Mark

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah:
“Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way.
3 A voice of one crying in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’ ”
4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
5 The whole region of Judea and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.
6 John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey.
7 He proclaimed, “After me comes one mightier than I. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals.
8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.”
9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
10 Immediately, as he came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove.
11 And a voice came from heaven: “You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased.”

12 Immediately the Spirit drove him out into
the wilderness.
13 He was in the wilderness forty days, being
tempted by Satan. He was with the wild
animals, and the angels ministered to him.
14 After John was handed over, Jesus came into
Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God
15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the
kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe
in the gospel.”
16 Passing beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw
Simon and Andrew, Simon’s brother, casting a
net in the sea, for they were fishermen.
17 Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will
make you become fishers of men.”
18 Immediately they left their nets and
followed him.
19 Going a little farther, he saw James the son
of Zebedee and his brother John, who were also
in the boat mending the nets.
20 Immediately he called them. They left their
father Zebedee in the boat with the hired
workers and went after him.
21 They entered Capernaum, and immediately
on the Sabbath he taught in the synagogue.
22 They were astonished at his teaching, for he
taught them as one who had authority, and not
as the scribes.
23 Just then a man with an unclean spirit was
in their synagogue, and he cried out,
24 “What have you to do with us, Jesus the
Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know
who you are—the Holy One of God.”

25 Jesus rebuked it, saying, “Be silent, and
come out of him!”
26 The unclean spirit convulsed him and cried
out with a loud voice, then came out of him.
27 They were all amazed and discussed it
among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new
teaching! With authority he commands even the
unclean spirits, and they obey him.”
28 Immediately the news about him spread
everywhere throughout the surrounding region
of Galilee.
29 Immediately after leaving the synagogue,
they went into the house of Simon and Andrew
with James and John.
30 Simon’s mother-in-law was lying down with
a fever, and immediately they told him about
her.
31 He came, took her by the hand, and raised
her up. The fever left her, and she began to
serve them.
32 When evening came, after the sun had set,
they brought him all who were ill and those
possessed by demons.
33 The whole town was gathered at the door.
34 He healed many who were ill with various
diseases and cast out many demons. He would
not let the demons speak, because they knew
him.
35 Very early in the morning, while it was still
dark, he got up, went out, and departed to a
deserted place. There he prayed.
36 Simon and those with him searched for him,
37 and they found him and said to him,

“Everyone is looking for you.”
38 He said to them, “Let us go elsewhere, to the
nearby towns, so that I may preach there too, for
that is why I came out.”
39 He went throughout Galilee, preaching in
their synagogues and casting out demons.
40 A man with leprosy came to him, pleading
with him and kneeling, saying to him, “If you are
willing, you can make me clean.”
41 Moved to anger, he stretched out his hand,
touched him, and said to him, “I am willing. Be
clean!”
42 Immediately the leprosy left him, and he
was cleansed.
43 With a stern warning, he sent him away at
once
44 and said to him, “See that you say nothing to
anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest, and
offer for your cleansing what Moses
commanded, as a testimony to them.”
45 But he went out and began to proclaim it
widely and spread the news, so that Jesus could
no longer enter a town openly. He stayed
outside in deserted places, and people came to
him from everywhere.

2

1 When he entered Capernaum again after
some days, it became known that he was at
home.
2 Many gathered, so that there was no more
room, not even by the door, and he spoke the
word to them.

3 They came bringing him a paralyzed man
carried by four people.
4 Since they could not bring him to Jesus
because of the crowd, they removed the roof
above where he was. After digging through it,
they lowered the mat on which the paralyzed
man was lying.
5 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed
man, “Child, your sins are forgiven.”
6 Some of the scribes were sitting there,
reasoning in their hearts,
7 “Why does this man speak this way? He is
blaspheming! Who can forgive sins except God
alone?”
8 Immediately Jesus perceived in his spirit that
they were reasoning this way within themselves
and said to them, “Why do you reason these
things in your hearts?
9 Which is easier, to say to the paralyzed man,
‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take
your mat, and walk’?
10 But so that you may know that the Son of
Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he
said to the paralyzed man,
11 “I tell you, get up, take your mat, and go
home.”
12 He got up, immediately took the mat, and
went out before everyone. They were all
amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have
never seen anything like this!”

13 He went out again beside the sea. The
whole crowd came to him, and he taught them.

14 As he passed by, he saw Levi the son of
Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth and said to
him, “Follow me.” He got up and followed him.
15 While he reclined at table in his house,
many tax collectors and sinners reclined with
Jesus and his disciples, for there were many, and
they followed him.
16 When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that
he was eating with sinners and tax collectors,
they said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with
tax collectors and sinners?”
17 When Jesus heard this, he said to them,
“Those who are well have no need of a
physician, but those who are ill. I did not come
to call the righteous, but sinners.”
18 John’s disciples and the Pharisees were
fasting. People came and said to him, “Why do
John’s disciples and the disciples of the
Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?”
19 Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests
fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long
as they have the bridegroom with them, they
cannot fast.
20 But days will come when the bridegroom is
taken away from them, and then they will fast
on that day.
21 No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on
an old garment. Otherwise the new patch pulls
away from the old, and a worse tear is made.
22 And no one puts new wine into old
wineskins. Otherwise the wine will burst the
skins, and the wine and the skins are ruined.
But new wine goes into fresh wineskins.”

