a third person. The Bible teaches that "*God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself*" (2 Corinthians 5:19), and the atoning death of Jesus

Christ on the cross is not God taking our sin and laying it on a third person; it is God the Father, personally indwelling in us, taking the penalty of our sin into His own heart and dying in His Son.

Again, Jesus Christ was not simply some bystander, a detached third party; He was us. No ordinary man could have died for you and me. It would have been of no value. But Jesus Christ became your representative and mine. When Christ died on the cross of Calvary, you died in Him, and the penalty of your sin was paid.

The philosophy of the atonement, as laid down in the Bible, is the most profound and wonderful philosophy the world has ever seen or heard. The Christian doctrine is a perfect whole. Take out one doctrine, and the others are irrational; but put them all together, and they are a perfect system. For example, if you remove the deity of Christ, the atonement becomes irrational. If you take the humanity out of Christ and are left with Jesus Christ solely divine, the atonement becomes irrational. But if you take all that the Bible says—that God was in Christ, and that in Christ, the Word became flesh, real man, God manifest in the flesh—then the atonement of Christ is the most profoundly and wonderfully philosophical truth the world has ever seen!

God's love is a holy love. Thank God that it is. Thank God that His method is such that, in perfect righteousness, perfect justice, and perfect holiness, as well as in perfect love, and on the ground of Christ's atoning death, He is able to pardon and save the vilest of sinners. And when you are awakened to a proper sense of your sinfulness—when you see yourself as you really are—and when you see God as He really is, nothing will satisfy your conscience but the doctrine that God, the Holy One, substituted His atoning action for His punitive action. That in the death of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary, your sin and mine were perfectly settled forever.

Thank God, the broken law of God has no more claim on us. No matter how badly we break it, Jesus satisfies its punitive claim by dying for our failures. Even if your sins are as deep as the ocean, the atonement that swallows them up is as deep as eternity. On the ground of Christ's atoning death, there is pardon tonight for the worst person on the face of this earth.

GREAT LOVE

The third thing this Scripture teaches us about the love of God is the greatness of that love. *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* The greatness of God's love comes out in two ways in the text: first, in the greatness of the gift He offers us—eternal life. It does not mean merely a life that is endless in its duration.

Thank God, it means that; but it means more. It means a life that is perfect and divine in its quality, as well as endless in its duration. That is God's offer to you. *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

But the text tells us a second way in which the greatness of the love of God reveals itself, and that is in the sacrifice that God made for us. *"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son."* The measure of love is sacrifice. You can tell just how much anybody loves you by the sacrifice that he or she is willing to make for you. God has shown the measure of His love by the sacrifice He made. God sacrificed His very best, the dearest gift He could give us— *"His only begotten Son."*

No earthly father ever loved his son as God loved Jesus Christ. He saw Him spat upon, blindfolded, beaten, ridiculed, pierced, stripped, and flogged until nearly dead. Then He saw His Son stretched on a cross as they drove nails into both of His hands and His feet. He watched as that cross was plunged into a hole, leaving His Son hanging there, aching, all His bones out of joint, tortured in every member of His body! God looked on. Why did He suffer it? Because He loved you and me, and it was the only way that you and I could be saved.

CONQUERING LOVE

There is one other thing that this verse teaches us about the love of God, and that is the conquering power of God's love. *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him **should not perish**, but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16). The love of God conquers sin; the love of God conquers death; the love of God conquers brokenness and saves us. The love of God conquers when everything else fails.

Let the love of God conquer your stubborn, wicked, foolish, sinful, worldly, or careless heart. Yield to His love today. Amen.

HOW TO BE SAVED

A Christian is someone who believes in and takes the following steps in order to be saved and have a real relationship and genuine experience with God.

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE BIBLE

A Christian understands, accepts, and believes the following truths from the Bible:

1. **All people are sinners and fall short of God's perfect standard.** *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23).
2. **Sin, which is imperfection in our lives, denies us eternal life with God.** But God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us, giving us eternal life by believing in Him. Romans 6:23 states, *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*
3. **You can be saved, and you are saved by faith in Jesus Christ.** You cannot be saved by your good works, because they can never be "good enough." But God's good work of sending Jesus Christ to save us, and our response of believing—of having faith—in Jesus Christ, is what saves each of us. Ephesians 2:8–9 states, *"For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."*
4. God did not wait for us to become perfect in order to accept or unconditionally love us. **He sent Jesus Christ to save us, even though we are sinners.** So Jesus Christ died to save us from our sins and to save us from eternal separation from God. Romans 5:8 states, *"But God commends His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*
5. **God loved the world so much that He sent His one and only Son to die, so that we, by believing in Jesus Christ, would obtain eternal life.** John 3:16 states, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*
6. **If you believe in Jesus Christ, and in what He did on the cross by dying there for us, you know for a fact that you have been given eternal life.** *"These things have I written to you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God"* (1 John 5:13).
7. If you confess your sins to God, you can know for sure that He hears you, and that **His response to you is to forgive you of your sins, so that they**

are not remembered and not attributed to you ever again. *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (1 John 1:9).

If you believe these truths, or want to believe these verses, pray the following:

Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and ask You to save me from my sins and give me eternal life. Thank You for forgiving me of my sins and giving me eternal life. I receive You as my Savior and Lord. Please take control my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. Help me to understand You, to know You, and to learn how to follow You. Free me from all of the things in my life that prevent me from following You. In the name of the one and only and true Jesus Christ, I ask all these things now. Amen.

Does this prayer express your desire to know God and to receive His love? If you are sincere in praying this prayer, Jesus Christ will come into your life, just as He said He would.

It takes courage to decide to become a Christian. It is the right decision to make, but it is difficult to fight against the part of ourselves that is at war with the part that has trouble changing. The good news is that you are not alone. It is not up to your own willpower. You do not need to change yourself. Just cry out to God and pray, and He will begin to change you. God does not expect you to become perfect before you come to Him—not at all. This is why He sent Jesus, so that we would not have to become perfect before coming to know God.

STEPS TO TAKE AS A NEW CHRISTIAN

Here are some steps to take once you have asked Jesus to come into your life.

1. Read the books John, Romans, and 1 John in your KJVER *Discover Jesus* New Testament. Meditate on them.
2. Obtain some books by sound theologians and begin to read them so you will be able to understand more about God and how He works.
3. Pray—that is, talk to and with God. Thank Him for saving you, tell Him your fears and concerns, and ask Him for help and guidance.
4. Tell someone about the great decision you have made today!

HOW TO READ YOUR NEW TESTAMENT

1. YOU DON'T HAVE TO START AT THE BEGINNING

If you're new to the Bible, the best place to start is the gospel of John, the fourth book of the New Testament (p. 93). This is John's eyewitness account of the life of Jesus. As one of Jesus's closest disciples, John's account is both moving and enlightening. His purpose in writing it was to help us believe, which makes it a great place to begin your journey.

"These are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through His name" (John 20:31).

2. PICK A BOOK OF THE NEW TESTAMENT AND WORK YOUR WAY THROUGH IT

Pick a book of the New Testament and read a little each day, one chapter, perhaps. If you read one chapter of John a day, (which will take no more than 5–10 minutes) you'll read the entire thing in just twenty-one days.

Next, try one of the other gospels—Matthew (p. 16), Mark (p. 44), or Luke (p. 62). Or consider Philippians (p. 183), Ephesians (p. 179), or Colossians (p. 186), which provide practical encouragement and instruction for living the Christian life. The book of Romans (p. 144) is filled with essential doctrine about the beliefs and practices of Christianity.

3. PRAY BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ask God to speak to you through His Word. Freely ask Him to give whatever you need—wisdom, guidance, encouragement, or comfort. Ask Him to use this New Testament to help you know Him and love Him.

4. ASK TWO QUESTIONS

As you read your New Testament, ask two questions:

- ✦ What does this teach me about God?
- ✦ What does this teach me about how I should live?

5. WRITE IT DOWN

Take notes on any passages that are especially meaningful to you. Write out those verses and perhaps commit them to memory. You'll be surprised how God will work in your life as you meditate on His Word.

THE BIBLE

The Bible is a book of books, the story of God. It is God's way of having people come to know Him and His plan for mankind. It is not about organizations but individuals. It is about Old Testament and New Testament believers who, by faith, form the true family of God throughout eternity.

The Bible reveals the fact that God has existed from eternity past to eternity future, and that He is supreme, all-knowing, all-present, all-powerful, and without equal. *"In the beginning"* this self-existing God *"created the heaven and the earth"* (Genesis 1:1). In that same beginning *"was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...All things were made by Him"* (John 1:1, 3). Also, in that same beginning, *"the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters"* (Genesis 1:2). This same Spirit of God is the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, who *"dwells with you, and shall be in you"* (John 14:17), the One who lives within the heart of every believer. Being all-knowing, God knew of the angels, of the nature of man, and of sin, from the beginning.

The Bible also tells us of Satan (in Hebrew, "adversary"), also called the devil (in Greek, "slanderer"). He is *"the great dragon...that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceives the whole world"* (Revelation 12:9). This *"liar"* and *"father of [lying]"* (John 8:44) is not just deceptive—he is downright deadly. For, indeed, he *"was a murderer from the beginning"* (verse 44). So dangerous is he that believers are commanded to *"put on the whole armor of God"* (Ephesians 6:11) to withstand his cunning craftiness. If believers *"resist the devil [in God's strength]...he will flee from [them]"* (James 4:7). Ultimately, however, God Himself will cast the devil (and all his followers) *"into the lake of fire"* (Revelation 20:10).

The great message of the Bible is Christ: that He came to this earth to live a perfect sinless life, to teach us about the truth, and to die as the true Passover Lamb—the innocent sacrificial atonement for our sins. Thus the Scriptures boldly proclaim, in a thousand ways, *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved, and your house"* (Acts 16:31).

At first, the Bible may seem difficult for the average person to understand. But as the reader yields him or herself, the Holy Spirit (who will come to dwell within the believer) will lead the reader, first to Himself and then to a more full knowledge of God and a more complete understanding of His master plan. The Holy Spirit will glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and show the reader God's perfect love in the compassion of Christ, who touches needy lives with His holy teachings and His divine miracles. The reader's eyes will be opened and he or she will come to see the

Lord Jesus Christ, who fulfilled the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament. (See John 14:21, 26; 15:26–27; 16:8–15.)

