Matthew

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the
son of David, the son of Abraham.
2 Abraham fathered Isaac, Isaac fathered
Jacob, and Jacob fathered Judah and his
brothers.
3 Judah fathered Perez and Zerah by Tamar,
Perez fathered Hezron, and Hezron fathered
Ram.
4 Ram fathered Amminadab, Amminadab
fathered Nahshon, and Nahshon fathered
Salmon.
5 Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab, Boaz
fathered Obed by Ruth, and Obed fathered Jesse.
6 Jesse fathered David the king. David fathered
Solomon by Uriah's wife.
7 Solomon fathered Rehoboam, Rehoboam
fathered Abijah, and Abijah fathered Asaph.
8 Asaph fathered Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat
fathered Joram, and Joram fathered Uzziah.
9 Uzziah fathered Jotham, Jotham fathered
Ahaz, and Ahaz fathered Hezekiah.
10 Hezekiah fathered Manasseh, Manasseh
fathered Amos, and Amos fathered Josiah.
11 Josiah fathered Jeconiah and his brothers at
the time of the deportation to Babylon.
12 After the deportation to Babylon, Jeconiah
fathered Shealtiel, and Shealtiel fathered
Zerubbabel.
13 Zerubbabel fathered Abiud, Abiud fathered
Eliakim, and Eliakim fathered Azor.

14 Azor fathered Zadok, Zadok fathered Achim,
and Achim fathered Eliud.
15 Eliud fathered Eleazar, Eleazar fathered
Matthan, and Matthan fathered Jacob.
16 Jacob fathered Joseph, the husband of Mary,
of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.
17 So all the generations from Abraham to
David were fourteen generations, from David to
the deportation to Babylon fourteen
generations, and from the deportation to
Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.
18 The birth of Jesus Christ took place this way.
His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but
before they came together, she was found to be
pregnant by the Holy Spirit.
19 Her husband Joseph was a righteous man
and did not want to expose her to public
disgrace, so he decided to divorce her quietly.
20 But as he considered these things, an angel
of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and
said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to
take Mary as your wife, for what is conceived in
her is from the Holy Spirit.
21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to
name him Jesus, for he will save his people from
their sins.”
22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord
had spoken through the prophet:
23 “Look, the virgin will conceive and give
birth to a son, and they will name him
Immanuel,” which means “God with us.”
24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the
angel of the Lord had commanded him and took

his wife home.
25 But he did not have sexual relations with
her until she gave birth to a son, and he named
him Jesus.

2

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea
in the days of King Herod, wise men from the
east arrived in Jerusalem
2 and asked, “Where is the one who has been
born king of the Jews? We saw his star at its
rising and have come to worship him.”
3 When King Herod heard this, he was
troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
4 He gathered all the chief priests and scribes
of the people and asked them where the Christ
was to be born.
5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for
this is what was written through the prophet:

6 ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no
means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you will come a ruler who will
shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

7 Then Herod secretly called the wise men and
learned from them exactly when the star had
appeared.
8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and
search carefully for the child. When you find
him, report to me, so that I too may come and
worship him.”
9 After hearing the king, they went on their
way. And the star they had seen at its rising

went ahead of them until it came to rest over the
place where the child was.
10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with
exceedingly great joy.
11 Entering the house, they saw the child with
Mary his mother. They fell down and worshiped
him. Then they opened their treasures and
offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and
myrrh.
12 Warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they went back to their country by another
route.
13 After they had left, an angel of the Lord
appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up,
take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.
Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is about to
search for the child to kill him.”
14 So Joseph got up, took the child and his
mother during the night, and left for Egypt.
15 He stayed there until Herod’s death, to fulfill
what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:
“Out of Egypt I called my son.”
16 Then Herod, seeing that the wise men had
outwitted him, became furious. He sent men to
kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its
surrounding territory who were two years old
and under, according to the time he had learned
from the wise men.
17 Then what was spoken through the prophet
Jeremiah was fulfilled:
18 “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and
great mourning: Rachel weeping for her
children, refusing to be comforted, because they
are no more.”

19 After Herod died, an angel of the Lord
appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt
20 and said, “Get up, take the child and his
mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those
who sought the child’s life are dead.”
21 So he got up, took the child and his mother,
and entered the land of Israel.
22 But when he heard that Archelaus was
ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was
afraid to go there. Warned in a dream, he
withdrew to the region of Galilee.
23 He went and settled in a town called
Nazareth, to fulfill what was spoken through the
prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

3

1 In those days John the Baptist came
preaching in the wilderness of Judea
2 and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven is at hand.”
3 He is the one spoken of through the prophet
Isaiah: “A voice of one crying in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths
straight.’ ”
4 John wore clothing made of camel’s hair,
with a leather belt around his waist. His food
was locusts and wild honey.
5 Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole
region around the Jordan were going out to him.
6 They were baptized by him in the Jordan
River, confessing their sins.
7 But when he saw many Pharisees and
Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to

them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to
flee from the coming wrath?
8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance.
9 And do not think you can say to yourselves,
‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you,
God can raise up children for Abraham from
these stones.
10 The ax is already laid at the root of the
trees. So every tree that does not bear good fruit
is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 I baptize you in water for repentance, but
the one coming after me is mightier than I. I am
not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize
you in the Holy Spirit and fire.
12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he
will thoroughly clear his threshing floor. He will
gather his wheat into the barn, but burn up the
chaff with unquenchable fire.”

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the
Jordan to be baptized by him.
14 But John tried to stop him, saying, “I need to
be baptized by you, and you come to me?”
15 Jesus answered him, “Allow it for now, for it
is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness in this
way.” Then John allowed him.
16 After Jesus was baptized, he immediately
came up from the water. The heavens opened,
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a
dove and coming upon him.
17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my
beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

4

1 Then Jesus was led up into the wilderness by
the Spirit to be tempted by the devil.
2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he
was hungry.
3 The tempter came and said to him, “If you
are the Son of God, command these stones to
become loaves of bread.”
4 But he answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall
not live by bread alone, but by every word that
comes from the mouth of God.’ ”
5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and
set him on the pinnacle of the temple.
6 He said to him, “If you are the Son of God,
throw yourself down, for it is written: ‘He will
command his angels concerning you,’ and, ‘They
will lift you up in their hands, so that you do not
strike your foot against a stone.’ ”
7 Jesus said to him, “It is also written: ‘You
shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”
8 Again the devil took him to a very high
mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of
the world and their glory.
9 He said to him, “I will give you all these
things if you fall down and worship me.”
10 Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! For
it is written: ‘You shall worship the Lord your
God, and serve him alone.’ ”
11 Then the devil left him, and angels came
and ministered to him.
12 When Jesus heard that John had been
arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

13 He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum
by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and
Naphtali,
14 to fulfill what was spoken through the
prophet Isaiah:
15 “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the
way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee
of the Gentiles:
16 the people sitting in darkness have seen a
great light, and on those sitting in the land
and shadow of death a light has dawned.”
17 From that time Jesus began to preach and
say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at
hand.”
18 As he walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he
saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his
brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea, for
they were fishermen.
19 He said to them, “Follow me, and I will make
you fishers of men.”
20 Immediately they left their nets and
followed him.
21 Going on from there, he saw two other
brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his
brother John, in the boat with their father
Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them,
22 and immediately they left the boat and their
father and followed him.
23 He went throughout Galilee, teaching in
their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the
kingdom, and healing every disease and every
sickness among the people.

24 News of him spread throughout Syria. They
brought him all who were ill, afflicted with
various diseases and pains, those possessed by
demons, those suffering seizures, and those who
were paralyzed, and he healed them.
25 Large crowds followed him from Galilee,
the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the
Jordan.

5

1 When he saw the crowds, he went up the
mountain. He sat down, and his disciples came
to him.
2 Then he opened his mouth and taught them,
saying:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 Blessed are you when people insult you,
persecute you, and falsely say every kind of evil
against you because of me.
12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great
in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the
prophets before you.
13 You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses
its taste, how can it be made salty? It is no
longer good for anything except to be thrown
out and trampled underfoot.
14 You are the light of the world. A city set on a
hill cannot be hidden.
15 No one lights a lamp and puts it under a
basket, but on a lampstand, and it shines on
everyone in the house.
16 In the same way, let your light shine before
others, so that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.
17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the
Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish
them, but to fulfill them.
18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth
pass away, not the smallest letter or a single
stroke will pass from the Law until everything
takes place.
19 So whoever sets aside one of the least of
these commandments and teaches others to do

the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

21 You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder,’ and, ‘Whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’
22 But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment. Whoever says to his brother, ‘You emptyhead!’ will be liable to the council, and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the fire of hell.
23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,
24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.
25 Come to terms with your adversary quickly while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.
26 Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

27 You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’
28 But I tell you that everyone who looks at a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it
out and throw it away. For it is better for you to
lose one part of your body than for your whole
body to be thrown into hell.
30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut
it off and throw it away. For it is better for you
to lose one part of your body than for your
whole body to go into hell.

31 It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife
must give her a certificate of divorce.'
32 But I tell you that everyone who divorces his
wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality,
causes her to commit adultery, and whoever
marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

33 Again, you have heard that it was said to
those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but
shall fulfill your oaths to the Lord.'
34 But I tell you not to swear at all: neither by
heaven, for it is God's throne,
35 nor by the earth, for it is his footstool, nor
by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.
36 And do not swear by your head, for you
cannot make one hair white or black.
37 Let your word be 'Yes, yes,' or 'No, no.'
Anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

38 You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for
an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'
39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. If
anyone slaps you on your right cheek, turn the
other to him as well.
40 If someone wants to sue you and take your
tunic, let him have your cloak as well.

41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go
two with him.
42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not
turn away from the one who wants to borrow
from you.
43 You have heard that it was said, 'You shall
love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'
44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray
for those who persecute you,
45 so that you may be sons of your Father in
heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil
and the good, and sends rain on the righteous
and the unrighteous.
46 For if you love those who love you, what
reward do you have? Do not even the tax
collectors do the same?
47 And if you greet only your brothers, what
are you doing beyond others? Do not even the
Gentiles do the same?
48 Therefore, be perfect, as your heavenly
Father is perfect.

