Luke

1 Since many have undertaken to compile an
account of the events fulfilled among us,
2 just as those who from the beginning were
eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed
them down to us,
3 I too, having carefully investigated
everything from the beginning, decided to write
an orderly account for you, most excellent
Theophilus,
4 so that you may know the certainty of the
things you have been taught.
5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there
was a priest named Zechariah, from the division
of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron,
and her name was Elizabeth.
6 Both were righteous before God, living
blamelessly according to all the Lord's
commandments and ordinances.
7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was
barren, and both were advanced in years.
8 When his division was on duty, Zechariah
was serving as priest before God,
9 he was chosen by lot, according to the
priestly custom, to enter the Lord's sanctuary
and burn incense.
10 The whole crowd of people was praying
outside at the hour of incense.
11 An angel of the Lord appeared to him,
standing to the right of the altar of incense.

12 When Zechariah saw him, he was troubled,
and fear fell upon him.
13 But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid,
Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your
wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are
to name him John.
14 You will have joy and gladness, and many
will rejoice at his birth,
15 for he will be great before the Lord. He will
never drink wine or strong drink, and he will be
filled with the Holy Spirit even from his
mother's womb.
16 He will turn many of the children of Israel
to the Lord their God.
17 He will go before him in the spirit and
power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of fathers to
their children and the disobedient to the
wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people
prepared for the Lord.”
18 Zechariah said to the angel, “How can I
know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is
advanced in years.”
19 The angel answered him, “I am Gabriel, who
stands in the presence of God. I was sent to
speak to you and bring you this good news.
20 And now you will be silent and unable to
speak until the day these things happen, because
you did not believe my words, which will be
fulfilled at their appointed time.”
21 The people were waiting for Zechariah and
wondering why he stayed so long in the
sanctuary.
22 When he came out, he could not speak to

them, and they realized that he had seen a
vision in the sanctuary. He kept making signs to
them and remained unable to speak.
23 When his days of service were completed,
he went home.
24 After those days his wife Elizabeth
conceived and kept herself secluded for five
months. She said,
25 “This is what the Lord has done for me in
these days when he looked on me to take away
my disgrace among the people.”
26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was
sent from God to a town in Galilee named
Nazareth,
27 to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man
named Joseph, of the house of David. The
virgin’s name was Mary.
28 He came to her and said, “Greetings, favored
one! The Lord is with you.”
29 She was deeply troubled by his words and
wondered what this greeting could mean.
30 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid,
Mary, for you have found favor with God.
31 Look, you will conceive in your womb and
bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus.
32 He will be great and will be called the Son of
the Most High. The Lord God will give him the
throne of his father David,
33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob
forever; his kingdom will have no end.”
34 Mary said to the angel, “How will this be,
since I have not had relations with a man?”

35 The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit
will come upon you, and the power of the Most
High will overshadow you. Therefore the child
to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.
36 And look, your relative Elizabeth has also
conceived a son in her old age, and this is the
sixth month for her who was called barren.
37 For no word from God will fail.”
38 Mary said, “Here I am, the Lord’s servant.
May it happen to me according to your word.”
Then the angel left her.

39 In those days Mary set out and went in
haste to the hill country, to a town in Judah.
40 She entered Zechariah’s house and greeted
Elizabeth.
41 When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the
baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was
filled with the Holy Spirit.
42 She cried out with a loud voice, “Blessed are
you among women, and blessed is the fruit of
your womb!
43 Why has this come to me, that the mother of
my Lord should visit me?
44 For as soon as the sound of your greeting
reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped
for joy.
45 Blessed is she who believed that what the
Lord had spoken to her would be fulfilled.”

46 And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,

48 for he has looked on the lowly condition of his
servant.
From now on all generations will call me
blessed,
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for
me, and holy is his name.
50 His mercy is for those who fear him, from
generation to generation.
51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts
of their hearts.
52 He has brought rulers down from their
thrones and lifted up the lowly.
53 He has filled the hungry with good things and
sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering his mercy,
55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his
descendants forever."
56 Mary stayed with her about three months
and then returned home.
57 The time came for Elizabeth to give birth,
and she bore a son.
58 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the
Lord had shown her great mercy, and they
rejoiced with her.
59 On the eighth day they came to circumcise
the child, and they were going to name him
Zechariah after his father.
60 But his mother answered, "No! He is to be
called John."
61 They said to her, "None of your relatives has
that name."

62 Then they made signs to his father to find
out what he wanted the child to be called.
63 He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His
name is John.” And they were all amazed.
64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his
tongue set free, and he began to speak, blessing
God.
65 Fear came over all their neighbors, and all
these things were talked about throughout the
hill country of Judea.
66 All who heard kept these things in their
hearts, saying, “What then will this child
become?” For the hand of the Lord was with
him.
67 His father Zechariah was filled with the
Holy Spirit and prophesied:
68 “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he
has visited his people and brought them
redemption.
69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in
the house of his servant David,
70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy
prophets from long ago:
71 salvation from our enemies and from the
hand of all who hate us,
72 to show mercy to our fathers and remember
his holy covenant,
73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to
grant us
74 that, rescued from the hand of our enemies,
we might serve him without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all
our days.

76 And you, child, will be called a prophet of the
Most High, for you will go before the Lord
to prepare his ways,
77 to give his people knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,
78 because of the tender mercy of our God, by
which the dawn from on high will visit us,
79 to shine on those who sit in darkness and the
shadow of death, to guide our feet into the
way of peace."
80 The child grew and became strong in spirit,
and he lived in the wilderness until the day of
his public appearance to Israel.

2

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar
Augustus that the whole inhabited world should
be registered.
2 This was the first census, taken while
Quirinius was governing Syria.
3 Everyone went to be registered, each to his
own town.
4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the
town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David
called Bethlehem, because he belonged to the
house and family of David.
5 He went to be registered with Mary, who was
pledged in marriage to him and was pregnant.
6 While they were there, the time came for her
to give birth.
7 She bore her firstborn son, wrapped him in
cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there
was no room for them in the lodging place.

8 In the same region there were shepherds
staying out in the fields and keeping watch over
their flock at night.
9 An angel of the Lord stood before them, and
the glory of the Lord shone around them, and
they were filled with fear.
10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.
Look, I bring you good news of great joy for all
the people:
11 today in the city of David a Savior has been
born to you, who is Christ the Lord.
12 This will be the sign for you: you will find a
baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”
13 Suddenly there was with the angel a
multitude of the heavenly army, praising God
and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace among those on whom his favor
rests.”

15 When the angels had left them and gone
into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,
“Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing
that has happened, which the Lord has made
known to us.”
16 They hurried there and found Mary and
Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.
17 When they saw him, they made known
what they had been told about this child.
18 All who heard were amazed at what the
shepherds told them.
19 But Mary treasured all these things,
pondering them in her heart.

20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and
praising God for all they had heard and seen,
just as they had been told.
21 When eight days had passed and it was time
to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the
name given by the angel before he was
conceived in the womb.
22 When the days of their purification
according to the law of Moses were completed,
they brought him up to Jerusalem to present
him to the Lord,
23 as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every
male who first opens the womb shall be called
holy to the Lord,”
24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is
said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves
or two young pigeons.”
25 There was a man in Jerusalem named
Simeon. This man was righteous and devout,
waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the
Holy Spirit was upon him.
26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy
Spirit that he would not see death before he had
seen the Lord’s Christ.
27 He came into the temple in the Spirit. When
the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for
him what was customary under the law,
28 Simeon took him into his arms, blessed God,
and said,
29 “Now, Sovereign Lord, you are letting your
servant depart in peace, according to your
word,
30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared in the sight of all
peoples:
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for
glory to your people Israel."
33 His father and mother were amazed at what
was being said about him.
34 Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his
mother, "Look, this child is appointed for the fall
and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that
will be spoken against
35 (and a sword will pierce your own soul too),
so that the thoughts of many hearts may be
revealed."
36 There was also a prophetess, Anna,
daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She
was very advanced in years, having lived with
her husband seven years after her marriage,
37 and then as a widow until the age of
eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving
with fasting and prayers night and day.
38 She came up at that very hour and gave
thanks to God, and spoke about the child to all
who were waiting for the redemption of
Jerusalem.
39 When they had completed everything
required by the law of the Lord, they returned
to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
40 The child grew and became strong, being
filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was
upon him.
41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year
for the Feast of Passover.

42 When he was twelve years old, they went
up according to the custom of the feast.
43 When the days were over and they were
returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in
Jerusalem, and his parents did not know it.
44 Thinking he was in the traveling company,
they went a day's journey and began looking for
him among their relatives and acquaintances.
45 When they did not find him, they returned
to Jerusalem, looking for him.
46 After three days they found him in the
temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to
them and asking them questions.
47 All who heard him were astonished at his
understanding and his answers.
48 When his parents saw him, they were
amazed. His mother said to him, “Son, why have
you done this to us? Your father and I have been
anxiously looking for you.”
49 He said to them, “Why were you looking for
me? Did you not know that I must be in my
Father’s house?”
50 But they did not understand what he said to
them.
51 He went down with them and came to
Nazareth, and he was obedient to them. His
mother treasured all these things in her heart.
52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and
in favor with God and people.

3

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius
Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of

Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother
Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of
Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,
2 during the high priesthood of Annas and
Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son of
Zechariah, in the wilderness.
3 He went into all the region around the
Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for
the forgiveness of sins,
4 as it is written in the book of the words of
Isaiah the prophet:
"A voice of one crying in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.
5 Every valley will be filled, and every mountain
and hill brought low.
The crooked will become straight, and the
rough ways smooth,
6 and all flesh will see the salvation of God.' "
7 John said to the crowds coming out to be
baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who
warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not
begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as
our father.' For I tell you, God is able to raise up
children for Abraham from these stones.
9 Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees.
Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut
down and thrown into the fire."
10 The crowds asked him, "What then should
we do?"
11 He answered them, "Whoever has two
tunics should share with someone who has

none, and whoever has food should do the same."
12 Tax collectors also came to be baptized and
said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?"
13 He told them, "Collect no more than you
have been instructed to."
14 Soldiers also asked him, "And what should
we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money
from anyone or make false accusations, and be
content with your wages."
15 The people were waiting expectantly, and
all were wondering in their hearts whether John
might be the Christ.
16 John answered them all, "I baptize you with
water, but one more powerful than I is coming. I
am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear
his threshing floor and gather the wheat into his
storehouse, but he will burn the chaff with
unquenchable fire."
18 With many other exhortations he
proclaimed the good news to the people.
19 But Herod the tetrarch, whom John rebuked
because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and all
the evil things Herod had done,
20 added this to them all: he locked John in
prison.
21 When all the people had been baptized,
Jesus too was baptized. As he was praying,
heaven opened,
22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in
bodily form like a dove. A voice came from

heaven: “You are my beloved Son; in you I am
well pleased.”
23 Jesus was about thirty years old when he
began his ministry. He was the son, as people
supposed, of Joseph, son of Heli,
24 son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Melchi,
son of Jannai, son of Joseph,
25 son of Mattathias, son of Amos, son of
Nahum, son of Esli, son of Naggai,
26 son of Maath, son of Mattathias, son of
Semein, son of Josech, son of Joda,
27 son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of
Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, son of Neri,
28 son of Melchi, son of Addi, son of Cosam,
son of Elmadam, son of Er,
29 son of Joshua, son of Eliezer, son of Jorim,
son of Matthat, son of Levi,
30 son of Simeon, son of Judah, son of Joseph,
son of Jonam, son of Eliakim,
31 son of Melea, son of Menna, son of
Mattatha, son of Nathan, son of David,
32 son of Jesse, son of Jobel, son of Boaz, son of
Sala, son of Nahshon,
33 son of Amminadab, son of Admin, son of
Arni, son of Hezron, son of Perez, son of Judah,
34 son of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham,
son of Terah, son of Nahor,
35 son of Serug, son of Reu, son of Peleg, son of
Eber, son of Shelah,
36 son of Cainan, son of Arphaxad, son of
Shem, son of Noah, son of Lamech,
37 son of Methuselah, son of Enoch, son of
Jared, son of Mahalalel, son of Cainan,

38 son of Enosh, son of Seth, son of Adam, son
of God.