Because the Bible is God’s sacred message to mankind, it is often referred to as God’s Word. Second Timothy 3:16 says that it is “*given by inspiration of God*” (*theopneustos* in Greek, or “God-breathed”). Our Lord declared that “*scripture cannot be broken*” (John 10:35). Second Peter 1:21 affirms that the Bible is not of human origin, but, rather, “*holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*”

The depth of this message is so vast that although the message of salvation from sin may be, in its essence, simple, for a greater comprehension of God and a closer walk with Him, many readings of the Bible require the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

It is thus the prayer of the publisher of this Bible that you will seek that deeper understanding by diligently reading and studying these sacred pages. May it bring new joy and blessing into your life.

THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE

It has been said that the King James Bible has been used of God to convert and to edify more people than any other Bible version in history. From our human standpoint, a list of history’s most used and blessed Bible versions would certainly include the Latin Vulgate, Luther’s German Bible, and the King James Version. Of course, other nationalities would also include their own beloved translation, especially those who could not read Latin, German, or English.

The Latin Vulgate Bible was translated by Jerome in A.D. 397–404, working mostly out of a cave in Bethlehem. Jerome was a brilliant and pious scholar who felt that the Old Latin translation of A.D. 200 was not close enough in accuracy to the original Hebrew and Greek text. Martin Luther translated the New Testament portion of his German Bible from 1520–1521, hidden in the Wartburg Castle, while facing condemnation by King Charles V for his opposition to the sale of indulgences and the doctrine of salvation by works. He later completed the Old Testament in A.D. 1537. Luther’s German Bible consolidated the Reformation movement in Northern Europe and forged the style of the German language thereafter.

The King James Version had a similar effect on the English language. The Puritans were not pleased with the accession of James VI of Scotland (son of Mary, Queen of Scots) to the throne of England in 1603. They forced a meeting with him at Hampton Court and placed before him various demands, which he generally refused. One request, however, he agreed to honor—the translation of a new English-language Bible. To this end, three committees of eighteen scholars each (nine for the Old Testament and nine for the New Testament) were appointed to work at Oxford University, at Cambridge University, and at Westminster Abbey. These

fifty-four scholars were among the most learned and pious men in the land. From 1604 to 1611, they labored, producing the King James Version that we know today.

The King James Bible has been the beloved version of the English-speaking world for almost four hundred years—from 1611 to the present day. For three hundred of those years—from 1650 (when it gained the ascendancy) to 1950 (the beginning of the new wave of more modern English translations)—it reigned as the absolute paragon of the English translations. Yet, in its early days, it was rejected by many Puritans and other independent Protestants, because they thought it was too favorable to the king and too “high church.” They also rejected it because it contained the Apocrypha, additional texts of questionable canonicity. When pilgrims from the Scrooby Congregation landed on Plymouth Rock in 1620, they carried the Geneva Bible for these and other reasons.

To solidify the text, and to correct various errors made in the early printing, there was a Cambridge Revision of 1629 and a Cambridge Revision of 1638. Then, in 1762, Dr. Thomas Paris, Fellow of Trinity College, led a committee that accomplished a third Cambridge Revision. This committee changed italicized words and modernized spelling and punctuation closer to the speech of the day. The Oxford Revision of 1769, chaired by Dr. Benjamin Blayney, the Regius Professor of Hebrew at Oxford University, is the version we are most familiar with today, and the one used by almost every modern King James Version Bible in print.

THE KJV EASY READ BIBLE

The *King James Version Easy Read Bible* (KJVER) is a unique Bible study tool. The basic text, of course, is the beloved King James Version of 1611, with minor word changes in the case of clearly archaic or obsolete words.

The bold type in this Bible, highlighting Christ’s words, has proven to be a special help and blessing to countless people.

The *King James Version Easy Read Bible* changes all second-person singular pronouns to their modern equivalents: *thee* (you), *thy* (your), *thine* (yours), and *thyself* (yourself). To distinguish the plural pronouns from the singular ones, the King James Easy Read Bible places a superscript p (meaning plural) after each plural second-person pronoun. Accordingly, the old English forms yield to the modern equivalents: *ye* (you^p), *you* (you^p), *your* (your^p), *yours* (yours^p), and *yourselves* (yourselves^p). Whenever these forms reflect the name of deity, they begin with a capital letter.

In addition to changing the old English second-person pronouns, archaic verb forms have been changed to their modern counterparts. For example, *knoweth* becomes knows; *shouldest* becomes should; *shalt* becomes shall; and *holpen* becomes

helped. These verb changes involve only the spelling of verb tenses and do not alter the tenses themselves. Modernizing second-person pronouns and archaic verb forms removes about 98 percent of the confusion that some have with the King James Bible. A few other textual changes, such as *to wit* (that is or to know), *even* (evening), and *armour* (armor), were made as well. The King James translation is still presented in its verbal, formal-equivalent accuracy. It remains a word-for-word translation, as opposed to a dynamic-equivalent translation that more subjectively translates expression for expression. Unless one is a time traveler from old England, he or she will scarcely notice the difference, except for an improved understanding of God's Word, here and there.

UNDERLINED WORDS

Underlined words are explained at the end of the verse in a smaller typeface. When an underlined portion occurs more than once per chapter, it is usually explained the first and last time it occurs in each chapter. The reader should not necessarily view the explanatory words as alternate or corrective translations. Experience has proved, however, that these explanatory words will often open up the meaning of a word or portion that often has been otherwise not understood or misunderstood.

Good theological doctrine tells us that it is only the Greek autographs (the original text) that is inspired of God, not the copies nor the translations. (See 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21.) We believe, however, that God so preserved the manuscripts from the ancient world that we do indeed have the entire Bible, and that we have it accurately. That is what we present here, with the sincere prayer to God and reliance on His promise that His sacred and holy Word will accomplish the change in hearts by the new birth, and the edifying and blessing of the saints, for which He alone provided.

It is the sincere prayer of the publisher that this special edition of the New Testament will bring glory to God and will prove over the years to be of help to those around the world of every tribe and kindred who seek to know Him better. May many find their Savior because of these pages; and finding Him, may they continue in the years beyond in the joy, peace, and rest that only the Almighty One can give. (See Matthew 11:28–30.)

—The Publisher

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

CHAPTER 1

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

²Abraham fathered Isaac; and Isaac fathered Jacob; and Jacob fathered Judas and his brethren;

³And Judas fathered Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares fathered Esrom; and Esrom fathered Aram;

⁴And Aram fathered Aminadab; and Aminadab fathered Naasson; and Naasson fathered Salmon;

⁵And Salmon fathered Booz of Rachab; and Booz fathered Obed of Ruth; and Obed fathered Jesse;

⁶And Jesse fathered David the king; and David the king fathered Solomon of her *that had been the wife* of Urias;

⁷And Solomon fathered Roboam; and Roboam fathered Abia; and Abia fathered Asa;

⁸And Asa fathered Josaphat; and Josaphat fathered Joram; and Joram fathered Ozias;

⁹And Ozias fathered Joatham; and Joatham fathered Achaz; and Achaz fathered Ezekias;

¹⁰And Ezekias fathered Manasses; and Manasses fathered Amon; and Amon fathered Josias;

¹¹And Josias fathered Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon:

¹²And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias fathered Salathiel; and Salathiel fathered Zorobabel;

¹³And Zorobabel fathered Abiud; and Abiud fathered Eliakim; and Eliakim fathered Azor;

¹⁴And Azor fathered Sadoc; and Sadoc fathered Achim; and Achim fathered Eliud;

¹⁵And Eliud fathered Eleazar; and Eleazar fathered Matthan; and Matthan fathered Jacob;

¹⁶And Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon *are* fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon to Christ *are* fourteen generations.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Spirit

¹⁹Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

righteous - secretly

²⁰But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, you son of David, fear not to take to you Mary your wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the

Holy Ghost.

messenger - begotten

²¹And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.

Gk. Savior

²²Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

²³Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

²⁴Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took to him his wife:

messenger - directed

²⁵And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn Son: and he called His name JESUS.

i.e. had no intercourse with her

CHAPTER 2

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

²Saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him.

³When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

⁵And they said to him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

⁶And you Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, are not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of you shall come a Governor, that shall rule My people Israel.

⁷Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

privately

⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when you^p have found *Him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also.

⁹When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

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

¹¹And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshiped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented to Him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

i.e. Lord Jesus Christ

¹²And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

¹³And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying,

Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and be you there until I bring you word: for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.

¹⁴When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night, and departed into Egypt: messenger

¹⁵And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called My Son.

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding angry, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. tricked by - boys - area

¹⁷Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

¹⁸In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

¹⁹But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

²⁰Saying, Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young Child's life.

²¹And he arose, and took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. i.e. went back

²²But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: place

²³And he came and dwelled in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

CHAPTER 3

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

²And saying, Repent you^s: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

³For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare you^s the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

⁴And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. clothing - food

⁵Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, i.e. came

⁶And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said to them, O genera-

tion of vipers, who has warned you^s to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: fitting

⁹And think not to say within yourselves^s, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say to you^s, that God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

¹⁰And now also the ax is laid to the root of the trees: therefore every tree which brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

¹¹I indeed baptize you^s with water to repentance: but He that comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you^s with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire: Spirit

¹²Whose fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the gar-ner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. cleanse - threshing floor - i.e. barn

¹³Then comes Jesus from Galilee to Jordan to John, to be baptized of him.

¹⁴But John forbad Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of You, and come You to me?

¹⁵And Jesus answering said to him, **Allow it to be so now: for thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness.** Then he allowed Him.

¹⁶And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up immediately out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened to Him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: as - coming

¹⁷And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

CHAPTER 4

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. i.e. Satan

²And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward hungry.

³And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If You be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. i.e. Satan

⁴But He answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.**

⁵Then the devil takes Him up into the holy city, and sets Him on a pinnacle of the temple, highest part

⁶And says to Him, If You be the Son of God, cast Yourself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning You: and in *their* hands they shall bear You up, lest at any time You dash Your foot against a stone.

⁷Jesus said to him, **It is written again, You shall not tempt the Lord your God.**

⁸Again, the devil takes Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and shows Him all the kingdoms of

the world, and the glory of them;

⁹And says to Him, All these things will I give You, if You will fall down and worship me.