6

1 "Be careful not to practice your
righteousness before others in order to be seen
by them. Otherwise you have no reward from
your Father in heaven.
2 So when you give to the poor, do not sound a
trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the
synagogues and streets to be praised by others.
Truly I tell you, they have received their reward
in full.
3 But when you give to the poor, do not let your
left hand know what your right hand is doing,

4 so that your giving may be in secret. And
your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.
5 When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites.
They love to stand and pray in the synagogues
and on street corners to be seen by others. Truly
I tell you, they have received their reward in
full.
6 But when you pray, go into your room, shut
the door, and pray to your Father who is in
secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will
reward you.
7 When you pray, do not heap up empty words
like the Gentiles, for they think they will be
heard because of their many words.
8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows
what you need before you ask him.

9 Pray, then, in this way:
'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have
forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from the evil one.'
14 For if you forgive others their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
15 But if you do not forgive others, neither will
your Father forgive your trespasses.
16 When you fast, do not look gloomy like the
hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces to show

others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they
have received their reward in full.
17 But when you fast, anoint your head and
wash your face,
18 so that your fasting may be seen by your
Father who is in secret, rather than by others.
And your Father, who sees in secret, will reward
you.
19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on
earth, where moth and rust destroy and where
thieves break in and steal.
20 But store up for yourselves treasures in
heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys,
and where thieves do not break in or steal.
21 For where your treasure is, there your heart
will be also.
22 The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your
eye is sound, your whole body will be full of
light.
23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will
be full of darkness. If, then, the light in you is
darkness, how great is that darkness!
24 No one can serve two masters. For either he
will hate the one and love the other, or he will
be devoted to the one and despise the other. You
cannot serve God and wealth.
25 Therefore I tell you, do not worry about
your life, what you will eat, or about your body,
what you will wear. Is not life more than food,
and the body more than clothing?
26 Look at the birds of the sky: they neither
sow nor reap nor gather into barns, yet your
heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth
much more than they?

27 And which of you by worrying can add a
single moment to his life?
28 And why do you worry about clothing?
Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow:
they neither labor nor spin.
29 Yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory
was not clothed like one of these.
30 If God so clothes the grass of the field, which
is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the
oven, will he not much more clothe you, you of
little faith?
31 So do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?'
or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'
32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things,
and your heavenly Father knows that you need
them all.
33 But seek first his kingdom and his
righteousness, and all these things will be added
to you.
34 So do not worry about tomorrow, for
tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has
enough trouble of its own.

7

1 "Do not judge, so that you will not be judged.
2 For with the judgment you use, you will be
judged, and with the measure you use, it will be
measured to you.
3 Why do you look at the speck in your
brother's eye, but fail to notice the beam in your
own eye?

4 Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me
take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is a
beam in your own eye?
5 You 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.
6 Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not
throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample
them underfoot and turn and tear you to pieces.
7 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you
will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one
who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it
will be opened.
9 Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will
give him a stone?
10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a
snake?
11 If you, then, who are evil, know how to give
good gifts to your children, how much more will
your Father in heaven give good things to those
who ask him!
12 So in everything, do to others as you would
have them do to you, for this is the Law and the
Prophets.
13 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is
the gate and broad is the way that leads to
destruction, and many enter through it.
14 For narrow is the gate and hard is the way
that leads to life, and few find it.
15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you
in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous
wolves.

16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are
grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from
thistles?
17 In the same way, every good tree bears good
fruit, but a rotten tree bears bad fruit.
18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a
rotten tree bear good fruit.
19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is
cut down and thrown into the fire.
20 So you will recognize them by their fruits.
21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,'
will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one
who does the will of my Father in heaven.
22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord,
did we not prophesy in your name, cast out
demons in your name, and perform many
miracles in your name?'
23 Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew
you. Depart from me, you who practice
lawlessness!'
24 So everyone who hears these words of mine
and acts on them will be like a wise man who
built his house on the rock.
25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds
blew and beat against that house, but it did not
fall, for it had been founded on the rock.
26 And everyone who hears these words of
mine and does not act on them will be like a
foolish man who built his house on the sand.
27 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds
blew and struck that house, and it fell—and
great was its fall."
28 When Jesus finished these words, the
crowds were astonished at his teaching,

29 for he taught them as one who had
authority, and not as their scribes.

8

1 When he came down from the mountain,
large crowds followed him.
2 A man with leprosy came and knelt before
him, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, you can
make me clean.”
3 He stretched out his hand and touched him,
saying, “I am willing. Be clean!” Immediately he
was cleansed of his leprosy.
4 Then Jesus said to him, “See that you tell no
one. But go, show yourself to the priest, and
offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony
to them.”
5 When he entered Capernaum, a centurion
approached him, pleading with him
6 and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at
home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”
7 He said to him, “I will come and heal him.”
8 The centurion answered, “Lord, I am not
worthy to have you come under my roof. But
only say the word, and my servant will be
healed.
9 For I too am a man under authority, with
soldiers under me. I tell one, ‘Go,’ and he goes,
and another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and my
slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”
10 When Jesus heard this, he marveled and
said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I
have found no one in Israel with such great
faith.

11 I tell you that many will come from east and
west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.
12 But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown
into the outer darkness. There will be weeping
and gnashing of teeth."
13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go; let it
be done for you as you have believed." And the
servant was healed at that very hour.
14 When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw
Peter's mother-in-law lying down with a fever.
15 He touched her hand, and the fever left her.
She got up and began to serve him.
16 When evening came, they brought him
many who were possessed by demons. He cast
out the spirits with a word and healed all who
were ill,
17 to fulfill what was spoken through the
prophet Isaiah:
"He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."
18 When Jesus saw large crowds around him,
he gave orders to go to the other side.
19 A scribe approached and said to him,
"Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."
20 Jesus said to him, "Foxes have dens and
birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man
has nowhere to lay his head."
21 Another of the disciples said to him, "Lord,
let me first go and bury my father."
22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and let
the dead bury their own dead."
23 When he got into a boat, his disciples
followed him.

24 Suddenly a great storm arose on the sea, so
that the boat was being covered by the waves.
But he was asleep.
25 They came and woke him, saying, “Lord,
save us! We are perishing!”
26 He said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of
little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the
winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.
27 The men marveled, saying, “What kind of
man is this, that even the winds and the sea
obey him?”

28 When he came to the other side, to the
region of the Gadarenes, two men possessed by
demons met him, coming out of the tombs. They
were so violent that no one could pass along that
road.
29 They cried out, “What have you to do with
us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment
us before the appointed time?”
30 Some distance from them, a large herd of
pigs was feeding.
31 The demons begged him, “If you cast us out,
send us into the herd of pigs.”
32 He said to them, “Go!” They came out and
went into the pigs. Then the whole herd rushed
down the steep slope into the sea and died in the
waters.
33 The herdsmen fled, went into the town, and
reported everything, including what had
happened to the men possessed by demons.
34 Then the whole town came out to meet
Jesus. When they saw him, they begged him to
leave their territory.

9

1 He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to
his own town.
2 They brought him a paralyzed man lying on
a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the
paralyzed man, “Take heart, child; your sins are
forgiven.”
3 Some of the scribes said to themselves, “This
man is blaspheming.”
4 Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do
you think evil in your hearts?
5 For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are
forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?
6 But so that you may know that the Son of
Man has authority on earth to forgive
sins”—then he said to the paralyzed man—“get
up, pick up your bed, and go home.”
7 And he got up and went home.
8 When the crowds saw this, they were afraid
and glorified God, who had given such authority
to men.
9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man
named Matthew sitting at the tax booth. He said
to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed
him.
10 While he was reclining at table in the house,
many tax collectors and sinners came and
reclined with Jesus and his disciples.
11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to
his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with
tax collectors and sinners?”
12 When he heard it, he said, “Those who are
well have no need of a physician, but those who
are ill.

13 Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire
mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to
call the righteous, but sinners.”

14 Then John’s disciples came and asked him,
“Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but
your disciples do not fast?”
15 Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests
mourn while the bridegroom is with them? But
days will come when the bridegroom is taken
away from them, and then they will fast.
16 No one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an
old garment, for the patch pulls away from the
garment, and a worse tear is made.
17 Neither do people put new wine into old
wineskins. Otherwise the skins burst, the wine
spills out, and the skins are ruined. But they put
new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are
preserved.”

18 While he was saying these things to them, a
ruler came and knelt before him, saying, “My
daughter has just died. But come and lay your
hand on her, and she will live.”
19 Jesus got up and followed him, along with
his disciples.
20 A woman who had suffered from bleeding
for twelve years came up behind him and
touched the fringe of his cloak.
21 For she said to herself, “If I only touch his
cloak, I will be made well.”
22 Jesus turned and saw her and said, “Take
heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.”
And the woman was made well from that hour.

23 When Jesus entered the ruler's house and
saw the flute players and the noisy crowd,
24 he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead,
but sleeping." And they laughed at him.
25 After the crowd had been put outside, he
went in and took her by the hand, and the girl
arose.
26 And the news spread throughout that whole
region.
27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men
followed him, crying out, "Have mercy on us,
Son of David!"
28 When he entered the house, the blind men
came to him. Jesus said to them, "Do you believe
that I can do this?" They answered him, "Yes,
Lord."
29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, "Let it be
done for you according to your faith."
30 And their eyes were opened. Jesus sternly
warned them, "See that no one knows about
this."
31 But they went out and spread the news
about him throughout that whole region.
32 As they were leaving, a mute man possessed
by a demon was brought to him.
33 When the demon was cast out, the mute
man spoke. The crowds marveled, saying,
"Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!"
34 But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons
by the ruler of the demons."
35 Jesus went through all the towns and
villages, teaching in their synagogues,
proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and
healing every disease and every sickness.

36 When he saw the crowds, he had
compassion on them, because they were
harassed and helpless, like sheep without a
shepherd.
37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is
plentiful, but the workers are few.
38 So plead with the Lord of the harvest to
send out workers into his harvest.”