4

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from
the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the
wilderness
2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. He
ate nothing during those days, and when they
ended, he was hungry.
3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of
God, tell this stone to become bread.”
4 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall
not live by bread alone.’ ”

5 Then the devil took him up and showed him
all the kingdoms of the inhabited world in an
instant.
6 The devil said to him, “I will give you all this
authority and their glory, because it has been
handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I
wish.
7 So if you worship before me, it will all be
yours.”
8 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘You shall
worship the Lord your God and serve him
alone.’ ”

9 Then he led him to Jerusalem, stood him on
the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, “If
you are the Son of God, throw yourself down
from here,
10 for it is written, ‘He will command his
angels concerning you, to guard you,’

11 and, ‘They will bear you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a
stone.’ ”
12 Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall
not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”
13 When the devil had finished every
temptation, he departed from him until an
opportune time.

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the
Spirit, and news about him spread throughout
the surrounding region.
15 He taught in their synagogues and was
glorified by all.

16 He came to Nazareth, where he had been
brought up. On the Sabbath he entered the
synagogue, as was his custom, and stood up to
read.
17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed
to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the
place where it was written,

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he
has anointed me to proclaim good news to
the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to
captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

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

22 Everyone spoke well of him and marveled
at the gracious words coming from his mouth.
They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”
23 He said to them, “You will surely quote this
proverb to me, ‘Physician, heal yourself,’ and
say, ‘Do here in your hometown too what we
have heard happened in Capernaum.’ ”
24 Then he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is
accepted in his hometown.
25 But I tell you in truth, there were many
widows in Israel in Elijah’s days, when heaven
was shut for three years and six months and a
great famine came over all the land.
26 Yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only
to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.
27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the
time of Elisha the prophet, yet none of them was
cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”
28 When they heard these things, everyone in
the synagogue was filled with rage.
29 They rose, drove him out of the town, and
led him to the edge of the hill on which their
town was built, intending to throw him down.
30 But he passed through their midst and went
on his way.

31 He went down to Capernaum, a town in
Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths.
32 They were astonished at his teaching,
because his word had authority.
33 In the synagogue there was a man with an
unclean demonic spirit. He cried out in a loud
voice,

34 “Ah! What have you to do with us, Jesus of
Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know
who you are—the Holy One of God!”
35 Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and
come out of him!” The demon threw the man
down in their midst and came out of him
without harming him at all.
36 Amazement came over them all, and they
said to one another, “What is this word? With
authority and power he commands the unclean
spirits, and they come out!”
37 Reports about him spread to every place in
the surrounding region.
38 He left the synagogue and entered Simon’s
house. Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering
from a high fever, and they pleaded with him for
her.
39 He stood over her and rebuked the fever,
and it left her. At once she got up and began
serving them.
40 As the sun was setting, all who had people
suffering from various diseases brought them to
him. He laid his hands on each one and healed
them.
41 Demons also came out of many, crying out,
“You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them
and would not let them speak, because they
knew he was the Christ.
42 At daybreak he went out to a deserted place.
The crowds kept looking for him, and when they
came to him, they tried to keep him from
leaving them.
43 But he said to them, “I must proclaim the
good news of the kingdom of God to the other

towns as well, because I was sent for this purpose."
44 And he continued preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

5

1 While Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret, the crowd pressed around him to hear the word of God.
2 He saw two boats at the edge of the lake. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets.
3 He got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.
4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down your nets for a catch."
5 Simon answered, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets."
6 When they did this, they enclosed a great number of fish, and their nets began to tear.
7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats until they began to sink.
8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"
9 For amazement had seized him and all who were with him at the catch of fish they had taken,

10 and likewise James and John, Zebedee's
sons, who were Simon's partners. Jesus said to
Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will
catch people alive."
11 They brought the boats to shore, left
everything, and followed him.

12 While he was in one of the towns, a man
covered with leprosy saw Jesus, fell facedown,
and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you
can make me clean."
13 Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him,
and said, "I am willing. Be clean!" Immediately
the leprosy left him.
14 He ordered him to tell no one, but said, "Go,
show yourself to the priest, and offer for your
cleansing what Moses commanded, as a
testimony to them."
15 But the news about him spread all the more,
and large crowds gathered to hear him and to
be healed of their illnesses.
16 Yet he would withdraw to deserted places
and pray.

17 One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and
teachers of the law were sitting there. They had
come from every village of Galilee and Judea,
and from Jerusalem. The Lord's power was with
him to heal.
18 Some men brought a paralyzed man on a
bed and tried to take him inside and lay him
before Jesus.
19 Finding no way to take him in because of
the crowd, they went up on the roof and

lowered him on his bed through the tiles into
the midst of the crowd, in front of Jesus.
20 When he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your
sins have been forgiven.”
21 The scribes and Pharisees began to reason,
“Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can
forgive sins but God alone?”
22 Jesus knew their thoughts and answered
them, “What are you thinking in your hearts?
23 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins have been
forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?
24 But so that you may know that the Son of
Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he
said to the paralyzed man—“I tell you, get up,
take your bed, and go home.”
25 Immediately he stood up before them,
picked up what he had been lying on, and went
home, glorifying God.
26 Amazement seized them all, and they
glorified God. Filled with fear, they said, “We
have seen extraordinary things today!”
27 After this Jesus went out and saw a tax
collector named Levi sitting at the tax booth. He
said to him, “Follow me.”
28 Leaving everything, he got up and followed
him.
29 Levi gave a great banquet for him in his
house. A large crowd of tax collectors and
others were reclining at the table with them.
30 The Pharisees and their scribes complained
to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with
tax collectors and sinners?”

31 Jesus answered them, “Those who are well
do not need a physician, but those who are sick
do.
32 I have not come to call the righteous, but
sinners to repentance.”
33 They said to him, “John’s disciples fast often
and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the
Pharisees, but yours eat and drink.”
34 Jesus said to them, “Can you make the
wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is
with them?
35 But days will come when the bridegroom is
taken away from them. Then they will fast in
those days.”
36 He also told them a parable: “No one tears a
patch from a new garment and puts it on an old
garment. Otherwise he will tear the new one,
and the patch from the new will not match the
old.
37 And no one pours new wine into old
wineskins. Otherwise the new wine will burst
the skins, and it will spill out, and the skins will
be ruined.
38 New wine must be put into new wineskins.
39 And no one who has drunk old wine wants
new, for he says, ‘The old is good.’ ”

6

1 On a Sabbath Jesus was walking through
grainfields. His disciples were plucking heads of
grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating.
2 Some of the Pharisees said, “Why are you
doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”

3 Jesus answered them, “Have you not even
read what David did when he and those with
him were hungry?
4 How he entered the house of God, took and
ate the bread of the Presence, and gave some to
those with him, although only the priests are
permitted to eat it?”
5 He said to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of
the Sabbath.”
6 On another Sabbath he entered the
synagogue and was teaching. A man was there
whose right hand was withered.
7 The scribes and Pharisees were watching
him closely to see whether he would heal on the
Sabbath, so they could find grounds to accuse
him.
8 But he knew their thoughts and said to the
man with the withered hand, “Get up and stand
in the middle.” He got up and stood there.
9 Jesus said to them, “I ask you: Is it lawful on
the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save a
life or to destroy it?”
10 After looking around at them all, he said to
the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and
his hand was restored.
11 But they were filled with rage and discussed
with one another what they might do to Jesus.

12 In those days Jesus went out to the
mountain to pray, and he spent the whole night
in prayer to God.
13 When day came, he called his disciples and
chose twelve of them, whom he also named
apostles:

14 Simon, whom he also named Peter, and
Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and
Bartholomew,
15 Matthew and Thomas, James son of
Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot,
16 Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who
became a traitor.

17 He came down with them and stood on a
level place. There was a large crowd of his
disciples and a great multitude of people from
all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region
of Tyre and Sidon,
18 who had come to hear him and to be healed
of their diseases. Those troubled by unclean
spirits were also being healed.
19 The whole crowd tried to touch him,
because power was going out from him and
healing them all.

20 He looked up at his disciples and said,
“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the
kingdom of God.
21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you
will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

22 Blessed are you when people hate you,
exclude you, insult you, and reject your name as
evil because of the Son of Man.
23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for your
reward is great in heaven. That is how their
fathers treated the prophets.
24 But woe to you who are rich, for you have
received your comfort.

25 Woe to you who are full now, for you will
hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will
mourn and weep.
26 Woe when everyone speaks well of you, for
that is how their fathers treated the false
prophets.
27 But I say to you who are listening: Love
your enemies; do good to those who hate you;
28 bless those who curse you; pray for those
who mistreat you.
29 If someone strikes you on the cheek, offer
the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do
not withhold your tunic either.
30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if
someone takes what is yours, do not demand it
back.
31 As you want people to do to you, do the
same to them.
32 If you love those who love you, what credit
is that to you? Even sinners love those who love
them.
33 And if you do good to those who do good to
you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do
the same.
34 If you lend to those from whom you expect
to receive, what credit is that to you? Even
sinners lend to sinners to receive the same
amount back.
35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend
without expecting anything in return. Your
reward will be great, and you will be children of
the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful
and the evil.
36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37 Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do
not condemn, and you will not be condemned.
Forgive, and you will be forgiven.
38 Give, and it will be given to you. They will
pour a good measure into your lap—pressed
down, shaken together, and overflowing. For the
measure you use will be measured back to you."

39 He also told them a parable: "Can a blind
person lead a blind person? Will they not both
fall into a pit?
40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but
everyone who is fully trained will be like his
teacher.
41 Why do you see the speck in your brother's
eye, but fail to notice the beam in your own eye?
42 How can you say to your brother, 'Brother,
let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you
yourself do not see the beam in your eye?
Hypocrite! First take the beam out of your own
eye, and then you will see clearly to take the
speck out of your brother's eye.

43 For no good tree bears rotten fruit, nor does
a rotten tree bear good fruit.
44 Each tree is known by its own fruit. People
do not gather figs from thorns or harvest grapes
from a bramble.
45 A good person brings forth good from the
good treasure of his heart, and an evil person
brings forth evil from the evil treasure. For his
mouth speaks from the abundance of his heart.

46 Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not
do what I say?

47 Everyone who comes to me, hears my
words, and does them—I will show you what he
is like.
48 He is like a man building a house, who dug
deep and laid a foundation on the rock. When a
flood came, the river crashed against that house
but could not shake it, because it had been well
built.
49 But the one who hears and does not act is
like a man who built a house on the ground
without a foundation. The river crashed against
it, and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of
that house was great."