¹⁰Then says Jesus to him, **Get you from here, Satan: for it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.**

¹¹Then the devil leaves Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

¹²Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, He departed into Galilee; thrown

¹³And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelled in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephtholim:

¹⁴That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

¹⁵The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephtholim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

¹⁶The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. i.e. has dawned

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.** near

¹⁸And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

¹⁹And He says to them, **Follow Me, and I will make you^P fishers of men.**

²⁰And they immediately left *their* nets, and followed Him.

²¹And going on from there, He saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them.

²²And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed Him.

²³And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. kinds

²⁴And His fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought to Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and He healed them. different - demons - crazy - paralysis

²⁵And there followed Him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, and *from* Jerusalem, and *from* Judaea, and *from* beyond Jordan.

CHAPTER 5

And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain: and when He was set, His disciples came to Him:

²And He opened His mouth, and taught them, say-

ing,

³**Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** divinely favored - i.e. meek, humble

⁴**Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

⁵**Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.** mild, gentle - land

⁶**Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.**

⁷**Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.**

⁸**Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**

⁹**Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.**

¹⁰**Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

¹¹**Blessed are you^P, when men shall revile you^P, and persecute you^P, and shall say all manner of evil against you^P falsely, for My sake.** divinely favored

¹²**Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your^P reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you^P.**

¹³**You^P are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is therefore good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.**

¹⁴**You^P are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.**

¹⁵**Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light to all that are in the house.** peck-measure, i.e. basket

¹⁶**Let your^P light so shine before men, that they may see your^P good works, and glorify your^P Father which is in heaven.**

¹⁷**Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.**

¹⁸**For verily I say to you^P, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.** truly - small letter - tiny mark

¹⁹**Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**

²⁰**For I say to you^P, That except your^P righteousness shall exceed the *righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you^P shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

²¹**You^P have heard that it was said by them of old time, You shall not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:**

²²**But I say to you^P, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, *Raca*, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, You fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.**

Gk. empty or senseless (one)

²³Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has anything against you;

²⁴Leave there your gift before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

²⁵Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you be cast into prison.

²⁶Verily I say to you, you shall by no means come out of there, till you have paid the uttermost farthing.

²⁷You^p have heard that it was said by them of old time, You shall not commit adultery;

²⁸But I say to you^p, That whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

²⁹And if your right eye offend you, pluck it out, and cast it from you: for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not *that* your whole body should be cast into hell.

³⁰And if your right hand offend you, cut it off, and cast it from you: for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not *that* your whole body should be cast into hell.

³¹It has been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: i.e. divorce

³²But I say to you^p, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced commits adultery. except

³³Again, you^p have heard that it has been said by them of old time, you shall not forswear yourself, but shall perform to the Lord your oaths:

commit perjury, swear falsely

³⁴But I say to you^p, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

³⁵Nor by the earth; for it is His footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

³⁶Neither shall you swear by your head, because you can not make one hair white or black.

³⁷But let your^p communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these comes of evil.

yes, yes - no, no

³⁸You^p have heard that it has been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

³⁹But I say to you^p, That you^p resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also. strike

⁴⁰And if any man will sue you at the law, and take away your coat, let him have *your* cloak also.

⁴¹And whosoever shall compel you to go a mile, go with him two.

⁴²Give to him that asks you, and from him that would

borrow of you turn not you away.

⁴³You^p have heard that it has been said, you shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.

⁴⁴But I say to you^p, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you^p, do good to them that hate you^p, and pray for them which spitefully use you^p, and persecute you^p;

shamefully, maliciously

⁴⁵That you^p may be the children of your^p Father which is in heaven: for He makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. i.e. shine

⁴⁶For if you^p love them which love you^p, what reward have you^p? do not even the publicans the same?

tax gatherers

⁴⁷And if you^p salute your^p brethren only, what do you^p more *than others*? do not even the publicans so?

greet - tax gatherers

⁴⁸Be you^p therefore perfect, even as your^p Father which is in heaven is perfect.

CHAPTER 6

Take heed that you^p do not your^p alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise you^p have no reward of your^p Father which is in heaven. gift-giving

²Therefore when you do your alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say to you^p, They have their reward.

pretenders - truly

³But when you do alms, let not your left hand know what your right hand does:

⁴That your alms may be in secret: and your Father which sees in secret Himself shall reward you openly. gift-giving

⁵And when you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say to you^p, They have their reward.

⁶But you, when you pray, enter into your closet, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father which is in secret; and your Father which sees in secret shall reward you openly.

⁷But when you^p pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. meaningless

⁸Be not you^p therefore like to them: for your^p Father knows what things you^p have need of, before you^p ask Him.

⁹After this manner therefore pray you^p: Our Father which is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us this day our daily bread.

¹²And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

evil: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

¹⁴For if you^p forgive men their trespasses, your^p heavenly Father will also forgive you^p:

¹⁵But if you^p forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your^p Father forgive your^p trespasses.

¹⁶Moreover when you^p fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear to men to fast. Verily I say to you^p, They have their reward. pretenders, phonies - truly

¹⁷But you, when you fast, anoint your head, and wash your face;

¹⁸That you appear not to men to fast, but to your Father which is in secret: and your Father, which sees in secret, shall reward you openly. private

¹⁹Lay not up for yourselves^p treasures upon earth, where moth and rust does corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: decay, destroy

²⁰But lay up for yourselves^p treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: decay, destroy

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

²²The light of the body is the eye: if therefore your eye be single, your whole body shall be full of light. whole, healthy

²³But if your eye be evil, your whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness! i.e. diseased

²⁴No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You^p cannot serve God and mammon. worldly riches

²⁵Therefore I say to you^p, Take no thought for your^p life, what you^p shall eat, or what you^p shall drink; nor yet for your^p body, what you^p shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? be not anxious - food - clothing

²⁶Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet you^p heavenly Father feeds them. Are you^p not much better than they? i.e. more valuable

²⁷Which of you^p by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature? worrying - height

²⁸And why take you^p thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: are you concerned - clothing

²⁹And yet I say to you^p, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. clothed

³⁰Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you^p, O you^p of little faith?

³¹Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall

we be clothed?

do not worry

³²(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek;) for you^p heavenly Father knows that you^p have need of all these things.

³³But seek you^p first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you^p.

³⁴Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient to the day is the evil thereof. therefore do not worry about - worry about

CHAPTER 7

Judge not, that you^p be not judged.

²For with what judgment you^p judge, you^p shall be judged: and with what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you^p again. condemnation - measure

³And why behold you the mote that is in your brother's eye, but consider not the beam that is in your own eye? speck - log

⁴Or how will you say to your brother, Let me pull out the mote out of your eye; and, behold, a beam is in your own eye?

⁵You hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of your own eye; and then shall you see clearly to cast out the mote out of your brother's eye. pretender, phony - log - speck

⁶Give not that which is holy to the dogs, neither cast you^p your^p pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you^p. pearls or words of wisdom - tear you to pieces

⁷Ask, and it shall be given you^p; seek, and you^p shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you^p:

⁸For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened.

⁹Or what man is there of you^p, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

¹⁰Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

¹¹If you^p then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your^p children how much more shall your^p Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?

¹²Therefore all things whatsoever you^p would that men should do to you^p, do you^p even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

¹³Enter you^p in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: narrow

¹⁴Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads to life, and few there be that find it. narrow - confining

¹⁵Beware of false prophets, which come to you^p in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. greedily hungry

¹⁶You^p shall know them by their fruits, Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? i.e. actions

¹⁷Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but

a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. rotten

¹⁸A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. rotten

¹⁹Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

²⁰Wherefore by their fruits you^s shall know them.

²¹Not every one that says to Me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of My Father which is in heaven.

²²Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name? and in Your name have cast out devils? and in Your name done many wonderful works? i.e. spoken - i.e. Jesus - demons

²³And then will I profess to them, I never knew you^s: depart from Me, you^s that work iniquity. lawlessness

²⁴Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: compare

²⁵And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

²⁶And every one that hears these sayings of Mine, and does them not, shall be likened to a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: words - compared

²⁷And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

²⁸And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His doctrine: words - teaching

²⁸For He taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

CHAPTER 8

When He was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. crowds

²And, behold, there came a leper and worshiped Him, saying, Lord, if You will, You can make me clean.

³And Jesus put forth *His* hand, and touched him, saying, **I will; be you clean.** And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

⁴And Jesus says to him, **See you tell no man; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.**

⁵And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came to Him a centurion, beseeching Him, begging

⁶And saying, Lord, my servant lies at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. a paralytic - terribly

⁷And Jesus said to him, **I will come and heal him.**

⁸The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

⁹For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my servant, Do

this, and he does *it*.

¹⁰When Jesus heard *it*, He marveled, and said to them that followed, **Verily I say to you^s, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.** truly - such

¹¹And I say to you^s, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

¹²But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

¹³And Jesus said to the centurion, **Go your way; and as you have believed, so be it done to you.** And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

¹⁴And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

¹⁵And He touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered to them. served

¹⁶When the evening was come, they brought to Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with *His* word, and healed all that were sick: demons

¹⁷That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bore *our* sicknesses. i.e. come true

¹⁸Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave commandment to depart to the other side. crowds - orders

¹⁹And a certain scribe came, and said to Him, Master, I will follow You wherever You go.

²⁰And Jesus said to him, **The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has not where to lay His head.** i.e. no place

²¹And another of His disciples said to Him, Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father.

²²But Jesus said to him, **Follow Me; and let the dead bury their dead.** spiritually dead, i.e. unbelievers

²³And when He was entered into a ship, His disciples followed Him.

²⁴And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but He was asleep. storm

²⁵And His disciples came to *Him*, and awoke Him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. Gk. are destroyed, i.e. are about to die

²⁶And He said to them, **Why are you^s fearful, O you^s of little faith?** Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

²⁷But the men marveled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him!

²⁸And when He was come to the other side into the country of the Gezrgesenes, there met Him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. demons

²⁹And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? are You come here to torment us before the time?

³⁰And there was a good way off from them a herd of many swine feeding.

³¹So the devils besought Him, saying, If You cast us out, allow us to go away into the herd of swine.

demons - begged

³²And He said to them, **Go**. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

pigs

³³And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.

the ones - by demons

³⁴And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw Him, they besought Him that He would depart out of their coasts.

begged - region

CHAPTER 9

And He entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into His own city.