10

1 He called his twelve disciples to him and
gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast
them out and to heal every disease and every
sickness.
2 These are the names of the twelve apostles:
first, Simon called Peter and his brother
Andrew; James the son of Zebedee and his
brother John;
3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and
Matthew the tax collector; James the son of
Alphaeus and Thaddaeus;
4 Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who
betrayed him.
5 Jesus sent out these twelve with these
instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or
enter a Samaritan town.
6 Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of
Israel.
7 As you go, proclaim, ‘The kingdom of heaven
is at hand.’
8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those
with leprosy, and cast out demons. Freely you
have received; freely give.

9 Do not acquire gold or silver or copper for
your belts,
10 or a bag for the journey, or two tunics, or
sandals, or a staff, for the worker deserves his
food.
11 Whatever town or village you enter, find out
who in it is worthy, and stay there until you
leave.
12 As you enter the house, greet it.
13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come
upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace
return to you.
14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to
your words, shake the dust off your feet as you
leave that house or town.
15 Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for
the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of
judgment than for that town.
16 Look, I am sending you out like sheep
among wolves. So be wise as serpents and
innocent as doves.
17 Beware of people, for they will hand you
over to councils and flog you in their
synagogues.
18 You will be brought before governors and
kings because of me, as a testimony to them and
to the Gentiles.
19 When they hand you over, do not worry
about how to speak or what to say, for what you
are to say will be given to you at that hour.
20 For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of
your Father speaking in you.
21 Brother will hand over brother to death,
and a father his child. Children will rise against

parents and have them put to death.
22 You will be hated by all because of my
name, but the one who endures to the end will
be saved.
23 When they persecute you in one town, flee
to another. For truly I tell you, you will not
finish going through the towns of Israel before
the Son of Man comes.
24 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a
slave above his master.
25 It is enough for the disciple to be like his
teacher, and the slave like his master. If they
have called the master of the house Beelzebul,
how much more will they call the members of
his household!
26 So do not be afraid of them. For nothing is
covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that
will not be known.
27 What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the
light, and what you hear whispered in your ear,
proclaim from the rooftops.
28 Do not fear those who kill the body but
cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear the one who
can destroy both soul and body in hell.
29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper
coin? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground
apart from your Father.
30 But even the hairs of your head are all
numbered.
31 So do not be afraid; you are worth more
than many sparrows.
32 Everyone who acknowledges me before
others, I too will acknowledge before my Father
in heaven.

33 But whoever denies me before others, I too
will deny before my Father in heaven.
34 Do not think that I have come to bring peace
to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but
a sword.
35 For I have come to set a man against his
father, a daughter against her mother, and a
daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.
36 And a person's enemies will be the
members of his own household.
37 Whoever loves father or mother more than
me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son
or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
38 And whoever does not take up his cross and
follow me is not worthy of me.
39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and
whoever loses his life because of me will find it.
40 Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and
whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who
sent me.
41 Whoever welcomes a prophet because he is
a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and
whoever welcomes a righteous man because he
is righteous will receive a righteous man's
reward.
42 And whoever gives even a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones because he is a
disciple—truly I tell you, he will never lose his
reward."

11

1 When Jesus finished instructing his twelve
disciples, he went on from there to teach and
preach in their towns.

2 When John heard in prison about the works
of the Christ, he sent a message through his
disciples
3 and asked him, “Are you the one who is to
come, or should we look for another?”
4 Jesus answered them, “Go and report to John
what you hear and see:
5 the blind receive their sight and the lame
walk, those with leprosy are cleansed and the
deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have
the gospel preached to them.
6 And blessed is the one who does not stumble
because of me.”

7 As they went away, 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?
8 What then did you go out to see? A man
dressed in fine clothes? Look, those who wear
fine clothes are in kings’ palaces.
9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet?
Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.
10 This is the one of whom it is written: ‘Look,
I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who
will prepare your way before you.’
11 Truly I tell you, among those born of
women no one greater than John the Baptist has
arisen. Yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is
greater than he.
12 From the days of John the Baptist until now,
the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and
violent men seize it.

13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied
until John.
14 And if you are willing to accept it, he is
Elijah who is to come.
15 Let anyone who has ears listen.

16 But to what shall I compare this generation?
It is like children sitting in the marketplaces,
calling to the others
17 and saying,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not
dance;
we sang a lament, and you did not mourn.’

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking,
and they say, ‘He has a demon.’
19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking,
and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a
friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom
is vindicated by her works.”

20 Then he began to reproach the towns where
most of his miracles had taken place, because
they had not repented:
21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you,
Bethsaida! For if the miracles done in you had
been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have
repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable for
Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for
you.
23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to
heaven? You will go down to Hades! For if the
miracles done in you had been done in Sodom, it
would have remained to this day.

24 But I tell you, it will be more bearable for
the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than
for you."
25 At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth, because you have
hidden these things from the wise and
understanding and revealed them to little
children.
26 Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.
27 All things have been handed over to me by
my Father. No one knows the Son except the
Father, nor does anyone know the Father except
the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to
reveal him.
28 Come to me, all who labor and are
burdened, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you
will find rest for your souls.
30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

12

1 At that time Jesus went through the
grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were
hungry and began to pick heads of grain and eat.
2 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to
him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not
lawful to do on the Sabbath."
3 He said to them, "Have you not read what
David did when he and those with him were
hungry,
4 how he entered the house of God and they
ate the bread of the Presence, which was not

lawful for him or those with him to eat, but only
for the priests?
5 Or have you not read in the Law that on the
Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the
Sabbath and are guiltless?
6 But I tell you that something greater than the
temple is here.
7 If you had known what this means, 'I desire
mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have
condemned the guiltless.
8 For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

9 He left that place and went into their
synagogue.
10 A man with a withered hand was there.
They asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the
Sabbath?" so that they could accuse him.
11 He said to them, "Which of you, if he has
one sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath,
will not take hold of it and lift it out?
12 How much more valuable is a person than a
sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."
13 Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your
hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored,
sound like the other.
14 But the Pharisees went out and plotted
against him, to kill him.

15 Knowing this, Jesus withdrew from there.
Many followed him, and he healed them all.
16 He sternly warned them not to make him
known,
17 to fulfill what was spoken through the
prophet Isaiah:

18 “Look, my servant whom I have chosen, my
beloved in whom my soul delights.
I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will
proclaim justice to the Gentiles.
19 He will not quarrel or cry out, nor will anyone
hear his voice in the streets.
20 A bruised reed he will not break, and a
smoldering wick he will not quench, until
he brings justice to victory.
21 And in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

22 Then a man possessed by a demon, blind and mute, was brought to him. He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw.
23 All the crowds were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?”
24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.”
25 Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no town or house divided against itself will stand.
26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?
27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.
28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
29 Or how can anyone enter the strong man’s house and seize his goods unless he first binds the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.

30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and
whoever does not gather with me scatters.
31 Therefore I tell you, people will be forgiven
every sin and blasphemy, but blasphemy against
the Spirit will not be forgiven.
32 Whoever speaks a word against the Son of
Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks
against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven,
either in this age or in the age to come.

33 Either make the tree good and its fruit good,
or make the tree rotten and its fruit rotten, for
the tree is known by its fruit.
34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak
good things when you are evil? For out of the
abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
35 The good man brings good things out of his
good treasure, and the evil man brings evil
things out of his evil treasure.
36 But I tell you that people will give account
on the day of judgment for every idle word they
speak.
37 For by your words you will be justified, and
by your words you will be condemned."

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees
answered him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign
from you."
39 But he answered them, "An evil and
adulterous generation seeks a sign, but no sign
will be given to it except the sign of the prophet
Jonah.
40 For just as Jonah was in the belly of the
great fish three days and three nights, so the Son

of Man will be in the heart of the earth three
days and three nights.
41 The men of Nineveh will rise at the
judgment with this generation and condemn it,
for they repented at Jonah's preaching. And
look, something greater than Jonah is here.
42 The queen of the South will rise at the
judgment with this generation and condemn it,
for she came from the ends of the earth to hear
Solomon's wisdom. And look, something greater
than Solomon is here.
43 When an unclean spirit goes out of a
person, it passes through dry places seeking
rest, but finds none.
44 Then it says, 'I will return to my house from
which I came.' When it arrives, it finds the
house empty, swept, and put in order.
45 Then it goes and takes with it seven other
spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and
live there. The last state of that person becomes
worse than the first. So it will also be with this
evil generation."
46 While he was still speaking to the crowds,
his mother and his brothers stood outside,
seeking to speak to him.
47 Someone said to him, "Look, your mother
and your brothers are standing outside, seeking
to speak to you."
48 But he answered the one speaking to him,
"Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"
49 He stretched out his hand toward his
disciples and said, "Here are my mother and my
brothers.

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

13

1 That day Jesus went out of the house and sat
beside the sea.
2 Large crowds gathered around him, so he got
into a boat and sat down, while the whole crowd
stood on the shore.
3 He spoke many things to them in parables,
saying, "Look, a sower went out to sow.
4 As he sowed, some seeds fell beside the path,
and the birds came and ate them.
5 Others fell on rocky ground, where they had
little soil. They sprang up immediately because
the soil was not deep.
6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched,
and because they had no root, they withered.
7 Others fell among thorns, and the thorns
grew up and choked them.
8 Others fell on good soil and yielded a crop,
some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, and some
thirtyfold.
9 Let anyone who has ears listen."
10 The disciples came and asked him, "Why do
you speak to them in parables?"
11 He answered them, "Because it has been
given to you to know the mysteries of the
kingdom of heaven, but it has not been given to
them.
12 For whoever has will be given more, and he
will have an abundance. But whoever does not
have, even what he has will be taken away from
him.

13 This is why I speak to them in parables:
because seeing they do not see, and hearing they
do not hear or understand.
14 In them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled,
which says:

‘You will hear and hear, but never understand;
you will look and look, but never perceive.
15 For this people’s heart has grown dull, their
ears hear with difficulty, and they have
closed their eyes, lest they see with their
eyes, hear with their ears, understand
with their heart, and turn, and I would
heal them.’