7

1 When Jesus had finished all his words in the
hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum.
2 A centurion had a slave whom he valued
highly, who was sick and about to die.
3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent Jewish
elders to him, asking him to come and save his
slave.
4 They came to Jesus and urged him earnestly,
saying, "He deserves to have you do this for him,
5 for he loves our nation, and he himself built
our synagogue for us."
6 Jesus went with them. When he was not far
from the house, the centurion sent friends to say
to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am
not worthy to have you come under my roof.
7 That is why I did not even consider myself
worthy to come to you. But say the word, and let
my servant be healed.

8 For I too am a man placed under authority,
with soldiers under me. I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he
goes; to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to
my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”
9 When Jesus heard this, he marveled at him.
Turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I
tell you, not even in Israel have I found such
great faith.”
10 When those who had been sent returned to
the house, they found the slave well.
11 Soon afterward he went to a town called
Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went
with him.
12 As he approached the town gate, a dead
man was being carried out, the only son of his
mother, who was a widow. A considerable
crowd from the town was with her.
13 When the Lord saw her, he had compassion
on her and said, “Do not weep.”
14 He went up and touched the bier, and those
carrying it stood still. He said, “Young man, I tell
you, get up!”
15 The dead man sat up and began to speak,
and Jesus gave him to his mother.
16 Fear seized them all, and they glorified God,
saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!”
and, “God has visited his people!”
17 This report about him spread throughout
Judea and all the surrounding region.
18 John’s disciples told him about all these
things. John called two of his disciples
19 and sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you
the one who is to come, or should we expect

another?"
20 When the men came to him, they said, "John
the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the
one who is to come, or should we expect
another?' "
21 At that very hour he healed many of
diseases, afflictions, and evil spirits, and granted
sight to many who were blind.
22 He answered them, "Go and tell John what
you have seen and heard: the blind receive their
sight, the lame walk, those with leprosy are
cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and
the poor receive good news.
23 And blessed is the one who does not
stumble because of me."
24 When John's messengers had gone, Jesus
began to speak to the crowds about John: "What
did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed
shaken by the wind?
25 What then did you go out to see? A man
dressed in soft clothing? Those who wear
splendid clothing and live in luxury are in royal
palaces.
26 What then did you go out to see? A prophet?
Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.
27 This is the one about whom it is written,
'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'
28 I tell you, among those born of women no
one is greater than John. Yet the least in the
kingdom of God is greater than he."
29 (All the people who heard, including the tax
collectors, acknowledged God's justice, having

been baptized with John's baptism.
30 But the Pharisees and experts in the law
rejected God's purpose for themselves, not
having been baptized by him.)
31 "To what then shall I compare the people of
this generation? What are they like?
32 They are like children sitting in the
marketplace and calling to one another,
'We played the flute for you, and you did not
dance;
we sang a lament, and you did not weep.'
33 For John the Baptist came neither eating
bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a
demon.'
34 The Son of Man came eating and drinking,
and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a
friend of tax collectors and sinners!'
35 Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her
children."
36 One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with
him. He entered the Pharisee's house and
reclined at the table.
37 A woman in the town who was a sinner
learned that he was reclining at the table in the
Pharisee's house, and brought an alabaster flask
of perfume.
38 Standing behind him at his feet, weeping,
she began to wet his feet with her tears. She
wiped them with her hair, kept kissing his feet,
and anointed them with the perfume.
39 When the Pharisee who had invited him
saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a
prophet, he would know who and what sort of
woman is touching him, for she is a sinner."

40 Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have
something to say to you.” He replied, “Say it,
Teacher.”
41 “A moneylender had two debtors. One owed
five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.
42 When they had nothing to repay him with,
he canceled both their debts. Which of them will
love him more?”
43 Simon answered, “I suppose the one whose
larger debt he canceled.” Jesus said to him, “You
have judged correctly.”
44 Turning toward the woman, he said to
Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your
house, and you gave me no water for my feet.
But she has wet my feet with her tears and
wiped them with her hair.
45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I
came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet.
46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she
has anointed my feet with perfume.
47 Therefore I tell you, her many sins have
been forgiven, for she loved much. But the one
who is forgiven little loves little.”
48 Then he said to her, “Your sins have been
forgiven.”
49 Those reclining at the table with him began
to say among themselves, “Who is this who even
forgives sins?”
50 But he said to the woman, “Your faith has
saved you. Go in peace.”

8

1 Afterward Jesus traveled through towns and

villages, proclaiming and bringing the good
news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were
with him,
2 along with some women who had been
healed of evil spirits and illnesses: Mary called
Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone
out;
3 Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward;
Susanna; and many others, who provided for
them from their own resources.

4 As a large crowd gathered and people from
town after town came to him, he spoke in a
parable:
5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. As he
sowed, some fell beside the path, where it was
trampled underfoot, and the birds of the sky ate
it.
6 Some fell on rock, and when it grew, it
withered because it had no moisture.
7 Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew
up with it and choked it.
8 And some fell into good soil, grew, and
yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things,
he called out, "Let anyone who has ears to hear
listen!"

9 His disciples asked him what this parable
meant.
10 He said, "To you it has been given to know
the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the
rest I speak in parables, so that 'seeing they may
not see, and hearing they may not understand.'

11 This is the meaning of the parable: The seed
is the word of God.

12 Those beside the path are the ones who
have heard. Then the devil comes and takes the
word from their hearts, so that they may not
believe and be saved.
13 Those on the rock are the ones who receive
the word with joy when they hear it, but they
have no root. They believe for a time, and in a
time of testing they fall away.
14 What fell among thorns stands for those
who have heard, but as they go on their way,
they are choked by the worries, riches, and
pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.
15 What fell in the good soil stands for those
who hear the word with a noble and good heart,
hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

16 No one lights a lamp and covers it with a
container or puts it under a bed. Instead, he
puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter
may see the light.
17 For nothing is hidden that will not become
visible, nor is anything concealed that will not
be known and come to light.
18 So take care how you listen. For whoever
has will be given more, and from whoever does
not have, even what he thinks he has will be
taken away."

19 His mother and brothers came to him, but
they could not reach him because of the crowd.
20 He was told, "Your mother and brothers are
standing outside, wanting to see you."
21 But he answered them, "My mother and my
brothers are those who hear the word of God
and do it."

22 One day he got into a boat with his disciples
and said to them, “Let us cross to the other side
of the lake.” So they set out.
23 As they sailed, he fell asleep. A windstorm
swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling
with water, and they were in danger.
24 They went to him and woke him, saying,
“Master, Master, we are perishing!” He awoke
and rebuked the wind and the surging water.
They ceased, and there was a calm.
25 He said to them, “Where is your faith?”
Frightened and amazed, they said to one
another, “Who then is this? He commands even
the winds and the water, and they obey him!”
26 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes,
which is across from Galilee.
27 When Jesus stepped ashore, a man from the
town who had demons met him. For a long time
he had worn no clothing and lived not in a
house but among the tombs.
28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell
before him, saying in a loud voice, “What have
you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High
God? I beg you, do not torment me!”
29 For Jesus was commanding the unclean
spirit to come out of the man. It had seized him
many times, and he was bound with chains and
shackles and kept under guard. But he would
break the bonds and be driven by the demon
into deserted places.
30 Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He
said, “Legion,” because many demons had
entered him.

31 They begged him not to command them to
go into the abyss.
32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on
the hillside. They begged him to allow them to
enter the pigs, and he allowed them.
33 The demons came out of the man and
entered the pigs. The herd rushed down the
steep bank into the lake and drowned.
34 When the herdsmen saw what had
happened, they fled and reported it in the town
and the countryside.
35 People went out to see what had happened.
They came to Jesus and found the man from
whom the demons had gone out sitting at Jesus'
feet, clothed and in his right mind, and they
were afraid.
36 Those who had seen it told them how the
man who had been possessed by demons had
been saved.
37 All the people of the surrounding region of
the Gerasenes asked him to leave them, for they
were overcome with great fear. He got into a
boat and returned.
38 The man from whom the demons had gone
out begged to be with him, but Jesus sent him
away, saying,
39 "Return home and tell all that God has done
for you." He went throughout the town,
proclaiming all that Jesus had done for him.
40 When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed
him, for they were all waiting for him.
41 A man named Jairus, who was a leader of
the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet,
begging him to come to his house,

42 because his only daughter, about twelve
years old, was dying. As Jesus went, the crowds
pressed around him.
43 A woman had suffered from a flow of blood
for twelve years. Though she had spent all she
had on physicians, she could not be healed by
anyone.
44 She came up behind him and touched the
fringe of his cloak, and immediately her flow of
blood stopped.
45 Jesus said, “Who touched me?” When
everyone denied it, Peter said, “Master, the
crowds are surrounding you and pressing
against you.”
46 But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I
knew that power had gone out from me.”
47 When the woman saw that she had not
escaped notice, she came trembling and fell
before him. In front of all the people she told
why she had touched him and how she had been
healed immediately.
48 He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has
saved you. Go in peace.”

49 While he was still speaking, someone came
from the synagogue leader’s house and said,
“Your daughter has died. Do not trouble the
Teacher any longer.”
50 But when Jesus heard this, he answered
him, “Do not be afraid. Only believe, and she
will be saved.”
51 When he came to the house, he allowed no
one to enter with him except Peter, John, James,
and the child’s father and mother.

52 Everyone was weeping and mourning for
her. But he said, “Do not weep, for she has not
died but is sleeping.”
53 They laughed at him, knowing that she had
died.
54 But he took her hand and called out, “Child,
get up!”
55 Her spirit returned, and she got up
immediately. He ordered that she be given
something to eat.
56 Her parents were astonished, but he
instructed them to tell no one what had
happened.

9

1 Jesus called the Twelve together and gave
them power and authority over all demons and
to heal diseases.
2 He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of
God and to heal the sick.
3 He said to them, “Take nothing for the
journey: no staff, no bag, no bread, no money,
and do not have two tunics each.
4 Whatever house you enter, stay there, and
leave from there.
5 Wherever people do not welcome you, shake
the dust from your feet as you leave that town,
as a testimony against them.”
6 They set out and went through the villages,
proclaiming the good news and healing
everywhere.
7 Herod the tetrarch heard about everything
that was happening and was perplexed, because

some were saying that John had been raised
from the dead,
8 others that Elijah had appeared, and still
others that one of the ancient prophets had
risen.
9 Herod said, “I beheaded John. Who then is
this about whom I hear such things?” And he
kept trying to see him.

10 When the apostles returned, they told Jesus
all they had done. He took them with him and
withdrew privately to a town called Bethsaida.
11 But the crowds learned of it and followed
him. He welcomed them, spoke to them about
the kingdom of God, and healed those who
needed healing.

12 The day began to draw to a close. The
Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd
away so that they can go to the surrounding
villages and countryside to find lodging and
food, because we are in a deserted place here.”
13 He said to them, “You give them something
to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five
loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food
for all these people.”
14 For there were about five thousand men. He
said to his disciples, “Have them recline in
groups of about fifty.”
15 They did so and had everyone recline.
16 He took the five loaves and the two fish,
looked up to heaven, blessed them, and broke
them. Then he kept giving them to the disciples
to set before the crowd.