²And, behold, they brought to Him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said to the sick of the palsy; **Son, be of good cheer; your sins be forgiven you.**

³And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.

i.e. slanders God

⁴And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, **Why think you^p evil in your^p hearts?**

⁵**For which is easier, to say, Your sins be forgiven you; or to say, Arise, and walk?**

have been

⁶**But that you^p may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins,** (then says He to the sick of the palsy,) **Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.**

authority

⁷And he arose, and departed to his house.

⁸But when the multitudes saw it, they marveled, and glorified God, which had given such power to men.

were filled with awe

⁹And as Jesus passed forth from there, He saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and He says to him, **Follow Me**. And he arose, and followed Him.

tax office

¹⁰And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples.

i.e. eating - tax collectors

¹¹And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, Why eats your^p Master with publicans and sinners?

¹²But when Jesus heard that, He said to them, **They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.**

well, healthy

¹³**But go you^p and learn what that means, I will have**

mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

¹⁴Then came to Him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples fast not?

¹⁵And Jesus said to them, **Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.**

¹⁶**No man puts a piece of new cloth to an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up takes from the garment, and the rent is made worse.**

unshrunk - on - tear

¹⁷**Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runs out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.**

wineskins - are destroyed, i.e. break

¹⁸While He spoke these things to them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshiped Him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay Your hand upon her, and she shall live.

¹⁹And Jesus arose, and followed him, and *so did* His disciples.

²⁰And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind Him, and touched the hem of His garment:

outflow

²¹For she said within herself, If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole.

²²But Jesus turned Him about, and when He saw her, He said, **Daughter, be of good comfort; your faith has made you whole.** And the woman was made whole from that hour.

well, healthy

²³And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,

flute players

²⁴He said to them, **Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleeps.** And they laughed Him to scorn.

make room

²⁵But when the people were put forth, He went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

out

²⁶And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

of this thing

²⁷And when Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying, and saying, *You* son of David, have mercy on us.

²⁸And when He was come into the house, the blind men came to Him: and Jesus says to them, **Believe you^p that I am able to do this?** They said to Him, Yea, Lord.

²⁹Then touched He their eyes, saying, **According to your^p faith be it to you^p.**

³⁰And their eyes were opened; and Jesus strictly charged them, saying, **See that no man know it.**

³¹But they, when they were departed, spread abroad His fame in all that country.

report - land

³²As they went out, behold, they brought to him a

dumb man possessed with a devil. mute - demon

³³And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spoke: and the multitudes marveled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

³⁴But the Pharisees said, He casts out devils through the prince of the devils. thrown - mute demons - i.e. Satan

³⁵And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. all kinds of

³⁶But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

³⁷Then said He to His disciples, **The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;** plentiful

³⁸**Pray you^P therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.** out

CHAPTER 10

And when He had called to *Him* His twelve disciples, He gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

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

³Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

⁴Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter you^P not;**

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

⁷And as you^P go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. near

⁸Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely you^P have received, freely give. demons

⁹Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your^P purses,

¹⁰Nor scrip for your^P journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. provision-bag - staffs - food

¹¹And into whatsoever city or town you^P shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till you^P go from there.

¹²And when you^P come into a house, salute it. household, i.e. family - greet

¹³And if the house be worthy, let your^P peace come upon it; but if it be not worthy, let your^P peace return to you^P.

¹⁴And whosoever shall not receive you^P, nor hear your^P words, when you^P depart out of that house or

city, shake off the dust of your^P feet.

¹⁵**Verily** I say to you^P, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city. truly

¹⁶Behold, I send you^P forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be you^P therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. innocent

¹⁷But beware of men: for they will deliver you^P up to the councils, and they will scourge you^P in their synagogues;

¹⁸And you^P shall be brought before governors and kings for My sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. witness

¹⁹But when they deliver you^P up, take no thought how or what you^P shall speak: for it shall be given you^P in that same hour what you^P shall speak. be not anxious

²⁰For it is not you^P that speak, but the Spirit of your^P Father which speaks in you^P.

²¹And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against *their* parents, and cause them to be put to death.

²²And you^P shall be hated of all *men* for My name's sake: but he that endures to the end shall be saved. persists, perseveres

²³But when they persecute you^P in this city, flee you^P into another: for verily I say to you^P, You^P shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of Man be come. finished

²⁴The disciple is not above *his* master, nor the servant above his lord.

²⁵It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? Lord of the House, i.e. Satan

²⁶Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hidden, that shall not be known.

²⁷What I tell you^P in darkness, *that* speak you^P in light: and what you^P hear in the ear, *that* preach you^P upon the housetops.

²⁸And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your^P Father.

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

³¹**Fear you^P not** therefore, you^P are of more value than many sparrows. i.e. be not afraid

³²Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven.

³³But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven.

³⁴Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

Gk. throw, scatter, i.e. bring

³⁵For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

in conflict

³⁶And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household.

family

³⁷He that loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

³⁸And he that takes not his cross, and follows after Me, is not worthy of Me.

³⁹He that finds his life shall lose it: and he that loses his life for My sake shall find it.

⁴⁰He that receives you^P receives Me, and he that receives Me receives Him that sent Me.

⁴¹He that receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

⁴²And whosoever shall give to drink to one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* only in the name of a disciple, verily I say to you^P, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

truly

CHAPTER 11

And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding His twelve disciples, He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

²Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

³And said to Him, Are You He that should come, or do we look for another?

⁴Jesus answered and said to them, Go and show John again those things which you^P do hear and see:

⁵The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

⁶And blest is he, whosoever shall not be offended in Me.

divinely favored - tumble over

⁷And as they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John, What went you^P out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

⁸But what went you^P out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft *clothing* are in kings' houses.

clothing

⁹But what went you^P out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say to you^P, and more than a prophet.

¹⁰For this is *he*, of whom it is written, Behold, I send My messenger before your face, which shall prepare your way before you.

¹¹Verily I say to you^P, Among them that are born of women there has not risen a greater than John the

Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

truly

¹²And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

¹³For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

¹⁴And if you^P will receive it, this is Elijah, which was for to come.

¹⁵He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶But whereto shall I liken this generation? It is like to children sitting in the markets, and calling to their fellows,

¹⁷And saying, We have piped to you, and you^P have not danced; we have mourned to you^P, and you^P have not lamented.

played music

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, he has a devil.

demon

¹⁹The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

drunkard - tax collectors

²⁰Then began He to upbraid the cities wherein most of His mighty works were done, because they repented not:

reproach

²¹Woe to you, Chorazin! woe to you, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you^P, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

i.e. miracles

²²But I say to you^P, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you^P.

²³And you, Capernaum, which are exalted to heaven, shall be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in you, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

i.e. miracles

²⁴But I say to you^P, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you.

²⁵At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and have revealed them to babes.

²⁶Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in Your sight.

²⁷All things are delivered to Me of My Father: and no man knows the Son, but the Father; neither knows any man the Father, save the Son, and *he* to whomsoever the Son will reveal *Him*.

except

²⁸Come to Me, all *you^P* that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you^P rest.

²⁹Take My yoke upon you^P, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you^P shall find rest to your^P souls.

i.e. yoke of burden or bondage - gentle, mild

³⁰For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

i.e. yoke of burden or bondage

CHAPTER 12

At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.

rest - grain

²But when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to Him, Behold, Your disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

³But He said to them, **Have you^p not read what David did, when he was hungry, and they that were with him;**

How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the showbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

consecrated bread

⁵Or have you^p not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

i.e. break

⁶But I say to you^p, That in this place is *One* greater than the temple.

⁷But if you^p had known what *this* means, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, you^p would not have condemned the guiltless.

⁸For the Son of Man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

⁹And when He was departed from there, He went into their synagogue:

¹⁰And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked Him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse Him.

¹¹And He said to them, **What man shall there be among you^p, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?**

take

¹²How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

i.e. more valuable - rest

¹³Then says He to the man, **Stretch forth your hand.** And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

¹⁴Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against Him, how they might destroy Him.

¹⁵But when Jesus knew *it*, He withdrew Himself from there: and great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all;

¹⁶And charged them that they should not make Him known:

warned, commanded

¹⁷That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

¹⁸Behold My servant, whom I have chosen; My beloved, in whom My soul is well pleased: I will put My Spirit upon him, and He shall show judgment to the Gentiles.

¹⁹He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear His voice in the streets.

²⁰A bruised reed shall He not break, and smoking flax

shall He not quench, till He send forth judgment to victory.

²¹And in His name shall the Gentiles trust.

the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

²²Then was brought to Him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and He healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spoke and saw.

demon - mute

²³And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?

²⁴But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* does not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

demons - Lord of the House, i.e. Satan - chief

²⁵And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them, **Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:**

ruin

²⁶And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?

²⁷And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your^p children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your^p judges.

Lord of the House, i.e. Satan - sons

²⁸But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come to you^p.

demons

²⁹Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

plunder, loot

³⁰He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathers not with Me scatters abroad.

pulls, draws

³¹Wherefore I say to you^p, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven to men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven to men.

evil speaking, slander - Spirit

³²And whosoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaks against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world* to come.

Spirit

³³Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and its fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by its fruit.

rotten

³⁴O generation of vipers, how can you^p, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

brood

³⁵A good man out of the good treasure of the heart brings forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

³⁶But I say to you^p, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

³⁷For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.

³⁸Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from You.

³⁹But He answered and said to them, **An evil and**

adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah:

⁴⁰For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

⁴¹The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and, behold, a greater than Jonah is here.

⁴²The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

i.e. Queen of Sheba

⁴³When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walks through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.

evil

⁴⁴Then he says, I will return into my house from where I came out; and when he is come, he finds it empty, swept, and garnished.

in order

⁴⁵Then goes he, and takes with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also to this wicked generation.

⁴⁶While He yet talked to the people, behold, His mother and His brethren stood outside, desiring to speak with Him.

⁴⁷Then one said to Him, Behold, Your mother and Your brethren stand outside desiring to speak with You.

⁴⁸But He answered and said to him that told Him, Who is My mother? and who are My brethren?

⁴⁹And He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples, and said, Behold My mother and My brethren!

see

⁵⁰For whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven, the same is My brother, and sister, and mother.

CHAPTER 13

The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.

²And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

³And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

story examples

⁴And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up;

birds

⁵Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and immediately they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

rocky

⁶And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and

because they had no root, they withered away.

⁷And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

⁸But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

⁹Who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁰And the disciples came, and said to Him, Why speak You to them in parables?