23 On a Sabbath he was passing through the
grainfields, and as his disciples made their way,
they began to pick heads of grain.
24 The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are
they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”
25 He said to them, “Have you never read what
David did when he was in need and he and his
companions were hungry,
26 how he entered the house of God in the time
of Abiathar the high priest and ate the bread of
the Presence, which only the priests are allowed
to eat, and also gave some to those with him?”
27 And he said to them, “The Sabbath was
made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.
28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the
Sabbath.”

3

1 He entered a synagogue again, and a man
with a withered hand was there.
2 They watched him to see whether he would
heal him on the Sabbath, so that they could
accuse him.
3 He said to the man with the withered hand,
“Get up and stand in the middle.”
4 Then he said to them, “Is it lawful on the
Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save a life or
to kill?” But they were silent.
5 He looked around at them with anger,
grieved at the hardness of their hearts, and said
to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He
stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

6 The Pharisees went out and immediately
began plotting with the Herodians against him,
to kill him.
7 Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea,
and a great multitude from Galilee followed.
Also from Judea,
8 Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and
around Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude came
to him when they heard all he was doing.
9 He told his disciples to have a small boat
ready for him because of the crowd, so that they
would not crush him.
10 For he had healed many, so that all who had
afflictions pressed upon him to touch him.
11 Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they
fell down before him and cried out, “You are the
Son of God!”
12 But he sternly warned them not to make
him known.
13 He went up the mountain and called to him
those he wanted, and they came to him.
14 He appointed twelve, so that they might be
with him and that he might send them out to
preach
15 and have authority to cast out demons.
16 He appointed the twelve: Simon, to whom
he gave the name Peter;
17 James the son of Zebedee and John the
brother of James, to whom he gave the name
Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder;
18 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew,
Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus,
Simon the Zealot,

19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

20 Then he came into a house, and the crowd
gathered again, so that they could not even eat
bread.
21 When those close to him heard, they went
out to take hold of him, for they were saying,
“He is out of his mind.”
22 The scribes who came down from Jerusalem
said, “He has Beelzebul,” and, “He casts out
demons by the ruler of the demons.”
23 He called them to him and spoke to them in
parables: “How can Satan cast out Satan?
24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that
kingdom cannot stand.
25 And if a house is divided against itself, that
house will not be able to stand.
26 And if Satan has risen against himself and is
divided, he cannot stand, but has come to an
end.
27 But no one can enter the strong man’s house
and plunder his goods unless he first binds the
strong man. Then he can plunder his house.

28 Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven all
their sins and whatever blasphemies they speak.
29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy
Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an
eternal sin.”
30 He said this because they were saying, “He
has an unclean spirit.”

31 His mother and his brothers came, and
standing outside, they sent word to him, calling
him.

32 A crowd was sitting around him, and they
said to him, “Look, your mother and your
brothers are outside seeking you.”
33 He answered them, “Who is my mother, or
who are my brothers?”
34 Looking around at those sitting in a circle
about him, he said, “Here are my mother and my
brothers.
35 For whoever does the will of God is my
brother and sister and mother.”

4

1 Again he began to teach beside the sea. A
very large crowd gathered around him, so that
he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, while
the whole crowd was on the land beside the sea.
2 He taught them many things in parables, and
in his teaching he said to them,
3 “Listen! Look, a sower went out to sow.
4 As he sowed, some seed fell beside the path,
and the birds came and ate it.
5 Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it
had little soil. Immediately it sprang up because
the soil was not deep.
6 But when the sun rose, it was scorched, and
because it had no root, it withered.
7 Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns
grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.
8 Other seeds fell into good soil and yielded
fruit, growing up and increasing, producing
thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and a hundredfold.”
9 And he said, “Let anyone who has ears to
hear listen.”

10 When he was alone, those around him with
the twelve asked him about the parables.
11 He said to them, “To you has been given the
mystery of the kingdom of God, but for those
outside everything comes in parables,

12 so that seeing they may see and not perceive,
and hearing they may hear and not
understand, lest they turn and be
forgiven.”

13 He said to them, “Do you not understand
this parable? How then will you understand all
the parables?
14 The sower sows the word.
15 These are the ones beside the path, where
the word is sown. When they hear, Satan
immediately comes and takes away the word
sown in them.
16 In the same way, these are the ones sown on
rocky ground: when they hear the word, they
immediately receive it with joy,
17 but have no root in themselves and last only
a little while. Then, when trouble or persecution
comes because of the word, they immediately
fall away.
18 Others are the ones sown among thorns.
These are the ones who have heard the word,
19 but the worries of the age, the deceitfulness
of wealth, and desires for other things enter and
choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.
20 But those sown on good soil are the ones
who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit,
thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and a hundredfold.”

21 He said to them, “Is a lamp brought in to be
put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to
be put on a lampstand?
22 For nothing is hidden except to be revealed,
nor has anything been concealed except to come
into the open.
23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen.”
24 He said to them, “Pay attention to what you
hear. With the measure you use, it will be
measured to you, and more will be added to you.
25 For whoever has will be given more, and
whoever does not have, even what he has will
be taken away from him.”

