# THE ACTS

1 The former treatise I made, O Theophilus,
concerning all that Jesus began both to do and to
teach, 2 until the day in which he was received up,
after that he had given commandment through
the Holy Spirit unto the apostles whom he had
chosen: 3 to whom he also showed himself alive
after his passion by many proofs, appearing unto
them by the space of forty days, and speaking
the things concerning the kingdom of God: 4 and,
being assembled together with them, he charged
them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait
for the promise of the Father, which, *said he*, ye
heard from me: 5 for John indeed baptized with
water; but ye shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit
not many days hence.

6 They therefore, when they were come to-
gether, asked him, saying, Lord, dost thou at this
time restore the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he
said unto them, It is not for you to know times
or seasons, which the Father hath set within his
own authority. 8 But ye shall receive power, when
the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be
my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa
and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the
earth. 9 And when he had said these things, as
they were looking, he was taken up; and a cloud
received him out of their sight. 10 And while they
were looking stedfastly into heaven as he went,
behold two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 who also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye
looking into heaven? this Jesus, who was received
up from you into heaven, shall so come in like
manner as ye beheld him going into heaven.
12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the
mount called Olivet, which is nigh unto Jerusalem,
a sabbath day's journey off. 13 And when they
were come in, they went up into the upper cham-
ber, where they were abiding; both Peter and
John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas,
Bartholomew and Matthew, James *the son* of
Alphæus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas *the son*
of James. 14 These all with one accord continued
stedfastly in prayer, with the women, and Mary
the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.
15 And in these days Peter stood up in the
midst of the brethren, and said (and there was a
multitude of persons *gathered* together, about a
hundred and twenty), 16 Brethren, it was needful
that the scripture should be fulfilled, which the
Holy Spirit spake before by the mouth of David
concerning Judas, who was guide to them that
took Jesus. 17 For he was numbered among us,
and received his portion in this ministry. 18 (Now
this man obtained a field with the reward of his
iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder
in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And
it became known to all the dwellers at Jerusalem;
insomuch that in their language that field was
called Akeldama, that is, The field of blood.) 20 For
it is written in the book of Psalms,
Let his habitation be made desolate,
And let no man dwell therein:

and,
His office let another take.
21 Of the men therefore that have companied with
us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and
went out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism
of John, unto the day that he was received up
from us, of these must one become a witness with
us of his resurrection. 23 And they put forward
two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed
Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed, and said,
Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men,
show of these two the one whom thou hast chosen,
25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship
from which Judas fell away, that he might go to his
own place. 26 And they gave lots for them; and the
lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with
the eleven apostles.

# 2

1 And when the day of Pentecost was now come,
they were all together in one place. 2 And sud-
denly there came from heaven a sound as of the
rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house
where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared
unto them tongues parting asunder, like as of fire;
and it sat upon each one of them. 4 And they
were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to
speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them
utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews,
devout men, from every nation under heaven.
6 And when this sound was heard, the multitude
came together, and were confounded, because

that every man heard them speaking in his own
language. 7 And they were all amazed and mar-
velled, saying, Behold, are not all these that speak
Galilæans? 8 And how hear we, every man in our
own language wherein we were born? 9 Parthians
and Medes and Elamites, and the dwellers in
Mesopotamia, in Judæa and Cappadocia, in Pon-
tus and Asia, 10 in Phrygia and Pamphylia, in
Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and
sojourners from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
11 Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speaking
in our tongues the mighty works of God. 12 And
they were all amazed, and were perplexed, saying
one to another, What meaneth this? 13 But others
mocking said, They are filled with new wine.

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted
up his voice, and spake forth unto them, *saying*, Ye
men of Judæa, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem,
be this known unto you, and give ear unto my
words. 15 For these are not drunken, as ye sup-
pose; seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day;
16 but this is that which hath been spoken through
the prophet Joel:

17 And it shall be in the last days, saith God,
I will pour forth of my Spirit upon all flesh:
And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
And your young men shall see visions,
And your old men shall dream dreams:
18 Yea and on my servants and on my handmaid-
ens in those days
Will I pour forth of my Spirit; and they shall
prophesy.

19 And I will show wonders in the heaven above,
And signs on the earth beneath;
Blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke:
20 The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the day of the Lord come,
That great and notable *day*:
21 And it shall be, that whosoever shall call on the
name of the Lord shall be saved.
22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of
Nazareth, a man approved of God unto you by
mighty works and wonders and signs which God
did by him in the midst of you, even as ye your-
selves know; 23 him, being delivered up by the
determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God,
ye by the hand of lawless men did crucify and slay:
24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pangs of
death: because it was not possible that he should
be holden of it. 25 For David saith concerning him,
I beheld the Lord always before my face;
For he is on my right hand, that I should not be
moved:
26 Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue
rejoiced;
Moreover my flesh also shall dwell in hope:
27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul unto Hades,
Neither wilt thou give thy Holy One to see corrup-
tion.
28 Thou madest known unto me the ways of life;
Thou shalt make me full of gladness with thy
countenance.
29 Brethren, I may say unto you freely of the pa-
triarch David, that he both died and was buried,
and his tomb is with us unto this day. 30 Being

therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had
sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of
his loins he would set *one* upon his throne; 31 he
foreseeing *this* spake of the resurrection of the
Christ, that neither was he left unto Hades, nor
did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus did God
raise up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Being
therefore by the right hand of God exalted, and
having received of the Father the promise of the
Holy Spirit, he hath poured forth this, which ye
see and hear. 34 For David ascended not into the
heavens: but he saith himself,

The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right
hand,

35 Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy
feet.

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know as-
suredly, that God hath made him both Lord and
Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified.

37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked
in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of
the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do? 38 And
Peter *said* unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized
every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto
the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive
the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For to you is the
promise, and to your children, and to all that are
afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall
call unto him. 40 And with many other words he
testified, and exhorted them, saying, Save your-
selves from this crooked generation. 41 They then
that received his word were baptized: and there
were added *unto them* in that day about three

thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly
in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the
breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many
wonders and signs were done through the apos-
tles. 44 And all that believed were together, and
had all things common; 45 and they sold their
possessions and goods, and parted them to all,
according as any man had need. 46 And day by
day, continuing stedfastly with one accord in the
temple, and breaking bread at home, they took
their food with gladness and singleness of heart,
47 praising God, and having favor with all the
people. And the Lord added to them day by day
those that were saved.

# 3

1 Now Peter and John were going up into the
temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth
*hour*. 2 And a certain man that was lame from
his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid
daily at the door of the temple which is called
Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the
temple; 3 who seeing Peter and John about to go
into the temple, asked to receive an alms. 4 And
Peter, fastening his eyes upon him, with John,
said, Look on us. 5 And he gave heed unto them,
expecting to receive something from them. 6 But
Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but what I
have, that give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ
of Nazareth, walk. 7 And he took him by the right
hand, and raised him up: and immediately his
feet and his ankle-bones received strength. 8 And

leaping up, he stood, and began to walk; and he
entered with them into the temple, walking, and
leaping, and praising God. 9 And all the people saw
him walking and praising God: 10 and they took
knowledge of him, that it was he that sat for alms
at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were
filled with wonder and amazement at that which
had happened unto him.

11 And as he held Peter and John, all the people
ran together unto them in the porch that is called
Solomon's, greatly wondering. 12 And when Peter
saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of
Israel, why marvel ye at this man? or why fasten
ye your eyes on us, as though by our own power or
godliness we had made him to walk? 13 The God
of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God
of our fathers, hath glorified his Servant Jesus;
whom ye delivered up, and denied before the
face of Pilate, when he had determined to release
him. 14 But ye denied the Holy and Righteous One,
and asked for a murderer to be granted unto you,
15 and killed the Prince of life; whom God raised
from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. 16 And
by faith in his name hath his name made this man
strong, whom ye behold and know: yea, the faith
which is through him hath given him this perfect
soundness in the presence of you all. 17 And
now, brethren, I know that in ignorance ye did it,
as did also your rulers. 18 But the things which
God foreshowed by the mouth of all the prophets,
that his Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled.
19 Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your
sins may be blotted out, that so there may come

seasons of refreshing from the presence of the
Lord; 20 and that he may send the Christ who hath
been appointed for you, *even* Jesus: 21 whom the
heaven must receive until the times of restoration
of all things, whereof God spake by the mouth
of his holy prophets that have been from of old.
22 Moses indeed said, A prophet shall the Lord
God raise up unto you from among your brethren,
like unto me; to him shall ye hearken in all things
whatsoever he shall speak unto you. 23 And it shall
be, that every soul that shall not hearken to that
prophet, shall be utterly destroyed from among
the people. 24 Yea and all the prophets from
Samuel and them that followed after, as many as
have spoken, they also told of these days. 25 Ye
are the sons of the prophets, and of the covenant
which God made with your fathers, saying unto
Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the families
of the earth be blessed. 26 Unto you first God,
having raised up his Servant, sent him to bless
you, in turning away every one of you from your
iniquities.

# 4

1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests
and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees
came upon them, 2 being sore troubled because
they taught the people, and proclaimed in Jesus
the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid
hands on them, and put them in ward unto the
morrow: for it was now eventide. 4 But many of
them that heard the word believed; and the num-
ber of the men came to be about five thousand.

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their
rulers and elders and scribes were gathered to-
gether in Jerusalem; 6 and Annas the high priest
*was there*, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexan-
der, and as many as were of the kindred of the
high priest. 7 And when they had set them in the
midst, they inquired, By what power, or in what
name, have ye done this? 8 Then Peter, filled with
the Holy Spirit, said unto them, Ye rulers of the
people, and elders, 9 if we this day are examined
concerning a good deed done to an impotent man,
by what means this man is made whole; 10 be
it known unto you all, and to all the people of
Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,
whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the
dead, *even* in him doth this man stand here before
you whole. 11 He is the stone which was set at
nought of you the builders, which was made the
head of the corner. 12 And in none other is there
salvation: for neither is there any other name
under heaven, that is given among men, wherein
we must be saved.

13 Now when they beheld the boldness of Pe-
ter and John, and had perceived that they were
unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled;
and they took knowledge of them, that they had
been with Jesus. 14 And seeing the man that was
healed standing with them, they could say nothing
against it. 15 But when they had commanded
them to go aside out of the council, they conferred
among themselves, 16 saying, What shall we do to
these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath
been wrought through them, is manifest to all that

dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. 17 But
that it spread no further among the people, let us
threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no
man in this name. 18 And they called them, and
charged them not to speak at all nor teach in the
name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and
said unto them, Whether it is right in the sight of
God to hearken unto you rather than unto God,
judge ye: 20 for we cannot but speak the things
which we saw and heard. 21 And they, when they
had further threatened them, let them go, finding
nothing how they might punish them, because
of the people; for all men glorified God for that
which was done. 22 For the man was more than
forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing
was wrought.

23 And being let go, they came to their own
company, and reported all that the chief priests
and the elders had said unto them. 24 And they,
when they heard it, lifted up their voice to God
with one accord, and said, O Lord, thou that didst
make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and
all that in them is: 25 who by the Holy Spirit, *by* the
mouth of our father David thy servant, didst say,

Why did the Gentiles rage,

And the peoples imagine vain things?

26 The kings of the earth set themselves in array,

And the rulers were gathered together,

Against the Lord, and against his Anointed:

27 for of a truth in this city against thy holy Servant
Jesus, whom thou didst anoint, both Herod and
Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples

of Israel, were gathered together, 28 to do what-
soever thy hand and thy counsel foreordained
to come to pass. 29 And now, Lord, look upon
their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants
to speak thy word with all boldness, 30 while thou
stretchest forth thy hand to heal; and that signs
and wonders may be done through the name of
thy holy Servant Jesus. 31 And when they had
prayed, the place was shaken wherein they were
gathered together; and they were all filled with
the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God
with boldness.

32 And the multitude of them that believed were
of one heart and soul: and not one *of them* said
that aught of the things which he possessed was
his own; but they had all things common. 33 And
with great power gave the apostles their witness
of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great
grace was upon them all. 34 For neither was
there among them any that lacked: for as many
as were possessors of lands or houses sold them,
and brought the prices of the things that were
sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles' feet: and
distribution was made unto each, according as
any one had need.

36 And Joseph, who by the apostles was sur-
named Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, Son
of exhortation), a Levite, a man of Cyprus by race,
37 having a field, sold it, and brought the money
and laid it at the apostles' feet.