¹¹He answered and said to them, Because it is given to you^p to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

hidden truths

¹²For whosoever has, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever has not, from him shall be taken away even that he has.

¹³Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

¹⁴And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which says, By hearing you^p shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you^p shall see, and shall not perceive:

¹⁵For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

grown dull

¹⁶But blessed are your^p eyes, for they see: and your^p ears, for they hear.

¹⁷For verily I say to you^p, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which you^p see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which you^p hear, and have not heard them.

truly

¹⁸Hear you^p therefore the parable of the sower.

¹⁹When any one hears the word of the kingdom, and understands it not, then comes the wicked one, and catches away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

i.e. Satan

²⁰But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that hears the word, and anon with joy receives it;

immediately

²¹Yet has he not root in himself, but endures for a while: for when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, by and by he is offended.

²²He also that received seed among the thorns is he that hears the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, chokes the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

²³But he that received seed into the good ground is he that hears the word, and understands it; which also bears fruit, and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

²⁴Another parable put He forth to them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened to a man which sowed

good seed in his field:

²⁵But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed **tares** among the wheat, and went his way. weeds

²⁶But when the **blade** was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the **tares** also. i.e. wheat shoot

²⁷So the servants of the householder came and said to him, Sir, did not you sow good seed in your field? from where then has it **tares**?

²⁸He said to them, An enemy has done this. The servants said to him, Will you then that we go and gather them up?

²⁹But he said, Nay; lest while you^p gather up the **tares**, you^p root up also the wheat with them.

³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather you^p together first the **tares**, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

³¹Another **parable** put He forth to them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

³²Which indeed is the **least** of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the **greatest** among herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. smallest - largest

³³Another **parable** spoke He to them; The kingdom of heaven is like to **leaven**, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was **leavened**. yeast - mixed with yeast

³⁴All these things spoke Jesus to the multitude in parables; and without a **parable** spoke He not to them:

³⁵That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

³⁶Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and His disciples came to Him, saying, Declare to us the **parable** of the **tares** of the field. example story

³⁷He answered and said to them, **He that sows the good seed is the Son of Man;**

³⁸The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the **tares** are the children of the wicked **one**;

³⁹The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the **angels**. messengers

⁴⁰As therefore the **tares** are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. weeds

⁴¹The Son of Man shall send forth His **angels**, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and them which do **iniquity**; lawlessness

⁴²And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who has ears to hear,

let him hear.

⁴⁴Again, the kingdom of heaven is like to treasure hidden in a field; the which when a man has found, he hides, and for joy thereof goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like to a merchant man, seeking **goodly** pearls: excellent, beautiful

⁴⁶Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like to a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

⁴⁸Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

⁴⁹So shall it be at the end of the world: the **angels** shall come forth, and **sever** the wicked from among the just, messengers - separate

⁵⁰And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹Jesus says to them, **Have you^p understood all these things?** They say to Him, **Yea**, Lord. yes

⁵²Then said He to them, **Therefore every scribe which is instructed to the kingdom of heaven is like to a man that is a householder, which brings forth out of his treasure things new and old.** law-copiest, scripture interpreter - disciplined into

⁵³And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there.

⁵⁴And when He was come into His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Where has this *man* this wisdom, and *these* mighty works?

⁵⁵Is not this the carpenter's son? is not His mother called Mary? and His brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

⁵⁶And His sisters, are they not all **with us?** Where then has this *man* all these things? i.e. living here

⁵⁷And they were offended in Him. But Jesus said to them, **A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house.** except

⁵⁸And He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

CHAPTER 14

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus,

²And said to his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do **show forth themselves in him**. are done by

³For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put *him* in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.

⁴For John said to him, It is not lawful for you to have her.

⁵And when he would have put him to death, he feared

the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

⁶But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.

⁷Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.

⁸And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. platter

⁹And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given *her*. i.e. dinner guests

¹⁰And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

¹¹And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. girl

¹²And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

¹³When Jesus heard of it, He departed from there by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard *thereof*, they followed Him on foot out of the cities.

¹⁴And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and He healed their sick.

¹⁵And when it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. food

¹⁶But Jesus said to them, **They need not depart; give you^p them to eat.**

¹⁷And they say to Him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

¹⁸He said, **Bring them here to Me.**

¹⁹And He commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, He blessed, and broke, and gave the loaves to His disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. i.e. thanked God

²⁰And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. i.e. leftovers

²¹And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children. i.e. without counting

²²And immediately Jesus constrained His disciples to get into a ship, and to go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. made

²³And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, He was there alone.

²⁴But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. resisting, opposing, i.e. blowing

²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. from 3 AM to 6 AM

²⁶And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they

cried out for fear.

²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, **Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.** ghost

²⁸And Peter answered Him and said, Lord, if it be You, bid me come to You on the water. take courage

²⁹And He said, **Come.** And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. command me to come

³⁰But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. strong

³¹And immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand, and caught him, and said to him, **O you of little faith, wherefore did you doubt?** why

³²And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. got - stopped

³³Then they that were in the ship came and worshiped Him, saying, Of a truth You are the Son of God.

³⁴And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.

³⁵And when the men of that place had knowledge of Him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought to Him all that were diseased; recognized

³⁶And besought Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole. well

CHAPTER 15

Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

²Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

³But He answered and said to them, **Why do you^p also transgress the commandment of God by your^p tradition?** disobey

⁴For God commanded, saying, Honor your father and mother: and, He that curses father or mother, let him die the death.

⁵But you^p say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever you might be profited by me;

⁶And honor not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have you^p made the commandment of God of none effect by your^p tradition. no

⁷You^p hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you^p, saying, phonies - rightly

⁸This people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips; but their heart is far from Me.

⁹But in vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. as precepts or facts

¹⁰And He called the multitude, and said to them, **Hear, and understand:**

¹¹Not that which goes into the mouth defiles a man; but that which comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.

¹²Then came His disciples, and said to Him, Know You that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

¹³But He answered and said, Every plant, which My heavenly Father has not planted, shall be rooted up. ISA. 60:21

¹⁴Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

¹⁵Then answered Peter and said to Him, Declare to us this parable. explain - example story

¹⁶And Jesus said, Are you^s also yet without understanding?

¹⁷Do not you^s yet understand, that whatsoever enters in at the mouth goes into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? privy, toilet

¹⁸But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

¹⁹For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

²⁰These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashed hands defiles not a man. make unclean

²¹Then Jesus went from there, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

²²And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried to Him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, You Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. miserably demon-possessed

²³But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and besought Him, saying, Send her away; for she cries after us.

²⁴But He answered and said, I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. except

²⁵Then came she and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, help me. bowed before

²⁶But He answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

²⁷And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. fitting - i.e. Israel's - i.e. Gentiles

²⁸Then Jesus answered and said to her, O woman, great is your faith: be it to you even as you will. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour. healed

²⁹And Jesus departed from there, and came near to the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

³⁰And great multitudes came to Him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus feet; and He healed them: mute - crippled

³¹Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel. mute - crippled - healed - praised

³²Then Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with Me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

³³And His disciples say to Him, Where would we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude? satisfy

³⁴And Jesus says to them, How many loaves have you^s? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes.

³⁵And He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. ordered

³⁶And He took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and broke them, and gave to His disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

³⁷And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full. food

³⁸And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children.

³⁹And He sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala.

CHAPTER 16

The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired Him that He would show them a sign from heaven. testing - demanded of

²He answered and said to them, When it is evening, you^s say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. i.e. sunset

³And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowring. O you^s hypocrites, you^s can discern the face of the sky; but can you^s not discern the signs of the times? scowling, threatening - phonies, pretenders

⁴A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah. And He left them, and departed. i.e. unfaithful - i.e. miracle

⁵And when His disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

⁶Then Jesus said to them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. i.e. evil teaching

⁷And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread.

⁸Which when Jesus perceived, He said to them, O you^s of little faith, why reason you^s among yourselves^s, because you^s have brought no bread?

⁹Do you^s not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you^s took up? gathered

¹⁰Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets you^p took up? gathered

¹¹How is it that you^p do not understand that I spoke it not to you^p concerning bread, that you^p should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? yeast, i.e. evil

¹²Then understood they how that He bid them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

urged them not to - yeast - teaching

¹³When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am?**

¹⁴And they said, Some say that You are John the Baptist: some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.

¹⁵He says to them, **But whom say you^p that I am?**

¹⁶And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

¹⁷And Jesus answered and said to him, **Blessed are you, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood has not revealed it to you, but My Father which is in heaven.**

Son of John

¹⁸And I say also to you, **That you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

little rock (petros) - cliff of rock (petra) - i.e. succeed

¹⁹And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

²⁰Then charged He His disciples that they should tell no man that He was Jesus the Christ.

ordered, warned - Messiah

²¹From that time forth began Jesus to show to His disciples, how that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

²²Then Peter took Him, and began to rebuke Him, saying, Be it far from You, Lord: this shall not be to You.

²³But He turned, and said to Peter, **Get you behind Me, Satan: you are an offense to Me: for you savor not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**

obstruction - understand

²⁴Then said Jesus to His disciples, **If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.**

²⁵For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it.

²⁶For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? i.e. life

²⁷For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels: and then He shall reward ev-

ery man according to his works.

messengers

²⁸**Verily I say to you^p, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.** truly

CHAPTER 17

And after six days Jesus takes Peter, James, and John his brother, and brings them up into a high mountain apart,

²And was transfigured before them: and His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light.

changed, metamorphosized - clothing

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

⁴Then answered Peter, and said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if You will, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

tents

⁵While he yet spoke, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear you^p Him.

⁶And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

greatly

⁷And Jesus came and touched them, and said, **Arise, and be not afraid.**

⁸And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

except

⁹And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, **Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of Man be risen again from the dead.**

ordered, warned

¹⁰And His disciples asked Him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elijah must first come?

¹¹And Jesus answered and said to them, **Elijah truly shall first come, and restore all things.**

¹²**But I say to you^p, That Elijah is come already, and they knew him not, but have done to him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of Man suffer of them.**

wanted, willed

¹³Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

¹⁴And when they were come to the multitude, there came to Him a certain man, kneeling down to Him, and saying,

¹⁵Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water.

greatly troubled

¹⁶And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him.