16 But blessed are your eyes because they see,
and your ears because they hear.
17 For truly I tell you, many prophets and
righteous people longed to see what you see and
did not see it, and to hear what you hear and did
not hear it.
18 Hear, then, the parable of the sower.
19 When anyone hears the word of the
kingdom and does not understand it, the evil
one comes and snatches away what was sown in
his heart. This is the one sown beside the path.
20 The one sown on rocky ground is the one
who hears the word and immediately receives it
with joy.
21 Yet he has no root in himself, but lasts only a
little while. When trouble or persecution comes
because of the word, he immediately falls away.
22 The one sown among thorns is the one who
hears the word, but the worry of this age and

the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and
he becomes unfruitful.
23 But the one sown on good soil is the one
who hears the word and understands it. He
indeed bears fruit, producing a hundredfold,
sixtyfold, or thirtyfold."

24 He set another parable before them, saying,
"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who
sowed good seed in his field.
25 But while people were sleeping, his enemy
came and sowed weeds among the wheat and
went away.
26 When the plants sprouted and produced
grain, the weeds also appeared.
27 The master's slaves came and said to him,
'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field?
Where then did the weeds come from?'
28 He told them, 'An enemy has done this.' The
slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and
gather them?'
29 But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds
you uproot the wheat along with them.
30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At
harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First gather
the weeds and tie them in bundles to burn them,
but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "

31 He set another parable before them, saying,
"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed
that a man took and sowed in his field.
32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has
grown, it is larger than the garden plants and
becomes a tree, so that the birds of the sky come
and nest in its branches."

33 He told them another parable: “The
kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman
took and hid in three measures of flour until all
of it was leavened.”
34 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds in
parables, and he said nothing to them without a
parable,
35 to fulfill what was spoken through the
prophet:
“I will open my mouth in parables;
I will utter things hidden since creation.”
36 Then he left the crowds and went into the
house. His disciples came to him and said,
“Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the
field.”
37 He answered, “The one who sows the good
seed is the Son of Man.
38 The field is the world, and the good seed is
the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons
of the evil one,
39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil.
The harvest is the end of the age, and the
reapers are angels.
40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned
in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.
41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and
they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of
sin and those who practice lawlessness,
42 and throw them into the fiery furnace.
There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in
the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone who has
ears listen.

44 The kingdom of heaven is like treasure
hidden in a field, which a man found and hid. In
his joy he goes and sells all he has and buys that
field.
45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a
merchant seeking fine pearls.
46 When he found one pearl of great value, he
went and sold all he had and bought it.
47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net
cast into the sea that gathered fish of every kind.
48 When it was full, they drew it onto the
shore, sat down, and gathered the good fish into
containers, but threw the bad away.
49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels
will go out and separate the evil from among the
righteous
50 and throw them into the fiery furnace.
There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
51 Have you understood all these things?" They
said to him, "Yes."
52 He said to them, "Therefore every scribe
who has become a disciple of the kingdom of
heaven is like the master of a house who brings
out of his treasure things new and old."
53 When Jesus finished these parables, he left
that place.
54 He came to his hometown and taught them
in their synagogue, so that they were astonished
and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom
and these miracles?
55 Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not his
mother called Mary, and his brothers James and
Joseph and Simon and Judas?

56 And are not all his sisters with us? Where
then did this man get all these things?"
57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said
to them, "A prophet is not without honor except
in his hometown and in his own house."
58 And he did not perform many miracles
there because of their unbelief.

14

1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the
reports about Jesus
2 and said to his servants, "This is John the
Baptist. He has been raised from the dead, and
that is why miraculous powers are at work in
him."
3 For Herod had seized John, bound him, and
put him in prison because of Herodias, his
brother Philip's wife.
4 For John had been saying to him, "It is not
lawful for you to have her."
5 Though Herod wanted to kill him, he feared
the crowd, because they regarded John as a
prophet.
6 But when Herod's birthday was celebrated,
the daughter of Herodias danced before them
and pleased Herod.
7 So he promised with an oath to give her
whatever she asked.
8 Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me
here on a platter the head of John the Baptist."
9 The king was grieved, but because of his
oaths and his dinner guests, he ordered it to be
given.

10 He sent and had John beheaded in the
prison.
11 His head was brought on a platter and given
to the girl, and she brought it to her mother.
12 John's disciples came, took the body, and
buried him. Then they went and told Jesus.
13 When Jesus heard this, he withdrew from
there by boat to a deserted place in private.
When the crowds heard, they followed him on
foot from the towns.
14 When he came ashore, he saw a large
crowd, had compassion on them, and healed
their sick.
15 When evening came, the disciples
approached him and said, "This is a deserted
place, and it is already late. Send the crowds
away to go into the villages and buy food for
themselves."
16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to
go away. You give them something to eat."
17 They said to him, "We have only five loaves
and two fish here."
18 He said, "Bring them here to me."
19 He ordered the crowds to recline on the
grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he
looked up to heaven, spoke a blessing, broke the
loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the
disciples to the crowds.
20 They all ate and were filled, and they took
up twelve full baskets of leftover pieces.
21 Those who ate were about five thousand
men, besides women and children.
22 Immediately he made the disciples get into
a boat and go ahead of him to the other side

while he dismissed the crowds.
23 After dismissing the crowds, he went up the
mountain by himself to pray. When evening
came, he was there alone.
24 The boat was already far from land,
battered by the waves, for the wind was against
it.
25 About three in the morning, he came
toward them, walking on the sea.
26 When the disciples saw him walking on the
sea, they were alarmed and said, “It is a ghost!”
And they cried out in fear.
27 But Jesus immediately spoke to them,
saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”
28 Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to you on the water.”
29 He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat,
walked on the water, and came to Jesus.
30 But when he saw the strong wind, he was
afraid. Beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord,
save me!”
31 Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand,
caught him, and said to him, “You of little faith,
why did you doubt?”
32 When they got into the boat, the wind
ceased.
33 Those in the boat worshiped him, saying,
“Truly you are the Son of God.”
34 After crossing over, they came to land at
Gennesaret.
35 When the men of that place recognized him,
they sent word throughout the surrounding
region and brought him all who were ill.

36 They begged him that they might only touch
the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it
were made well.

15

1 Then Pharisees and scribes from Jerusalem
came to Jesus and said,
2 “Why do your disciples break the tradition of
the elders? For they do not wash their hands
when they eat bread.”
3 He answered them, “And why do you break
God’s commandment because of your tradition?
4 For God said, ‘Honor your father and
mother,’ and, ‘Whoever curses father or mother
must be put to death.’
5 But you say that whoever tells his father or
mother, ‘Whatever help you might have received
from me is an offering,’
6 need not honor his father. So you have
nullified the word of God because of your
tradition.
7 You hypocrites! Isaiah rightly prophesied
about you when he said:

8 ‘This people honors me with their lips, but
their heart is far from me.
9 They worship me in vain, teaching human
commandments as doctrines.’ ”

10 He called the crowd to him and said to
them, “Listen and understand:
11 it is not what goes into the mouth that
defiles a person, but what comes out of the
mouth—that is what defiles a person.”

12 Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do
you know that the Pharisees took offense when
they heard this saying?”
13 He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly
Father has not planted will be uprooted.
14 Leave them alone; they are blind guides of
the blind. If a blind man guides a blind man,
both will fall into a pit.”
15 Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to
us.”
16 He said, “Are you too still without
understanding?
17 Do you not realize that everything entering
the mouth goes into the stomach and is expelled
into the latrine?
18 But what comes out of the mouth comes
from the heart, and that defiles a person.
19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts,
murders, adulteries, acts of sexual immorality,
thefts, false testimonies, and blasphemies.
20 These are what defile a person, but eating
with unwashed hands does not defile a person.”
21 Jesus left that place and withdrew to the
region of Tyre and Sidon.
22 A Canaanite woman from that region came
out and cried, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of
David! My daughter is terribly tormented by a
demon.”
23 But he did not answer her a word. His
disciples came and urged him, “Send her away,
for she keeps crying out after us.”
24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost
sheep of the house of Israel.”

25 But she came and knelt before him, saying,
“Lord, help me!”
26 He answered, “It is not right to take the
children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”
27 She said, “Yes, Lord, for even the little dogs
eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’
table.”
28 Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is
your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.”
And her daughter was healed from that hour.
29 Jesus left there and came beside the Sea of
Galilee. He went up the mountain and sat down
there.
30 Large crowds came to him, bringing the
mute, the blind, the lame, the maimed, and
many others. They laid them at his feet, and he
healed them.
31 The crowd marveled when they saw the
mute speaking, the maimed restored, the lame
walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified
the God of Israel.
32 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I
have compassion on the crowd, because they
have already been with me for three days and
have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them
away hungry, lest they faint on the way.”
33 The disciples said to him, “Where can we get
enough bread in this wilderness to feed so large
a crowd?”
34 Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do
you have?” They said, “Seven, and a few small
fish.”
35 He ordered the crowd to recline on the
ground.

36 Then he took the seven loaves and the fish,
gave thanks, broke them, and kept giving them
to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds.
37 They all ate and were filled, and they took
up seven large baskets full of leftover pieces.
38 Those who ate were four thousand men,
besides women and children.
39 After dismissing the crowds, he got into the
boat and came to the region of Magadan.

16

1 The Pharisees and Sadducees came to test
him and asked him to show them a sign from
heaven.
2 He answered them, “When evening comes,
you say, ‘Fair weather, for the sky is red.’
3 And in the morning, ‘Storms today, for the
sky is red and gloomy.’ You know how to
interpret the appearance of the sky, but you
cannot interpret the signs of the times.
4 An evil and adulterous generation seeks a
sign, but no sign will be given to it except the
sign of Jonah.” Then he left them and went away.
5 When the disciples reached the other side,
they had forgotten to bring bread.
6 Jesus said to them, “Watch out and beware of
the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”
7 They discussed it among themselves, saying,
“We brought no bread.”
8 Knowing this, Jesus said, “You of little faith,
why do you discuss among yourselves that you
brought no bread?