# 5

1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sap-

phira his wife, sold a possession, 2 and kept back
*part* of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and
brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles'
feet. 3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan
filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to
keep back *part* of the price of the land? 4 While it
remained, did it not remain thine own? and after
it was sold, was it not in thy power? How is it
that thou hast conceived this thing in thy heart?
thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. 5 And
Ananias hearing these words fell down and gave
up the ghost: and great fear came upon all that
heard it. 6 And the young men arose and wrapped
him round, and they carried him out and buried
him.

7 And it was about the space of three hours
after, when his wife, not knowing what was done,
came in. 8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell
me whether ye sold the land for so much. And
she said, Yea, for so much. 9 But Peter *said* unto
her, How is it that ye have agreed together to try
the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them
that have buried thy husband are at the door, and
they shall carry thee out. 10 And she fell down
immediately at his feet, and gave up the ghost:
and the young men came in and found her dead,
and they carried her out and buried her by her
husband. 11 And great fear came upon the whole
church, and upon all that heard these things.

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many
signs and wonders wrought among the people:
and they were all with one accord in Solomon's
porch. 13 But of the rest durst no man join himself

to them: howbeit the people magnified them;
14 and believers were the more added to the Lord,
multitudes both of men and women: 15 insomuch
that they even carried out the sick into the streets,
and laid them on beds and couches, that, as Pe-
ter came by, at the least his shadow might over-
shadow some one of them. 16 And there also
came together the multitude from the cities round
about Jerusalem, bringing sick folk, and them that
were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were
healed every one.

17 But the high priest rose up, and all they
that were with him (which is the sect of the
Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy,
18 and laid hands on the apostles, and put them
in public ward. 19 But an angel of the Lord by
night opened the prison doors, and brought them
out, and said, 20 Go ye, and stand and speak in
the temple to the people all the words of this Life.
21 And when they heard *this*, they entered into the
temple about daybreak, and taught. But the high
priest came, and they that were with him, and
called the council together, and all the senate of
the children of Israel, and sent to the prison-house
to have them brought. 22 But the officers that came
found them not in the prison; and they returned,
and told, 23 saying, The prison-house we found
shut in all safety, and the keepers standing at the
doors: but when we had opened, we found no
man within. 24 Now when the captain of the tem-
ple and the chief priests heard these words, they
were much perplexed concerning them where-
unto this would grow. 25 And there came one and

told them, Behold, the men whom ye put in the
prison are in the temple standing and teaching
the people. 26 Then went the captain with the
officers, and brought them, *but* without violence;
for they feared the people, lest they should be
stoned. 27 And when they had brought them, they
set them before the council. And the high priest
asked them, 28 saying, We strictly charged you not
to teach in this name: and behold, ye have filled
Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring
this man's blood upon us. 29 But Peter and the
apostles answered and said, We must obey God
rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised
up Jesus, whom ye slew, hanging him on a tree.
31 Him did God exalt with his right hand *to be* a
Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel,
and remission of sins. 32 And we are witnesses of
these things; and *so is* the Holy Spirit, whom God
hath given to them that obey him.

33 But they, when they heard this, were cut to the
heart, and were minded to slay them. 34 But there
stood up one in the council, a Pharisee, named
Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in honor of
all the people, and commanded to put the men
forth a little while. 35 And he said unto them, Ye
men of Israel, take heed to yourselves as touching
these men, what ye are about to do. 36 For before
these days rose up Theudas, giving himself out to
be somebody; to whom a number of men, about
four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain;
and all, as many as obeyed him, were dispersed,
and came to nought. 37 After this man rose up
Judas of Galilee in the days of the enrolment, and

drew away *some of the* people after him: he also
perished; and all, as many as obeyed him, were
scattered abroad. 38 And now I say unto you,
Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for
if this counsel or this work be of men, it will be
overthrown: 39 but if it is of God, ye will not be
able to overthrow them; lest haply ye be found
even to be fighting against God. 40 And to him they
agreed: and when they had called the apostles
unto them, they beat them and charged them
not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them
go. 41 They therefore departed from the presence
of the council, rejoicing that they were counted
worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name. 42 And
every day, in the temple and at home, they ceased
not to teach and to preach Jesus *as* the Christ.

# 6

1 Now in these days, when the number of the dis-
ciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring
of the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews, because
their widows were neglected in the daily minis-
tration. 2 And the twelve called the multitude
of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not
fit that we should forsake the word of God, and
serve tables. 3 Look ye out therefore, brethren,
from among you seven men of good report, full of
the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint
over this business. 4 But we will continue sted-
fastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word.
5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and
they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of
the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and

Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaüs
a proselyte of Antioch; 6 whom they set before the
apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid
their hands upon them.

7 And the word of God increased; and the num-
ber of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem ex-
ceedingly; and a great company of the priests
were obedient to the faith.

8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, wrought
great wonders and signs among the people. 9 But
there arose certain of them that were of the syna-
gogue called *the synagogue* of the Libertines, and
of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of
them of Cilicia and Asia, disputing with Stephen.
10 And they were not able to withstand the wisdom
and the Spirit by which he spake. 11 Then they sub-
orned men, who said, We have heard him speak
blasphemous words against Moses, and *against*
God. 12 And they stirred up the people, and the
elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and
seized him, and brought him into the council,
13 and set up false witnesses, who said, This man
ceaseth not to speak words against this holy place,
and the law: 14 for we have heard him say, that
this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and
shall change the customs which Moses delivered
unto us. 15 And all that sat in the council, fastening
their eyes on him, saw his face as it had been the
face of an angel.

## 7

1 And the high priest said, Are these things so?
2 And he said,

Brethren and fathers, hearken: The God of glory
appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was
in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, 3 and
said unto him, Get thee out of thy land, and from
thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall
show thee. 4 Then came he out of the land of the
Chaldæans, and dwelt in Haran: and from thence,
when his father was dead, *God* removed him into
this land, wherein ye now dwell: 5 and he gave
him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to
set his foot on: and he promised that he would
give it to him in possession, and to his seed after
him, when *as yet* he had no child. 6 And God
spake on this wise, that his seed should sojourn in
a strange land, and that they should bring them
into bondage, and treat them ill, four hundred
years. 7 And the nation to which they shall be in
bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall
they come forth, and serve me in this place. 8 And
he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and
so *Abraham* begat Isaac, and circumcised him the
eighth day; and Isaac *begat* Jacob, and Jacob the
twelve patriarchs. 9 And the patriarchs, moved
with jealousy against Joseph, sold him into Egypt:
and God was with him, 10 and delivered him out of
all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom
before Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him
governor over Egypt and all his house. 11 Now
there came a famine over all Egypt and Canaan,
and great affliction: and our fathers found no
sustenance. 12 But when Jacob heard that there
was grain in Egypt, he sent forth our fathers the
first time. 13 And at the second time Joseph was

made known to his brethren; and Joseph's race
became manifest unto Pharaoh. 14 And Joseph
sent, and called to him Jacob his father, and all
his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls. 15 And
Jacob went down into Egypt; and he died, himself
and our fathers; 16 and they were carried over
unto Shechem, and laid in the tomb that Abraham
bought for a price in silver of the sons of Hamor
in Shechem. 17 But as the time of the promise
drew nigh which God vouchsafed unto Abraham,
the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, 18 till
there arose another king over Egypt, who knew
not Joseph. 19 The same dealt craftily with our
race, and ill-treated our fathers, that they should
cast out their babes to the end they might not live.
20 At which season Moses was born, and was ex-
ceeding fair; and he was nourished three months
in his father's house: 21 and when he was cast out,
Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished
him for her own son. 22 And Moses was instructed
in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; and he was
mighty in his words and works. 23 But when he
was well-nigh forty years old, it came into his
heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.
24 And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he de-
fended him, and avenged him that was oppressed,
smiting the Egyptian: 25 and he supposed that his
brethren understood that God by his hand was
giving them deliverance; but they understood not.
26 And the day following he appeared unto them as
they strove, and would have set them at one again,
saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one
to another? 27 But he that did his neighbor wrong

thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler
and a judge over us? 28 Wouldest thou kill me,
as thou killedst the Egyptian yesterday? 29 And
Moses fled at this saying, and became a sojourner
in the land of Midian, where he begat two sons.
30 And when forty years were fulfilled, an angel
appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sinai,
in a flame of fire in a bush. 31 And when Moses
saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew
near to behold, there came a voice of the Lord, 32 I
am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham,
and of Isaac, and of Jacob. And Moses trembled,
and durst not behold. 33 And the Lord said unto
him, Loose the shoes from thy feet: for the place
whereon thou standest is holy ground. 34 I have
surely seen the affliction of my people that is in
Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I am
come down to deliver them: and now come, I
will send thee into Egypt. 35 This Moses whom
they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a
judge? him hath God sent *to be* both a ruler and a
deliverer with the hand of the angel that appeared
to him in the bush. 36 This man led them forth,
having wrought wonders and signs in Egypt, and
in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.
37 This is that Moses, who said unto the children
of Israel, A prophet shall God raise up unto you
from among your brethren, like unto me. 38 This
is he that was in the church in the wilderness with
the angel that spake to him in the mount Sinai,
and with our fathers: who received living oracles
to give unto us: 39 to whom our fathers would
not be obedient, but thrust him from them, and

turned back in their hearts unto Egypt, 40 saying
unto Aaron, Make us gods that shall go before us:
for as for this Moses, who led us forth out of the
land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him.
41 And they made a calf in those days, and brought
a sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works
of their hands. 42 But God turned, and gave them
up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in
the book of the prophets,
Did ye offer unto me slain beasts and sacrifices
Forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?
43 And ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch,
And the star of the god Rephan,
The figures which ye made to worship them:
And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.
44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of the testimony
in the wilderness, even as he appointed who spake
unto Moses, that he should make it according to
the figure that he had seen. 45 Which also our fa-
thers, in their turn, brought in with Joshua when
they entered on the possession of the nations, that
God thrust out before the face of our fathers, unto
the days of David; 46 who found favor in the sight
of God, and asked to find a habitation for the
God of Jacob. 47 But Solomon built him a house.
48 Howbeit the Most High dwelleth not in *houses*
made with hands; as saith the prophet,
49 The heaven is my throne,
And the earth the footstool of my feet:
What manner of house will ye build me? saith the
Lord:
Or what is the place of my rest?
50 Did not my hand make all these things?

51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart
and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit:
as your fathers did, so do ye. 52 Which of the
prophets did not your fathers persecute? and they
killed them that showed before of the coming of
the Righteous One; of whom ye have now become
betrayers and murderers; 53 ye who received the
law as it was ordained by angels, and kept it not.

54 Now when they heard these things, they were
cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with
their teeth. 55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit,
looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the
glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand
of God, 56 and said, Behold, I see the heavens
opened, and the Son of man standing on the right
hand of God. 57 But they cried out with a loud
voice, and stopped their ears, and rushed upon
him with one accord; 58 and they cast him out of
the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid
down their garments at the feet of a young man
named Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen, calling
upon *the Lord*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my
spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a
loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.
And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

# 8

1 And Saul was consenting unto his death.

And there arose on that day a great persecution
against the church which was in Jerusalem; and
they were all scattered abroad throughout the
regions of Judæa and Samaria, except the apostles.
2 And devout men buried Stephen, and made great

lamentation over him. 3 But Saul laid waste the
church, entering into every house, and dragging
men and women committed them to prison.

4 They therefore that were scattered abroad
went about preaching the word. 5 And Philip went
down to the city of Samaria, and proclaimed unto
them the Christ. 6 And the multitudes gave heed
with one accord unto the things that were spoken
by Philip, when they heard, and saw the signs
which he did. 7 For *from* many of those that had
unclean spirits, they came out, crying with a loud
voice: and many that were palsied, and that were
lame, were healed. 8 And there was much joy in
that city.

9 But there was a certain man, Simon by name,
who beforetime in the city used sorcery, and
amazed the people of Samaria, giving out that
himself was some great one: 10 to whom they all
gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying,
This man is that power of God which is called
Great. 11 And they gave heed to him, because that
of long time he had amazed them with his sor-
ceries. 12 But when they believed Philip preaching
good tidings concerning the kingdom of God and
the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized,
both men and women. 13 And Simon also himself
believed: and being baptized, he continued with
Philip; and beholding signs and great miracles
wrought, he was amazed.