¹⁷Then Jesus answered and said, **O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you^p? how long shall I endure you^p? bring him here to Me.**

perverted

¹⁸And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of

him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

demon

¹⁹Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

²⁰And Jesus said to them, **Because of your^P unbelief: for verily I say to you^P, If you^P have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you^P shall say to this mountain, Remove here to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you^P.**

truly

²¹However this kind goes not out but by prayer and fasting.

²²And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said to them, **The Son of Man shall be betrayed into the hands of men:**

²³And they shall kill Him, and the third day He shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

grieved

²⁴And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Does not your^P master pay tribute?

tax

²⁵He said, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, **What think you, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?**

collect - tax - foreigners

²⁶Peter said to Him, Of strangers. Jesus said to him, **Then are the children free.**

foreigners - sons, i.e. citizens

²⁷Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go you to the sea, and cast a hook, and take up the fish that first comes up; and when you have opened its mouth, you shall find a piece of money: that take, and give to them for Me and you.

CHAPTER 18

At the same time came the disciples to Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

²And Jesus called a little child to Him, and set him in the midst of them,

³And said, **Verily I say to you^P, Except you^P be converted, and become as little children, you^P shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

truly - changed

⁴Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵And whoso shall receive one such little child in My name receives Me.

⁶But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

cause to stumble

⁷Woe to the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense comes.

i.e. wrongs done - is necessary

⁸Wherefore if your hand or your foot offend you, cut them off, and cast *them* from you: it is better for you to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having

two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

lame - crippled

⁹And if your eye offend you, pluck it out, and cast it from you: it is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

causes you to stumble

¹⁰Take heed that you^P despise not one of these little ones; for I say to you^P, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven.

messengers

¹¹For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost.

¹²How think you^P? if a man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, does he not leave the ninety and nine, and goes into the mountains, and seeks that which is gone astray?

¹³And if so be that he find it, verily I say to you^P, he rejoices more of that *sheep*, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

¹⁴Even so it is not the will of your^P Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵Moreover if your brother shall trespass against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone: if he shall hear you, you have gained your brother.

sin

¹⁶But if he will not hear you, *then* take with you one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

¹⁷And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it to the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be to you as a heathen man and a publican.

pagan, Gentile, i.e. unbeliever - tax collector

¹⁸Verily I say to you^P, Whatsoever you^P shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you^P shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

truly

¹⁹Again I say to you^P, That if two of you^P shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven.

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

Jesus Christ

²¹Then came Peter to Him, and said, Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

²²Jesus says to him, I say not to you, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

²³Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened to a certain king, which would take account of his servants

settle accounts with

²⁴And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought to him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

²⁵But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

²⁶The servant therefore fell down, and worshiped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will

pay you all.

²⁷Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

pity - released

²⁸But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him a hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that you owe.

what

²⁸And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.

³⁰And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

³¹So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told to their lord all that was done.

³²Then his lord, after that he had called him, said to him, O you wicked servant, I forgave you all that debt, because you desired me:

entreated

³³Should not you also have had compassion on your fellowservant, even as I had pity on you?

mercy

³⁴And his lord was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due to him.

transferred

³⁵So likewise shall My heavenly Father do also to you^P, if you^P from your^P hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

CHAPTER 19

And it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these sayings, He departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan;

²And great multitudes followed Him; and He healed them there.

³The Pharisees also came to Him, tempting Him, and saying to Him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

testing - i.e. divorce - any

⁴And He answered and said to them, Have you^P not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

⁵And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cling to his wife: and they two shall be one flesh?

⁶Wherefore they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.

separate

⁷They say to Him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

⁸He said to them, Moses because of the hardness of your^P hearts permitted you^P to put away your^P wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

⁹And I say to you^P, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, commits adultery: and whoso marries her which is put away does commit adultery.

i.e. divorce

¹⁰His disciples say to Him, If the case of the man be so with *his* wife, it is not good to marry.

¹¹But He said to them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.

accept - except

¹²For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

castrated men

¹³Then were there brought to Him little children, that He should put His hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

severely reproved

¹⁴But Jesus said, Permit little children, and forbid them not, to come to Me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

¹⁵And He laid His hands on them, and departed from there.

placed

¹⁶And, behold, one came and said to Him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

¹⁷And He said to him, Why call you Me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if you will enter into life, keep the commandments.

i.e. completely good

¹⁸He says to Him, Which? Jesus said, You shall do no murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness,

¹⁹Honor your father and your mother: and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

²⁰The young man said to Him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

is still missing

²¹Jesus said to him, If you will be perfect, go and sell that you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come and follow Me.

²²But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

many estates or properties

²³Then said Jesus to His disciples, Verily I say to you^P, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

truly

²⁴And again I say to you^P, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

²⁵When His disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

²⁶But Jesus beheld them, and said to them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

²⁷Then answered Peter and said to Him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed You; what shall we have therefore?

²⁸And Jesus said to them, Verily I say to you^P, That you^P which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of His glory, you^P also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging

the twelve tribes of Israel. truly

²⁹And every one that has forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

³⁰But many *that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.*

CHAPTER 20

For the kingdom of heaven is like to a man *that is a householder*, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard.

²And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

³And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 9 AM

⁴And said to them; Go you^p also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you^p. And they went their way.

⁵Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. 12 noon and 3 PM

⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and said to them, Why stand you^p here all the day idle? 5 PM

⁷They say to him, Because no man has hired us. He said to them, Go you^p also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, *that shall you^p receive.*

⁸So when evening was come, the lord of the vineyard said to his steward, Call the laborers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last to the first. wages

⁹And when they came that *were hired about the eleventh hour*, they received every man a penny. 5 PM

¹⁰But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

¹¹And when they had received *it*, they murmured against the goodman of the house, complained - landowner

¹²Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and you have made them equal to us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. worked

¹³But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do you no wrong: did not you agree with me for a penny?

¹⁴Take *that yours is*, and go your way: I will give to this last, even as to you.

¹⁵Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own? Is your eye evil, because I am good? i.e. envious

¹⁶So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

¹⁷And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said to them,

¹⁸Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man shall be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes, and they shall condemn Him to death.

¹⁹And shall deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify *Him*: and the third day He

shall rise again. ridicule

²⁰Then came to Him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping Him, and desiring a certain thing of Him. bowing before - wanting

²¹And He said to her, **What will you?** She said to Him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on Your right hand, and the other on the left, in Your kingdom. say, i.e. permit

²²But Jesus answered and said, **You^p know not what you^p ask. Are you^p able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?** They say to Him, We are able.

²³And He says to them, **You^p shall drink indeed of My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on My right hand, and on My left, is not Mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of My Father.**

²⁴And when the ten heard *it*, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.

²⁵But Jesus called them to *Him*, and said, **You^p know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.** chiefs, rulers - authority

²⁶But it shall not be so among you^p: but whosoever will be great among you^p, let him be your^p minister; servant

²⁷And whosoever will be chief among you^p, let him be your^p servant:

²⁸Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.

²⁹And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed Him.

³⁰And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *You Son of David.*

³¹And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *You Son of David.* be quiet

³²And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, **What will you that I shall do to you?** are you wanting - for

³³They say to Him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.

³⁴So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him. pity

CHAPTER 21

And when they drew near to Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, to the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,

²Saying to them, **Go into the village opposite you^p, and immediately you^p shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose *them*, and bring *them* to Me.**

³And if any *man* say anything to you^p, you^p shall say,

The Lord has need of them; and immediately he will send them.

⁴All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, i.e. come true

⁵Tell you^p the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King comes to you, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. mild, gentle

⁶And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

⁷And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set *Him* thereon.

⁸And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and spread *them* in the way. road

⁹And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

i.e. save, we pray - i.e. with the authority & power

¹⁰And when He was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

¹¹And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

¹²And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

¹³And said to them, **It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but you^p have made it a den of thieves.**

¹⁴And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple; and He healed them.

¹⁵And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, i.e. save, we pray - very

¹⁶And said to Him, Hear You what these say? And Jesus said to them, **Yea; have you^p never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings You have perfected praise?**

¹⁷And He left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and He lodged there.

¹⁸Now in the morning as He returned into the city, He hungred. was hungry

¹⁹And when He saw a fig tree in the way, He came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said to it, **Let no fruit grow on you from now on for ever.** And presently the fig tree withered away. immediately

²⁰And when the disciples saw *it*, they marveled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

²¹Jesus answered and said to them, **Verily I say to you^p, If you^p have faith, and doubt not, you^p shall not only do this *which is done* to the fig tree, but also if you^p shall say to this mountain, Be you removed, and**

be you cast into the sea; it shall be done. truly

²²And all things, whatsoever you^p shall ask in prayer, **believing, you^p shall receive.**

²³And when He was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him as He was teaching, and said, By what authority do You these things? And who gave You this authority?

²⁴And Jesus answered and said to them, **I also will ask you^p one thing, which if you^p tell Me, I in like wise will tell you^p by what authority I do these things.**

²⁵**The baptism of John, from where was it? from heaven, or of men?** And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; He will say to us, Why did you^p not then believe him?

²⁶But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.

i.e. consider - i.e. God's representative

²⁷And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And He said to them, **Neither tell I you^p by what authority I do these things.** don't know

²⁸**But what think you^p? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard.**

²⁹**He answered and said, I will not; but afterward he repented, and went.** relented, i.e. changed his mind

³⁰**And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.**

³¹**Whether of them two did the will of his father?** They say to Him, The first. Jesus says to them, **Verily I say to you^p, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you^p.**

which - truly - tax collectors

³²**For John came to you^p in the way of righteousness, and you^p believed him not; but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and you^p, when you^p had seen *it*, repented not afterward, that you^p might believe him.** tax collectors - had no remorse

³³**Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:**

example story - rented or leased it - farmers, i.e. vine-growers

³⁴And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. i.e. harvest time

³⁵And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

³⁶Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did to them likewise. in the same manner

³⁷But last of all he sent to them his son, saying, **They will reverence my son.**

³⁸But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

³⁹And they caught him, and cast *him* out of the vine-

yard, and slew *him*.

⁴⁰When the lord therefore of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those husbandmen?

⁴¹They say to Him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out *his* vineyard to other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

rent - farmers, i.e. vine-growers - give

⁴²Jesus says to them, **Did you^p never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?**

⁴³Therefore say I to you^p, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you^p, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

group

⁴⁴And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

⁴⁵And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard His parables, they perceived that He spoke of them.

example stories - understood

⁴⁶But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitude, because they took Him for a prophet.