26 He said, “The kingdom of God is like a man
who scatters seed on the ground.
27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the
seed sprouts and grows, though he himself does
not know how.
28 The earth bears fruit of itself: first the blade,
then the head, then the full grain in the head.
29 When the crop is ready, immediately he puts
in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

30 He said, “How shall we compare the
kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we
describe it?
31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown
in the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on
the earth.
32 Yet when it is sown, it grows up and
becomes larger than all the garden plants, and
puts out large branches, so that the birds of the
sky can nest in its shade.”

33 With many such parables he spoke the word
to them, as they were able to hear it.
34 He did not speak to them without a parable,
but privately he explained everything to his own
disciples.
35 That day, when evening came, he said to
them, “Let us cross to the other side.”
36 Leaving the crowd, they took him with them
just as he was in the boat. Other boats were with
him.
37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves
were breaking into the boat, so that the boat
was already filling.
38 He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion.
They woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you
not care that we are perishing?”
39 He awoke, rebuked the wind, and said to the
sea, “Peace! Be still!” The wind ceased, and there
was a great calm.
40 He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Do
you still have no faith?”
41 They were filled with great fear and said to
one another, “Who then is this, that even the
wind and the sea obey him?”

5

1 They came to the other side of the sea, to the
region of the Gerasenes.
2 As soon as he stepped out of the boat, a man
with an unclean spirit met him from the tombs.
3 He lived among the tombs, and no one could
bind him anymore, not even with a chain.

4 For he had often been bound with shackles
and chains, but he had torn the chains apart and
broken the shackles in pieces. No one was
strong enough to subdue him.
5 Continually, night and day, among the tombs
and in the mountains, he cried out and cut
himself with stones.
6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran
and bowed before him.
7 He cried out with a loud voice and said,
“What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of God
Most High? I put you under oath by God: do not
torment me!”
8 For Jesus had been saying to him, “Come out
of the man, you unclean spirit!”
9 He asked him, “What is your name?” He said
to him, “My name is Legion, for we are many.”
10 He begged him earnestly not to send them
out of the region.
11 A large herd of pigs was feeding there near
the mountain.
12 They begged him, saying, “Send us into the
pigs, so that we may enter them.”
13 He permitted them. The unclean spirits
came out and entered the pigs, and the herd,
about two thousand pigs, rushed down the steep
slope into the sea and drowned in the sea.
14 The herdsmen fled and reported it in the
town and the countryside, and people came to
see what had happened.
15 They came to Jesus and saw the man who
had been possessed by demons, the one who
had the legion, sitting clothed and in his right
mind. And they were afraid.

16 Those who had seen it told them what had
happened to the man possessed by demons, and
about the pigs.
17 They began to beg him to leave their
territory.
18 As he was getting into the boat, the man
who had been possessed by demons begged him
that he might be with him.
19 He did not allow him, but said to him, “Go
home to your own people and tell them all the
Lord has done for you, and how he has had
mercy on you.”
20 He went away and began to proclaim in the
Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him, and
everyone marveled.
21 When Jesus crossed again in the boat to the
other side, a large crowd gathered around him,
and he was beside the sea.
22 One of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus,
came and, seeing him, fell at his feet
23 and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, “My
little daughter is at the point of death. Come and
lay your hands on her, so that she may be made
well and live.”
24 He went with him, and a large crowd
followed him and pressed around him.
25 A woman had suffered from bleeding for
twelve years.
26 She had suffered much under many
physicians and spent all she had, but had not
improved at all. Instead, she had grown worse.
27 Having heard about Jesus, she came up
behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak.

28 For she said, “If I touch even his clothes, I
will be made well.”
29 Immediately the flow of her blood dried up,
and she knew in her body that she had been
healed of her affliction.
30 Immediately Jesus, perceiving in himself
that power had gone out from him, turned
around in the crowd and said, “Who touched my
clothes?”
31 His disciples said to him, “You see the crowd
pressing around you, and you say, ‘Who touched
me?’ ”
32 But he looked around to see the woman
who had done this.
33 The woman, afraid and trembling, knowing
what had happened to her, came and fell before
him and told him the whole truth.
34 He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has
made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of
your affliction.”

35 While he was still speaking, people came
from the synagogue ruler’s house and said,
“Your daughter has died. Why trouble the
Teacher any longer?”
36 But Jesus, overhearing what was being said,
told the synagogue ruler, “Do not be afraid; only
believe.”
37 He allowed no one to accompany him except
Peter, James, and John the brother of James.
38 They came to the synagogue ruler’s house,
and he saw a commotion, with people weeping
and wailing loudly.
39 He went in and said to them, “Why are you
making a commotion and weeping? The child is

not dead, but sleeping."
40 They laughed at him. But he put them all
outside, took the child's father and mother and
those with him, and went in where the child
was.
41 Taking the child by the hand, he said to her,
"Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I tell
you, get up."
42 Immediately the girl got up and began to
walk, for she was twelve years old. Immediately
they were overcome with great amazement.
43 He strictly ordered them that no one should
know about this and told them to give her
something to eat.