17 They all ate and were satisfied, and twelve
baskets of leftover pieces were gathered up.

18 While he was praying in private, his
disciples were with him. He asked them, “Who
do the crowds say I am?”
19 They answered, “John the Baptist; others say
Elijah; and others say that one of the ancient
prophets has risen.”
20 He said to them, “But who do you say I am?”
Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

21 He sternly commanded them to tell this to
no one,
22 saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many
things, be rejected by the elders, chief priests,
and scribes, be killed, and on the third day be
raised.”

23 He said to all, “If anyone wants to come
after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross
daily, and follow me.
24 For whoever wants to save his life will lose
it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will
save it.
25 What does a person gain by winning the
whole world but destroying or forfeiting
himself?
26 For whoever is ashamed of me and my
words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him
when he comes in his glory and the glory of the
Father and the holy angels.
27 But truly I tell you, some standing here will
not taste death until they see the kingdom of
God.”

28 About eight days after these words, he took
Peter, John, and James with him and went up the
mountain to pray.
29 As he was praying, the appearance of his
face changed, and his clothing became dazzling
white.
30 Two men were talking with him, Moses and
Elijah,
31 who appeared in glory and spoke about his
departure, which he was about to accomplish in
Jerusalem.
32 Peter and those with him were heavy with
sleep, but when they were fully awake, they saw
his glory and the two men standing with him.
33 As the men were leaving him, Peter said to
Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us
make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses,
and one for Elijah.” He did not know what he
was saying.
34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and
overshadowed them, and they were afraid as
they entered the cloud.
35 A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is
my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him!”
36 When the voice came, Jesus was found
alone. They kept silent and told no one in those
days anything of what they had seen.

37 The next day, when they came down from
the mountain, a large crowd met him.
38 A man from the crowd cried out, “Teacher, I
beg you to look at my son, for he is my only
child.

39 A spirit seizes him, and he suddenly
screams. It convulses him and makes him foam
at the mouth, and scarcely leaves him, battering
him.
40 I begged your disciples to drive it out, but
they could not."
41 Jesus answered, "Faithless and perverse
generation! How long must I be with you and
bear with you? Bring your son here."
42 While the boy was still coming, the demon
threw him down and convulsed him. But Jesus
rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and
gave him back to his father.
43 They were all astonished at the majesty of
God. While everyone was marveling at all he
was doing, he said to his disciples,
44 "Let these words sink into your ears: the
Son of Man is about to be handed over into
human hands."
45 But they did not understand this saying. It
was concealed from them so that they would not
grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about
it.
46 An argument arose among them about
which of them was greatest.
47 Jesus knew the reasoning of their hearts. He
took a child and had him stand at his side,
48 and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this
child in my name welcomes me, and whoever
welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.
For the one who is least among you all is great."
49 John answered, "Master, we saw someone
driving out demons in your name, and we tried
to stop him, because he does not follow with us."

50 But Jesus said to him, “Do not stop him, for
whoever is not against you is for you.”

51 As the days drew near for him to be taken
up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.
52 He sent messengers ahead of him. They
went into a Samaritan village to make
preparations for him.
53 But the people did not welcome him,
because he was headed for Jerusalem.
54 When the disciples James and John saw this,
they said, “Lord, do you want us to command
fire to come down from heaven and consume
them?”
55 But he turned and rebuked them.
56 Then they went to another village.

57 As they were traveling along the road,
someone said to him, “I will follow you
wherever you go.”
58 Jesus said to him, “Foxes have dens, and the
birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man
has nowhere to lay his head.”
59 He said to another, “Follow me.” But the man
said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”
60 He said to him, “Let the dead bury their own
dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of
God.”
61 Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but
first let me say farewell to those in my house.”
62 Jesus said, “No one who puts his hand to the
plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of
God.”

10

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two
others and sent them ahead of him in pairs to
every town and place where he himself was
about to go.
2 He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but
the workers are few. So ask the Lord of the
harvest to send out workers into his harvest.
3 Go! Look, I am sending you as lambs among
wolves.
4 Carry no money pouch, no bag, and no
sandals, and greet no one along the road.
5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to
this house.’
6 If a son of peace is there, your peace will rest
on him; otherwise it will return to you.
7 Stay in that same house, eating and drinking
what they provide, for the worker deserves his
wages. Do not move from house to house.
8 Whatever town you enter where people
welcome you, eat what is set before you.
9 Heal the sick in it and tell them, ‘The
kingdom of God has drawn near to you.’
10 But whatever town you enter where people
do not welcome you, go out into its streets and
say,
11 ‘Even the dust of your town that has clung
to our feet we wipe off against you. Yet know
this: the kingdom of God has drawn near.’
12 I tell you, it will be more bearable for
Sodom on that day than for that town.
13 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you,
Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done among

you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.
14 Yet it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.
15 And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades.

16 Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!"
18 He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
19 Look, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will harm you.
20 Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you. Rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

21 At that very hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and discerning and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure."
22 "All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

23 Turning to the disciples, he said privately,
“Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!
24 For I tell you, many prophets and kings
wanted to see what you see but did not see it,
and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”

25 An expert in the law stood up to test him
and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit
eternal life?”
26 He said to him, “What is written in the law?
How do you read it?”
27 He answered, “You shall love the Lord your
God with all your heart, with all your soul, with
all your strength, and with all your mind, and
your neighbor as yourself.”
28 Jesus said to him, “You have answered
correctly. Do this, and you will live.”

29 But wanting to justify himself, he said to
Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”
30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from
Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of
robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and went
away, leaving him half dead.
31 By chance a priest was going down that
road. When he saw him, he passed by on the
other side.
32 Likewise a Levite came to the place, saw
him, and passed by on the other side.
33 But a Samaritan who was traveling came
upon him, and when he saw him, he had
compassion.
34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds,
pouring on oil and wine. Then he put him on his

own animal, brought him to an inn, and cared
for him.
35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave
them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of
him. Whatever more you spend, I will repay you
when I return.'
36 Which of these three do you think became a
neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of
robbers?"
37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy."
Jesus said to him, "Go, and do the same."
38 As they continued on their way, Jesus
entered a village, and a woman named Martha
welcomed him.
39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at
Jesus' feet and listened to his word.
40 But Martha was distracted by the many
tasks of serving. She came up and said, "Lord, do
you not care that my sister has left me to serve
alone? Tell her to help me."
41 The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha,
you are worried and troubled about many
things,
42 but few things are needed, or just one. For
Mary has chosen the good portion, which will
not be taken from her."

11

1 Jesus was praying in a certain place. When
he finished, one of his disciples said to him,
"Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his
disciples."
2 He said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Father,
hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.
4 Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive
everyone who owes us. And do not lead us into
temptation.' "
5 He said to them, "Which of you, having a
friend, would go to him at midnight and say,
'Friend, lend me three loaves,
6 because a friend of mine has arrived from a
journey, and I have nothing to set before him,'
7 and have him answer from within, 'Do not
trouble me. The door is already shut, and my
children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and
give you anything'?
8 I tell you, even if he will not get up and give
him anything because he is his friend, yet
because of his shameless persistence he will rise
and give him as much as he needs.
9 So I tell you: Ask, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be
opened to you.
10 For everyone who asks receives, and the
one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks
it will be opened.
11 Which father among you, if his son asks for
a fish, will give him a snake instead of a fish?
12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he give him a
scorpion?
13 If you, then, being evil, know how to give
good gifts to your children, how much more will
the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to
those who ask him!"
14 Jesus was driving out a demon that was
mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute

man spoke, and the crowds marveled.
15 But some of them said, “He drives out
demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.”
16 Others tested him by seeking a sign from
heaven.
17 But he knew their thoughts and said to
them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is
laid waste, and house falls upon house.
18 If Satan too is divided against himself, how
will his kingdom stand? For you say that I drive
out demons by Beelzebul.
19 If I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by
whom do your sons drive them out? Therefore
they will be your judges.
20 But if I drive out demons by the finger of
God, then the kingdom of God has come upon
you.
21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his
own residence, his possessions are safe.
22 But when someone stronger attacks and
defeats him, he takes away the armor in which
he trusted and distributes his plunder.
23 Whoever is not with me is against me, and
whoever does not gather with me scatters.

24 When an unclean spirit comes out of a
person, it passes through waterless places
seeking rest. Finding none, it says, ‘I will return
to my house from which I came.’
25 When it comes, it finds the house swept and
put in order.
26 Then it goes and takes seven other spirits
more evil than itself. They enter and live there,

and that person's last state becomes worse than
the first."
27 As he was saying these things, a woman in
the crowd raised her voice and said to him,
"Blessed is the womb that bore you and the
breasts at which you nursed!"
28 But he said, "Rather, blessed are those who
hear the word of God and keep it."
29 As the crowds grew, he began to say, "This
generation is an evil generation. It seeks a sign,
but no sign will be given to it except the sign of
Jonah.
30 For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites,
so the Son of Man will be to this generation.
31 The queen of the South will rise at the
judgment with the men of this generation and
condemn them, because she came from the ends
of the earth to hear Solomon's wisdom. And
look, something greater than Solomon is here.
32 The men of Nineveh will rise at the
judgment with this generation and condemn it,
because they repented at Jonah's preaching.
And look, something greater than Jonah is here.
33 No one lights a lamp and puts it in a hidden
place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, so
that those who enter may see its light.
34 Your eye is the lamp of your body. When
your eye is sound, your whole body is full of
light. But when it is bad, your body is also dark.
35 So take care that the light within you is not
darkness.
36 If, then, your whole body is full of light,
with no dark part, it will be wholly bright, as

when a lamp shines on you with its radiance."

37 When he had spoken, a Pharisee invited
him to eat with him. He went in and reclined at
the table.
38 The Pharisee was surprised to see that he
had not first washed before the meal.
39 The Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees
clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside
you are full of greed and wickedness.
40 Fools! Did not the one who made the
outside also make the inside?
41 But give what is inside as alms, and look,
everything is clean for you.

42 But woe to you Pharisees! You give a tenth
of mint and rue and every garden plant, but
pass over justice and the love of God. You should
have practiced these without neglecting the
others.
43 Woe to you Pharisees! You love the seats of
honor in the synagogues and greetings in the
marketplaces.
44 Woe to you! You are like unmarked graves,
and people walk over them without knowing it."

45 One of the experts in the law answered him,
"Teacher, when you say these things, you insult
us too."
46 He said, "Woe to you experts in the law as
well! You load people with burdens hard to bear,
but you yourselves do not touch those burdens
with even one of your fingers.
47 Woe to you! You build the tombs of the
prophets, but your fathers killed them.

48 So you are witnesses and approve of your
fathers' deeds, for they killed them, and you
build.
49 That is why the wisdom of God also said, 'I
will send them prophets and apostles, and some
of them they will kill and persecute,'
50 so that this generation may be held
accountable for the blood of all the prophets
shed since the foundation of the world,
51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of
Zechariah, who perished between the altar and
the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will
be held accountable.
52 Woe to you experts in the law! You have
taken away the key of knowledge. You did not
enter yourselves, and you hindered those who
were entering."
53 When he went out from there, the scribes
and Pharisees began to oppose him fiercely and
question him about many things,
54 lying in wait to catch something he said.

12

1 Meanwhile, a crowd of tens of thousands
gathered, so that they were trampling one
another. He began by saying to his disciples,
"Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is
hypocrisy.
2 Nothing is covered up that will not be
revealed, or hidden that will not be known.
3 So whatever you have said in darkness will
be heard in the light, and what you have
whispered in inner rooms will be proclaimed
from the rooftops.