CHAPTER 22

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables, and said,

example stories

²The kingdom of heaven is like to a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

³And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

invited

⁴Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden. Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come to the marriage.

⁵But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

paid no attention

⁶And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

rest - treated - shamefully

⁷But when the king heard *thereof*, he was angry: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

⁸Then said he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.

invited

⁹Go you^p therefore into the highways, and as many as you^p shall find, bid to the marriage.

invite

¹⁰So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

filled

¹¹And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

¹²And he said to him, Friend, how came you in here not having a wedding garment? And he was speech-

less.

¹³Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.

¹⁵Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle Him in *His* talk.

¹⁶And they sent out to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth, neither care You for any *man*: for You regard not the person of men.

outward appearance, status, or rank

¹⁷Tell us therefore, What think You? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?

i.e. permitted in God's Law - tax

¹⁸But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, **Why tempt you^p Me, you^p hypocrites?**

knew - test - phonies, pretenders

¹⁹**Show Me the tribute money.** And they brought to Him a penny.

²⁰And He says to them, **Whose is this image and superscription?**

writing, inscription

²¹They say to Him, Caesar's. Then said He to them, **Render therefore to Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's.**

give

²²When they had heard *these words*, they marveled, and left Him, and went their way.

wondered

²³The same day came to Him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked Him,

²⁴Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed to his brother.

descendants

²⁵Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife to his brother:

died - i.e. children

²⁶Likewise the second also, and the third, to the seventh.

²⁷And last of all the woman died also.

²⁸Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

²⁹Jesus answered and said to them, **You^p do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.**

i.e. are wrong - understanding

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

messengers

³¹But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have you^p not read that which was spoken to you^p by God, saying,

regarding

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

³³And when the multitude heard *this*, they were astonished at His doctrine.

teaching

³⁴But when the Pharisees had heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.

³⁵Then one of them, *which was a lawyer*, asked *Him a question, tempting Him*, and saying, testing

³⁶Master, which *is the great commandment in the law?*

³⁷Jesus said to him, **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

³⁸This is the first and **great** commandment. important

³⁹And the second is like to it, **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

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

⁴¹While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

⁴²Saying, **What think you^s of Christ? whose son is He?** They said to Him, *The Son of David.*

⁴³He said to them, **How then does David in Spirit call Him Lord, saying,**

⁴⁴**The LORD said to My Lord, Sit You on My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool?**

⁴⁵**If David then call Him Lord, how is He his son?**

⁴⁶And no man was able to answer Him a word, neither dared any *man* from that day forth ask Him any more *questions*.

CHAPTER 23

Then spoke Jesus to the multitude, and to His disciples,

²Saying, **The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:**

³**All therefore whatsoever they bid you^s observe, that observe and do; but do not you^s after their works:** for they say, and do not. i.e. what they do

⁴**For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.**

⁵**But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,**

boxes with Old Testament scriptures

⁶**And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,**

⁷**And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.** teacher, teacher

⁸**But be not you^s called Rabbi: for One is your^s Master, *even Christ*; and all you^s are brethren.**

⁹**And call no *man* your^s father upon the earth: for One is your^s Father, which is in heaven.**

¹⁰**Neither be you^s called masters: for One is your^s Master, *even Christ*. i.e. authoritative teachers or infallible guides**

¹¹**But he that is greatest among you^s shall be your^s**

servant.

¹²**And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.** humbled

¹³**But woe to you^s, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you^s shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for you^s neither go in *yourselves*, neither allow you^s them that are entering to go in.** phonics, pretenders - close

¹⁴**Woe to you^s, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you^s devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore you^s shall receive the greater damnation.** gobble up - condemnation

¹⁵**Woe to you^s, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you^s compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, you^s make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.** travel all over - follower, convert

¹⁶**Woe to you^s, you^s blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!** pledge, solemnly promise - obligated

¹⁷**You^s fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifies the gold?** sets apart

¹⁸**And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever swears by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.**

¹⁹**You^s fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift?**

²⁰**Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, swears by it, and by all things thereon.** i.e. gifts

²¹**And whoso shall swear by the temple, swears by it, and by Him that dwells therein.**

²²**And he that shall swear by heaven, swears by the throne of God, and by Him that sits thereon.**

pledge, solemnly promise

²³**Woe to you^s, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you^s pay tithes of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought you^s to have done, and not to leave the other undone.**

²⁴**You^s blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.** filter out

²⁵**Woe to you^s, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you^s make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.**

²⁶**You blind Pharisee, cleanse first that *which* is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.**

²⁷**Woe to you^s, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you^s are like to whited sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness.** similar - tombs

²⁸**Even so you^s also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you^s are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.** law-abiding - insincerity - lawlessness

²⁸Woe to you^p, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you^p build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchers of the righteous,

phonies, pretenders - adorn - tombs

³⁰And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

i.e. lived - ancestors - i.e. murder

³¹Wherefore you^p be witnesses to yourselves^p, that you^p are the children of them which killed the prophets.

³²Fill you^p up then the measure of your^p fathers.

³³You^p serpents, you^p generation of vipers, how can you^p escape the damnation of hell?

³⁴Wherefore, behold, I send to you^p prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and *some* of them you^p shall kill and crucify; and *some* of them shall you^p scourge in your^p synagogues, and persecute *them* from city to city:

³⁵That upon you^p may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachias, whom you^p slew between the temple and the altar.

³⁶Verily I say to you^p, All these things shall come upon this generation.

truly

³⁷O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *you* that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent to you, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under *her* wings, and you^p would not!

³⁸Behold, your^p house is left to you^p desolate.

empty

³⁹For I say to you^p, You^p shall not see Me hereafter, till you^p shall say, Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

i.e. with the power and authority

CHAPTER 24

And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and His disciples came to *Him* for to show Him the buildings of the temple.

²And Jesus said to them, See you^p not all these things? verily I say to you^p, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

truly

³And as He sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the world?

⁴And Jesus answered and said to them, Take heed that no man deceive you^p.

⁵For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

i.e. claiming my rightful authority and power

⁶And you^p shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that you^p be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

⁷For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and

pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. various

⁸All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

⁹Then shall they deliver you^p up to be afflicted, and shall kill you^p: and you^p shall be hated of all nations for My name's sake.

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

caused to stumble

¹¹And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

¹²And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

lawlessness - become

¹³But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.

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

¹⁵When you^p therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso reads, let him understand:)

i.e. sacrilegious object

¹⁶Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

¹⁷Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

¹⁸Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

¹⁹And woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

nurse

²⁰But pray you^p that your^p flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

rest

²¹For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

oppression

²²And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

chosen's

²³Then if any man shall say to you^p. Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

²⁴For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; inso-much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

²⁵Behold, I have told you^p before.

²⁶Wherefore if they shall say to you^p, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *He is* in the secret chambers; believe it not.

inner rooms

²⁷For as the lightning comes out of the east, and shines even to the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

²⁸For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

²⁹Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven,

and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

³⁰And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

³¹And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³²Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When its branch is yet tender, and puts forth leaves, you^P know that summer is near:

³³So likewise you^P, when you^P shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors.

³⁴Verily I say to you^P, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

³⁵Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

³⁶But of that day and hour knows no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

³⁷But as the days of Noah *were*, so shall also the coming of the son of man be.

³⁸For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,

³⁹And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

⁴⁰Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

⁴¹Two *women* shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

⁴²Watch therefore: for you^P know not what hour your^P Lord does come.

⁴³But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have allowed his house to be broken up.

⁴⁴Therefore be you^P also ready: for in such an hour as you^P think not the Son of Man comes.

⁴⁵Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

⁴⁶Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he comes shall find so doing.

⁴⁷Verily I say to you^P, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

⁴⁸But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delays his coming;

⁴⁹And shall begin to *smite* his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

⁵⁰The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looks not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not

aware of;

⁵¹And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

into pieces - phonies, pretenders

CHAPTER 25

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened to ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

²And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish.

³They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

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

⁵While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

⁶And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom comes; go you^P out to meet him.

⁷Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

⁸And the foolish said to the wise, Give us of your^P oil; for our lamps are gone out.

⁹But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you^P: but go you^P rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves^P.

¹⁰And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

¹¹Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

¹²But he answered and said, Verily I say to you^P, I know you^P not.

¹³Watch therefore, for you^P know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man comes.

¹⁴For *the kingdom of heaven* is as a man travelling into a far country, *who* called his own servants, and delivered to them his goods.

¹⁵And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and immediately took his journey.

¹⁶Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

¹⁷And likewise he that *had received* two, he also gained other two.

¹⁸But he that had received one went and dug in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

¹⁹After a long time the lord of those servants comes, and reckons with them.

²⁰And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, you delivered to me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

²¹His lord said to him, Well done, *you* good and faithful servant: you have been faithful over a few things, I

will make you ruler over many things: enter you into the joy of your lord.

²²He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, you delivered to me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

²³His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter you into the joy of your lord.

²⁴Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered:

²⁵And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the earth: lo, *there* you have *that* is yours.

²⁶His lord answered and said to him, *You* wicked and slothful servant, you knew that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not scattered. lazy

²⁷You ought therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and *then* at my coming I should have received my own with usury. bankers, money-changers - interest

²⁸Take therefore the talent from him, and give it to him which has ten talents.

large amount of silver or gold (at least 100 pounds)

²⁹For to every one that has shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that has not shall be taken away even that which he has.

³⁰And cast you^p the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

³¹When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory:

³²And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats:

³³And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. i.e. believers - i.e. unbelievers

³⁴Then shall the King say to them on His right hand, Come, you^p blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you^p from the foundation of the world:

³⁵For I was hungry, and you^p gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and you^p gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and you^p took Me in: food

³⁶Naked, and you^p clothed Me: I was sick, and you^p visited Me: I was in prison, and you^p came to Me.

³⁷Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we You hungry, and fed *You?* or thirsty, and gave *You* drink?

³⁸When saw we You a stranger, and took *You* in? or naked, and clothed *You?*

³⁹Or when saw we You sick, or in prison, and came to You?

⁴⁰And the King shall answer and say to them, Verily

I say to you^p, Inasmuch as you^p have done *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you^p have done *it* to Me.