6

1 He left that place and came to his hometown,
and his disciples followed him.
2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach
in the synagogue. Many who heard him were
astonished and said, "Where did this man get
these things? What is this wisdom given to him?
And how are such miracles done through his
hands?
3 Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary and
brother of James and Joses and Judas and
Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?"
And they took offense at him.
4 Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without
honor except in his hometown, among his
relatives, and in his own house."
5 He could do no miracle there, except that he
laid his hands on a few sick people and healed
them.

6 He marveled at their unbelief. Then he went
around the surrounding villages, teaching.
7 He called the twelve to him and began to
send them out two by two, giving them
authority over the unclean spirits.
8 He instructed them to take nothing for the
journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no
copper coins in their belts—
9 but to wear sandals, and not to put on two
tunics.
10 He said to them, “Whenever you enter a
house, stay there until you leave that place.
11 If any place does not welcome you or listen
to you, shake off the dust beneath your feet as
you leave there, as a testimony to them.”
12 They went out and proclaimed that people
should repent.
13 They cast out many demons, anointed many
sick people with oil, and healed them.

14 King Herod heard of him, for his name had
become known. People were saying, “John the
Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that
is why miraculous powers are at work in him.”
15 Others said, “He is Elijah.” Still others said,
“He is a prophet, like one of the prophets.”
16 But when Herod heard, he said, “John,
whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

17 For Herod himself had sent and seized John
and bound him in prison because of Herodias,
his brother Philip’s wife, for he had married her.
18 For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not
lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”

19 Herodias held a grudge against him and
wanted to kill him, but could not.
20 For Herod feared John, knowing that he was
a righteous and holy man, and protected him.
When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed,
yet he listened to him gladly.
21 An opportune day came when Herod gave a
birthday dinner for his high officials, military
commanders, and the leading men of Galilee.
22 The daughter of Herodias herself came in
and danced, pleasing Herod and his dinner
guests. The king said to the girl, “Ask me for
whatever you want, and I will give it to you.”
23 He swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I
will give you, up to half my kingdom.”
24 She went out and said to her mother, “What
should I ask for?” She said, “The head of John the
Baptist.”
25 Immediately she hurried in to the king and
asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once on
a platter the head of John the Baptist.”
26 The king was deeply grieved, but because of
his oaths and his dinner guests he did not want
to refuse her.
27 Immediately the king sent an executioner
and ordered him to bring John’s head. He went
and beheaded him in the prison,
28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to
the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.
29 When his disciples heard, they came, took
his body, and laid it in a tomb.
30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and
reported to him all they had done and all they

had taught.
31 He said to them, “Come away by yourselves
to a deserted place and rest a little.” For many
were coming and going, and they did not even
have time to eat.
32 They went away in the boat to a deserted
place by themselves.
33 But many saw them going and recognized
them. They ran there together on foot from all
the towns and arrived ahead of them.
34 When he came ashore, he saw a large crowd
and had compassion on them, because they
were like sheep without a shepherd. And he
began to teach them many things.
35 When it was already very late, his disciples
came to him and said, “This is a deserted place,
and it is already very late.
36 Send them away to go into the surrounding
countryside and villages and buy themselves
something to eat.”
37 He answered them, “You give them
something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to
go and buy bread for two hundred
denarii—about two hundred days’ wages—and
give them something to eat?”
38 He said to them, “How many loaves do you
have? Go and see.” When they found out, they
said, “Five, and two fish.”
39 He ordered them to have everyone recline
in groups on the green grass.
40 They reclined in groups of a hundred and of
fifty.
41 He took the five loaves and the two fish,

looked up to heaven, spoke a blessing, and broke
the loaves. He kept giving them to his disciples
to set before the people, and he divided the two
fish among them all.
42 They all ate and were filled.
43 They took up twelve baskets full of pieces,
and also some of the fish.
44 Those who ate the loaves were five
thousand men.

45 Immediately he made his disciples get into
the boat and go ahead to the other side toward
Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.
46 After saying farewell to them, he went up
the mountain to pray.

47 When evening came, the boat was in the
middle of the sea, and he was alone on the land.
48 He saw them straining at the oars, for the
wind was against them. About three in the
morning he came toward them, walking on the
sea, and he intended to pass by them.
49 When they saw him walking on the sea,
they thought he was a ghost and cried out,
50 for they all saw him and were alarmed. But
immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take
heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”
51 He got into the boat with them, and the
wind ceased. They were utterly astonished
within themselves,
52 for they had not understood about the
loaves, but their heart was hardened.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to
land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

54 When they stepped out of the boat, people
immediately recognized him
55 and ran throughout that whole region. They
began carrying the sick on mats to wherever
they heard he was.
56 Wherever he entered villages or towns or
countryside, they laid the sick in the
marketplaces and begged him that they might
touch even the fringe of his cloak. And all who
touched him were made well.

7

1 The Pharisees and some of the scribes who
had come from Jerusalem gathered around him.
2 They saw some of his disciples eating bread
with defiled hands, that is, unwashed hands.
3 For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat
unless they wash their hands thoroughly,
holding to the tradition of the elders.
4 And when they come from the marketplace,
they do not eat unless they wash. There are
many other things they have received and hold
to, such as washings of cups, jugs, copper
vessels, and dining couches.
5 The Pharisees and scribes asked him, “Why
do your disciples not live according to the
tradition of the elders, but eat bread with defiled
hands?”
6 He said to them, “Isaiah rightly prophesied
about you hypocrites, as it is written,
‘This people honors me with their lips, but their
heart is far from me.
7 They worship me in vain, teaching human
commandments as doctrines.’