4 I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who
kill the body and afterward can do nothing
more.
5 But I will show you whom to fear: Fear the
one who, after killing, has authority to throw
into Gehenna. Yes, I tell you, fear him.
6 Are not five sparrows sold for two copper
coins? Yet not one of them is forgotten before
God.
7 Even the hairs of your head are all
numbered. Do not be afraid; you are worth
more than many sparrows.

8 I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me
before people will also be acknowledged by the
Son of Man before the angels of God.
9 But whoever denies me before people will be
denied before the angels of God.
10 Everyone who speaks a word against the
Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever
blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be
forgiven.
11 When they bring you before synagogues,
rulers, and authorities, do not worry about how
or what to answer in your defense, or what to
say,
12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that
very hour what you must say."

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher,
tell my brother to divide the inheritance with
me."
14 But he said to him, "Man, who appointed me
a judge or divider over you?"

15 He said to them, “Watch out and guard
against every kind of greed, for a person’s life
does not consist in an abundance of
possessions.”
16 He told them a parable: “The land of a rich
man produced abundantly.
17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I
have nowhere to store my crops.’
18 Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will
tear down my barns and build larger ones, and
there I will store all the grain and my goods,
19 and I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have
many goods laid up for many years. Rest, eat,
drink, and be merry.” ’
20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This very night
your life is demanded from you. And the things
you have prepared, whose will they be?’
21 So it is with the one who stores up treasure
for himself and is not rich toward God.”
22 He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you,
do not worry about your life, what you will eat,
or about your body, what you will wear.
23 For life is more than food, and the body
more than clothing.
24 Consider the ravens: They neither sow nor
reap, and they have no storeroom or barn, yet
God feeds them. How much more valuable you
are than the birds!
25 Which of you by worrying can add a single
moment to his life?
26 If, then, you cannot do even the smallest
thing, why worry about the rest?
27 Consider how the lilies grow: They neither

labor nor spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon
in all his glory was clothed like one of these.
28 If God so clothes the grass that is in the field
today and thrown into the oven tomorrow, how
much more will he clothe you, you of little faith!
29 Do not keep seeking what you will eat and
what you will drink, and do not be anxious.
30 For the nations of the world seek all these
things, but your Father knows you need them.
31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things
will be added to you.
32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father
has been pleased to give you the kingdom.
33 Sell your possessions and give alms. Make
yourselves money pouches that do not wear out,
an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief
approaches and no moth destroys.
34 For where your treasure is, there your heart
will be also.
35 Keep your clothing belted at the waist and
your lamps burning,
36 and be like people waiting for their master
to return from the wedding, so that when he
comes and knocks, they may open for him
immediately.
37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master
finds awake when he comes. Truly I tell you, he
will belt his clothing, have them recline at the
table, and come and serve them.
38 If he comes in the second watch or in the
third and finds them so, blessed are they.
39 But know this: If the owner of the house
had known at what hour the thief was coming,

he would not have allowed his house to be broken into.
40 You too must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us, or for everyone as well?"
42 The Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise steward whom the master will put over his household servants, to give them their food allowance at the proper time?
43 Blessed is that slave whom his master finds doing so when he comes.
44 Truly I tell you, he will put him over all his possessions.
45 But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master is taking a long time to come,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, to eat and drink and get drunk,
46 that slave's master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. He will cut him in two and assign him a place with the unfaithful.
47 The slave who knew his master's will, yet neither prepared nor acted according to it, will receive many blows.
48 But the one who did not know and did things deserving blows will receive few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, more will be demanded.

49 I came to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

50 But I have a baptism to undergo, and how
distressed I am until it is accomplished!
51 Do you think I came to give peace on earth?
No, I tell you, but division.
52 For from now on five in one house will be
divided, three against two and two against three.
53 They will be divided: father against son and
son against father, mother against daughter and
daughter against mother, mother-in-law against
her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law
against mother-in-law."
54 He also said to the crowds, "When you see a
cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'A
shower is coming,' and so it happens.
55 And when the south wind blows, you say,
'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens.
56 Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the
appearance of earth and sky, but how is it that
you do not know how to interpret this time?
57 Why do you not judge for yourselves what is
right?
58 As you go with your adversary before the
magistrate, make every effort along the way to
settle with him, lest he drag you before the
judge, and the judge hand you over to the
officer, and the officer throw you into prison.
59 I tell you, you will not get out of there until
you have paid even the last small coin."

13

1 At that very time some people were present
who told him about the Galileans whose blood
Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

2 He answered them, “Do you think these
Galileans were worse sinners than all the other
Galileans because they suffered these things?
3 No, I tell you. But unless you repent, you will
all likewise perish.
4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in
Siloam fell and killed them—do you think they
were more guilty than all the other people living
in Jerusalem?
5 No, I tell you. But unless you repent, you will
all perish in the same way.”
6 He told this parable: “A man had a fig tree
planted in his vineyard. He came looking for
fruit on it but found none.
7 He said to the vine grower, ‘Look, for three
years I have come looking for fruit on this fig
tree and found none. Cut it down! Why should it
keep making the ground unproductive?’
8 But he answered him, ‘Sir, leave it this year
also, until I dig around it and put on manure.
9 If it bears fruit later, good; if not, you will cut
it down.’ ”
10 He was teaching in one of the synagogues
on the Sabbath.
11 A woman was there who had had a spirit of
infirmity for eighteen years. She was bent over
and could not fully straighten herself.
12 When Jesus saw her, he called her and said,
“Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.”
13 He laid his hands on her, and immediately
she was straightened, and she glorified God.
14 But the synagogue leader, indignant because
Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the

crowd, “There are six days on which work
should be done. Come on those days to be
healed, and not on the Sabbath day.”
15 The Lord answered him, “Hypocrites! Does
not each of you untie his ox or donkey from the
manger on the Sabbath and lead it away to
water?
16 And this woman, a daughter of Abraham
whom Satan has bound for eighteen years,
should she not be freed from this bond on the
Sabbath day?”
17 As he said these things, all his opponents
were put to shame, and the whole crowd
rejoiced at all the glorious things he was doing.
18 Then he said, “What is the kingdom of God
like? To what shall I compare it?
19 It is like a mustard seed that a man took and
planted in his garden. It grew and became a
tree, and the birds of the sky nested in its
branches.”
20 Again he said, “To what shall I compare the
kingdom of God?
21 It is like leaven that a woman took and hid
in three measures of flour, until all of it was
leavened.”
22 He went through towns and villages,
teaching and making his way to Jerusalem.
23 Someone said to him, “Lord, are only a few
being saved?” He said to them,
24 “Strive to enter through the narrow door.
For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will
not be able.
25 Once the master of the house has risen and
shut the door, you will begin to stand outside

and knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open for
us.’ But he will answer you, ‘I do not know
where you are from.’
26 Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and
drank in your presence, and you taught in our
streets.’
27 But he will tell you, ‘I do not know where
you are from. Depart from me, all you workers
of unrighteousness!’
28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth
when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the
prophets in the kingdom of God, but you
yourselves thrown out.
29 People will come from east and west, from
north and south, and recline at the table in the
kingdom of God.
30 And look, some who are last will be first,
and some who are first will be last.”
31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and
said to him, “Leave and go away from here, for
Herod wants to kill you.”
32 He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Look,
I drive out demons and perform healings today
and tomorrow, and on the third day I will finish
my work.’
33 Yet I must go on my way today, tomorrow,
and the following day, for it cannot be that a
prophet should perish outside Jerusalem.
34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the
prophets and stone those sent to you! How often
I wanted to gather your children as a hen
gathers her brood under her wings, and you
were unwilling!

35 Look, your house is left to you. I tell you,
you will not see me until the time comes when
you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord.’ ”

14

1 On a Sabbath Jesus went into the house of
one of the leaders of the Pharisees to eat bread,
and they were watching him closely.
2 There before him was a man suffering from
fluid retention.
3 Jesus asked the experts in the law and the
Pharisees, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or
not?”
4 But they remained silent. He took hold of the
man, healed him, and sent him away.
5 Then he said to them, “Which of you, if his
son or ox falls into a well, will not immediately
pull him out on the Sabbath day?”
6 They could not answer these things.

7 Noticing how the guests were choosing the
places of honor, he told them a parable:
8 “When someone invites you to a wedding, do
not recline in the place of honor, in case
someone more distinguished than you has been
invited,
9 and the host who invited both of you comes
and says to you, ‘Give this man your place.’ Then
you will begin in shame to take the lowest place.
10 Instead, when you are invited, go and
recline in the lowest place, so that when your
host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up

higher.' Then you will have honor before all
who are reclining at the table with you.
11 For everyone who exalts himself will be
humbled, and the one who humbles himself will
be exalted."
12 He also said to the man who had invited
him, "When you give a lunch or dinner, do not
invite your friends, brothers, relatives, or rich
neighbors, lest they invite you in return and you
receive your repayment.
13 Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the
poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind.
14 Then you will be blessed because they have
nothing with which to repay you, for you will be
repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
15 When one of those reclining at the table
heard this, he said to him, "Blessed is the one
who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"
16 Jesus said to him, "A man was giving a great
dinner and invited many.
17 At the dinner hour he sent his slave to tell
those invited, 'Come, for it is now ready.'
18 But they all alike began to make excuses.
The first said to him, 'I have bought a field and
need to go out and see it. Please excuse me.'
19 Another said, 'I have bought five pairs of
oxen, and I am going to test them. Please excuse
me.'
20 Another said, 'I have married a wife, and for
that reason I cannot come.'
21 The slave returned and reported these
things to his master. Then the owner of the
house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go
quickly into the streets and lanes of the town

and bring in here the poor, the maimed, the
blind, and the lame.'
22 The slave said, 'Master, what you ordered
has been done, and there is still room.'
23 The master said to the slave, 'Go out to the
roads and hedges and compel them to come in,
so that my house may be filled.
24 For I tell you, none of those men who were
invited will taste my dinner.' "

25 Large crowds were traveling with him. He
turned and said to them,
26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate
his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers,
sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my
disciple.
27 Whoever does not carry his own cross and
come after me cannot be my disciple.
28 For which of you who wants to build a tower
does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to
see whether he has enough to complete it?
29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation
and cannot finish, everyone who sees it will
begin to mock him,
30 saying, 'This man began to build and could
not finish.'
31 Or what king going to war against another
king will not first sit down and consider
whether, with ten thousand, he can face the one
coming against him with twenty thousand?
32 If he cannot, while the other is still far away,
he sends a delegation and asks for terms of
peace.

33 So then, any of you who does not renounce
all he possesses cannot be my disciple.
34 Salt is good, but if even salt loses its flavor,
with what will it be seasoned?
35 It is fit neither for the soil nor for the
manure pile. They throw it out. Let anyone who
has ears to hear listen!”

15

1 All the tax collectors and sinners were
drawing near to hear him.
2 The Pharisees and scribes were grumbling,
saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats
with them.”
3 So he told them this parable:
4 “Which of you, having a hundred sheep and
losing one of them, does not leave the
ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the
lost one until he finds it?
5 When he finds it, he lays it on his shoulders,
rejoicing.
6 When he comes home, he calls his friends
and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me,
for I have found my lost sheep.’
7 I tell you, in the same way there will be more
joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than
over ninety-nine righteous people who have no
need of repentance.
8 Or what woman who has ten silver coins and
loses one does not light a lamp, sweep the house,
and search carefully until she finds it?
9 When she finds it, she calls her friends and
neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for
I have found the coin I lost.’