14 Now when the apostles that were at
Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the
word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:
15 who, when they were come down, prayed for

them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit:
16 for as yet it was fallen upon none of them: only
they had been baptized into the name of the Lord
Jesus. 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and
they received the Holy Spirit. 18 Now when Simon
saw that through the laying on of the apostles'
hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them
money, 19 saying, Give me also this power, that on
whomsoever I lay my hands, he may receive the
Holy Spirit. 20 But Peter said unto him, Thy silver
perish with thee, because thou hast thought to
obtain the gift of God with money. 21 Thou hast
neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is
not right before God. 22 Repent therefore of this
thy wickedness, and pray the Lord, if perhaps the
thought of thy heart shall be forgiven thee. 23 For
I see that thou art in the gall of bitterness and in
the bond of iniquity. 24 And Simon answered and
said, Pray ye for me to the Lord, that none of the
things which ye have spoken come upon me.

25 They therefore, when they had testified
and spoken the word of the Lord, returned to
Jerusalem, and preached the gospel to many vil-
lages of the Samaritans.

26 But an angel of the Lord spake unto Philip,
saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the
way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza:
the same is desert. 27 And he arose and went: and
behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great au-
thority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians,
who was over all her treasure, who had come to
Jerusalem to worship; 28 and he was returning

and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the
prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said unto Philip,
Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. 30 And
Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah
the prophet, and said, Understandest thou what
thou readest? 31 And he said, How can I, except
some one shall guide me? And he besought Philip
to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of
the scripture which he was reading was this,
He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;
And as a lamb before his shearer is dumb,
So he openeth not his mouth:
33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken
away:
His generation who shall declare?
For his life is taken from the earth.
34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I
pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of
himself, or of some other? 35 And Philip opened
his mouth, and beginning from this scripture,
preached unto him Jesus. 36 And as they went
on the way, they came unto a certain water; and
the eunuch saith, Behold, *here is* water; what
doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 * 38 And he
commanded the chariot to stand still: and they
both went down into the water, both Philip and
the eunuch; and he baptized him. 39 And when
they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the
Lord caught away Philip; and the eunuch saw him

* **8:37** Some ancient authorities insert, wholly or in part, v. 37. And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

no more, for he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But
Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through
he preached the gospel to all the cities, till he came
to Cæsarea.

# 9

1 But Saul, yet breathing threatening and
slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went
unto the high priest, 2 and asked of him letters
to Damascus unto the synagogues, that if he
found any that were of the Way, whether men or
women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
3 And as he journeyed, it came to pass that he
drew nigh unto Damascus: and suddenly there
shone round about him a light out of heaven:
4 and he fell upon the earth, and heard a voice
saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou
me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And he
*said*, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: 6 but rise,
and enter into the city, and it shall be told thee
what thou must do. 7 And the men that journeyed
with him stood speechless, hearing the voice,
but beholding no man. 8 And Saul arose from
the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he
saw nothing; and they led him by the hand, and
brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three
days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink.

10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus,
named Ananias; and the Lord said unto him in a
vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*,
Lord. 11 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go
to the street which is called Straight, and inquire
in the house of Judas for one named Saul, a man

of Tarsus: for behold, he prayeth; 12 and he hath
seen a man named Ananias coming in, and laying
his hands on him, that he might receive his sight.
13 But Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from
many of this man, how much evil he did to thy
saints at Jerusalem: 14 and here he hath authority
from the chief priests to bind all that call upon
thy name. 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy
way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear
my name before the Gentiles and kings, and the
children of Israel: 16 for I will show him how many
things he must suffer for my name's sake. 17 And
Ananias departed, and entered into the house;
and laying his hands on him said, Brother Saul,
the Lord, *even* Jesus, who appeared unto thee in
the way which thou camest, hath sent me, that
thou mayest receive thy sight, and be filled with
the Holy Spirit. 18 And straightway there fell from
his eyes as it were scales, and he received his sight;
and he arose and was baptized; 19 and he took food
and was strengthened.

And he was certain days with the disciples that
were at Damascus. 20 And straightway in the syn-
agogues he proclaimed Jesus, that he is the Son of
God. 21 And all that heard him were amazed, and
said, Is not this he that in Jerusalem made havoc
of them that called on this name? and he had
come hither for this intent, that he might bring
them bound before the chief priests. 22 But Saul
increased the more in strength, and confounded
the Jews that dwelt at Damascus, proving that this
is the Christ.

23 And when many days were fulfilled, the Jews

took counsel together to kill him: 24 but their plot
became known to Saul. And they watched the
gates also day and night that they might kill him:
25 but his disciples took him by night, and let him
down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.

26 And when he was come to Jerusalem, he
assayed to join himself to the disciples: and they
were all afraid of him, not believing that he
was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him, and
brought him to the apostles, and declared unto
them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and
that he had spoken to him, and how at Damascus
he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.
28 And he was with them going in and going out
at Jerusalem, 29 preaching boldly in the name of
the Lord: and he spake and disputed against the
Grecian Jews; but they were seeking to kill him.
30 And when the brethren knew it, they brought
him down to Cæsarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

31 So the church throughout all Judæa and
Galilee and Samaria had peace, being edified;
and, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the
comfort of the Holy Spirit, was multiplied.

32 And it came to pass, as Peter went throughout
all parts, he came down also to the saints that
dwelt at Lydda. 33 And there he found a certain
man named Aeneas, who had kept his bed eight
years; for he was palsied. 34 And Peter said unto
him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ healeth thee: arise, and
make thy bed. And straightway he arose. 35 And
all that dwelt at Lydda and in Sharon saw him, and
they turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple
named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called
Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and
almsdeeds which she did. 37 And it came to pass in
those days, that she fell sick, and died: and when
they had washed her, they laid her in an upper
chamber. 38 And as Lydda was nigh unto Joppa,
the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent
two men unto him, entreating him, Delay not to
come on unto us. 39 And Peter arose and went
with them. And when he was come, they brought
him into the upper chamber: and all the widows
stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and
garments which Dorcas made, while she was with
them. 40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled
down, and prayed; and turning to the body, he
said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes; and
when she saw Peter, she sat up. 41 And he gave
her his hand, and raised her up; and calling the
saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 And
it became known throughout all Joppa: and many
believed on the Lord. 43 And it came to pass, that
he abode many days in Joppa with one Simon a
tanner.

# 10

1 Now *there was* a certain man in Cæsarea, Cor-
nelius by name, a centurion of the band called the
Italian *band*, 2 a devout man, and one that feared
God with all his house, who gave much alms to the
people, and prayed to God always. 3 He saw in a
vision openly, as it were about the ninth hour of
the day, an angel of God coming in unto him, and

saying to him, Cornelius. 4 And he, fastening his
eyes upon him, and being affrighted, said, What
is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers
and thine alms are gone up for a memorial before
God. 5 And now send men to Joppa, and fetch
one Simon, who is surnamed Peter: 6 he lodgeth
with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the
sea side. 7 And when the angel that spake unto
him was departed, he called two of his household-
servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited
on him continually; 8 and having rehearsed all
things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

9 Now on the morrow, as they were on their
journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went
up upon the housetop to pray, about the sixth
hour: 10 and he became hungry, and desired to
eat: but while they made ready, he fell into a
trance; 11 and he beholdeth the heaven opened,
and a certain vessel descending, as it were a great
sheet, let down by four corners upon the earth:
12 wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts
and creeping things of the earth and birds of the
heaven. 13 And there came a voice to him, Rise,
Peter; kill and eat. 14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord;
for I have never eaten anything that is common
and unclean. 15 And a voice *came* unto him again
the second time, What God hath cleansed, make
not thou common. 16 And this was done thrice:
and straightway the vessel was received up into
heaven.

17 Now while Peter was much perplexed in him-
self what the vision which he had seen might
mean, behold, the men that were sent by Cor-

nelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house,
stood before the gate, 18 and called and asked
whether Simon, who was surnamed Peter, were
lodging there. 19 And while Peter thought on the
vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men
seek thee. 20 But arise, and get thee down, and
go with them, nothing doubting: for I have sent
them. 21 And Peter went down to the men, and
said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the
cause wherefore ye are come? 22 And they said,
Cornelius a centurion, a righteous man and one
that feareth God, and well reported of by all the
nation of the Jews, was warned *of God* by a holy
angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear
words from thee. 23 So he called them in and
lodged them.

And on the morrow he arose and went forth
with them, and certain of the brethren from Joppa
accompanied him. 24 And on the morrow they
entered into Cæsarea. And Cornelius was waiting
for them, having called together his kinsmen and
his near friends. 25 And when it came to pass
that Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell
down at his feet, and worshipped him. 26 But
Peter raised him up, saying, Stand up; I myself
also am a man. 27 And as he talked with him, he
went in, and findeth many come together: 28 and
he said unto them, Ye yourselves know how it is
an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to join
himself or come unto one of another nation; and
*yet* unto me hath God showed that I should not
call any man common or unclean: 29 wherefore
also I came without gainsaying, when I was sent

for. I ask therefore with what intent ye sent for
me. 30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago, until this
hour, I was keeping the ninth hour of prayer in
my house; and behold, a man stood before me in
bright apparel, 31 and saith, Cornelius, thy prayer
is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance
in the sight of God. 32 Send therefore to Joppa,
and call unto thee Simon, who is surnamed Peter;
he lodgeth in the house of Simon a tanner, by the
sea side. 33 Forthwith therefore I sent to thee;
and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now
therefore we are all here present in the sight of
God, to hear all things that have been commanded
thee of the Lord. 34 And Peter opened his mouth,
and said,

Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter
of persons: 35 but in every nation he that feareth
him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to
him. 36 The word which he sent unto the children
of Israel, preaching good tidings of peace by Jesus
Christ (he is Lord of all)— 37 that saying ye your-
selves know, which was published throughout all
Judæa, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism
which John preached; 38 *even* Jesus of Nazareth,
how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and
with power: who went about doing good, and
healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for
God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of
all things which he did both in the country of
the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom also they slew,
hanging him on a tree. 40 Him God raised up
the third day, and gave him to be made manifest,
41 not to all the people, but unto witnesses that

were chosen before of God, *even* to us, who ate
and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
42 And he charged us to preach unto the people,
and to testify that this is he who is ordained of God
*to be* the Judge of the living and the dead. 43 To
him bear all the prophets witness, that through
his name every one that believeth on him shall
receive remission of sins.

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy
Spirit fell on all them that heard the word.
45 And they of the circumcision that believed were
amazed, as many as came with Peter, because that
on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the
Holy Spirit. 46 For they heard them speak with
tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,
47 Can any man forbid the water, that these should
not be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit
as well as we? 48 And he commanded them to be
baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then prayed
they him to tarry certain days.

# 11

1 Now the apostles and the brethren that were
in Judæa heard that the Gentiles also had received
the word of God. 2 And when Peter was come up
to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision
contended with him, 3 saying, Thou wentest in
to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.
4 But Peter began, and expounded *the matter* unto
them in order, saying, 5 I was in the city of Joppa
praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, a certain
vessel descending, as it were a great sheet let
down from heaven by four corners; and it came

even unto me: 6 upon which when I had fastened
mine eyes, I considered, and saw the fourfooted
beasts of the earth and wild beasts and creeping
things and birds of the heaven. 7 And I heard also
a voice saying unto me, Rise, Peter; kill and eat.
8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or
unclean hath ever entered into my mouth. 9 But
a voice answered the second time out of heaven,
What God hath cleansed, make not thou common.
10 And this was done thrice: and all were drawn
up again into heaven. 11 And behold, forthwith
three men stood before the house in which we
were, having been sent from Cæsarea unto me.
12 And the Spirit bade me go with them, making
no distinction. And these six brethren also ac-
companied me; and we entered into the man's
house: 13 and he told us how he had seen the angel
standing in his house, and saying, Send to Joppa,
and fetch Simon, whose surname is Peter; 14 who
shall speak unto thee words, whereby thou shalt
be saved, thou and all thy house. 15 And as I began
to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, even as on us
at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word
of the Lord, how he said, John indeed baptized
with water; but ye shall be baptized in the Holy
Spirit. 17 If then God gave unto them the like gift as
*he did* also unto us, when we believed on the Lord
Jesus Christ, who was I, that I could withstand
God? 18 And when they heard these things, they
held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then
to the Gentiles also hath God granted repentance
unto life.