9 Do you not yet understand, or remember the
five loaves for the five thousand and how many
baskets you took up?
10 Or the seven loaves for the four thousand
and how many large baskets you took up?
11 How do you not understand that I was not
speaking to you about bread? But beware of the
leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."
12 Then they understood that he had told them
to beware of the teaching of the Pharisees and
Sadducees, rather than the leaven in bread.
13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea
Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people
say the Son of Man is?"
14 They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others
Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the
prophets."
15 He said to them, "But who do you say I am?"
16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God."
17 Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you,
Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not
reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven.
18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this
rock I will build my church, and the gates of
Hades will not prevail against it.
19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will have
been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose
on earth will have been loosed in heaven."
20 Then he strictly instructed the disciples to
tell no one that he was the Christ.
21 From that time Jesus began to show his

disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, suffer
many things from the elders, chief priests, and
scribes, be killed, and be raised on the third day.
22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke
him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This will
never happen to you.”
23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind
me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, for
you do not set your mind on the things of God,
but on the things of men.”
24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone
wants to come after me, let him deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.
25 For whoever wants to save his life will lose
it, but whoever loses his life because of me will
find it.
26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the
whole world but forfeits his soul? Or what will a
man give in exchange for his soul?
27 For the Son of Man is going to come in the
glory of his Father with his angels, and then he
will repay each person according to his deeds.
28 Truly I tell you, some standing here will not
taste death until they see the Son of Man coming
in his kingdom.”

17

1 Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and his
brother John and led them up a high mountain
by themselves.
2 He was transfigured before them. His face
shone like the sun, and his clothes became white
as light.

3 Then Moses and Elijah appeared to them,
talking with him.
4 Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to
be here. If you wish, I will make three shelters
here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for
Elijah.”
5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud
overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud
said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well
pleased. Listen to him!”
6 When the disciples heard this, they fell
facedown and were terrified.
7 Jesus came, touched them, and said, “Get up,
and do not be afraid.”
8 When they lifted their eyes, they saw no one
except Jesus alone.
9 As they came down the mountain, Jesus
commanded them, “Tell no one the vision until
the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”
10 The disciples asked him, “Why then do the
scribes say that Elijah must come first?”
11 He answered, “Elijah is indeed coming and
will restore all things.
12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and
they did not recognize him, but did to him
whatever they wished. In the same way the Son
of Man is going to suffer at their hands.”
13 Then the disciples understood that he was
speaking to them about John the Baptist.
14 When they came to the crowd, a man
approached him, knelt before him,
15 and said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for
he suffers seizures and is in terrible distress. He

often falls into the fire and often into the water.
16 I brought him to your disciples, but they
could not heal him."
17 Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse
generation! How long will I be with you? How
long will I bear with you? Bring him here to me."
18 Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of
him, and the boy was healed from that hour.
19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately
and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"
20 He said to them, "Because of your little faith.
For truly I tell you, if you have faith like a
mustard seed, you will say to this mountain,
'Move from here to there,' and it will move.
Nothing will be impossible for you."
21 ["But this kind does not come out except by
prayer and fasting."]

22 As they gathered in Galilee, Jesus said to
them, "The Son of Man is going to be handed
over into the hands of men.
23 They will kill him, and on the third day he
will be raised." And they were deeply grieved.

24 When they came to Capernaum, the
collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came
to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the
two-drachma tax?"
25 He said, "Yes." When he entered the house,
Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you
think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the
earth collect duties or taxes—from their sons or
from others?"
26 When he said, "From others," Jesus said to
him, "Then the sons are exempt.

27 But so that we do not cause them to
stumble, go to the sea and cast a hook. Take the
first fish that comes up, and when you open its
mouth you will find a large silver coin. Take it
and give it to them for me and for you."

18

1 At that hour the disciples came to Jesus and
asked, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of
heaven?"
2 He called a child to him, set him in their
midst,
3 and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you turn
and become like children, you will never enter
the kingdom of heaven.
4 So whoever humbles himself like this child is
greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
5 And whoever welcomes one such child in my
name welcomes me.
6 But whoever causes one of these little ones
who believe in me to sin—it would be better for
him to have a millstone turned by a donkey
hung around his neck and to be drowned in the
depths of the sea.
7 Woe to the world because of causes of sin!
For causes of sin must come, but woe to the
person through whom the cause of sin comes!
8 If your hand or your foot causes you to sin,
cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you
to enter life maimed or lame than to have two
hands or two feet and be thrown into the eternal
fire.
9 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out
and throw it away. It is better for you to enter

life with one eye than to have two eyes and be
thrown into the fire of hell.
10 See that you do not despise one of these little
ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven
always see the face of my Father in heaven.
11 [For the Son of Man came to save what was
lost.]
12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred
sheep and one of them strays, will he not leave
the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in
search of the one that strayed?
13 And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices
over it more than over the ninety-nine that did
not stray.
14 In the same way, it is not the will of your
Father in heaven that one of these little ones
should perish.
15 If your brother sins against you, go and
point out his fault between you and him alone. If
he listens to you, you have gained your brother.
16 But if he does not listen, take one or two
others with you, so that every matter may be
established by the mouth of two or three
witnesses.
17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the
church. If he refuses to listen even to the church,
let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.
18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth
will have been bound in heaven, and whatever
you loose on earth will have been loosed in
heaven.
19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you on earth
agree about anything they ask, it will be done
for them by my Father in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered in my
name, there am I in their midst."
21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord,
how often will my brother sin against me and I
forgive him? Up to seven times?"
22 Jesus said to him, "I tell you, not up to seven
times, but up to seventy times seven.
23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a
king who wanted to settle accounts with his
slaves.
24 When he began to settle them, one was
brought to him who owed ten thousand talents.
25 Since he had nothing with which to pay, his
master ordered him to be sold, along with his
wife, his children, and all he had, and payment
to be made.
26 So the slave fell down before him and
pleaded, 'Be patient with me, and I will repay
you everything.'
27 Moved with compassion, the master of that
slave released him and forgave him the debt.
28 But that slave went out and found one of his
fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii,
about a hundred days' wages. He seized him and
began choking him, saying, 'Pay what you owe!'
29 His fellow slave fell down and begged him,
'Be patient with me, and I will repay you.'
30 But he refused. Instead, he went and had
him thrown into prison until he paid what was
owed.
31 When his fellow slaves saw what had
happened, they were deeply grieved. They went
and reported to their master all that had
happened.

32 Then his master called him and said, ‘You
wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because
you begged me.
33 Should you not also have had mercy on
your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’
34 In anger, his master handed him over to the
torturers until he paid all that was owed.
35 So also my heavenly Father will do to you,
unless each of you forgives his brother from his
heart.”

19

1 When Jesus finished these words, he left
Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond
the Jordan.
2 Large crowds followed him, and he healed
them there.
3 Pharisees came to test him and asked, “Is it
lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any
cause?”
4 He answered, “Have you not read that the
Creator from the beginning made them male
and female,
5 and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave
his father and mother and be joined to his wife,
and the two will become one flesh’?
6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh.
Therefore what God has joined together, let no
one separate.”
7 They said to him, “Why then did Moses
command that a man give her a certificate of
divorce and send her away?”

8 He said to them, “Because of your hardness
of heart, Moses permitted you to divorce your
wives, but from the beginning it has not been so.
9 And I tell you that whoever divorces his wife,
except for sexual immorality, and marries
another commits adultery; and whoever
marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”
10 The disciples said to him, “If this is the
situation of a man with his wife, it is better not
to marry.”
11 He said to them, “Not everyone can accept
this saying, but only those to whom it has been
given.
12 For there are eunuchs who were born that
way from their mother’s womb, and there are
eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and
there are eunuchs who made themselves
eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.
Let the one who can accept it accept it.”
13 Then children were brought to him so that
he might lay his hands on them and pray, but
the disciples rebuked them.
14 But Jesus said, “Let the children come to me,
and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of
heaven belongs to such as these.”
15 After laying his hands on them, he went on
from there.
16 A man came to him and said, “Teacher, what
good thing must I do to have eternal life?”
17 He said to him, “Why do you ask me about
what is good? There is only one who is good.
But if you want to enter life, keep the
commandments.”

18 He said to him, “Which ones?” Jesus said,
“ ‘You shall not murder; you shall not commit
adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear
false witness;
19 honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘You
shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”
20 The young man said to him, “I have kept all
these. What do I still lack?”
21 Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect,
go, sell your possessions and give to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven. Then
come, follow me.”
22 When the young man heard this saying, he
went away grieving, for he had many
possessions.

23 Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it
is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of
heaven.
24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go
through the eye of a needle than for a rich man
to enter the kingdom of God.”
25 When the disciples heard this, they were
greatly astonished and said, “Who then can be
saved?”
26 Jesus looked at them and said, “With men
this is impossible, but with God all things are
possible.”

27 Then Peter said to him, “Look, we have left
everything and followed you. What then will we
have?”
28 Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, in the
renewal, when the Son of Man sits on his
glorious throne, you who have followed me will

also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve
tribes of Israel.
29 And everyone who has left houses or
brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife
or children or fields because of my name will
receive a hundredfold and inherit eternal life.
30 But many who are first will be last, and the
last first.

20

1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a
landowner who went out early in the morning
to hire workers for his vineyard.
2 After agreeing with the workers on a
denarius for the day—the usual day’s wage—he
sent them into his vineyard.
3 Going out about nine in the morning, he saw
others standing idle in the marketplace.
4 He said to them, ‘You also go into the
vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.’
5 So they went. He went out again about noon
and about three in the afternoon and did the
same.
6 About five in the afternoon he went out and
found others standing there. He said to them,
‘Why have you stood here idle all day?’
7 They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired
us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the
vineyard.’
8 When evening came, the owner of the
vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers
and pay them their wages, beginning with the
last and ending with the first.’