8 You leave God's commandment and hold to
human tradition."

9 He said to them, "How well you reject God's
commandment to keep your tradition!
10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your
mother,' and, 'Whoever curses father or mother
must be put to death.'
11 But you say that if a man tells his father or
mother, 'Whatever help you might have received
from me is Corban' (that is, an offering),
12 you no longer allow him to do anything for
his father or mother,
13 nullifying the word of God by the tradition
you have handed down. And you do many
similar things."

14 He called the crowd to him again and said to
them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand.
15 Nothing outside a person that enters him
can defile him, but the things that come out of a
person are what defile him."
16 ["If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen."]

17 When he left the crowd and entered a
house, his disciples asked him about the parable.
18 He said to them, "Are you too so lacking in
understanding? Do you not realize that nothing
entering a person from outside can defile him,
19 because it does not enter his heart but his
stomach, and goes out into the latrine?" In this
way he declared all foods clean.
20 He said, "What comes out of a person is
what defiles him.

21 For from within, out of people's hearts,
come evil thoughts, acts of sexual immorality,
thefts, murders,
22 adulteries, acts of greed and wickedness,
deceit, debauchery, envy, blasphemy, pride, and
foolishness.
23 All these evil things come from within and
defile a person."

24 He rose and went away from there to the
region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not
want anyone to know, but he could not remain
hidden.
25 Immediately a woman whose little daughter
had an unclean spirit heard about him, came,
and fell at his feet.
26 The woman was Greek, Syrophoenician by
birth, and she begged him to cast the demon out
of her daughter.
27 He said to her, "Let the children be filled
first, for it is not right to take the children's
bread and throw it to the little dogs."
28 She answered him, "Lord, even the little
dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."
29 He said to her, "Because of this answer, go.
The demon has gone out of your daughter."
30 She went home and found the child lying on
the bed and the demon gone.

31 Leaving the region of Tyre again, he went
through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the
region of the Decapolis.
32 They brought him a deaf man who had
difficulty speaking and begged him to lay his
hand on him.

33 He took him aside from the crowd privately,
put his fingers into his ears, spat, and touched
his tongue.
34 Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to
him, “Ephphatha,” which means, “Be opened.”
35 His ears were opened, the bond of his
tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.
36 He ordered them to tell no one, but the
more he ordered them, the more widely they
proclaimed it.
37 They were utterly astonished and said, “He
has done all things well. He makes even the deaf
hear and the mute speak.”

8

1 In those days, when a large crowd had
gathered again and had nothing to eat, Jesus
called the disciples to him and said to them,
2 “I feel compassion for the crowd, because
they have already stayed with me for three days
and have nothing to eat.
3 If I send them home hungry, they will faint
on the way; some of them have come from far
away.”
4 His disciples answered him, “Where could
anyone find enough bread here in this deserted
place to feed these people?”
5 He asked them, “How many loaves do you
have?” They said, “Seven.”
6 He directed the crowd to sit down on the
ground. Then he took the seven loaves, gave
thanks, broke them, and kept giving them to his

disciples to set before the people. They served
the crowd.
7 They also had a few small fish. He blessed
them and said to serve these as well.
8 They ate and were satisfied, and they
collected seven large baskets of leftover pieces.
9 There were about four thousand people.
Then he sent them away.
10 At once he got into the boat with his
disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha.
11 The Pharisees came out and began to argue
with him. To test him, they asked him for a sign
from heaven.
12 He sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why
does this generation seek a sign? Truly I tell you,
no sign will be given to this generation.”
13 He left them, got into the boat again, and
went to the other side.
14 The disciples had forgotten to bring bread,
and they had only one loaf with them in the
boat.
15 He warned them, “Be careful! Watch out for
the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of
Herod.”
16 They began discussing with one another
that they had no bread.
17 Aware of this, he said to them, “Why are you
discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do
you still not perceive or understand? Are your
hearts hardened?
18 Do you have eyes and fail to see, and ears
and fail to hear? And do you not remember?
19 When I broke the five loaves for the five
thousand, how many baskets full of pieces did

you collect?" They said to him, "Twelve."
20 "And when I broke the seven for the four
thousand, how many large baskets full of pieces
did you collect?" They said to him, "Seven."
21 He said to them, "Do you still not
understand?"

22 They came to Bethsaida. People brought a
blind man to him and begged him to touch him.
23 He took the blind man by the hand and led
him out of the village. After spitting on his eyes
and laying his hands on him, he asked him, "Do
you see anything?"
24 He looked up and said, "I see people, for
they look like trees walking around."
25 Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again.
The man saw clearly, his sight was restored, and
he could see everything distinctly.
26 Jesus sent him home, saying, "Do not even
enter the village."

27 Jesus and his disciples went out to the
villages of Caesarea Philippi. On the way, he
asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I
am?"
28 They answered him, "John the Baptist;
others say Elijah; and still others, one of the
prophets."
29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I
am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."
30 He sternly warned them not to tell anyone
about him.