10 In the same way, I tell you, there is joy
before the angels of God over one sinner who
repents."
11 He said, "A man had two sons.
12 The younger said to his father, 'Father, give
me the share of the property that falls to me.' So
he divided his property between them.
13 Not many days later, the younger son
gathered everything and went away to a distant
country. There he squandered his property in
reckless living.
14 When he had spent everything, a severe
famine arose throughout that country, and he
began to be in need.
15 He went and attached himself to one of the
citizens of that country, who sent him into his
fields to feed pigs.
16 He longed to fill his belly with the carob
pods the pigs were eating, but no one gave him
anything.
17 When he came to himself, he said, 'How
many of my father's hired workers have more
than enough bread, while I am perishing here
from hunger!
18 I will get up and go to my father and say to
him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and
before you.
19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son.
Treat me as one of your hired workers." '
20 He got up and went to his father. While he
was still far away, his father saw him and had
compassion. He ran, embraced him, and kissed
him warmly.

21 The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned
against heaven and before you. I am no longer
worthy to be called your son.’
22 But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly
bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a
ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.
23 Bring the fattened calf and slaughter it. Let
us eat and celebrate,
24 for this son of mine was dead and has come
to life again; he was lost and has been found.’
And they began to celebrate.
25 His older son was in the field. As he came
near the house, he heard music and dancing.
26 He called one of the servants and asked
what these things meant.
27 He told him, ‘Your brother has come, and
your father has slaughtered the fattened calf,
because he has received him back in good
health.’
28 But he became angry and would not go in.
His father came out and pleaded with him.
29 He answered his father, ‘Look, I have slaved
for you all these years and never disobeyed a
command of yours. Yet you never gave me a
young goat so that I could celebrate with my
friends.
30 But when this son of yours came, who
devoured your property with prostitutes, you
slaughtered the fattened calf for him.’
31 He said to him, ‘Son, you are always with
me, and all that is mine is yours.
32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because
this brother of yours was dead and has come to
life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

16

1 He also said to the disciples, “There was a
rich man who had a steward, and the steward
was accused before him of squandering his
possessions.
2 He called him and said, ‘What is this I hear
about you? Give an account of your
stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’
3 The steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do,
since my master is taking the stewardship away
from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I
am ashamed to beg.
4 I know what I will do, so that when I am
removed from the stewardship, people will
welcome me into their homes.’
5 He called in each of his master’s debtors and
said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my
master?’
6 He said, ‘About eight hundred gallons of oil.’
He told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly,
and write about four hundred gallons.’
7 Then he said to another, ‘And how much do
you owe?’ He said, ‘About a thousand bushels of
wheat.’ He told him, ‘Take your bill and write
about eight hundred bushels.’
8 The master praised the unrighteous steward
because he had acted shrewdly. For the children
of this age are shrewder in dealing with their
own generation than the children of light.
9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves
by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it
fails, they may welcome you into eternal
dwellings.

10 Whoever is faithful in very little is faithful
also in much, and whoever is unrighteous in
very little is unrighteous also in much.
11 So if you have not been faithful with
unrighteous wealth, who will entrust you with
true riches?
12 And if you have not been faithful with what
belongs to another, who will give you what is
your own?
13 No household servant can serve two
masters, for he will either hate the one and love
the other, or hold to the one and despise the
other. You cannot serve God and wealth."
14 The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all
these things and ridiculed him.
15 He said to them, "You are those who justify
yourselves before people, but God knows your
hearts. For what is exalted among people is an
abomination before God.
16 The law and the prophets were until John.
Since then the good news of the kingdom of God
has been proclaimed, and everyone presses into
it.
17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass
away than for a single stroke of the law to fall.
18 Everyone who divorces his wife and
marries another commits adultery, and whoever
marries a woman divorced from her husband
commits adultery.
19 There was a rich man who dressed in purple
and fine linen and feasted splendidly every day.
20 A poor man named Lazarus had been laid at
his gate, covered with sores,

21 longing to be filled with what fell from the
rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked
his sores.
22 The poor man died and was carried by the
angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also
died and was buried.
23 In Hades, being in torment, he lifted his
eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in
his bosom.
24 He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy
on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his
finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in
anguish in this flame.'
25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that
you received your good things in your lifetime,
and Lazarus likewise his bad things. Now he is
comforted here, and you are in anguish.
26 Besides all this, a great chasm has been
fixed between us and you, so that those who
want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can
anyone cross from there to us.'
27 He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to
my father's house,
28 for I have five brothers, so that he may
warn them, lest they too come to this place of
torment.'
29 But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and
the prophets. Let them listen to them.'
30 He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if
someone goes to them from the dead, they will
repent.'
31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to
Moses and the prophets, neither will they be

persuaded if someone rises from the dead.' "

17

1 He said to his disciples, "It is inevitable that
stumbling blocks will come, but woe to the one
through whom they come!
2 It would be better for him to have a
millstone hung around his neck and be thrown
into the sea than to cause one of these little ones
to stumble.
3 Watch yourselves. If your brother sins,
rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.
4 Even if he sins against you seven times in a
day and seven times returns to you saying, 'I
repent,' you must forgive him."
5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our
faith."
6 The Lord said, "If you have faith like a
mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry
tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it
would obey you.
7 Which of you who has a slave plowing or
tending a flock will say to him when he comes in
from the field, 'Come at once and recline at the
table'?
8 Will he not rather say, 'Prepare my dinner,
belt your clothing, and serve me until I have
eaten and drunk. Afterward you may eat and
drink'?
9 Does he thank the slave because he did what
was commanded?
10 So you too, when you have done all that you
were commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable

slaves; we have done what we ought to have done.' "
11 On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus was passing between Samaria and Galilee.
12 As he entered a village, ten men with leprosy met him. They stood at a distance
13 and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
14 When he saw them, he said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." As they went, they were cleansed.
15 One of them, seeing that he had been healed, returned, glorifying God with a loud voice.
16 He fell facedown at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.
17 Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?
18 Was no one found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"
19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has saved you."

20 When the Pharisees asked him when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God does not come in a way that can be observed,
21 nor will people say, 'Look, here!' or 'There!' For look, the kingdom of God is in your midst."

22 He said to the disciples, "Days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.
23 They will say to you, 'Look, there!' or 'Look, here!' Do not go out or follow after them.

24 For as lightning flashes and lights up the sky
from one side to the other, so will the Son of
Man be in his day.
25 But first he must suffer many things and be
rejected by this generation.
26 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in
the days of the Son of Man.
27 They were eating, drinking, marrying, and
being given in marriage until the day Noah
entered the ark. Then the flood came and
destroyed them all.
28 Likewise, as it was in the days of Lot: They
were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting,
and building.
29 But on the day Lot left Sodom, fire and
sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them
all.
30 It will be the same on the day the Son of
Man is revealed.
31 On that day, whoever is on the roof, with his
belongings in the house, must not come down to
take them. Likewise, whoever is in the field
must not turn back.
32 Remember Lot's wife.
33 Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose
it, but whoever loses it will keep it alive.
34 I tell you, on that night there will be two in
one bed. One will be taken, and the other left.
35 Two women will be grinding together. One
will be taken, and the other left.
36 [Two will be in the field. One will be taken,
and the other left."]
37 They answered him, "Where, Lord?" He said
to them, "Where the body is, there the eagles

will gather."

18

1 He told them a parable about their need to
pray always and not lose heart.
2 He said, "In a certain town there was a judge
who neither feared God nor respected people.
3 A widow in that town kept coming to him,
saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'
4 For a time he refused. But afterward he said
to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God or
respect people,
5 yet because this widow keeps troubling me, I
will give her justice, so that she does not wear
me out by continually coming.' "
6 The Lord said, "Listen to what the
unrighteous judge says.
7 Will not God give justice to his chosen ones,
who cry out to him day and night? Will he delay
long in their case?
8 I tell you, he will give them justice swiftly.
Yet when the Son of Man comes, will he find
faith on the earth?"
9 He also told this parable to some who trusted
in themselves that they were righteous and
despised everyone else:
10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray,
one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
11 The Pharisee stood and prayed these things
to himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like
other people—robbers, the unrighteous,
adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of
everything I acquire.'
13 But the tax collector stood far away and
would not even lift his eyes to heaven. He kept
beating his chest and saying, 'God, be merciful to
me, a sinner!'
14 I tell you, this man went down to his house
justified rather than the other. For everyone
who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one
who humbles himself will be exalted."
15 People were bringing even infants to him so
that he might touch them. When the disciples
saw this, they rebuked the people bringing them.
16 But Jesus called the children to him, saying,
"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder
them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as
these.
17 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive
the kingdom of God like a child will never enter
it."
18 A ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what
must I do to inherit eternal life?"
19 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me
good? No one is good except God alone.
20 You know the commandments: 'Do not
commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal;
do not bear false witness; honor your father and
mother.' "
21 He said, "I have kept all these things from
my youth."
22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One
thing you still lack: Sell all you have and
distribute it to the poor, and you will have
treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

23 But when he heard these things, he became
deeply sorrowful, for he was very rich.
24 Jesus looked at him and said, “How difficult
it is for those who have wealth to enter the
kingdom of God!
25 For it is easier for a camel to enter through
the eye of a needle than for a rich person to
enter the kingdom of God.”

26 Those who heard said, “Then who can be
saved?”
27 He said, “What is impossible with people is
possible with God.”

28 Peter said, “Look, we have left what is our
own and followed you.”
29 He said to them, “Truly I tell you, there is no
one who has left house, wife, brothers, parents,
or children for the sake of the kingdom of God,
30 who will not receive many times more in
this time, and in the age to come eternal life.”

31 He took the Twelve aside and said to them,
“Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and
everything written through the prophets about
the Son of Man will be fulfilled.
32 For he will be handed over to the Gentiles,
mocked, insulted, and spat upon.
33 After flogging him, they will kill him, and on
the third day he will rise.”
34 But they understood none of these things.
This saying was hidden from them, and they did
not grasp what was being said.

35 As he drew near Jericho, a blind man was
sitting beside the road, begging.

36 Hearing a crowd passing by, he asked what
was happening.
37 They told him, “Jesus the Nazarene is
passing by.”
38 He cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have
mercy on me!”
39 Those leading the way rebuked him to make
him quiet, but he cried out all the more, “Son of
David, have mercy on me!”
40 Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be
brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked
him,
41 “What do you want me to do for you?” He
said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.”
42 Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight. Your
faith has saved you.”
43 Immediately he received his sight and
followed him, glorifying God. All the people,
when they saw it, gave praise to God.

19

1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing
through it.
2 There was a man named Zacchaeus, who
was a chief tax collector and was rich.
3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but
could not because of the crowd, for he was short
in stature.
4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore fig
tree to see him, because he was about to pass
that way.