19 They therefore that were scattered abroad

upon the tribulation that arose about Stephen
travelled as far as Phoenicia, and Cyprus, and
Antioch, speaking the word to none save only to
Jews. 20 But there were some of them, men of
Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were come
to Antioch, spake unto the Greeks also, preaching
the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was
with them: and a great number that believed
turned unto the Lord. 22 And the report concern-
ing them came to the ears of the church which
was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas
as far as Antioch: 23 who, when he was come,
and had seen the grace of God, was glad; and he
exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they
would cleave unto the Lord: 24 for he was a good
man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and
much people was added unto the Lord. 25 And he
went forth to Tarsus to seek for Saul; 26 and when
he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch.
And it came to pass, that even for a whole year
they were gathered together with the church, and
taught much people; and that the disciples were
called Christians first in Antioch.

27 Now in these days there came down prophets
from Jerusalem unto Antioch. 28 And there stood
up one of them named Agabus, and signified by
the Spirit that there should be a great famine
over all the world: which came to pass in the
days of Claudius. 29 And the disciples, every man
according to his ability, determined to send relief
unto the brethren that dwelt in Judæa: 30 which
also they did, sending it to the elders by the hand
of Barnabas and Saul.

# 12

1 Now about that time Herod the king put forth
his hands to afflict certain of the church. 2 And he
killed James the brother of John with the sword.
3 And when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he
proceeded to seize Peter also. And *those* were the
days of unleavened bread. 4 And when he had
taken him, he put him in prison, and delivered
him to four quaternions of soldiers to guard him;
intending after the Passover to bring him forth
to the people. 5 Peter therefore was kept in the
prison: but prayer was made earnestly of the
church unto God for him. 6 And when Herod was
about to bring him forth, the same night Peter
was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with
two chains: and guards before the door kept the
prison. 7 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood
by him, and a light shined in the cell: and he smote
Peter on the side, and awoke him, saying, Rise up
quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.
8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and
bind on thy sandals. And he did so. And he saith
unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow
me. 9 And he went out, and followed; and he
knew not that it was true which was done by the
angel, but thought he saw a vision. 10 And when
they were past the first and the second guard, they
came unto the iron gate that leadeth into the city;
which opened to them of its own accord: and they
went out, and passed on through one street; and
straightway the angel departed from him. 11 And
when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now
I know of a truth, that the Lord hath sent forth

his angel and delivered me out of the hand of
Herod, and from all the expectation of the people
of the Jews. 12 And when he had considered *the*
*thing*, he came to the house of Mary the mother
of John whose surname was Mark; where many
were gathered together and were praying. 13 And
when he knocked at the door of the gate, a maid
came to answer, named Rhoda. 14 And when she
knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for
joy, but ran in, and told that Peter stood before the
gate. 15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But
she confidently affirmed that it was even so. And
they said, It is his angel. 16 But Peter continued
knocking: and when they had opened, they saw
him, and were amazed. 17 But he, beckoning unto
them with the hand to hold their peace, declared
unto them how the Lord had brought him forth
out of the prison. And he said, Tell these things
unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed,
and went to another place. 18 Now as soon as
it was day, there was no small stir among the
soldiers, what was become of Peter. 19 And when
Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he
examined the guards, and commanded that they
should be put to death. And he went down from
Judæa to Cæsarea, and tarried there.

20 Now he was highly displeased with them of
Tyre and Sidon: and they came with one accord
to him, and, having made Blastus the king's cham-
berlain their friend, they asked for peace, because
their country was fed from the king's country.
21 And upon a set day Herod arrayed himself in

royal apparel, and sat on the throne, and made
an oration unto them. 22 And the people shouted,
*saying*, The voice of a god, and not of a man.
23 And immediately an angel of the Lord smote
him, because he gave not God the glory: and he
was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from
Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their
ministration, taking with them John whose
surname was Mark.

# 13

1 Now there were at Antioch, in the church
that was *there*, prophets and teachers, Barnabas,
and Symeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of
Cyrene, and Manaen the foster-brother of Herod
the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 And as they ministered to
the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate
me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I
have called them. 3 Then, when they had fasted
and prayed and laid their hands on them, they
sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Spirit,
went down to Seleucia; and from thence they
sailed to Cyprus. 5 And when they were at Salamis,
they proclaimed the word of God in the syna-
gogues of the Jews: and they had also John as their
attendant. 6 And when they had gone through the
whole island unto Paphos, they found a certain
sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was
Bar-Jesus; 7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius
Paulus, a man of understanding. The same called

unto him Barnabas and Saul, and sought to hear
the word of God. 8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for
so is his name by interpretation) withstood them,
seeking to turn aside the proconsul from the faith.
9 But Saul, who is also *called* Paul, filled with
the Holy Spirit, fastened his eyes on him, 10 and
said, O full of all guile and all villany, thou son
of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt
thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the
Lord? 11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord
is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing
the sun for a season. And immediately there fell
on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about
seeking some to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the
proconsul, when he saw what was done, believed,
being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

13 Now Paul and his company set sail from Pa-
phos, and came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John
departed from them and returned to Jerusalem.
14 But they, passing through from Perga, came to
Antioch of Pisidia; and they went into the syna-
gogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. 15 And
after the reading of the law and the prophets the
rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying,
Brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for
the people, say on. 16 And Paul stood up, and
beckoning with the hand said,

Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, hearken:
17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers,
and exalted the people when they sojourned in
the land of Egypt, and with a high arm led he
them forth out of it. 18 And for about the time of
forty years as a nursing-father bare he them in the

wilderness. 19 And when he had destroyed seven
nations in the land of Canaan, he gave *them* their
land for an inheritance, for about four hundred
and fifty years: 20 and after these things he gave
*them* judges until Samuel the prophet. 21 And
afterward they asked for a king: and God gave
unto them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the
tribe of Benjamin, for the space of forty years.
22 And when he had removed him, he raised up
David to be their king; to whom also he bare
witness and said, I have found David the son of
Jesse, a man after my heart, who shall do all my
will. 23 Of this man's seed hath God according
to promise brought unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus;
24 when John had first preached before his coming
the baptism of repentance to all the people of
Israel. 25 And as John was fulfilling his course,
he said, What suppose ye that I am? I am not
*he*. But behold, there cometh one after me the
shoes of whose feet I am not worthy to unloose.
26 Brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and
those among you that fear God, to us is the word
of this salvation sent forth. 27 For they that dwell
in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew
him not, nor the voices of the prophets which are
read every sabbath, fulfilled *them* by condemning
*him*. 28 And though they found no cause of death
*in him*, yet asked they of Pilate that he should be
slain. 29 And when they had fulfilled all things that
were written of him, they took him down from the
tree, and laid him in a tomb. 30 But God raised
him from the dead: 31 and he was seen for many
days of them that came up with him from Galilee

to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses unto the
people. 32 And we bring you good tidings of the
promise made unto the fathers, 33 that God hath
fulfilled the same unto our children, in that he
raised up Jesus; as also it is written in the second
psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten
thee. 34 And as concerning that he raised him up
from the dead, now no more to return to corrup-
tion, he hath spoken on this wise, I will give you
the holy and sure *blessings* of David. 35 Because
he saith also in another *psalm*, Thou wilt not give
thy Holy One to see corruption. 36 For David,
after he had in his own generation served the
counsel of God, fell asleep, and was laid unto his
fathers, and saw corruption: 37 but he whom God
raised up saw no corruption. 38 Be it known unto
you therefore, brethren, that through this man is
proclaimed unto you remission of sins: 39 and by
him every one that believeth is justified from all
things, from which ye could not be justified by the
law of Moses. 40 Beware therefore, lest that come
upon *you* which is spoken in the prophets:

41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish;
For I work a work in your days,
A work which ye shall in no wise believe, if one
declare it unto you.

42 And as they went out, they besought that
these words might be spoken to them the next
sabbath. 43 Now when the synagogue broke up,
many of the Jews and of the devout proselytes
followed Paul and Barnabas; who, speaking to
them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And the next sabbath almost the whole city
was gathered together to hear the word of God.
45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they
were filled with jealousy, and contradicted the
things which were spoken by Paul, and blas-
phemed. 46 And Paul and Barnabas spake out
boldly, and said, It was necessary that the word of
God should first be spoken to you. Seeing ye thrust
it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of
eternal life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. 47 For so
hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*,

I have set thee for a light of the Gentiles,
That thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ut-
termost part of the earth.

48 And as the Gentiles heard this, they were glad,
and glorified the word of God: and as many as
were ordained to eternal life believed. 49 And the
word of the Lord was spread abroad throughout
all the region. 50 But the Jews urged on the devout
women of honorable estate, and the chief men of
the city, and stirred up a persecution against Paul
and Barnabas, and cast them out of their borders.
51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against
them, and came unto Iconium. 52 And the disciples
were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

# 14

1 And it came to pass in Iconium that they en-
tered together into the synagogue of the Jews,
and so spake that a great multitude both of Jews
and of Greeks believed. 2 But the Jews that were
disobedient stirred up the souls of the Gentiles,
and made them evil affected against the brethren.

3 Long time therefore they tarried *there* speaking
boldly in the Lord, who bare witness unto the
word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to
be done by their hands. 4 But the multitude of
the city was divided; and part held with the Jews,
and part with the apostles. 5 And when there was
made an onset both of the Gentiles and of the Jews
with their rulers, to treat them shamefully and to
stone them, 6 they became aware of it, and fled
unto the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and
the region round about: 7 and there they preached
the gospel.

8 And at Lystra there sat a certain man, im-
potent in his feet, a cripple from his mother's
womb, who never had walked. 9 The same heard
Paul speaking: who, fastening his eyes upon him,
and seeing that he had faith to be made whole,
10 said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy
feet. And he leaped up and walked. 11 And when
the multitude saw what Paul had done, they lifted
up their voice, saying in the speech of Lycaonia,
The gods are come down to us in the likeness of
men. 12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and
Paul, Mercury, because he was the chief speaker.
13 And the priest of Jupiter whose *temple* was
before the city, brought oxen and garlands unto
the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the
multitudes. 14 But when the apostles, Barnabas
and Paul, heard of it, they rent their garments,
and sprang forth among the multitude, crying
out 15 and saying, Sirs, why do ye these things?
We also are men of like passions with you, and

bring you good tidings, that ye should turn from
these vain things unto a living God, who made
the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that
in them is: 16 who in the generations gone by
suffered all the nations to walk in their own ways.
17 And yet he left not himself without witness,
in that he did good and gave you from heaven
rains and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with
food and gladness. 18 And with these sayings
scarce restrained they the multitudes from doing
sacrifice unto them.
19 But there came Jews thither from Antioch and
Iconium: and having persuaded the multitudes,
they stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city,
supposing that he was dead. 20 But as the disciples
stood round about him, he rose up, and entered
into the city: and on the morrow he went forth
with Barnabas to Derbe. 21 And when they had
preached the gospel to that city, and had made
many disciples, they returned to Lystra, and to
Iconium, and to Antioch, 22 confirming the souls
of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the
faith, and that through many tribulations we must
enter into the kingdom of God. 23 And when they
had appointed for them elders in every church,
and had prayed with fasting, they commended
them to the Lord, on whom they had believed.
24 And they passed through Pisidia, and came to
Pamphylia. 25 And when they had spoken the
word in Perga, they went down to Attalia; 26 and
thence they sailed to Antioch, from whence they
had been committed to the grace of God for the
work which they had fulfilled. 27 And when

they were come, and had gathered the church
together, they rehearsed all things that God had
done with them, and that he had opened a door
of faith unto the Gentiles. 28 And they tarried no
little time with the disciples.

# 15

1 And certain men came down from Judæa and
taught the brethren, *saying*, Except ye be circum-
cised after the custom of Moses, ye cannot be
saved. 2 And when Paul and Barnabas had no
small dissension and questioning with them, *the*
*brethren* appointed that Paul and Barnabas, and
certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem
unto the apostles and elders about this question.
3 They therefore, being brought on their way by
the church, passed through both Phoenicia and
Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles:
and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.
4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they
were received of the church and the apostles and
the elders, and they rehearsed all things that God
had done with them. 5 But there rose up certain of
the sect of the Pharisees who believed, saying, It is
needful to circumcise them, and to charge them to
keep the law of Moses.

6 And the apostles and the elders were gathered
together to consider of this matter. 7 And when
there had been much questioning, Peter rose up,
and said unto them,

Brethren, ye know that a good while ago God
made choice among you, that by my mouth the
Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel, and

believe. 8 And God, who knoweth the heart, bare
them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit, even
as he did unto us; 9 and he made no distinction
between us and them, cleansing their hearts by
faith. 10 Now therefore why make ye trial of God,
that ye should put a yoke upon the neck of the
disciples which neither our fathers nor we were
able to bear? 11 But we believe that we shall be
saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in like
manner as they.