9 Those hired about five in the afternoon
came, and each received a denarius.
10 When the first came, they thought they
would receive more, but each of them also
received a denarius.
11 On receiving it, they grumbled against the
landowner,
12 saying, ‘These last worked only one hour,
and you have made them equal to us who bore
the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’
13 But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am
doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me
on a denarius?
14 Take what is yours and go. I want to give
this last one the same as you.
15 Am I not allowed to do what I want with
what is mine? Or are you envious because I am
generous?’
16 So the last will be first, and the first last.”
17 As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took
the twelve disciples aside and said to them on
the way,
18 “Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and
the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief
priests and scribes, and they will condemn him
to death.
19 They will hand him over to the Gentiles to
be mocked, flogged, and crucified, and on the
third day he will be raised.”
20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee
came to him with her sons, kneeling before him
and asking something of him.
21 He said to her, “What do you want?” She
said to him, “Command that these two sons of

mine sit, one at your right and one at your left,
in your kingdom."
22 Jesus answered, "You do not know what you
are asking. Can you drink the cup I am about to
drink?" They said to him, "We can."
23 He said to them, "You will indeed drink my
cup, but to sit at my right and at my left is not
mine to give, but is for those for whom it has
been prepared by my Father."
24 When the ten heard this, they were
indignant with the two brothers.
25 But Jesus called them to him and said, "You
know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over
them, and their great ones exercise authority
over them.
26 It will not be so among you. Instead,
whoever wants to become great among you will
be your servant,
27 and whoever wants to be first among you
will be your slave,
28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be
served, but to serve, and to give his life as a
ransom for many."
29 As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd
followed him.
30 Two blind men were sitting beside the road.
Hearing that Jesus was passing by, they cried
out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"
31 The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be
silent, but they cried out all the more, "Lord,
have mercy on us, Son of David!"
32 Jesus stopped, called them, and said, "What
do you want me to do for you?"

33 They said to him, “Lord, let our eyes be
opened.”
34 Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their
eyes. Immediately they received their sight and
followed him.

21

1 When they drew near to Jerusalem and came
to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent
two disciples,
2 saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of
you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied
there, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring
them to me.
3 If anyone says anything to you, say, ‘The Lord
needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”
4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken
through the prophet:
5 “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Look, your king is
coming to you, gentle and riding on a
donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of
burden.’ ”
6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had
directed them.
7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid
their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.
8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the
road, while others cut branches from the trees
and spread them on the road.
9 The crowds going ahead of him and those
following cried out, “Hosanna to the Son of
David! Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city
was shaken and asked, “Who is this?”
11 The crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus,
from Nazareth in Galilee.”
12 Jesus entered the temple and drove out all
who were selling and buying in the temple. He
overturned the tables of the money changers
and the seats of those selling doves.
13 He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house
will be called a house of prayer,' but you are
making it a den of robbers.”
14 The blind and the lame came to him in the
temple, and he healed them.
15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw
the wonders he did and the children crying out
in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!”
they were indignant
16 and said to him, “Do you hear what these
children are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes.
Have you never read, ‘From the mouths of
infants and nursing babies you have prepared
praise’?”
17 He left them and went out of the city to
Bethany, where he spent the night.
18 In the morning, as he returned to the city,
he was hungry.
19 Seeing a fig tree beside the road, he went to
it but found nothing on it except leaves. He said
to it, “May no fruit ever grow from you again!”
And the fig tree withered at once.
20 When the disciples saw this, they marveled
and said, “How did the fig tree wither at once?”
21 Jesus answered them, “Truly I tell you, if

you have faith and do not doubt, you will not
only do what was done to the fig tree. Even if
you say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and
thrown into the sea,' it will happen.
22 And whatever you ask in prayer, believing,
you will receive."
23 When he entered the temple, the chief
priests and the elders of the people came to him
as he was teaching and said, "By what authority
are you doing these things? And who gave you
this authority?"
24 Jesus answered them, "I too will ask you one
question. If you answer me, I too will tell you by
what authority I do these things.
25 Where did John's baptism come from—from
heaven or from men?" They discussed it among
themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he
will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe
him?'
26 But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the
crowd, for they all regard John as a prophet."
27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know."
He also said to them, "Neither will I tell you by
what authority I do these things.
28 But what do you think? A man had two
children. He went to the first and said, 'Child, go
and work in the vineyard today.'
29 He answered, 'I will not.' But afterward he
changed his mind and went.
30 He went to the second and said the same.
He answered, 'I will, sir,' but did not go.
31 Which of the two did his father's will?" They
said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell

you, tax collectors and prostitutes are going into
the kingdom of God ahead of you.
32 For John came to you in the way of
righteousness, and you did not believe him, but
the tax collectors and prostitutes believed him.
Even after you saw this, you did not change
your minds and believe him.
33 Hear another parable. A landowner planted
a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a
winepress in it, and built a tower. He leased it to
tenant farmers and went away.
34 When harvest time drew near, he sent his
slaves to the tenants to receive his fruit.
35 The tenants seized his slaves, beat one,
killed another, and stoned another.
36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the
first, and they did the same to them.
37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They
will respect my son.'
38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said
among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us
kill him and take his inheritance.'
39 They seized him, threw him out of the
vineyard, and killed him.
40 So when the owner of the vineyard comes,
what will he do to those tenants?"
41 They said to him, "He will bring those
wretches to a wretched end and lease the
vineyard to other tenants who will give him the
fruit in its seasons."
42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in
the Scriptures,
'The stone the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone.

This came from the Lord, and it is
marvelous in our eyes'?

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will
be taken away from you and given to a people
who produce its fruits.
44 The one who falls on this stone will be
shattered, and it will crush anyone on whom it
falls."
45 When the chief priests and Pharisees heard
his parables, they knew he was speaking about
them.
46 Though they sought to arrest him, they
feared the crowds, because they regarded him
as a prophet.

22

1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying,
2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who
prepared a wedding feast for his son.
3 He sent his slaves to call those invited to the
wedding feast, but they would not come.
4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those
invited, "Look, I have prepared my dinner. My
bulls and fattened animals have been
slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to
the wedding feast!" '
5 But they paid no attention and went away,
one to his own field, another to his business.
6 The rest seized his slaves, mistreated them,
and killed them.
7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops,
destroyed those murderers, and burned their
city.

8 Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding feast
is ready, but those invited were not worthy.
9 So go to the crossroads and invite to the
wedding feast as many as you find.’
10 Those slaves went out into the roads and
gathered everyone they found, both evil and
good, and the wedding feast was filled with
guests.
11 But when the king came in to see the guests,
he saw a man there who was not wearing a
wedding garment.
12 He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in
here without a wedding garment?’ And he was
speechless.
13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind
his feet and hands and throw him into the outer
darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing
of teeth.’
14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to
trap him in his words.
16 They sent their disciples to him with the
Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you
are truthful and teach the way of God in truth.
You are not swayed by anyone, for you show no
partiality.
17 So tell us what you think. Is it lawful to pay
the tax to Caesar or not?”
18 But Jesus, knowing their malice, said, “Why
are you testing me, you hypocrites?
19 Show me the coin used for the tax.” They
brought him a denarius.

20 And he said to them, “Whose image and
inscription are these?”
21 They said to him, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to
them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things
that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are
God’s.”
22 When they heard this, they marveled, left
him, and went away.

23 That day Sadducees, who say there is no
resurrection, came to him and asked him,
24 “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man dies without
children, his brother must marry his wife and
raise up offspring for his brother.’
25 Now there were seven brothers among us.
The first married and died, and having no
offspring, left his wife to his brother.
26 The same happened to the second, and the
third, down to the seventh.
27 Last of all, the woman died.
28 In the resurrection, then, which of the seven
will have her as his wife? For they all had her.”

29 Jesus answered them, “You are mistaken,
because you know neither the Scriptures nor the
power of God.
30 For in the resurrection they neither marry
nor are given in marriage, but are like God’s
angels in heaven.
31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead,
have you not read what God said to you:
32 ‘I am the God of Abraham and the God of
Isaac and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of
the dead, but of the living.”

33 When the crowds heard this, they were
astonished at his teaching.

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had
silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.
35 One of them, an expert in the Law, asked
him a question to test him:
36 “Teacher, which commandment is greatest
in the Law?”
37 He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord
your God with all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your mind.’
38 This is the great and first commandment.
39 And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your
neighbor as yourself.’
40 On these two commandments hang the
whole Law and the Prophets.”

41 While the Pharisees were gathered together,
Jesus asked them,
42 “What do you think about the Christ? Whose
son is he?” They said to him, “David’s.”
43 He said to them, “How then does David in
the Spirit call him Lord, saying,

44 ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right
hand until I put your enemies beneath
your feet” ’?

45 If David calls him Lord, how then is he his
son?”
46 No one could answer him a word, and from
that day no one dared ask him any more
questions.

23

1 Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his
disciples,
2 saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in
Moses’ seat.
3 So do and observe everything they tell you,
but do not act according to their works, for they
say and do not do.
4 They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on
people’s shoulders, but they themselves are
unwilling to move them with their finger.
5 They do all their works to be seen by others.
They make their phylacteries broad and their
fringes long.
6 They love the place of honor at dinners and
the chief seats in the synagogues,
7 greetings in the marketplaces, and being
called ‘Rabbi’ by people.
8 But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you
have one teacher, and you are all brothers.
9 And call no one on earth your father, for you
have one Father, the heavenly one.
10 Nor are you to be called instructors, for you
have one instructor, the Christ.
11 The greatest among you will be your
servant.
12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

13 But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven
in people’s faces. You do not enter yourselves,
nor do you allow those entering to go in.

14 [Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses and
make long prayers for a pretense. Therefore you
will receive greater condemnation.]
15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you travel sea and land to make
one convert, and when he becomes one, you
make him twice as much a son of hell as
yourselves.

16 Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever
swears by the sanctuary, it is nothing, but
whoever swears by the gold of the sanctuary is
bound by his oath.'
17 You blind fools! For which is greater, the
gold or the sanctuary that made the gold holy?
18 And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is
nothing, but whoever swears by the gift on it is
bound by his oath.'
19 You blind men! For which is greater, the gift
or the altar that makes the gift holy?
20 So whoever swears by the altar swears by it
and by everything on it.
21 And whoever swears by the sanctuary
swears by it and by the one who dwells in it.
22 And whoever swears by heaven swears by
the throne of God and by the one who sits on it.

23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and
cumin, but have neglected the weightier matters
of the Law: justice and mercy and faith. You
ought to have practiced these without neglecting
the others.