5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up
and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come
down, for today I must stay at your house.”
6 He hurried down and welcomed him with
joy.
7 Everyone who saw it grumbled, saying, “He
has gone in to stay with a sinful man.”
8 Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look,
Lord, I give half my possessions to the poor, and
if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I repay
it fourfold.”
9 Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come
to this house, because he too is a son of
Abraham.
10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save
what was lost.”
11 While they were listening to these things, he
went on to tell a parable, because he was near
Jerusalem and they thought the kingdom of God
was about to appear immediately.
12 He said, “A nobleman went to a distant
country to receive a kingdom for himself and
return.
13 He called ten of his slaves, gave them about
ten pounds of silver, and said to them, ‘Do
business with this until I come.’
14 But his citizens hated him and sent a
delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want
this man to reign over us.’
15 When he returned, having received the
kingdom, he ordered the slaves to whom he had
given the money to be called, so that he might
learn what they had gained by trading.
16 The first came and said, ‘Master, your

silver—about a pound—has earned about ten pounds.'
17 He said to him, 'Well done, good slave!
Because you have been faithful in very little,
have authority over ten cities.'
18 The second came and said, 'Master, your
silver—about a pound—has produced about five
pounds.'
19 He said to this one also, 'You too are to be
over five cities.'
20 Another came and said, 'Master, here is your
silver, about a pound, which I kept stored in a
cloth.
21 For I was afraid of you, because you are a
severe man. You take what you did not deposit
and reap what you did not sow.'
22 He said to him, 'By your own mouth I judge
you, wicked slave. Did you know that I am a
severe man, taking what I did not deposit and
reaping what I did not sow?
23 Then why did you not put my money in a
bank? When I returned, I could have collected it
with interest.'
24 He said to those standing there, 'Take the
silver from him, about a pound, and give it to
the one who has about ten pounds.'
25 They said to him, 'Master, he has about ten
pounds!'
26 'I tell you, to everyone who has, more will
be given, but from the one who does not have,
even what he has will be taken away.
27 But bring here these enemies of mine who
did not want me to reign over them, and

slaughter them before me.' "

28 After saying this, he went on ahead, going
up to Jerusalem.

29 As he approached Bethphage and Bethany,
near the mountain called the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of the disciples,
30 saying, "Go to the village opposite you. As
you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on
which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it.
31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying
it?' say this: 'The Lord needs it.' "
32 Those who were sent went and found it just
as he had told them.
33 As they were untying the colt, its owners
said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"
34 They said, "The Lord needs it."
35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks
on the colt, and put Jesus on it.
36 As he went along, they spread their cloaks
on the road.
37 As he drew near, already at the descent of
the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of
disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a
loud voice for all the mighty works they had
seen,

38 saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the
name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

39 Some Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
"Teacher, rebuke your disciples."
40 He answered, "I tell you, if these are silent,
the stones will cry out."

41 As he drew near and saw the city, he wept
over it,
42 saying, “If only you too had known on this
day what makes for peace! But now it is hidden
from your eyes.
43 For days will come upon you when your
enemies will raise a barricade against you,
surround you, and hem you in on every side.
44 They will dash you and your children
within you to the ground, and will not leave one
stone upon another in you, because you did not
recognize the time of your visitation.”
45 He entered the temple and began to drive
out those who were selling,
46 saying to them, “It is written, ‘And my house
will be a house of prayer,' but you have made it
a den of robbers.”
47 He was teaching daily in the temple. The
chief priests, scribes, and leaders of the people
were seeking to destroy him,
48 but they could not find what to do, for all
the people hung on his words, listening.

20

1 One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in
the temple and proclaiming the good news, the
chief priests and scribes came up with the elders
2 and said to him, “Tell us, by what authority
are you doing these things, or who gave you this
authority?”
3 He answered them, “I too will ask you a
question. Tell me:

4 Was John's baptism from heaven or from
people?"
5 They discussed it among themselves, saying,
"If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did
you not believe him?'
6 But if we say, 'From people,' all the people
will stone us, for they are convinced that John
was a prophet."
7 So they answered that they did not know
where it was from.
8 Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by
what authority I do these things."
9 He began to tell the people this parable: "A
man planted a vineyard, leased it to farmers,
and went away for a long time.
10 At the proper season he sent a slave to the
farmers, so they would give him some of the
fruit of the vineyard. But the farmers beat him
and sent him away empty-handed.
11 He sent another slave, but they beat and
dishonored him too, and sent him away
empty-handed.
12 He sent a third, but they wounded him and
threw him out.
13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What
shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Perhaps
they will respect him.'
14 But when the farmers saw him, they
reasoned with one another, saying, 'This is the
heir. Let us kill him so that the inheritance may
be ours.'
15 They threw him out of the vineyard and
killed him. What then will the owner of the

vineyard do to them?
16 He will come and destroy those farmers and
give the vineyard to others." When they heard
this, they said, "May it never happen!"

17 He looked at them and said, "What then
does this writing mean:

'The stone the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone'?

18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be
shattered, but it will crush anyone on whom it
falls."
19 The scribes and chief priests sought to lay
hands on him at that very hour, but they feared
the people, for they knew he had told this
parable against them.

20 They watched him and sent spies who
pretended to be righteous, so that they could
catch him in something he said and hand him
over to the rule and authority of the governor.
21 They asked him, "Teacher, we know that you
speak and teach rightly and show no partiality,
but truly teach the way of God.
22 Is it lawful for us to pay tribute to Caesar, or
not?"
23 But he perceived their craftiness and said to
them,
24 "Show me a denarius. Whose image and
inscription does it bear?" They answered,
"Caesar's."
25 He said to them, "Then give to Caesar what
is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

26 They could not catch him in anything he
said before the people. Amazed at his answer,
they became silent.
27 Some of the Sadducees, who deny that there
is a resurrection, came up and asked him,
28 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s
brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, his
brother must take the wife and raise up
offspring for his brother.
29 Now there were seven brothers. The first
took a wife and died childless;
30 and the second
31 and the third took her. Likewise all seven
left no children and died.
32 Finally the woman also died.
33 In the resurrection, then, whose wife does
she become? For all seven had her as wife.”
34 Jesus said to them, “The children of this age
marry and are given in marriage.
35 But those considered worthy to attain that
age and the resurrection from the dead neither
marry nor are given in marriage.
36 For they can no longer die, since they are
equal to angels, and they are children of God,
being children of the resurrection.
37 That the dead are raised, even Moses
showed in the passage about the bush, where he
calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, the God of
Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’
38 He is not God of the dead, but of the living,
for to him all are alive.”
39 Some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you
have spoken well.”
40 For they no longer dared ask him anything.

41 He said to them, “How do they say that the
Christ is David’s son?
42 For David himself says in the book of
Psalms,
‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand
43 until I make your enemies a footstool for your
feet.” ’
44 David therefore calls him Lord. How then is
he his son?”
45 As all the people were listening, he said to
the disciples,
46 “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk
about in long robes and love greetings in the
marketplaces, the seats of honor in the
synagogues, and places of honor at dinners.
47 They devour widows’ houses and make long
prayers for a pretense. They will receive greater
condemnation.”

21

1 He looked up and saw the rich putting their
gifts into the treasury.
2 He also saw a poor widow putting in two
small coins.
3 He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has
put in more than all of them.
4 For all these gave their gifts from their
surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all
she had to live on.”
5 As some were speaking about the temple,
how it was adorned with beautiful stones and
dedicated gifts, he said,

6 “As for these things you see, days will come
when not one stone will be left upon another
that will not be torn down.”
7 They asked him, “Teacher, when will these
things happen? And what will be the sign when
they are about to take place?”
8 He said, “See that you are not led astray. For
many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’
and, ‘The time has drawn near.’ Do not follow
them.
9 When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not
be terrified. For these things must happen first,
but the end will not come immediately.”
10 Then he said to them, “Nation will rise
against nation and kingdom against kingdom.
11 There will be great earthquakes, and in
various places famines and plagues. There will
be terrifying sights and great signs from heaven.
12 But before all these things, they will lay
hands on you and persecute you, handing you
over to synagogues and prisons. You will be
brought before kings and governors for my
name’s sake.
13 This will be an opportunity for you to bear
witness.
14 So settle it in your hearts not to prepare
your defense beforehand,
15 for I will give you speech and wisdom that
none of your opponents will be able to resist or
contradict.
16 You will be betrayed even by parents,
brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will
put some of you to death.

17 You will be hated by all because of my name.
18 Yet not a hair of your head will perish.
19 Through your endurance, gain your lives.
20 When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has drawn near.
21 Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, those inside the city must leave, and those in the countryside must not enter it,
22 for these are days of vengeance, so that all that is written may be fulfilled.
23 Woe to those who are pregnant and those nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people.
24 They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all nations. Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.
25 There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars, and on the earth distress among nations, perplexed at the roaring of the sea and its surging.
26 People will faint from fear and expectation of what is coming upon the inhabited world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
28 When these things begin to happen, stand upright and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."
29 He told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees.

30 When they begin to sprout, you see for
yourselves and know that summer is already
near.
31 So also, when you see these things
happening, know that the kingdom of God is
near.
32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass
away until all has taken place.
33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my
words will never pass away.
34 Watch yourselves, lest your hearts be
weighed down with overindulgence,
drunkenness, and the worries of life, and that
day come upon you suddenly
35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who
dwell on the face of the whole earth.
36 But stay awake at all times, praying that you
may have strength to escape all these things that
are about to happen and to stand before the Son
of Man."
37 By day he was teaching in the temple, but at
night he went out and stayed on the mountain
called the Mount of Olives.
38 All the people came to him early in the
morning to hear him in the temple.

22

1 The Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the
Passover, was drawing near.
2 The chief priests and scribes were seeking a
way to kill him, for they feared the people.
3 Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot,
who was one of the Twelve.

4 He went away and spoke with the chief
priests and officers about how he might betray
Jesus to them.
5 They were glad and agreed to give him
money.
6 He consented and sought an opportunity to
betray him to them away from the crowd.

7 The day of Unleavened Bread came, when
the Passover sacrifice had to be offered.
8 Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and
prepare the Passover for us to eat.”
9 They said to him, “Where do you want us to
prepare it?”
10 He said to them, “Look, when you enter the
city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you.
Follow him into the house he enters,
11 and say to the owner of the house, ‘The
Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room
where I may eat the Passover with my
disciples?” ’
12 He will show you a large furnished room
upstairs. Prepare it there.”
13 They went and found things just as he had
told them, and they prepared the Passover.

14 When the hour came, he reclined at the
table, and the apostles with him.
15 He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to
eat this Passover with you before I suffer.
16 For I tell you, I will not eat it until it is
fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”
17 He received a cup, gave thanks, and said,
“Take this and divide it among yourselves.

18 For I tell you, from now on I will not drink
of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God
comes."
19 He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and
gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, given
for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
20 Likewise, after supper he took the cup,
saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my
blood, poured out for you.
21 But look, the hand of the one betraying me
is with me on the table.
22 For the Son of Man goes as it has been
determined, but woe to that man through whom
he is betrayed!"
23 They began to question among themselves
which of them was about to do this.
24 A dispute also arose among them about
which of them was considered greatest.
25 He said to them, "The kings of the nations
lord it over them, and those exercising authority
over them are called benefactors.
26 But you are not to be like that. Instead, let
the greatest among you become like the
youngest, and the one who leads like the one
who serves.
27 For who is greater, the one reclining at the
table or the one serving? Is it not the one
reclining? Yet I am among you as the one who
serves.
28 You are those who have remained with me
in my trials.
29 And I grant you a kingdom, just as my
Father granted one to me,

30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in
my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging
the twelve tribes of Israel.
31 Simon, Simon, look, Satan has demanded to
have all of you, to sift you like wheat.
32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith
may not fail. And you, when you have turned
back, strengthen your brothers."
33 He said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with
you both to prison and to death."
34 Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will
not crow today until you have denied three
times that you know me."