12 And all the multitude kept silence; and they
hearkened unto Barnabas and Paul rehearsing
what signs and wonders God had wrought among
the Gentiles through them. 13 And after they had
held their peace, James answered, saying,

Brethren, hearken unto me: 14 Symeon hath
rehearsed how first God visited the Gentiles, to
take out of them a people for his name. 15 And
to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is
written,

16 After these things I will return,
And I will build again the tabernacle of David,
which is fallen;
And I will build again the ruins thereof,
And I will set it up:
17 That the residue of men may seek after the Lord,
And all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is
called,
18 Saith the Lord, who maketh these things known
from of old.

19 Wherefore my judgment is, that we trouble
not them that from among the Gentiles turn to
God; 20 but that we write unto them, that they

abstain from the pollutions of idols, and from
fornication, and from what is strangled, and from
blood. 21 For Moses from generations of old hath
in every city them that preach him, being read in
the synagogues every sabbath.

22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the
elders, with the whole church, to choose men out
of their company, and send them to Antioch with
Paul and Barnabas; *namely*, Judas called Barsab-
bas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:
23 and they wrote *thus* by them, The apostles and
the elders, brethren, unto the brethren who are
of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia,
greeting: 24 Forasmuch as we have heard that
certain who went out from us have troubled you
with words, subverting your souls; to whom we
gave no commandment; 25 it seemed good unto us,
having come to one accord, to choose out men and
send them unto you with our beloved Barnabas
and Paul, 26 men that have hazarded their lives
for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27 We have
sent therefore Judas and Silas, who themselves
also shall tell you the same things by word of
mouth. 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit,
and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than
these necessary things: 29 that ye abstain from
things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and
from things strangled, and from fornication; from
which if ye keep yourselves, it shall be well with
you. Fare ye well.

30 So they, when they were dismissed, came
down to Antioch; and having gathered the multi-
tude together, they delivered the epistle. 31 And

when they had read it, they rejoiced for the con-
solation. 32 And Judas and Silas, being themselves
also prophets, exhorted the brethren with many
words, and confirmed them. 33 And after they
had spent some time *there*, they were dismissed in
peace from the brethren unto those that had sent
them forth. 34* 35 But Paul and Barnabas tarried in
Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the
Lord, with many others also.

36 And after some days Paul said unto Barnabas,
Let us return now and visit the brethren in ev-
ery city wherein we proclaimed the word of the
Lord, *and see* how they fare. 37 And Barnabas
was minded to take with them John also, who
was called Mark. 38 But Paul thought not good
to take with them him who withdrew from them
from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the
work. 39 And there arose a sharp contention, so
that they parted asunder one from the other, and
Barnabas took Mark with him, and sailed away
unto Cyprus: 40 but Paul chose Silas, and went
forth, being commended by the brethren to the
grace of the Lord. 41 And he went through Syria
and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

# 16

1 And he came also to Derbe and to Lystra:
and behold, a certain disciple was there, named
Timothy, the son of a Jewess that believed; but
his father was a Greek. 2 The same was well re-
ported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and

* **15:34** Some ancient authorites insert, with variations, v. 34. But it seemed good unto Silas to abide there.

Iconium. 3 Him would Paul have to go forth with
him; and he took and circumcised him because of
the Jews that were in those parts: for they all knew
that his father was a Greek. 4 And as they went on
their way through the cities, they delivered them
the decrees to keep which had been ordained of
the apostles and elders that were at Jerusalem.
5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith,
and increased in number daily.

6 And they went through the region of Phrygia
and Galatia, having been forbidden of the Holy
Spirit to speak the word in Asia; 7 and when they
were come over against Mysia, they assayed to go
into Bithynia; and the Spirit of Jesus suffered them
not; 8 and passing by Mysia, they came down to
Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night:
There was a man of Macedonia standing, beseech-
ing him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia,
and help us. 10 And when he had seen the vision,
straightway we sought to go forth into Macedonia,
concluding that God had called us to preach the
gospel unto them.

11 Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made
a straight course to Samothrace, and the day fol-
lowing to Neapolis; 12 and from thence to Philippi,
which is a city of Macedonia, the first of the dis-
trict, a *Roman* colony: and we were in this city
tarrying certain days. 13 And on the sabbath day
we went forth without the gate by a river side,
where we supposed there was a place of prayer;
and we sat down, and spake unto the women that
were come together. 14 And a certain woman

named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thy-
atira, one that worshipped God, heard us: whose
heart the Lord opened to give heed unto the things
which were spoken by Paul. 15 And when she
was baptized, and her household, she besought
us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to
the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*.
And she constrained us.

16 And it came to pass, as we were going to the
place of prayer, that a certain maid having a spirit
of divination met us, who brought her masters
much gain by soothsaying. 17 The same following
after Paul and us cried out, saying, These men are
servants of the Most High God, who proclaim unto
you the way of salvation. 18 And this she did for
many days. But Paul, being sore troubled, turned
and said to the spirit, I charge thee in the name of
Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out
that very hour.

19 But when her masters saw that the hope
of their gain was gone, they laid hold on Paul
and Silas, and dragged them into the marketplace
before the rulers, 20 and when they had brought
them unto the magistrates, they said, These men,
being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, 21 and
set forth customs which it is not lawful for us
to receive, or to observe, being Romans. 22 And
the multitude rose up together against them: and
the magistrates rent their garments off them, and
commanded to beat them with rods. 23 And when
they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast
them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them
safely: 24 who, having received such a charge, cast

them into the inner prison, and made their feet
fast in the stocks. 25 But about midnight Paul and
Silas were praying and singing hymns unto God,
and the prisoners were listening to them; 26 and
suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that
the foundations of the prison-house were shaken:
and immediately all the doors were opened; and
every one's bands were loosed. 27 And the jailor,
being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison
doors open, drew his sword and was about to
kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had es-
caped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying,
Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. 29 And
he called for lights and sprang in, and, trembling
for fear, fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 and
brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do
to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the
Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy
house. 32 And they spake the word of the Lord
unto him, with all that were in his house. 33 And
he took them the same hour of the night, and
washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all
his, immediately. 34 And he brought them up into
his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced
greatly, with all his house, having believed in God.
35 But when it was day, the magistrates sent
the serjeants, saying, Let those men go. 36 And
the jailor reported the words to Paul, *saying*, The
magistrates have sent to let you go: now there-
fore come forth, and go in peace. 37 But Paul
said unto them, They have beaten us publicly,
uncondemned, men that are Romans, and have
cast us into prison; and do they now cast us out

privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves
and bring us out. 38 And the serjeants reported
these words unto the magistrates: and they feared
when they heard that they were Romans; 39 and
they came and besought them; and when they had
brought them out, they asked them to go away
from the city. 40 And they went out of the prison,
and entered into *the house of* Lydia: and when
they had seen the brethren, they comforted them,
and departed.

# 17

1 Now when they had passed through Amphipo-
lis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica,
where was a synagogue of the Jews: 2 and Paul,
as his custom was, went in unto them, and for
three sabbath days reasoned with them from the
scriptures, 3 opening and alleging that it behooved
the Christ to suffer, and to rise again from the
dead; and that this Jesus, whom, *said he*, I pro-
claim unto you, is the Christ. 4 And some of them
were persuaded, and consorted with Paul and
Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude,
and of the chief women not a few. 5 But the
Jews, being moved with jealousy, took unto them
certain vile fellows of the rabble, and gathering a
crowd, set the city on an uproar; and assaulting
the house of Jason, they sought to bring them forth
to the people. 6 And when they found them not,
they dragged Jason and certain brethren before
the rulers of the city, crying, These that have
turned the world upside down are come hither
also; 7 whom Jason hath received: and these all act

contrary to the decrees of Cæsar, saying that there
is another king, *one* Jesus. 8 And they troubled the
multitude and the rulers of the city, when they
heard these things. 9 And when they had taken
security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul
and Silas by night unto Beroea: who when they
were come thither went into the synagogue of
the Jews. 11 Now these were more noble than
those in Thessalonica, in that they received the
word with all readiness of mind, examining the
scriptures daily, whether these things were so.
12 Many of them therefore believed; also of the
Greek women of honorable estate, and of men, not
a few. 13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had
knowledge that the word of God was proclaimed
of Paul at Beroea also, they came thither likewise,
stirring up and troubling the multitudes. 14 And
then immediately the brethren sent forth Paul to
go as far as to the sea: and Silas and Timothy
abode there still. 15 But they that conducted Paul
brought him as far as Athens: and receiving a
commandment unto Silas and Timothy that they
should come to him with all speed, they departed.

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens,
his spirit was provoked within him as he beheld
the city full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the
synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons,
and in the marketplace every day with them that
met him. 18 And certain also of the Epicurean
and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And
some said, What would this babbler say? others,

He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods:
because he preached Jesus and the resurrection.
19 And they took hold of him, and brought him
unto the Areopagus, saying, May we know what
this new teaching is, which is spoken by thee?
20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our
ears: we would know therefore what these things
mean. 21 (Now all the Athenians and the strangers
sojourning there spent their time in nothing else,
but either to tell or to hear some new thing.) 22 And
Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus, and said,

Ye men of Athens, in all things I perceive that
ye are very religious. 23 For as I passed along,
and observed the objects of your worship, I found
also an altar with this inscription, TO AN UN-
KNOWN GOD. What therefore ye worship in ig-
norance, this I set forth unto you. 24 The God
that made the world and all things therein, he,
being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in
temples made with hands; 25 neither is he served
by men's hands, as though he needed anything,
seeing he himself giveth to all life, and breath, and
all things; 26 and he made of one every nation of
men to dwell on all the face of the earth, having de-
termined *their* appointed seasons, and the bounds
of their habitation; 27 that they should seek God,
if haply they might feel after him and find him,
though he is not far from each one of us: 28 for
in him we live, and move, and have our being; as
certain even of your own poets have said,

For we are also his offspring.
29 Being then the offspring of God, we ought not

to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or
silver, or stone, graven by art and device of man.
30 The times of ignorance therefore God over-
looked; but now he commandeth men that they
should all everywhere repent: 31 inasmuch as he
hath appointed a day in which he will judge the
world in righteousness by the man whom he hath
ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto
all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32 Now when they heard of the resurrection
of the dead, some mocked; but others said, We
will hear thee concerning this yet again. 33 Thus
Paul went out from among them. 34 But certain
men clave unto him, and believed: among whom
also was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman
named Damaris, and others with them.

# 18

1 After these things he departed from Athens,
and came to Corinth. 2 And he found a certain
Jew named Aquila, a man of Pontus by race, lately
come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla, because
Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart
from Rome: and he came unto them; 3 and be-
cause he was of the same trade, he abode with
them, and they wrought; for by their trade they
were tentmakers. 4 And he reasoned in the syn-
agogue every sabbath, and persuaded Jews and
Greeks.

5 But when Silas and Timothy came down from
Macedonia, Paul was constrained by the word,
testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

6 And when they opposed themselves and blas-
phemed, he shook out his raiment and said unto
them, Your blood *be* upon your own heads; I am
clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gen-
tiles. 7 And he departed thence, and went into the
house of a certain man named Titus Justus, one
that worshipped God, whose house joined hard
to the synagogue. 8 And Crispus, the ruler of the
synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his house;
and many of the Corinthians hearing believed,
and were baptized. 9 And the Lord said unto Paul
in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak
and hold not thy peace: 10 for I am with thee, and
no man shall set on thee to harm thee: for I have
much people in this city. 11 And he dwelt *there*
a year and six months, teaching the word of God
among them.

12 But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the
Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and
brought him before the judgment-seat, 13 saying,
This man persuadeth men to worship God con-
trary to the law. 14 But when Paul was about
to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If
indeed it were a matter of wrong or of wicked
villany, O ye Jews, reason would that I should
bear with you: 15 but if they are questions about
words and names and your own law, look to it
yourselves; I am not minded to be a judge of these
matters. 16 And he drove them from the judgment-
seat. 17 And they all laid hold on Sosthenes, the
ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the
judgment-seat. And Gallio cared for none of these
things.

18 And Paul, having tarried after this yet many
days, took his leave of the brethren, and sailed
thence for Syria, and with him Priscilla and
Aquila: having shorn his head in Cenchreæ; for
he had a vow. 19 And they came to Ephesus, and
he left them there: but he himself entered into the
synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. 20 And
when they asked him to abide a longer time, he
consented not; 21 but taking his leave of them, and
saying, I will return again unto you if God will, he
set sail from Ephesus.