⁴¹Then shall He say also to them on the left hand, Depart from Me, you^p cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: i.e. hell - i.e. Satan

⁴²For I was hungry, and you^p gave Me no meat: I was thirsty, and you^p gave Me no drink: food

⁴³I was a stranger, and you^p took Me not in: naked, and you^p clothed Me not: sick, and in prison, and you^p visited Me not.

⁴⁴Then shall they also answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to You? care for

⁴⁵Then shall He answer them, saying, Verily I say to you^p, Inasmuch as you^p did *it* not to one of the least of these, you did *it* not to Me. truly

⁴⁶And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

CHAPTER 26

And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, He said to His disciples,

²You^p know that after two days is *the feast of the pass-over*, and the Son of Man is betrayed to be crucified.

³Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, to the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,

⁴And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtily, and kill *Him*. stealth

⁵But they said, Not on the feast *day*, lest there be an uproar among the people.

⁶Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

⁷There came to Him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on His head, as He sat at meat. costly - eating

⁸But when His disciples saw *it*, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste? were indignant

⁹For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

¹⁰When Jesus understood *it*, He said to them, Why trouble you^p the woman? for she has wrought a good work upon Me. worked

¹¹For you^p have the poor always with you^p; but Me you^p have not always.

¹²For in that she has poured this ointment on My body, she did *it* for My burial.

¹³Verily I say to you^p, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, *there* shall also this, that this woman has done, be told for a memorial of her. truly

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests,

¹⁵And said to *them*, What will you^p give me, and I will deliver Him to you^p? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. agreed

¹⁶And from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

¹⁷Now the first *day* of the *feast* of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, Where will You that we prepare for You to eat the passover? yeast-free

¹⁸And He said, **Go into the city to such a man, and say to him, The Master says, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at your house with My disciples.**

¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover. prepared

²⁰Now when the evening was come, He sat down with the twelve.

²¹And as they did eat, He said, Verily I say to you^p, that one of you^p shall betray Me.

²²And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say to Him, Lord, is it I? very

²³And He answered and said, **He that dips his hand with Me in the dish, the same shall betray Me.**

²⁴**The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.**

²⁵Then Judas, which betrayed Him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said to him, **You have said.**

²⁶And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is My body.** i.e. gave thanks to God for

²⁷And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **Drink you^p all of it;**

²⁸**For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.** forgiveness

²⁹**But I say to you^p, I will not drink hereafter of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you^p in My Father's kingdom.**

³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

³¹Then says Jesus to them, **All you^p shall be offended because of Me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.** fallen away - i.e. believers

³²**But after I am risen again, I will go before you^p into Galilee.**

³³Peter answered and said to Him, Though all *men* shall be offended because of You, yet will I never be offended. fallen away

³⁴Jesus said to him, **Verily I say to you, That this night, before the cock crow, you shall deny Me thrice.** truly

³⁵Peter said to Him, Though I should die with You, yet will I not deny You. Likewise also said all the disciples.

³⁶Then came Jesus with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, **Sit you^p here, while I go and pray yonder.**

³⁷And he took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. distressed

³⁸Then said He to them, **My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even to death: tarry you^p here, and watch with Me.**

³⁹And He went a little further, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, **O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as You will.**

⁴⁰And He came to the disciples, and found them asleep, and said to Peter, **What, could you^p not watch with Me one hour?**

⁴¹**Watch and pray, that you^p enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

⁴²He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, **O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Your will be done.**

⁴³And He came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. i.e. weighed down with sleep

⁴⁴And He left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

⁴⁵Then came He to His disciples, and said to them, **Sleep on now, and take your^p rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.**

⁴⁶**Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that does betray Me.**

⁴⁷And while He yet spoke, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. poles, stocks

⁴⁸Now he that betrayed Him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is He: hold Him fast. firmly

⁴⁹And immediately he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed Him.

⁵⁰And Jesus said to him, **Friend, wherefore are you come?** Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took Him. why

⁵¹And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out *his* hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.

⁵²Then said Jesus to him, **Put up again your sword into its place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.**

⁵³**Think you that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels?** immediately - 72,000 - messengers

⁵⁴**But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?**

⁵⁵In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, **Are you^p come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take Me? I sat daily with you^p teaching in the temple, and you^p laid no hold on Me.** poles, stocks
⁵⁶**But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.** Then all the disciples forsook Him, and fled. left, abandoned

⁵⁷And they that had laid hold on Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

⁵⁸But Peter followed Him afar off to the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

⁵⁹Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put Him to death; testimony

⁶⁰But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,

⁶¹And said, This *fellow* said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

⁶²And the high priest arose, and said to Him, Answer You nothing? what *is it which* these witness against You?

⁶³But Jesus held His peace. And the high priest answered and said to Him, I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You be the Christ, the Son of God. remained silent - command

⁶⁴Jesus said to him, **You have said: nevertheless I say to you^p, Hereafter shall you^p see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.**

⁶⁵Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He has spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now you^p have heard His blasphemy. tore - i.e. evil words

⁶⁶What think you^p? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

⁶⁷Then did they spit in His face, and buffeted Him; and others smote Him with the palms of their hands, struck

⁶⁸Saying, Prophesy to us, You Christ, Who is he that smote You? i.e. speak - struck

⁶⁹Now Peter sat outside in the palace: and a damsel came to him, saying, You also were with Jesus of Galilee. young girl

⁷⁰But he denied before *them* all, saying, I know not what you say.

⁷¹And when he was gone out into the porch, another *maid* saw him, and said to them that were there, This *fellow* was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

⁷²And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

⁷³And after a while came to *him* they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely you also are *one* of them; for

your speech betrays you.

⁷⁴Then began he to curse and to swear, *saying*, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crowed.

⁷⁵And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said to him, **Before the cock crow, you shall deny Me thrice.** And he went out, and wept bitterly.

CHAPTER 27

When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death: i.e. conspired

²And when they had bound Him, they led *Him* away, and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

³Then Judas, which had betrayed Him, when he saw that He was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, felt remorse

⁴Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see you *to that*.

⁵And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. threw

⁶And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. i.e. right - blood money

⁷And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. i.e. talked together - i.e. the silver pieces

⁸Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, to this day.

⁹Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

¹⁰And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

¹¹And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked Him, saying, Are you the King of the Jews? And Jesus said to him, **You say.**

¹²And when He was accused of the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing.

¹³Then said Pilate to Him, Hear You not how many things they witness against You?

¹⁴And He answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly. was greatly amazed

¹⁵Now at *that* feast the governor was wont to release to the people a prisoner, whom they would. accustomed

¹⁶And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. notorious

¹⁷Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, Whom will you^p that I release to you^p? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

¹⁸For he knew that for envy they had delivered Him.

¹⁹When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, Have you nothing to do with

that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him.

²⁰But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

²¹The governor answered and said to them, Whether of the two will you^P that I release to you^P? They said, Barabbas.

²²Pilate says to them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? *They* all say to him, Let Him be crucified.

i.e. nailed to a cross

²³And the governor said, Why, what evil has He done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let Him be crucified.

²⁴When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see you^P to it.

riot

²⁵Then answered all the people, and said, His blood *be* on us, and on our children.

²⁶Then released he Barabbas to them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *Him* to be crucified.

flogged

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered to Him the whole band of soldiers.

²⁸And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe.

²⁹And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon His head, and a reed in His right hand: and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

braided

³⁰And they spit upon Him, and took the reed, and smote Him on the head.

struck

³¹And after that they had mocked Him, they took the robe off from Him, and put His own raiment on Him, and led Him away to crucify *Him*.

ridiculed - clothing

³²And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear His cross.

³³And when they were come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

³⁴They gave Him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when He had tasted *thereof*, He would not drink.

sour wine or vinegar & water mixture often drunk by soldiers

³⁵And they crucified Him, and parted His garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted My garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

divided

³⁶And sitting down they watched Him there;

³⁷And set up over His head His accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁸Then were there two thieves crucified with Him,

one on the right hand, and another on the left.

³⁹And they that passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads,

ridiculed

⁴⁰And saying, You that destroy the temple, and build *it* in three days, save Yourself. If You be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

⁴¹Likewise also the chief priests mocking *Him*, with the scribes and elders, said,

taunting

⁴²He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.

Jesus

⁴³He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him: for He said, I am the Son of God.

⁴⁴The thieves also, which were crucified with Him, cast the same in His teeth.

i.e. same insult

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land to the ninth hour.

12:00 noon - 3:00 PM

⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?** that is to say, **My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**

⁴⁷Some of them that stood there, when they heard *that*, said, This *man* calls for Elijah.

⁴⁸And immediately one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave Him to drink.

⁴⁹The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.

⁵⁰Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

⁵¹And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

torn - split

⁵²And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

i.e. were dead

⁵³And came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared to many.

rising

⁵⁴Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

were terrified

⁵⁵And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him:

⁵⁶Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

⁵⁷When the evening was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

⁵⁸He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

asked for

⁵⁹And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

⁶⁰And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulcher, and departed. cut - tomb

⁶¹And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting opposite to the sepulcher.

⁶²Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together to Pilate,

⁶³Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while He was yet alive, **After three days I will rise again.** i.e. impostor

⁶⁴Command therefore that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night, and steal Him away, and say to the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. secure

⁶⁵Pilate said to them, You^p have a watch: go your^p way, make it as sure as you^p can. guard

⁶⁶So they went, and made the sepulcher sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch. tomb - secure - securing - guard

CHAPTER 28

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher. rest day - tomb

²And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. messenger

³His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: garment

⁴And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

⁵And the angel answered and said to the women, Fear not you^p: for I know that you^p seek Jesus, which was crucified. messenger

⁶He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

⁷And go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and, behold, He goes before you^p into Galilee; there shall you^p see Him: lo, I have told you^p.

⁸And they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy; and did run to bring His disciples word. tomb - i.e. awe

⁹And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, **All hail.** And they came and held Him by the feet, and worshipped Him.

¹⁰Then said Jesus to them, **Be not afraid: go tell My brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see Me.**

¹¹Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and showed to the chief priests all the things that were done. guard

¹²And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money to the soldiers, i.e. a large sum of

¹³Saying, Say you^p, His disciples came by night, and stole Him away while we slept.

¹⁴And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you^p. protect

¹⁵So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. rumored, i.e. believed

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

¹⁷And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him: but some doubted.

¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, **All power is given to Me in heaven and in earth.**

¹⁹**Go you^p therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:** disciple

²⁰**Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you^p: and, lo, I am with you^p always, even to the end of the world.** Amen.