24 You blind guides, straining out a gnat but
swallowing a camel!
25 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup
and the dish, but inside they are full of extortion
and self-indulgence.
26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of
the cup and the dish, so that its outside may also
become clean.
27 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs,
which outwardly appear beautiful, but inside
are full of dead people's bones and all
uncleanness.
28 In the same way, you outwardly appear
righteous to people, but inside you are full of
hypocrisy and lawlessness.
29 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the
prophets and adorn the monuments of the
righteous,
30 and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our
fathers, we would not have shared with them in
the blood of the prophets.'
31 So you testify against yourselves that you
are sons of those who murdered the prophets.
32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers!
33 You serpents, you brood of vipers! How will
you escape the condemnation of hell?
34 Therefore, look, I am sending you prophets,
wise men, and scribes. Some of them you will
kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your
synagogues and persecute from town to town,

35 so that on you may come all the righteous
blood shed on the earth, from the blood of
righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of
Berechiah, whom you murdered between the
sanctuary and the altar.
36 Truly I tell you, all these things will come
upon this generation.
37 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the
prophets and stones those sent to her! How
often I wanted to gather your children as a hen
gathers her chicks under her wings, but you
were unwilling!
38 Look, your house is left to you desolate.
39 For I tell you, you will not see me from now
on until you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!' "

24

1 Jesus left the temple and was going away
when his disciples came to point out the temple
buildings to him.
2 He answered them, "Do you not see all these
things? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left
here upon another that will not be torn down."
3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples
came to him privately and said, "Tell us, when
will these things happen, and what will be the
sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"
4 Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads
you astray.
5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I
am the Christ,' and will lead many astray.

6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars.
See that you are not alarmed, for this must
happen, but the end is not yet.
7 For nation will rise against nation, and
kingdom against kingdom, and there will be
famines and earthquakes in various places.
8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.
9 Then they will hand you over to tribulation
and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations
because of my name.
10 Then many will fall away, betray one
another, and hate one another.
11 Many false prophets will arise and lead
many astray.
12 And because lawlessness will increase, the
love of many will grow cold.
13 But the one who endures to the end will be
saved.
14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be
proclaimed throughout the whole inhabited
world as a testimony to all nations, and then the
end will come.
15 So when you see the abomination of
desolation spoken of through the prophet Daniel
standing in the holy place (let the reader
understand),
16 then let those in Judea flee to the mountains.
17 Let the one on the housetop not come down
to take the things from his house,
18 and let the one in the field not turn back to
take his cloak.
19 Woe to those who are pregnant and those
who are nursing infants in those days!

20 Pray that your flight may not take place in
winter or on a Sabbath.
21 For then there will be great tribulation, such
as has not occurred from the beginning of the
world until now, nor ever will.
22 If those days were not cut short, no one
would survive. But for the sake of the elect,
those days will be cut short.
23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is
the Christ!' or 'Here!' do not believe it.
24 For false christs and false prophets will
arise and perform great signs and wonders, so
as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.
25 Look, I have told you beforehand.
26 So if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the
wilderness,' do not go out; or, 'Look, he is in the
inner rooms,' do not believe it.
27 For as lightning comes from the east and
shines as far as the west, so will the coming of
the Son of Man be.
28 Wherever the corpse is, there the eagles will
gather.

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those
days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will
not give its light, the stars will fall from heaven,
and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear
in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth
will mourn. They will see the Son of Man
coming on the clouds of heaven with power and
great glory.
31 He will send out his angels with a loud
trumpet, and they will gather his elect from the

four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.
32 Learn the parable from the fig tree: when
its branch becomes tender and puts out leaves,
you know that summer is near.
33 So also, when you see all these things, know
that it is near, at the doors.
34 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass
away until all these things take place.
35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my
words will never pass away.
36 But concerning that day and hour no one
knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the
Son, but the Father alone.
37 For as the days of Noah were, so will the
coming of the Son of Man be.
38 For in the days before the flood, they were
eating and drinking, marrying and giving in
marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark.
39 They did not know until the flood came and
swept them all away. So also will the coming of
the Son of Man be.
40 Then two men will be in the field; one is
taken and one is left.
41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one
is taken and one is left.
42 So keep watch, for you do not know on what
day your Lord is coming.
43 But know this: if the master of the house
had known at what time of night the thief was
coming, he would have kept watch and would
not have allowed his house to be broken into.
44 Therefore you too must be ready, for the Son
of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

45 Who then is the faithful and wise slave
whom the master put in charge of his household
to give them their food at the proper time?
46 Blessed is that slave whom his master finds
doing so when he comes.
47 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of
all his possessions.
48 But if that wicked slave says in his heart,
'My master is delayed,'
49 and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eats
and drinks with drunkards,
50 the master of that slave will come on a day
he does not expect and at an hour he does not
know.
51 He will cut him in two and assign him a
place with the hypocrites. There will be weeping
and gnashing of teeth.

25

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten
virgins who took their lamps and went out to
meet the bridegroom.
2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
3 For the foolish took their lamps but took no
oil with them.
4 The wise, however, took oil in containers
along with their lamps.
5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all
became drowsy and slept.
6 But at midnight a cry rang out, 'Look, the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
7 Then all those virgins arose and prepared
their lamps.

8 The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of
your oil, for our lamps are going out.’
9 But the wise answered, ‘There may not be
enough for us and you. Go instead to those who
sell it and buy some for yourselves.’
10 While they went to buy it, the bridegroom
came. Those who were ready went in with him
to the wedding feast, and the door was shut.
11 Later the other virgins came too, saying,
‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’
12 But he answered, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not
know you.’
13 So keep watch, for you know neither the
day nor the hour.
14 For it is like a man going away who called
his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to
them.
15 To one he gave five talents, to another two,
and to another one, each according to his own
ability. Then he went away. Immediately,
16 the one who had received the five talents
went and put them to work and gained another
five.
17 In the same way, the one with two gained
another two.
18 But the one who had received the one went
away, dug in the ground, and hid his master’s
money.
19 After a long time the master of those slaves
came and settled accounts with them.
20 The one who had received the five talents
came forward and brought another five talents,
saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me.
Look, I have gained another five talents.’

21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and
faithful slave! You have been faithful over a few
things; I will put you over many. Enter into your
master’s joy.’
22 The one with the two talents also came
forward and said, ‘Master, you entrusted two
talents to me. Look, I have gained another two
talents.’
23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and
faithful slave! You have been faithful over a few
things; I will put you over many. Enter into your
master’s joy.’
24 The one who had received the one talent
also came forward and said, ‘Master, I knew you
to be a hard man, reaping where you did not
sow and gathering where you did not scatter.
25 So I was afraid, went away, and hid your
talent in the ground. Look, you have what is
yours.’
26 His master answered him, ‘You wicked and
lazy slave! You knew that I reap where I did not
sow and gather where I did not scatter?
27 Then you ought to have put my money with
the bankers, and when I came I would have
received what was mine with interest.
28 So take the talent from him and give it to
the one who has the ten talents.
29 For to everyone who has, more will be
given, and he will have an abundance. But from
the one who does not have, even what he has
will be taken away.
30 And throw the worthless slave into the
outer darkness. There will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.’

31 When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him, then he will sit on
his glorious throne.
32 All the nations will be gathered before him,
and he will separate them from one another as a
shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
33 He will place the sheep on his right and the
goats on the left.
34 Then the King will say to those on his right,
‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.
35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I
was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a
stranger and you welcomed me,
36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick
and you visited me, I was in prison and you
came to me.’
37 Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord,
when did we see you hungry and feed you, or
thirsty and give you drink?
38 When did we see you a stranger and
welcome you, or naked and clothe you?
39 And when did we see you sick or in prison
and come to you?’
40 The King will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you,
as you did it to one of the least of these my
brothers, you did it to me.’
41 Then he will also say to those on the left,
‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal
fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,

43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome
me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and
in prison and you did not visit me.'
44 Then they too will answer, 'Lord, when did
we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or
naked or sick or in prison, and not serve you?'
45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you,
as you did not do it to one of the least of these,
neither did you do it to me.'
46 And these will go away into eternal
punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

26

1 When Jesus finished all these words, he said
to his disciples,
2 "You know that the Passover is in two days,
and the Son of Man is being handed over to be
crucified."
3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the
people gathered in the courtyard of the high
priest, who was called Caiaphas.
4 They plotted to seize Jesus by deceit and kill
him.
5 But they said, "Not during the feast, so that
there will not be a riot among the people."
6 While Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of
Simon the leper,
7 a woman came to him with an alabaster jar
of very costly perfume and poured it on his head
as he reclined at table.
8 When the disciples saw this, they were
indignant and said, "Why this waste?

9 For this could have been sold for a great sum
and the money given to the poor."
10 Knowing this, Jesus said to them, "Why do
you trouble the woman? For she has done a
beautiful work for me.
11 For you always have the poor with you, but
you do not always have me.
12 In pouring this perfume on my body, she did
it to prepare me for burial.
13 Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is
proclaimed in the whole world, what she has
done will also be told in memory of her."

14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot,
went to the chief priests
15 and said, "What are you willing to give me if
I hand him over to you?" They weighed out
thirty pieces of silver for him.
16 From then on he sought an opportunity to
hand him over.
17 On the first day of Unleavened Bread, the
disciples came to Jesus and said, "Where do you
want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?"
18 He said, "Go into the city to a certain man
and tell him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is near.
I will keep the Passover at your house with my
disciples." ' "
19 The disciples did as Jesus directed them, and
they prepared the Passover.

20 When evening came, he reclined at table
with the twelve disciples.
21 As they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell
you, one of you will betray me."

22 Deeply grieved, each one began to say to
him, “Surely not I, Lord?”
23 He answered, “The one who dipped his
hand with me in the dish will betray me.
24 The Son of Man goes as it is written about
him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of
Man is betrayed! It would have been better for
that man if he had not been born.”
25 Judas, who was betraying him, answered,
“Surely not I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have
said it.”
26 As they were eating, Jesus took bread, spoke
a blessing, broke it, and gave it to the disciples,
saying, “Take, eat; this is my body.”
27 Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it
to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you,
28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is
poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
29 But I tell you, from now on I will not drink
of this fruit of the vine until that day when I
drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”
30 After singing a hymn, they went out to the
Mount of Olives.

31 Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will fall
away because of me this night, for it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the
flock will be scattered.’