22 And when he had landed at Cæsarea, he went
up and saluted the church, and went down to
Antioch. 23 And having spent some time *there*, he
departed, and went through the region of Galatia,
and Phrygia, in order, establishing all the disci-
ples.

24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexan-
drian by race, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus;
and he was mighty in the scriptures. 25 This
man had been instructed in the way of the Lord;
and being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught
accurately the things concerning Jesus, knowing
only the baptism of John: 26 and he began to
speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla
and Aquila heard him, they took him unto them,
and expounded unto him the way of God more
accurately. 27 And when he was minded to pass
over into Achaia, the brethren encouraged him,
and wrote to the disciples to receive him: and
when he was come, he helped them much that
had believed through grace; 28 for he powerfully

confuted the Jews, *and that* publicly, showing by
the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

## 19

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was
at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper
country came to Ephesus, and found certain disci-
ples: 2 and he said unto them, Did ye receive the
Holy Spirit when ye believed? And they *said* unto
him, Nay, we did not so much as hear whether the
Holy Spirit was *given*. 3 And he said, Into what
then were ye baptized? And they said, Into John's
baptism. 4 And Paul said, John baptized with the
baptism of repentance, saying unto the people
that they should believe on him that should come
after him, that is, on Jesus. 5 And when they heard
this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord
Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon
them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they
spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7 And they
were in all about twelve men.

8 And he entered into the synagogue, and spake
boldly for the space of three months, reasoning
and persuading *as to* the things concerning the
kingdom of God. 9 But when some were hardened
and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before
the multitude, he departed from them, and sepa-
rated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school
of Tyrannus. 10 And this continued for the space of
two years; so that all they that dwelt in Asia heard
the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. 11 And
God wrought special miracles by the hands of
Paul: 12 insomuch that unto the sick were carried

away from his body handkerchiefs or aprons, and
the diseases departed from them, and the evil
spirits went out. 13 But certain also of the strolling
Jews, exorcists, took upon them to name over
them that had the evil spirits the name of the Lord
Jesus, saying, I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul
preacheth. 14 And there were seven sons of one
Sceva, a Jew, a chief priest, who did this. 15 And
the evil spirit answered and said unto them, Jesus
I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? 16 And
the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on
them, and mastered both of them, and prevailed
against them, so that they fled out of that house
naked and wounded. 17 And this became known
to all, both Jews and Greeks, that dwelt at Eph-
esus; and fear fell upon them all, and the name
of the Lord Jesus was magnified. 18 Many also
of them that had believed came, confessing, and
declaring their deeds. 19 And not a few of them
that practised magical arts brought their books
together and burned them in the sight of all; and
they counted the price of them, and found it fifty
thousand pieces of silver. 20 So mightily grew the
word of the Lord and prevailed.

21 Now after these things were ended, Paul pur-
posed in the spirit, when he had passed through
Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying,
After I have been there, I must also see Rome.
22 And having sent into Macedonia two of them
that ministered unto him, Timothy and Erastus,
he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

23 And about that time there arose no small
stir concerning the Way. 24 For a certain man

named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver
shrines of Diana, brought no little business unto
the craftsmen; 25 whom he gathered together,
with the workmen of like occupation, and said,
Sirs, ye know that by this business we have our
wealth. 26 And ye see and hear, that not alone at
Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul
hath persuaded and turned away much people,
saying that they are no gods, that are made with
hands: 27 and not only is there danger that this
our trade come into disrepute; but also that the
temple of the great goddess Diana be made of
no account, and that she should even be deposed
from her magnificence whom all Asia and the
world worshippeth. 28 And when they heard this
they were filled with wrath, and cried out, saying,
Great *is* Diana of the Ephesians. 29 And the city
was filled with the confusion: and they rushed
with one accord into the theatre, having seized
Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's
companions in travel. 30 And when Paul was
minded to enter in unto the people, the disci-
ples suffered him not. 31 And certain also of the
Asiarchs, being his friends, sent unto him and
besought him not to adventure himself into the
theatre. 32 Some therefore cried one thing, and
some another: for the assembly was in confusion;
and the more part knew not wherefore they were
come together. 33 And they brought Alexander
out of the multitude, the Jews putting him for-
ward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand,
and would have made a defence unto the people.
34 But when they perceived that he was a Jew,

all with one voice about the space of two hours
cried out, Great *is* Diana of the Ephesians. 35 And
when the townclerk had quieted the multitude,
he saith, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there
who knoweth not that the city of the Ephesians
is temple-keeper of the great Diana, and of the
*image* which fell down from Jupiter? 36 Seeing
then that these things cannot be gainsaid, ye ought
to be quiet, and to do nothing rash. 37 For ye
have brought *hither* these men, who are neither
robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our god-
dess. 38 If therefore Demetrius, and the craftsmen
that are with him, have a matter against any man,
the courts are open, and there are proconsuls:
let them accuse one another. 39 But if ye seek
anything about other matters, it shall be settled
in the regular assembly. 40 For indeed we are in
danger to be accused concerning this day's riot,
there being no cause *for it*: and as touching it we
shall not be able to give account of this concourse.
41 And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the
assembly.

# 20

1 And after the uproar ceased, Paul having sent
for the disciples and exhorted them, took leave
of them, and departed to go into Macedonia.
2 And when he had gone through those parts, and
had given them much exhortation, he came into
Greece. 3 And when he had spent three months
*there*, and a plot was laid against him by the
Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he
determined to return through Macedonia. 4 And

there accompanied him as far as Asia, Sopater of
Beroea, *the son* of Pyrrhus; and of the Thessalo-
nians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of
Derbe, and Timothy; and of Asia, Tychicus and
Trophimus. 5 But these had gone before, and were
waiting for us at Troas. 6 And we sailed away from
Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and
came unto them to Troas in five days; where we
tarried seven days.

7 And upon the first day of the week, when
we were gathered together to break bread, Paul
discoursed with them, intending to depart on the
morrow; and prolonged his speech until mid-
night. 8 And there were many lights in the upper
chamber where we were gathered together. 9 And
there sat in the window a certain young man
named Eutychus, borne down with deep sleep;
and as Paul discoursed yet longer, being borne
down by his sleep he fell down from the third
story, and was taken up dead. 10 And Paul went
down, and fell on him, and embracing him said,
Make ye no ado; for his life is in him. 11 And
when he was gone up, and had broken the bread,
and eaten, and had talked with them a long while,
even till break of day, so he departed. 12 And
they brought the lad alive, and were not a little
comforted.

13 But we, going before to the ship, set sail for
Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had
he appointed, intending himself to go by land.
14 And when he met us at Assos, we took him in,
and came to Mitylene. 15 And sailing from thence,
we came the following day over against Chios;

and the next day we touched at Samos; and the
day after we came to Miletus. 16 For Paul had
determined to sail past Ephesus, that he might not
have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening,
if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the
day of Pentecost.

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and
called to him the elders of the church. 18 And when
they were come to him, he said unto them,

Ye yourselves know, from the first day that I set
foot in Asia, after what manner I was with you
all the time, 19 serving the Lord with all lowliness
of mind, and with tears, and with trials which
befell me by the plots of the Jews; 20 how I shrank
not from declaring unto you anything that was
profitable, and teaching you publicly, and from
house to house, 21 testifying both to Jews and to
Greeks repentance toward God, and faith toward
our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And now, behold, I go
bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing
the things that shall befall me there: 23 save that
the Holy Spirit testifieth unto me in every city,
saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. 24 But
I hold not my life of any account as dear unto
myself, so that I may accomplish my course, and
the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus,
to testify the gospel of the grace of God. 25 And
now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I
went about preaching the kingdom, shall see my
face no more. 26 Wherefore I testify unto you this
day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.
27 For I shrank not from declaring unto you the

whole counsel of God. 28 Take heed unto your-
selves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit
hath made you bishops, to feed the church of the
Lord which he purchased with his own blood.
29 I know that after my departing grievous wolves
shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock;
30 and from among your own selves shall men
arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away
the disciples after them. 31 Wherefore watch ye,
remembering that by the space of three years I
ceased not to admonish every one night and day
with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God, and
to the word of his grace, which is able to build *you*
up, and to give *you* the inheritance among all them
that are sanctified. 33 I coveted no man's silver,
or gold, or apparel. 34 Ye yourselves know that
these hands ministered unto my necessities, and
to them that were with me. 35 In all things I gave
you an example, that so laboring ye ought to help
the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord
Jesus, that he himself said, It is more blessed to
give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled
down and prayed with them all. 37 And they all
wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him,
38 sorrowing most of all for the word which he had
spoken, that they should behold his face no more.
And they brought him on his way unto the ship.

# 21

1 And when it came to pass that we were parted
from them and had set sail, we came with a
straight course unto Cos, and the next day unto

Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara: 2 and having found a ship crossing over unto Phoenicia, we
went aboard, and set sail. 3 And when we had
come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left hand,
we sailed unto Syria, and landed at Tyre; for there
the ship was to unlade her burden. 4 And having
found the disciples, we tarried there seven days:
and these said to Paul through the Spirit, that he
should not set foot in Jerusalem. 5 And when it
came to pass that we had accomplished the days,
we departed and went on our journey; and they
all, with wives and children, brought us on our
way till we were out of the city: and kneeling
down on the beach, we prayed, and bade each
other farewell; 6 and we went on board the ship,
but they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished the voyage from
Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais; and we saluted the
brethren, and abode with them one day. 8 And on
the morrow we departed, and came unto Cæsarea:
and entering into the house of Philip the evange-
list, who was one of the seven, we abode with him.
9 Now this man had four virgin daughters, who
prophesied. 10 And as we tarried there some days,
there came down from Judæa a certain prophet,
named Agabus. 11 And coming to us, and taking
Paul's girdle, he bound his own feet and hands,
and said, Thus saith the Holy Spirit, So shall the
Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this
girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of
the Gentiles. 12 And when we heard these things,
both we and they of that place besought him not
to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered,

What do ye, weeping and breaking my heart? for
I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at
Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. 14 And
when he would not be persuaded, we ceased,
saying, The will of the Lord be done.

15 And after these days we took up our baggage
and went up to Jerusalem. 16 And there went
with us also *certain* of the disciples from Cæsarea,
bringing *with them* one Mnason of Cyprus, an
early disciple, with whom we should lodge.

17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the
brethren received us gladly. 18 And the day fol-
lowing Paul went in with us unto James; and
all the elders were present. 19 And when he
had saluted them, he rehearsed one by one the
things which God had wrought among the Gen-
tiles through his ministry. 20 And they, when they
heard it, glorified God; and they said unto him,
Thou seest, brother, how many thousands there
are among the Jews of them that have believed;
and they are all zealous for the law: 21 and they
have been informed concerning thee, that thou
teachest all the Jews who are among the Gentiles
to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise
their children, neither to walk after the customs.
22 What is it therefore? they will certainly hear
that thou art come. 23 Do therefore this that we
say to thee: We have four men that have a vow
on them; 24 these take, and purify thyself with
them, and be at charges for them, that they may
shave their heads: and all shall know that there
is no truth in the things whereof they have been
informed concerning thee; but that thou thyself

also walkest orderly, keeping the law. 25 But
as touching the Gentiles that have believed, we
wrote, giving judgment that they should keep
themselves from things sacrificed to idols, and
from blood, and from what is strangled, and from
fornication. 26 Then Paul took the men, and the
next day purifying himself with them went into
the temple, declaring the fulfilment of the days
of purification, until the offering was offered for
every one of them.

27 And when the seven days were almost com-
pleted, the Jews from Asia, when they saw him
in the temple, stirred up all the multitude and
laid hands on him, 28 crying out, Men of Israel,
help: This is the man that teacheth all men ev-
erywhere against the people, and the law, and
this place; and moreover he brought Greeks also
into the temple, and hath defiled this holy place.
29 For they had before seen with him in the city
Trophimus the Ephesian, whom they supposed
that Paul had brought into the temple. 30 And all
the city was moved, and the people ran together;
and they laid hold on Paul, and dragged him out of
the temple: and straightway the doors were shut.
31 And as they were seeking to kill him, tidings
came up to the chief captain of the band, that all
Jerusalem was in confusion. 32 And forthwith he
took soldiers and centurions, and ran down upon
them: and they, when they saw the chief captain
and the soldiers, left off beating Paul. 33 Then the
chief captain came near, and laid hold on him, and
commanded him to be bound with two chains;
and inquired who he was, and what he had done.