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of
Man must suffer many things, be rejected by the

elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and
rise after three days.
32 He spoke about this openly. Peter took him
aside and began to rebuke him.
33 But Jesus turned, looked at his disciples, and
rebuked Peter. He said, “Get behind me, Satan!
You are setting your mind on human concerns
instead of the things of God.”
34 Calling the crowd to him along with his
disciples, he said to them, “If anyone wants to
come after me, let him deny himself, take up his
cross, and follow me.
35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose
it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and for
the gospel will save it.
36 For what does it profit a person to gain the
whole world and forfeit his life?
37 What could a person give in exchange for
his life?
38 For whoever is ashamed of me and my
words in this adulterous and sinful generation,
the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him
when he comes in the glory of his Father with
the holy angels.”

9

1 He said to them, “Truly I tell you, some who
are standing here will not taste death until they
see that the kingdom of God has come in power.”
2 Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James, and
John with him and led them up a high
mountain, apart by themselves. There he was
transfigured before them.

3 His clothes became dazzling, intensely white,
whiter than any launderer on earth could make
them.
4 Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and
they were talking with Jesus.
5 Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to
be here. Let us make three shelters: one for you,
one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”
6 For he did not know what to say, because
they were terrified.
7 A cloud came and overshadowed them, and
a voice came from the cloud: “This is my beloved
Son. Listen to him!”
8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no
longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, he
ordered them to tell no one what they had seen
until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.
10 They kept the matter to themselves,
discussing what rising from the dead meant.
11 They asked him, “Why do the scribes say
that Elijah must come first?”
12 He said to them, “Elijah does come first and
restore all things. And how is it written about
the Son of Man that he must suffer many things
and be treated with contempt?
13 But I tell you that Elijah has indeed come,
and they did to him whatever they wanted, just
as it is written about him.”

14 When they came to the disciples, they saw a
large crowd around them and scribes arguing
with them.

15 As soon as the whole crowd saw Jesus, they
were greatly amazed and ran to greet him.
16 He asked them, “What are you arguing
about among yourselves?”
17 Someone from the crowd answered him,
“Teacher, I brought my son to you. He has a
spirit that makes him unable to speak.
18 Whenever it seizes him, it throws him
down. He foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth,
and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to cast
it out, but they could not.”
19 He answered them, “O faithless generation,
how long will I be with you? How long must I
bear with you? Bring him to me.”
20 They brought the boy to him. When the
spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy
into violent convulsions. He fell to the ground
and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.
21 Jesus asked his father, “How long has this
been happening to him?” He said, “Since
childhood.
22 It has often thrown him into fire and into
water to destroy him. But if you can do
anything, have compassion on us and help us.”
23 Jesus said to him, “ ‘If you can’? All things
are possible for the one who believes.”
24 Immediately the child's father cried out, “I
believe! Help my unbelief!”
25 When Jesus saw a crowd running together,
he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You
mute and deaf spirit, I command you: come out
of him and never enter him again.”
26 It cried out, convulsed the boy violently, and

came out. The boy became like a corpse, so that
most of the people said, “He is dead.”
27 But Jesus took him by the hand and raised
him up, and he stood.
28 After Jesus went into a house, his disciples
asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it
out?”
29 He said to them, “This kind can come out by
nothing except prayer.”
30 They left that place and passed through
Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know,
31 because he was teaching his disciples. He
said to them, “The Son of Man is being handed
over into human hands. They will kill him, and
after he is killed, he will rise after three days.”
32 But they did not understand the saying and
were afraid to ask him.
33 They came to Capernaum. Once he was in
the house, he asked them, “What were you
discussing on the way?”
34 They kept silent, for on the way they had
argued with one another about who was the
greatest.
35 He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to
them, “If anyone wants to be first, he will be last
of all and servant of all.”
36 He took a child and stood him among them.
Taking him in his arms, he said to them,
37 “Whoever welcomes one such child in my
name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me
welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”
38 John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone
casting out demons in your name, and we tried

to stop him because he was not following us."
39 But Jesus said, "Do not stop him. For no one
who does a miracle in my name can soon
afterward speak evil of me.
40 For whoever is not against us is for us.
41 Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink
on the grounds that you belong to Christ—truly I
tell you, he will certainly not lose his reward.
42 And it would be better for anyone who
causes one of these little ones who believe in me
to stumble to have a millstone turned by a
donkey hung around his neck and to be thrown
into the sea.
43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it
off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than
to have two hands and go to hell, to the
unquenchable fire,
44 [where their worm does not die and the fire
is not quenched.]
45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut
it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than
to have two feet and be thrown into hell,
46 [where their worm does not die and the fire
is not quenched.]
47 And if your eye causes you to stumble, cast
it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of
God with one eye than to have two eyes and be
thrown into hell,
48 where their worm does not die and the fire
is not quenched.
49 For everyone will be salted with fire.
50 Salt is good, but if salt becomes tasteless,
how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves,

and be at peace with one another."