32 But after I am raised, I will go ahead of you
into Galilee.”
33 Peter answered him, “Even if everyone falls
away because of you, I will never fall away.”

34 Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very
night, before a rooster crows, you will deny me
three times.”
35 Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with
you, I will never deny you.” And all the disciples
said the same.
36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called
Gethsemane and said to the disciples, “Sit here
while I go over there and pray.”
37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee
with him and began to be sorrowful and
distressed.
38 Then he said to them, “My soul is deeply
sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and keep
watch with me.”
39 He went a little farther, fell facedown, and
prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let
this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as
you will.”
40 He came to the disciples and found them
sleeping. He said to Peter, “So, could you not
keep watch with me for one hour?
41 Keep watch and pray, so that you do not
enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but
the flesh is weak.”
42 Again he went away a second time and
prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass
unless I drink it, your will be done.”
43 He came and again found them sleeping, for
their eyes were heavy.
44 He left them, went away again, and prayed
a third time, saying the same words again.
45 Then he came to the disciples and said to
them, “Sleep on now and rest. Look, the hour is

near, and the Son of Man is being handed over
into the hands of sinners.
46 Get up, let us go. Look, the one betraying me
is near."
47 While he was still speaking, Judas, one of
the twelve, arrived, and with him a large crowd
with swords and clubs, from the chief priests
and elders of the people.
48 The one betraying him had given them a
sign, saying, "The man I kiss is the one. Seize
him."
49 Immediately he came to Jesus and said,
"Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him.
50 Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you
came for." Then they came forward, laid hands
on Jesus, and seized him.
51 One of those with Jesus reached out his
hand, drew his sword, and struck the high
priest's slave, cutting off his ear.
52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword
back in its place, for all who take the sword will
perish by the sword.
53 Or do you think I cannot appeal to my
Father, and he will at once place more than
twelve legions of angels at my disposal?
54 But how then would the Scriptures be
fulfilled, that it must happen this way?"
55 At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have
you come out with swords and clubs to arrest
me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat
teaching in the temple, and you did not seize me.
56 But all this has happened so that the
Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."

Then all the disciples left him and fled.

57 Those who had seized Jesus led him to
Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and
elders had gathered.
58 Peter followed him at a distance, as far as
the high priest's courtyard. He went inside and
sat with the officers to see the outcome.
59 The chief priests and the whole council
were seeking false testimony against Jesus to put
him to death,
60 but they found none, though many false
witnesses came forward. Finally two came
forward
61 and said, "This man said, 'I can tear down
the sanctuary of God and build it in three days.' "
62 The high priest stood up and said to him,
"Have you no answer? What is it that these men
testify against you?"
63 But Jesus remained silent. The high priest
said to him, "I put you under oath by the living
God: tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."
64 Jesus said to him, "You have said it. Yet I tell
you, from now on you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of Power and coming on
the clouds of heaven."
65 Then the high priest tore his garments and
said, "He has blasphemed! What further need do
we have of witnesses? Look, now you have
heard the blasphemy.
66 What do you think?" They answered, "He
deserves death."
67 Then they spat in his face and struck him
with their fists, and others slapped him,

68 saying, “Prophesy to us, Christ! Who is the
one who struck you?”
69 Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A
servant girl came to him and said, “You too were
with Jesus the Galilean.”
70 But he denied it before everyone, saying, “I
do not know what you are saying.”
71 When he went out to the gateway, another
girl saw him and said to those there, “This man
was with Jesus the Nazarene.”
72 Again he denied it with an oath: “I do not
know the man.”
73 A little later, those standing there came and
said to Peter, “Surely you too are one of them, for
your speech gives you away.”
74 Then he began to curse and swear, “I do not
know the man!” Immediately a rooster crowed.
75 Peter remembered the word Jesus had
spoken: “Before a rooster crows, you will deny
me three times.” He went outside and wept
bitterly.

27

1 When morning came, all the chief priests
and the elders of the people took counsel against
Jesus to put him to death.
2 They bound him, led him away, and handed
him over to Pilate the governor.
3 Then Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that
Jesus had been condemned. Filled with remorse,
he returned the thirty pieces of silver to the
chief priests and the elders,

4 saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent
blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it
yourself.”
5 He threw the pieces of silver into the temple
and withdrew. Then he went away and hanged
himself.
6 The chief priests picked up the silver and
said, “It is not lawful to put this into the treasury,
since it is the price of blood.”
7 After taking counsel, they used the money to
buy the potter's field as a burial place for
strangers.
8 That is why that field has been called the
Field of Blood to this day.
9 Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the
prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty
pieces of silver, the price of the one who was
valued, whom the sons of Israel had valued,
10 and gave them for the potter's field, as the
Lord directed me.”
11 Jesus stood before the governor, and the
governor asked him, “Are you the King of the
Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.”
12 But when the chief priests and the elders
accused him, he answered nothing.
13 Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear
how much they testify against you?”
14 But he did not answer him about even a
single charge, so that the governor was greatly
amazed.
15 At the feast, the governor customarily
released one prisoner for the crowd, anyone
they wanted.

16 At that time they had a well-known prisoner
called Jesus Barabbas.
17 So when they had gathered, Pilate said to
them, “Whom do you want me to release for
you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the
Christ?”
18 For he knew that they had handed him over
out of envy.
19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat,
his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do
with that righteous man, for today I have
suffered greatly in a dream because of him.”
20 But the chief priests and the elders
persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and
have Jesus put to death.
21 The governor asked them, “Which of the two
do you want me to release for you?” They said,
“Barabbas.”
22 Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do
with Jesus who is called the Christ?” They all
said, “Let him be crucified!”
23 He said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But
they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”
24 When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing
nothing and that an uproar was developing
instead, he took water and washed his hands
before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this
blood. See to it yourselves.”
25 All the people answered, “His blood be on us
and on our children!”
26 Then he released Barabbas for them, and
after having Jesus flogged, he handed him over
to be crucified.

27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into
the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort
around him.
28 They stripped him and put a scarlet cloak
around him.
29 They wove a crown of thorns and placed it
on his head, and put a reed in his right hand.
Kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,
“Hail, King of the Jews!”
30 They spat on him, took the reed, and kept
striking him on the head.
31 After mocking him, they took off the cloak,
put his own clothes on him, and led him away to
crucify him.
32 As they went out, they found a man from
Cyrene named Simon, and compelled him to
carry Jesus' cross.
33 They came to a place called Golgotha, which
means Place of a Skull.
34 They gave him wine mixed with gall to
drink, but after tasting it he would not drink it.
35 After crucifying him, they divided his
clothes by casting lots.
36 Then they sat down and kept watch over
him there.
37 Above his head they placed the written
charge against him: “This is Jesus, the King of
the Jews.”
38 Then two robbers were crucified with him,
one at his right and one at his left.
39 Those who passed by reviled him, shaking
their heads
40 and saying, “You who destroy the temple

and build it in three days, save yourself! If you
are the Son of God, come down from the cross!"
41 Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes
and the elders, mocked him, saying,
42 "He saved others; he cannot save himself.
He is the King of Israel! Let him come down
now from the cross, and we will believe in him.
43 He has trusted in God. Let God rescue him
now, if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son
of God.' "
44 The robbers crucified with him also insulted
him in the same way.
45 From about noon until about three in the
afternoon, darkness came over the whole land.
46 At about three, Jesus cried out with a loud
voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" That is, "My
God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
47 When some of those standing there heard
this, they said, "This man is calling Elijah."
48 Immediately one of them ran, took a
sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a reed,
and gave him a drink.
49 But the others said, "Wait; let us see whether
Elijah comes to save him."
50 Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and
yielded up his spirit.
51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was
torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook,
and the rocks split.
52 The tombs were opened, and many bodies
of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.
53 After his resurrection, they came out of the
tombs, entered the holy city, and appeared to
many.

54 When the centurion and those guarding
Jesus with him saw the earthquake and what
had happened, they were greatly afraid and
said, “Truly this was God's Son!”
55 Many women were there, watching from a
distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee
and had served him.
56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary
the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother
of the sons of Zebedee.
57 When evening came, a rich man from
Arimathea named Joseph arrived. He too had
become a disciple of Jesus.
58 He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.
Then Pilate ordered it to be handed over.
59 Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean
linen cloth,
60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he
had cut into the rock. He rolled a large stone
against the entrance of the tomb and went away.
61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were
there, sitting opposite the tomb.
62 The next day, the day after Preparation Day,
the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered
before Pilate
63 and said, “Sir, we remember that while he
was still alive, that deceiver said, ‘After three
days I will be raised.’
64 Therefore order the tomb to be secured
until the third day, lest his disciples come and
steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has been
raised from the dead.’ Then the last deception
will be worse than the first.”

65 Pilate said to them, “You have a guard. Go
and make it as secure as you know how.”
66 So they went and secured the tomb by
sealing the stone, with the guard there.

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1 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the
week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the
other Mary came to see the tomb.
2 And there was a great earthquake, for an
angel of the Lord descended from heaven, came
and rolled back the stone, and sat on it.
3 His appearance was like lightning, and his
clothing white as snow.
4 The guards shook for fear of him and
became like dead men.
5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be
afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was
crucified.
6 He is not here, for he has been raised, just as
he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he
has been raised from the dead. Look, he is going
ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see
him. Look, I have told you.”
8 They left the tomb quickly with fear and
great joy and ran to tell his disciples.
9 Then Jesus met them, saying, “Greetings!”
They came to him, took hold of his feet, and
worshiped him.
10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid.
Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and
there they will see me.”

11 While they were going, some of the guard
went into the city and reported to the chief
priests everything that had happened.
12 They gathered with the elders, took counsel,
and gave the soldiers a large sum of money,
13 saying, “Say, ‘His disciples came at night and
stole him while we were sleeping.’
14 And if the governor hears of this, we will
persuade him and keep you free from worry.”
15 They took the money and did as they were
instructed. And this story has been spread
among the Jews to this day.
16 The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the
mountain where Jesus had directed them.
17 When they saw him, they worshiped him,
but some doubted.
18 Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All
authority in heaven and on earth has been given
to me.
19 Therefore go and make disciples of all
nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe everything I have
commanded you. And look, I am with you
always, to the end of the age.”

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