34 And some shouted one thing, some another,
among the crowd: and when he could not know
the certainty for the uproar, he commanded him
to be brought into the castle. 35 And when he came
upon the stairs, so it was that he was borne of the
soldiers for the violence of the crowd; 36 for the
multitude of the people followed after, crying out,
Away with him.

37 And as Paul was about to be brought into
the castle, he saith unto the chief captain, May I
say something unto thee? And he said, Dost thou
know Greek? 38 Art thou not then the Egyptian,
who before these days stirred up to sedition and
led out into the wilderness the four thousand men
of the Assassins? 39 But Paul said, I am a Jew, of
Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and
I beseech thee, give me leave to speak unto the
people. 40 And when he had given him leave,
Paul, standing on the stairs, beckoned with the
hand unto the people; and when there was made
a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew
language, saying,

# 22

1 Brethren and fathers, hear ye the defence
which I now make unto you.

2 And when they heard that he spake unto them
in the Hebrew language, they were the more
quiet: and he saith,

3 I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but
brought up in this city, at the feet of Gamaliel,
instructed according to the strict manner of the
law of our fathers, being zealous for God, even

as ye all are this day: 4 and I persecuted this
Way unto the death, binding and delivering into
prisons both men and women. 5 As also the high
priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate
of the elders: from whom also I received letters
unto the brethren, and journeyed to Damascus to
bring them also that were there unto Jerusalem in
bonds to be punished. 6 And it came to pass, that,
as I made my journey, and drew nigh unto Dam-
ascus, about noon, suddenly there shone from
heaven a great light round about me. 7 And I
fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying
unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he
said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou
persecutest. 9 And they that were with me beheld
indeed the light, but they heard not the voice of
him that spake to me. 10 And I said, What shall I
do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and
go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee
of all things which are appointed for thee to do.
11 And when I could not see for the glory of that
light, being led by the hand of them that were with
me I came into Damascus. 12 And one Ananias, a
devout man according to the law, well reported
of by all the Jews that dwelt there, 13 came unto
me, and standing by me said unto me, Brother
Saul, receive thy sight. And in that very hour I
looked up on him. 14 And he said, The God of
our fathers hath appointed thee to know his will,
and to see the Righteous One, and to hear a voice
from his mouth. 15 For thou shalt be a witness
for him unto all men of what thou hast seen and

heard. 16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and
be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on
his name. 17 And it came to pass, that, when I
had returned to Jerusalem, and while I prayed in
the temple, I fell into a trance, 18 and saw him
saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly
out of Jerusalem; because they will not receive of
thee testimony concerning me. 19 And I said, Lord,
they themselves know that I imprisoned and beat
in every synagogue them that believed on thee:
20 and when the blood of Stephen thy witness
was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting,
and keeping the garments of them that slew him.
21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee
forth far hence unto the Gentiles.

22 And they gave him audience unto this word;
and they lifted up their voice, and said, Away
with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not
fit that he should live. 23 And as they cried out,
and threw off their garments, and cast dust into
the air, 24 the chief captain commanded him to be
brought into the castle, bidding that he should be
examined by scourging, that he might know for
what cause they so shouted against him. 25 And
when they had tied him up with the thongs, Paul
said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful
for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and
uncondemned? 26 And when the centurion heard
it, he went to the chief captain and told him,
saying, What art thou about to do? for this man
is a Roman. 27 And the chief captain came and
said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? And
he said, Yea. 28 And the chief captain answered,

With a great sum obtained I this citizenship. And
Paul said, But I am *a Roman* born. 29 They then that
were about to examine him straightway departed
from him: and the chief captain also was afraid
when he knew that he was a Roman, and because
he had bound him.
30 But on the morrow, desiring to know the
certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews,
he loosed him, and commanded the chief priests
and all the council to come together, and brought
Paul down and set him before them.

# 23

1 And Paul, looking stedfastly on the council,
said, Brethren, I have lived before God in all good
conscience until this day. 2 And the high priest
Ananias commanded them that stood by him to
smite him on the mouth. 3 Then said Paul unto
him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: and
sittest thou to judge me according to the law, and
commandest me to be smitten contrary to the
law? 4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou
God's high priest? 5 And Paul said, I knew not,
brethren, that he was high priest: for it is written,
Thou shalt not speak evil of a ruler of thy people.
6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were
Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out
in the council, Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son
of Pharisees: touching the hope and resurrection
of the dead I am called in question. 7 And when
he had so said, there arose a dissension between
the Pharisees and Sadducees; and the assembly
was divided. 8 For the Sadducees say that there is
no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit; but the

Pharisees confess both. 9 And there arose a great
clamor: and some of the scribes of the Pharisees'
part stood up, and strove, saying, We find no evil
in this man: and what if a spirit hath spoken to
him, or an angel? 10 And when there arose a great
dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul
should be torn in pieces by them, commanded the
soldiers to go down and take him by force from
among them, and bring him into the castle.

11 And the night following the Lord stood by
him, and said, Be of good cheer: for as thou
hast testified concerning me at Jerusalem, so must
thou bear witness also at Rome.

12 And when it was day, the Jews banded to-
gether, and bound themselves under a curse, say-
ing that they would neither eat nor drink till they
had killed Paul. 13 And they were more than
forty that made this conspiracy. 14 And they came
to the chief priests and the elders, and said, We
have bound ourselves under a great curse, to
taste nothing until we have killed Paul. 15 Now
therefore do ye with the council signify to the
chief captain that he bring him down unto you, as
though ye would judge of his case more exactly:
and we, before he comes near, are ready to slay
him. 16 But Paul's sister's son heard of their lying
in wait, and he came and entered into the castle
and told Paul. 17 And Paul called unto him one
of the centurions, and said, Bring this young man
unto the chief captain; for he hath something to
tell him. 18 So he took him, and brought him to the
chief captain, and saith, Paul the prisoner called
me unto him, and asked me to bring this young

man unto thee, who hath something to say to thee.
19 And the chief captain took him by the hand, and
going aside asked him privately, What is it that
thou hast to tell me? 20 And he said, The Jews have
agreed to ask thee to bring down Paul to-morrow
unto the council, as though thou wouldest inquire
somewhat more exactly concerning him. 21 Do not
thou therefore yield unto them: for there lie in
wait for him of them more than forty men, who
have bound themselves under a curse, neither
to eat nor to drink till they have slain him: and
now are they ready, looking for the promise from
thee. 22 So the chief captain let the young man go,
charging him, Tell no man that thou hast signified
these things to me. 23 And he called unto him two
of the centurions, and said, Make ready two hun-
dred soldiers to go as far as Cæsarea, and horsemen
threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred,
at the third hour of the night: 24 and *he bade them*
provide beasts, that they might set Paul thereon,
and bring him safe unto Felix the governor. 25 And
he wrote a letter after this form:

26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent gov-
ernor Felix, greeting. 27 This man was seized by
the Jews, and was about to be slain of them, when
I came upon them with the soldiers and rescued
him, having learned that he was a Roman. 28 And
desiring to know the cause wherefore they ac-
cused him, I brought him down unto their council:
29 whom I found to be accused about questions of
their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge
worthy of death or of bonds. 30 And when it was
shown to me that there would be a plot against

the man, I sent him to thee forthwith, charging his accusers also to speak against him before thee.

31 So the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris. 32 But on the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle: 33 and they, when they came to Cæsarea and delivered the letter to the governor, presented Paul also before him. 34 And when he had read it, he asked of what province he was; and when he understood that he was of Cilicia, 35 I will hear thee fully, said he, when thine accusers also are come: and he commanded him to be kept in Herod's palace.

# 24

1 And after five days the high priest Ananias came down with certain elders, and *with* an orator, one Tertullus; and they informed the governor against Paul. 2 And when he was called, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying,

Seeing that by thee we enjoy much peace, and that by thy providence evils are corrected for this nation, 3 we accept it in all ways and in all places, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness. 4 But, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I entreat thee to hear us of thy clemency a few words. 5 For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of insurrections among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes: 6 who moreover assayed to profane the temple: on whom also we laid hold:

7 * 8 from whom thou wilt be able, by examining
him thyself, to take knowledge of all these things
whereof we accuse him. 9 And the Jews also joined
in the charge, affirming that these things were so.
10 And when the governor had beckoned unto
him to speak, Paul answered,
Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of
many years a judge unto this nation, I cheerfully
make my defence: 11 seeing that thou canst take
knowledge that it is not more than twelve days
since I went up to worship at Jerusalem: 12 and
neither in the temple did they find me disputing
with any man or stirring up a crowd, nor in the
synagogues, nor in the city. 13 Neither can they
prove to thee the things whereof they now accuse
me. 14 But this I confess unto thee, that after
the Way which they call a sect, so serve I the
God of our fathers, believing all things which are
according to the law, and which are written in
the prophets; 15 having hope toward God, which
these also themselves look for, that there shall be a
resurrection both of the just and unjust. 16 Herein
I also exercise myself to have a conscience void of
offence toward God and men always. 17 Now after
some years I came to bring alms to my nation, and
offerings: 18 amidst which they found me purified
in the temple, with no crowd, nor yet with tumult:
but *there were* certain Jews from Asia— 19 who
ought to have been here before thee, and to make

* **24:7** Some ancient authorities insert and we would have judged him according to our law. But the chief captain Lysias came, and with great violence took him away out of our hands, commanding his accusers to come before thee.

accusation, if they had aught against me. 20 Or
else let these men themselves say what wrong-
doing they found when I stood before the council,
21 except it be for this one voice, that I cried
standing among them, Touching the resurrection
of the dead I am called in question before you this
day.
22 But Felix, having more exact knowledge con-
cerning the Way, deferred them, saying, When
Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will
determine your matter. 23 And he gave order to
the centurion that he should be kept in charge,
and should have indulgence; and not to forbid any
of his friends to minister unto him.
24 But after certain days, Felix came with
Drusilla, his wife, who was a Jewess, and sent for
Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ
Jesus. 25 And as he reasoned of righteousness,
and self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix
was terrified, and answered, Go thy way for this
time; and when I have a convenient season, I will
call thee unto me. 26 He hoped withal that money
would be given him of Paul: wherefore also he
sent for him the oftener, and communed with
him. 27 But when two years were fulfilled, Felix
was succeeded by Porcius Festus; and desiring to
gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul in bonds.

# 25

1 Festus therefore, having come into the
province, after three days went up to Jerusalem
from Cæsarea. 2 And the chief priests and the
principal men of the Jews informed him against

Paul; and they besought him, 3 asking a favor
against him, that he would send for him to
Jerusalem; laying a plot to kill him on the way.
4 Howbeit Festus answered, that Paul was kept in
charge at Cæsarea, and that he himself was about
to depart *thither* shortly. 5 Let them therefore,
saith he, that are of power among you go down
with me, and if there is anything amiss in the
man, let them accuse him.

6 And when he had tarried among them not
more than eight or ten days, he went down
unto Cæsarea; and on the morrow he sat on
the judgment-seat, and commanded Paul to be
brought. 7 And when he was come, the Jews that
had come down from Jerusalem stood round
about him, bringing against him many and
grievous charges which they could not prove;
8 while Paul said in his defence, Neither against
the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor
against Cæsar, have I sinned at all. 9 But Festus,
desiring to gain favor with the Jews, answered
Paul and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and
there be judged of these things before me? 10 But
Paul said, I am standing before Cæsar's judgment-
seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have
I done no wrong, as thou also very well knowest.
11 If then I am a wrong-doer, and have committed
anything worthy of death, I refuse not to die;
but if none of those things is *true* whereof these
accuse me, no man can give me up unto them. I
appeal unto Cæsar. 12 Then Festus, when he had
conferred with the council, answered, Thou hast
appealed unto Cæsar: unto Cæsar shalt thou go.

13 Now when certain days were passed, Agrippa
the king and Bernice arrived at Cæsarea, and
saluted Festus. 14 And as they tarried there many
days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, sa-
ying, There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix;
15 about whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief
priests and the elders of the Jews informed *me*,
asking for sentence against him. 16 To whom I an-
swered, that it is not the custom of the Romans to
give up any man, before that the accused have the
accusers face to face, and have had opportunity
to make his defence concerning the matter laid
against him. 17 When therefore they were come
together here, I made no delay, but on the next
day sat on the judgment-seat, and commanded the
man to be brought. 18 Concerning whom, when
the accusers stood up, they brought no charge of
such evil things as I supposed; 19 but had certain
questions against him of their own religion, and of
one Jesus, who was dead, whom Paul affirmed to
be alive. 20 And I, being perplexed how to inquire
concerning these things, asked whether he would
go to Jerusalem and there be judged of these mat-
ters. 21 But when Paul had appealed to be kept
for the decision of the emperor, I commanded him
to be kept till I should send him to Cæsar. 22 And
Agrippa *said* unto Festus, I also could wish to hear
the man myself. To-morrow, saith he, thou shalt
hear him.