10

1 Jesus left that place and came to the region of
Judea and beyond the Jordan. Crowds gathered
around him again, and, as was his custom, he
taught them again.
2 They asked him whether a man was
permitted to divorce his wife, testing him.
3 He answered them, "What did Moses
command you?"
4 They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a
certificate of divorce and send her away."
5 Jesus said to them, "He wrote this
commandment for you because of your
hardness of heart.
6 But from the beginning of creation, 'He made
them male and female.'
7 'For this reason a man will leave his father
and mother and be joined to his wife,
8 and the two will become one flesh.' So they
are no longer two, but one flesh.
9 Therefore, what God has joined together, let
no one separate."
10 In the house, the disciples asked him about
this again.
11 He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife
and marries another commits adultery against
her.
12 And if she divorces her husband and
marries another, she commits adultery."
13 People were bringing children to him so
that he would touch them, but the disciples
rebuked them.

14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant and
said to them, “Let the children come to me. Do
not stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs
to such as these.
15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive
the kingdom of God like a child will never enter
it.”
16 He took them in his arms and blessed them,
laying his hands on them.

17 As he was setting out on his journey, a man
ran up, knelt before him, and asked him, “Good
Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
18 Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me
good? No one is good except God alone.
19 You know the commandments: ‘Do not
murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal;
do not bear false witness; do not defraud; honor
your father and mother.’ ”
20 He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all
these from my youth.”
21 Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to
him, “You lack one thing. Go, sell whatever you
have and give to the poor, and you will have
treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”
22 But his face fell at these words, and he went
away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23 Jesus looked around and said to his
disciples, “How hard it will be for those who
have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”
24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But
Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it
is to enter the kingdom of God!

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye
of a needle than for a rich person to enter the
kingdom of God."
26 They were utterly astonished and said to
one another, "Then who can be saved?"
27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With human
beings it is impossible, but not with God, for all
things are possible with God."

28 Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have
left everything and followed you."
29 Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, no one who has
left house or brothers or sisters or mother or
father or children or fields for my sake and for
the sake of the gospel
30 will fail to receive a hundredfold now, in
this time: houses, brothers, sisters, mothers,
children, and fields, with persecutions; and in
the age to come, eternal life.
31 But many who are first will be last, and the
last first."

32 They were on the road going up to
Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of
them. They were amazed, and those who
followed were afraid. Taking the Twelve aside
again, he began to tell them what was going to
happen to him:
33 "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and
the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief
priests and the scribes. They will condemn him
to death and hand him over to the Gentiles.
34 They will mock him, spit on him, flog him,
and kill him, and after three days he will rise."

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came
to him and said, “Teacher, we want you to do for
us whatever we ask of you.”
36 He said to them, “What do you want me to
do for you?”
37 They said to him, “Grant that we may sit, one
at your right and one at your left, in your glory.”
38 Jesus said to them, “You do not know what
you are asking. Can you drink the cup I drink, or
be baptized with the baptism I undergo?”
39 They said to him, “We can.” Jesus said to
them, “You will drink the cup I drink, and you
will be baptized with the baptism I undergo.
40 But to sit at my right or my left is not mine
to grant; it is for those for whom it has been
prepared.”
41 When the ten heard this, they began to be
indignant with James and John.
42 Jesus called them to him and said to them,
“You know that those regarded as rulers of the
Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones
exercise authority over them.
43 But it is not so among you. Whoever wants
to become great among you will be your servant,
44 and whoever wants to be first among you
will be the slave of all.
45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be
served, but to serve, and to give his life as a
ransom for many.”
46 They came to Jericho. As Jesus was leaving
Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd,
Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, a blind beggar,
was sitting beside the road.

47 When he heard that it was Jesus of
Nazareth, he began to cry out, “Jesus, Son of
David, have mercy on me!”
48 Many rebuked him, telling him to be quiet,
but he cried out all the more, “Son of David,
have mercy on me!”
49 Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” They
called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart!
Get up; he is calling you.”
50 He threw off his cloak, sprang up, and came
to Jesus.
51 Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to
do for you?” The blind man said to him,
“Rabbouni, let me regain my sight.”
52 Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has saved
you.” Immediately he regained his sight and
followed him on the road.

11

1 As they approached Jerusalem, near
Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two of his disciples
2 and said to them, “Go into the village ahead
of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a
colt tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie
it and bring it.
3 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’
say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here
at once.’ ”
4 They went and found a colt tied outside by a
doorway in the street, and they untied it.
5 Some of those standing there said to them,
“What are you doing, untying the colt?”

6 They answered just as Jesus had told them,
and the people let them go.
7 They brought the colt to Jesus and put their
cloaks on it, and he sat on it.
8 Many spread their cloaks on the road, while
others spread leafy branches they had cut from
the fields.
9 Those going ahead and those following were
crying out, “Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord!
10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father
David!
Hosanna in the highest!”
11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the
temple. After looking around at everything, he
went out to Bethany with the Twelve, since it
was already late.
12 The next day, as they were leaving Bethany,
he was hungry.
13 Seeing a fig tree in leaf from a distance, he
went to see whether he might find anything on
it. When he reached it, he found nothing but
leaves, for it was not the season for figs.
14 He said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from
you again.” His disciples heard him.
15 They came to Jerusalem. Jesus entered the
temple and began to drive out those selling and
buying there. He overturned the tables of the
money changers and the seats of those selling
doves,
16 and he would not allow anyone to carry any
object through the temple.