35 He said to them, "When I sent you out
without a money pouch, bag, or sandals, did you
lack anything?" They said, "Nothing."
36 He said to them, "But now, whoever has a
money pouch should take it, and likewise a bag.
Whoever has no sword should sell his cloak and
buy one.
37 For I tell you, this writing must be fulfilled
in me: 'And he was numbered with the lawless.'
For what concerns me is reaching its
fulfillment."
38 They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords."
He said to them, "It is enough."

39 He went out and made his way, as was his
custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples
followed him.
40 When he came to the place, he said to them,
"Pray that you may not enter into temptation."
41 He withdrew from them about a stone's
throw, knelt down, and prayed,

42 saying, “Father, if you are willing, take this
cup from me. Yet not my will, but yours be
done.”
43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and
strengthened him.
44 Being in agony, he prayed more earnestly.
His sweat became like thick drops of blood
falling to the ground.
45 When he rose from prayer and came to the
disciples, he found them sleeping from sorrow.
46 He said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get
up and pray, so that you may not enter into
temptation.”

47 While he was still speaking, a crowd
appeared, and the one called Judas, one of the
Twelve, was leading them. He drew near Jesus
to kiss him.
48 But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you
betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”
49 When those around him saw what was
about to happen, they said, “Lord, shall we strike
with the sword?”
50 One of them struck the high priest’s slave
and cut off his right ear.
51 But Jesus answered, “Enough of this!” He
touched the ear and healed him.
52 Jesus said to the chief priests, temple
officers, and elders who had come against him,
“Have you come out with swords and clubs as
against a robber?
53 Day after day I was with you in the temple,
and you did not lay hands on me. But this is
your hour and the authority of darkness.”

54 They seized him, led him away, and brought
him into the high priest's house. Peter followed
at a distance.
55 They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard
and sat down together, and Peter sat among
them.
56 A servant girl saw him sitting in the
firelight, looked closely at him, and said, "This
man too was with him."
57 But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not
know him."
58 A little later someone else saw him and said,
"You too are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I
am not."
59 About an hour later, another insisted,
"Certainly this man too was with him, for he is a
Galilean."
60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what
you are saying." Immediately, while he was still
speaking, a rooster crowed.
61 The Lord turned and looked at Peter, and
Peter remembered the Lord's word, how he had
said to him, "Before a rooster crows today, you
will deny me three times."
62 He went outside and wept bitterly.

63 The men who were holding Jesus mocked
and beat him.
64 They blindfolded him and asked, "Prophesy!
Who is it that struck you?"
65 They said many other things against him,
blaspheming.

66 When day came, the council of elders of the
people assembled, both chief priests and scribes.
They brought him before their council,

67 saying, “If you are the Christ, tell us.” He
said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe,
68 and if I ask, you will not answer.
69 But from now on the Son of Man will be
seated at the right hand of the power of God.”
70 They all said, “Are you then the Son of God?”
He said to them, “You say that I am.”
71 They said, “What further testimony do we
need? We ourselves have heard it from his
mouth.”

23

1 The whole assembly rose and brought him
before Pilate.
2 They began to accuse him, saying, “We found
this man misleading our nation, forbidding the
payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he
himself is the Christ, a king.”
3 Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the
Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.”
4 Pilate said to the chief priests and the
crowds, “I find no grounds for a charge against
this man.”
5 But they insisted, saying, “He stirs up the
people, teaching throughout Judea, beginning in
Galilee and reaching here.”
6 When Pilate heard this, he asked whether
the man was a Galilean.
7 Learning that he was under Herod’s
jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also
in Jerusalem in those days.
8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for
he had long wanted to see him because of what

he had heard about him, and hoped to see him perform some sign.
9 He questioned him at length, but Jesus gave him no answer.
10 The chief priests and scribes stood there, vehemently accusing him.
11 Herod, together with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and mocked him. He dressed him in a splendid robe and sent him back to Pilate.
12 Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, for previously they had been at enmity with one another.

13 Pilate called together the chief priests, rulers, and people,
14 and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who misleads the people. Look, I have examined him before you and found no basis for the charges you bring against this man.
15 Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, he has done nothing deserving death.
16 So I will punish him and release him.”
17 [He was required to release one prisoner to them at the feast.]

18 But they all cried out together, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas for us!”
19 He had been thrown into prison for an uprising in the city and for murder.
20 Pilate addressed them again, wanting to release Jesus.
21 But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

22 For the third time he said to them, “What
evil has this man done? I have found nothing in
him deserving death. So I will punish him and
release him.”
23 But they pressed him with loud cries,
demanding that he be crucified, and their cries
prevailed.
24 Pilate decided that their demand should be
carried out.
25 He released the man they had asked for,
who had been thrown into prison for uprising
and murder, but handed Jesus over to their will.
26 As they led him away, they seized a man
named Simon of Cyrene, coming from the
countryside, and laid the cross on him to carry
behind Jesus.
27 A great multitude of the people followed
him, including women who were beating their
breasts and lamenting him.
28 Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of
Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for
yourselves and your children.
29 For look, days are coming when they will
say, ‘Blessed are the barren, the wombs that
never bore and the breasts that never nursed.’
30 Then they will begin to say to the
mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover
us!’
31 For if they do these things to green wood,
what will happen to the dry?”
32 Two others, who were criminals, were also
being led away to be put to death with him.
33 When they came to the place called the
Skull, they crucified him there along with the

criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.
34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do
not know what they are doing.” They divided his
clothing by casting lots.
35 The people stood watching. The rulers also
ridiculed him, saying, “He saved others. Let him
save himself, if he is the Christ of God, the
Chosen One.”
36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up
and offering him sour wine,
37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews,
save yourself!”
38 There was also an inscription over him:
“This is the King of the Jews.”
39 One of the criminals hanging there
blasphemed him, saying, “Are you not the
Christ? Save yourself and us!”
40 But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you
not even fear God, since you are under the same
sentence?
41 We are sentenced justly, for we are
receiving what our deeds deserve. But this man
has done nothing wrong.”
42 He said, “Jesus, remember me when you
come in your kingdom.”
43 He said to him, “Truly I tell you, today you
will be with me in paradise.”
44 It was already about noon, and darkness
came over the whole land until three in the
afternoon,
45 as the sun’s light failed. The curtain of the
sanctuary was torn down the middle.

46 Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Father,
into your hands I entrust my spirit.” After saying
this, he breathed his last.
47 When the centurion saw what had
happened, he glorified God, saying, “Truly this
man was righteous.”
48 All the crowds who had gathered for this
sight, when they saw what had happened,
returned beating their breasts.
49 All his acquaintances stood at a distance,
along with the women who had followed him
from Galilee, watching these things.
50 There was a man named Joseph, a member
of the council, a good and righteous man.
51 He had not agreed with their decision or
action. He was from Arimathea, a town of the
Jews, and was waiting for the kingdom of God.
52 He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body.
53 He took it down, wrapped it in linen, and
laid him in a tomb cut in rock, where no one
had yet been laid.
54 It was the day of Preparation, and the
Sabbath was about to begin.
55 The women who had come with him from
Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his
body was laid.
56 They returned and prepared spices and
ointments. On the Sabbath they rested
according to the commandment.

24

1 On the first day of the week, very early in the
morning, they came to the tomb, bringing the

spices they had prepared.
2 They found the stone rolled away from the
tomb,
3 but when they entered, they did not find the
body.
4 While they were perplexed about this, two
men stood beside them in dazzling clothing.
5 They became afraid and bowed their faces to
the ground. The men said to them, “Why do you
seek the living one among the dead?
6 He is not here, but has been raised.
Remember how he spoke to you while he was
still in Galilee,
7 saying that the Son of Man must be handed
over into the hands of sinful people, be
crucified, and rise on the third day.”
8 They remembered his words,
9 and returned from the tomb and reported all
these things to the Eleven and all the others.
10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the
mother of James, and the other women with
them who told these things to the apostles.
11 But these words seemed to them like
nonsense, and they did not believe the women.
12 Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping
to look in, he saw only the linen cloths. He went
home, marveling at what had happened.

13 That same day two of them were going to a
village named Emmaus, about seven miles from
Jerusalem.
14 They were talking with one another about
all these things that had happened.

15 While they were talking and discussing,
Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,
16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing
him.
17 He said to them, “What are these words you
are exchanging with one another as you walk?”
They stood still, looking sad.
18 One of them, named Cleopas, answered
him, “Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who
does not know what has happened there in
these days?”
19 He said to them, “What things?” They said to
him, “The things about Jesus the Nazarene, a
man who was a prophet mighty in deed and
word before God and all the people,
20 and how our chief priests and rulers
handed him over to be condemned to death and
crucified him.
21 But we had hoped that he was the one who
was to redeem Israel. Besides all this, it is now
the third day since these things happened.
22 Some women from our group also
astonished us. They were at the tomb early,
23 and when they did not find his body, they
came saying that they had also seen a vision of
angels, who say that he is alive.
24 Some of those with us went to the tomb and
found it just as the women had said, but him
they did not see.”
25 He said to them, “Foolish ones, and slow of
heart to believe all that the prophets have
spoken!
26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer

these things and enter into his glory?"
27 Beginning with Moses and all the prophets,
he explained to them in all the Scriptures the
things concerning himself.
28 They drew near the village where they were
going, and he acted as though he would go
farther.
29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay
with us, for evening is near and the day is
already ending." So he went in to stay with them.
30 When he reclined at the table with them, he
took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to
them.
31 Their eyes were opened, and they
recognized him. Then he vanished from their
sight.
32 They said to one another, "Was not our heart
burning within us while he spoke to us on the
road, while he opened the Scriptures to us?"
33 They got up that very hour and returned to
Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those
with them gathered together,
34 saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and
has appeared to Simon!"
35 Then they related what had happened on
the road, and how he had been made known to
them in the breaking of the bread.
36 While they were speaking about these
things, he himself stood in their midst.
37 Startled and frightened, they thought they
were seeing a spirit.
38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and
why do doubts arise in your heart?

39 Look at my hands and my feet: It is I myself.
Touch me and see, for a spirit does not have
flesh and bones, as you see that I have."
40 After saying this, he showed them his hands
and feet.
41 While they still disbelieved for joy and were
marveling, he said to them, "Do you have
anything here to eat?"
42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
43 and he took it and ate it before them.
44 He said to them, "These are my words that I
spoke to you while I was still with you:
Everything written about me in the law of
Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms must be
fulfilled."
45 Then he opened their minds to understand
the Scriptures,
46 and said to them, "This is what is written:
The Christ is to suffer and rise from the dead on
the third day,
47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins are
to be proclaimed in his name to all the nations,
beginning from Jerusalem.
48 You are witnesses of these things.
49 And look, I am sending the promise of my
Father upon you. But remain in the city until
you are clothed with power from on high."
50 He led them out to the vicinity of Bethany,
lifted his hands, and blessed them.
51 While he was blessing them, he parted from
them and was carried up into heaven.
52 They worshiped him and returned to
Jerusalem with great joy,

53 and were continually in the temple, blessing
God.

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