23 So on the morrow, when Agrippa was come,
and Bernice, with great pomp, and they were
entered into the place of hearing with the chief
captains and the principal men of the city, at the

command of Festus Paul was brought in. 24 And
Festus saith, King Agrippa, and all men who are
here present with us, ye behold this man, about
whom all the multitude of the Jews made suit to
me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying that he
ought not to live any longer. 25 But I found that he
had committed nothing worthy of death: and as
he himself appealed to the emperor I determined
to send him. 26 Of whom I have no certain thing
to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought
him forth before you, and specially before thee,
king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I may
have somewhat to write. 27 For it seemeth to me
unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not withal to
signify the charges against him.

# 26

1 And Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permit-
ted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth
his hand, and made his defence:
2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, that I am
to make my defence before thee this day touch-
ing all the things whereof I am accused by the
Jews: 3 especially because thou art expert in all
customs and questions which are among the Jews:
wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.
4 My manner of life then from my youth up, which
was from the beginning among mine own nation
and at Jerusalem, know all the Jews; 5 having
knowledge of me from the first, if they be willing
to testify, that after the straitest sect of our religion
I lived a Pharisee. 6 And now I stand *here* to be
judged for the hope of the promise made of God

unto our fathers; 7 unto which *promise* our twelve
tribes, earnestly serving *God* night and day, hope
to attain. And concerning this hope I am accused
by the Jews, O king! 8 Why is it judged incredible
with you, if God doth raise the dead? 9 I verily
thought with myself that I ought to do many things
contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 And
this I also did in Jerusalem: and I both shut up
many of the saints in prisons, having received
authority from the chief priests, and when they
were put to death I gave my vote against them.
11 And punishing them oftentimes in all the syn-
agogues, I strove to make them blaspheme; and
being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted
them even unto foreign cities. 12 Whereupon as
I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and
commission of the chief priests, 13 at midday, O
king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, above
the brightness of the sun, shining round about
me and them that journeyed with me. 14 And
when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a
voice saying unto me in the Hebrew language,
Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard
for thee to kick against the goad. 15 And I said,
Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus
whom thou persecutest. 16 But arise, and stand
upon thy feet: for to this end have I appeared
unto thee, to appoint thee a minister and a witness
both of the things wherein thou hast seen me,
and of the things wherein I will appear unto thee;
17 delivering thee from the people, and from the
Gentiles, unto whom I send thee, 18 to open their

eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light
and from the power of Satan unto God, that they
may receive remission of sins and an inheritance
among them that are sanctified by faith in me.
19 Wherefore, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedi-
ent unto the heavenly vision: 20 but declared both
to them of Damascus first, and at Jerusalem, and
throughout all the country of Judæa, and also to
the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to
God, doing works worthy of repentance. 21 For
this cause the Jews seized me in the temple, and
assayed to kill me. 22 Having therefore obtained
the help that is from God, I stand unto this day
testifying both to small and great, saying nothing
but what the prophets and Moses did say should
come; 23 how that the Christ must suffer, *and*
how that he first by the resurrection of the dead
should proclaim light both to the people and to the
Gentiles.

24 And as he thus made his defence, Festus saith
with a loud voice, Paul, thou art mad; thy much
learning is turning thee mad. 25 But Paul saith,
I am not mad, most excellent Festus; but speak
forth words of truth and soberness. 26 For the king
knoweth of these things, unto whom also I speak
freely: for I am persuaded that none of these
things is hidden from him; for this hath not been
done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, believest thou
the prophets? I know that thou believest. 28 And
Agrippa *said* unto Paul, With but little persuasion
thou wouldest fain make me a Christian. 29 And
Paul *said*, I would to God, that whether with little
or with much, not thou only, but also all that hear

me this day, might become such as I am, except
these bonds.
30 And the king rose up, and the governor, and
Bernice, and they that sat with them: 31 and when
they had withdrawn, they spake one to another,
saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death
or of bonds. 32 And Agrippa said unto Festus, This
man might have been set at liberty, if he had not
appealed unto Cæsar.

# 27

1 And when it was determined that we should
sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and certain
other prisoners to a centurion named Julius, of
the Augustan band. 2 And embarking in a ship
of Adramyttium, which was about to sail unto
the places on the coast of Asia, we put to sea,
Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being
with us. 3 And the next day we touched at Sidon:
and Julius treated Paul kindly, and gave him leave
to go unto his friends and refresh himself. 4 And
putting to sea from thence, we sailed under the
lee of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.
5 And when we had sailed across the sea which is
off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, *a city*
of Lycia. 6 And there the centurion found a ship of
Alexandria sailing for Italy; and he put us therein.
7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and
were come with difficulty over against Cnidus, the
wind not further suffering us, we sailed under
the lee of Crete, over against Salmone; 8 and with
difficulty coasting along it we came unto a certain

place called Fair Havens; nigh whereunto was the
city of Lasea.
9 And when much time was spent, and the voy-
age was now dangerous, because the Fast was
now already gone by, Paul admonished them,
10 and said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that the
voyage will be with injury and much loss, not
only of the lading and the ship, but also of our
lives. 11 But the centurion gave more heed to the
master and to the owner of the ship, than to those
things which were spoken by Paul. 12 And because
the haven was not commodious to winter in, the
more part advised to put to sea from thence, if by
any means they could reach Phoenix, and winter
*there; which is* a haven of Crete, looking north-east
and south-east. 13 And when the south wind blew
softly, supposing that they had obtained their pur-
pose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete,
close in shore. 14 But after no long time there beat
down from it a tempestuous wind, which is called
Euraquilo: 15 and when the ship was caught, and
could not face the wind, we gave way *to it*, and
were driven. 16 And running under the lee of
a small island called Cauda, we were able, with
difficulty, to secure the boat: 17 and when they had
hoisted it up, they used helps, under-girding the
ship; and, fearing lest they should be cast upon
the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and so were
driven. 18 And as we labored exceedingly with
the storm, the next day they began to throw *the
freight* overboard; 19 and the third day they cast
out with their own hands the tackling of the ship.
20 And when neither sun nor stars shone upon *us*

for many days, and no small tempest lay on *us*,
all hope that we should be saved was now taken
away. 21 And when they had been long without
food, then Paul stood forth in the midst of them,
and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me,
and not have set sail from Crete, and have gotten
this injury and loss. 22 And now I exhort you to
be of good cheer; for there shall be no loss of life
among you, but *only* of the ship. 23 For there stood
by me this night an angel of the God whose I am,
whom also I serve, 24 saying, Fear not, Paul; thou
must stand before Cæsar: and lo, God hath granted
thee all them that sail with thee. 25 Wherefore,
sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it
shall be even so as it hath been spoken unto me.
26 But we must be cast upon a certain island.

27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as
we were driven to and fro in the *sea of* Adria,
about midnight the sailors surmised that they
were drawing near to some country: 28 and they
sounded, and found twenty fathoms; and after a
little space, they sounded again, and found fifteen
fathoms. 29 And fearing lest haply we should
be cast ashore on rocky ground, they let go four
anchors from the stern, and wished for the day.
30 And as the sailors were seeking to flee out of the
ship, and had lowered the boat into the sea, under
color as though they would lay out anchors from
the foreship, 31 Paul said to the centurion and to
the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye
cannot be saved. 32 Then the soldiers cut away the
ropes of the boat, and let her fall off. 33 And while

the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to
take some food, saying, This day is the fourteenth
day that ye wait and continue fasting, having
taken nothing. 34 Wherefore I beseech you to take
some food: for this is for your safety: for there
shall not a hair perish from the head of any of
you. 35 And when he had said this, and had taken
bread, he gave thanks to God in the presence of
all; and he brake it, and began to eat. 36 Then
were they all of good cheer, and themselves also
took food. 37 And we were in all in the ship two
hundred threescore and sixteen souls. 38 And
when they had eaten enough, they lightened the
ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea. 39 And
when it was day, they knew not the land: but
they perceived a certain bay with a beach, and
they took counsel whether they could drive the
ship upon it. 40 And casting off the anchors, they
left them in the sea, at the same time loosing the
bands of the rudders; and hoisting up the foresail
to the wind, they made for the beach. 41 But
lighting upon a place where two seas met, they
ran the vessel aground; and the foreship struck
and remained unmoveable, but the stern began to
break up by the violence *of the waves*. 42 And the
soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any
*of them* should swim out, and escape. 43 But the
centurion, desiring to save Paul, stayed them from
their purpose; and commanded that they who
could swim should cast themselves overboard,
and get first to the land; 44 and the rest, some on
planks, and some on *other* things from the ship.
And so it came to pass, that they all escaped safe

to the land.

# 28

1 And when we were escaped, then we knew
that the island was called Melita. 2 And the bar-
barians showed us no common kindness: for they
kindled a fire, and received us all, because of
the present rain, and because of the cold. 3 But
when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and
laid them on the fire, a viper came out by reason
of the heat, and fastened on his hand. 4 And
when the barbarians saw the *venomous* creature
hanging from his hand, they said one to another,
No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though
he hath escaped from the sea, yet Justice hath
not suffered to live. 5 Howbeit he shook off the
creature into the fire, and took no harm. 6 But they
expected that he would have swollen, or fallen
down dead suddenly: but when they were long
in expectation and beheld nothing amiss come to
him, they changed their minds, and said that he
was a god.

7 Now in the neighborhood of that place were
lands belonging to the chief man of the island,
named Publius; who received us, and entertained
us three days courteously. 8 And it was so, that the
father of Publius lay sick of fever and dysentery:
unto whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and
laying his hands on him healed him. 9 And when
this was done, the rest also that had diseases in the
island came, and were cured: 10 who also honored
us with many honors; and when we sailed, they
put on board such things as we needed.

11 And after three months we set sail in a
ship of Alexandria which had wintered in the
island, whose sign was The Twin Brothers. 12 And
touching at Syracuse, we tarried there three days.
13 And from thence we made a circuit, and arrived
at Rhegium: and after one day a south wind
sprang up, and on the second day we came to
Puteoli; 14 where we found brethren, and were
entreated to tarry with them seven days: and
so we came to Rome. 15 And from thence the
brethren, when they heard of us, came to meet
us as far as The Market of Appius and The Three
Taverns; whom when Paul saw, he thanked God,
and took courage.

16 And when we entered into Rome, Paul was
suffered to abide by himself with the soldier that
guarded him.

17 And it came to pass, that after three days he
called together those that were the chief of the
Jews: and when they were come together, he said
unto them, I, brethren, though I had done nothing
against the people, or the customs of our fathers,
yet was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into
the hands of the Romans: 18 who, when they had
examined me, desired to set me at liberty, because
there was no cause of death in me. 19 But when
the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to
appeal unto Cæsar; not that I had aught whereof
to accuse my nation. 20 For this cause therefore
did I entreat you to see and to speak with *me*: for
because of the hope of Israel I am bound with
this chain. 21 And they said unto him, We neither
received letters from Judæa concerning thee, nor

did any of the brethren come hither and report or
speak any harm of thee. 22 But we desire to hear
of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this
sect, it is known to us that everywhere it is spoken
against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, they
came to him into his lodging in great number;
to whom he expounded *the matter*, testifying the
kingdom of God, and persuading them concern-
ing Jesus, both from the law of Moses and from
the prophets, from morning till evening. 24 And
some believed the things which were spoken, and
some disbelieved. 25 And when they agreed not
among themselves, they departed after that Paul
had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Spirit
through Isaiah the prophet unto your fathers,
26 saying,

Go thou unto this people, and say,
By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise
understand;
And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise
perceive:
27 For this people's heart is waxed gross,
And their ears are dull of hearing,
And their eyes they have closed;
Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes,
And hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart,
And should turn again,
And I should heal them.

28 Be it known therefore unto you, that this salva-
tion of God is sent unto the Gentiles: they will also
hear. 29 *
30 And he abode two whole years in his own
hired dwelling, and received all that went in unto
him, 31 preaching the kingdom of God, and teach-
ing the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ
with all boldness, none forbidding him.

* **28:29** Some ancient authorities insert v. 29: And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, having much disputing among themselves.

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