17 He taught them, saying, “Is it not written,
‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all
nations’?
But you have made it a den of
robbers.”
18 The chief priests and the scribes heard this
and sought a way to destroy him, for they feared
him, because the whole crowd was astonished at
his teaching.
19 Whenever evening came, they would go out
of the city.
20 In the morning, as they passed by, they saw
the fig tree withered from the roots.
21 Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi,
look! The fig tree you cursed has withered.”
22 Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God.
23 Truly I tell you, whoever says to this
mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’
and does not doubt in his heart but believes that
what he says will happen, will have it.
24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you pray and
ask for, believe that you have received it, and it
will be yours.
25 And whenever you stand praying, forgive if
you have anything against anyone, so that your
Father in heaven may also forgive you your
trespasses.”
26 [“But if you do not forgive, neither will your
Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”]
27 They came to Jerusalem again. While Jesus
was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the
scribes, and the elders came to him
28 and asked him, “By what authority are you
doing these things? Or who gave you this

authority to do them?"
29 Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one
question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what
authority I do these things.
30 Was John's baptism from heaven or from
human beings? Answer me."
31 They discussed it among themselves, saying,
"What should we say? If we say, 'From heaven,'
he will say, 'Then why did you not believe him?'
32 But should we say, 'From human beings'?"
They feared the crowd, for everyone regarded
John as truly a prophet.
33 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know."
Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by
what authority I do these things."

12

1 Jesus began to speak to them in parables: "A
man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it,
dug a pit for the winepress, and built a tower.
He leased it to tenants and went away.
2 At the proper season, he sent a slave to the
tenants to receive from them a share of the
vineyard's fruit.
3 But they seized him, beat him, and sent him
away empty-handed.
4 Again he sent another slave to them. They
wounded him in the head and treated him
shamefully.
5 He sent another, and they killed him. He sent
many others; some they beat and some they
killed.

6 He still had one left, a beloved son. He sent
him to them last of all, saying, 'They will respect
my son.'
7 But those tenants said to one another, 'This is
the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the
inheritance will be ours.'
8 They seized him, killed him, and threw him
outside the vineyard.
9 What will the owner of the vineyard do? He
will come and destroy the tenants and give the
vineyard to others.
10 Have you not even read this Scripture:
'The stone the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone;
11 this came from the Lord, and it is marvelous
in our eyes'?"
12 They wanted to arrest him but were afraid
of the crowd, for they knew that he had spoken
the parable against them. So they left him and
went away.
13 They sent some of the Pharisees and
Herodians to him to trap him in what he said.
14 They came and said to him, "Teacher, we
know that you are truthful and are not swayed
by anyone, for you show no partiality but teach
the way of God truthfully. Is it lawful to pay the
tax to Caesar or not? Should we pay or should
we not?"
15 But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to
them, "Why are you testing me? Bring me a
denarius so I can see it."
16 They brought one, and he said to them,
"Whose image and inscription are these?" They
said to him, "Caesar's."

17 Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs
to God.” They were greatly amazed at him.
18 Some Sadducees, who say there is no
resurrection, came to him and asked him,
19 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's
brother dies and leaves a wife but no child, his
brother must take the wife and raise up
offspring for his brother.
20 There were seven brothers. The first
married and died without leaving offspring.
21 The second married her and died without
leaving offspring, and the third did likewise.
22 None of the seven left offspring. Last of all,
the woman also died.
23 In the resurrection, when they rise, whose
wife will she be? For all seven had her as their
wife.”
24 Jesus said to them, “Is this not why you are
mistaken, because you know neither the
Scriptures nor the power of God?
25 For when they rise from the dead, they
neither marry nor are given in marriage, but
are like angels in heaven.
26 And concerning the dead being raised, have
you not read in the book of Moses, in the
passage about the bush, how God said to him, ‘I
am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and
the God of Jacob’?
27 He is not God of the dead, but of the living.
You are greatly mistaken.”
28 One of the scribes came up and heard them
debating. Seeing that Jesus had answered them

well, he asked him, “Which commandment is
first of all?”
29 Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel:
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
30 And you shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart, with all your soul, with all your
mind, and with all your strength.’
31 The second is this: ‘You shall love your
neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other
commandment greater than these.”
32 The scribe said to him, “Well said, Teacher.
You have truly said that he is one, and there is
no other besides him,
33 and that to love him with all the heart, with
all the understanding, and with all the strength,
and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more
than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”
34 When Jesus saw that he had answered
wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the
kingdom of God.” And no one dared to question
him any further.
35 As Jesus taught in the temple, he said, “How
can the scribes say that the Christ is David's son?
36 David himself said by the Holy Spirit,
‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies beneath your
feet.” ’
37 David himself calls him Lord. How, then, is
he his son?” The large crowd listened to him
gladly.
38 In his teaching he said, “Beware of the
scribes, who like to walk around in long robes,
receive greetings in the marketplaces,

39 and have the best seats in the synagogues
and the places of honor at banquets.
40 They devour widows' houses and make long
prayers for a pretense. They will receive a more
severe condemnation."
41 He sat down opposite the treasury and
watched how the crowd put money into it.
Many rich people put in large sums.
42 A poor widow came and put in two lepta,
which make one quadrans.
43 He called his disciples to him and said to
them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put
in more than all those putting money into the
treasury.
44 For they all gave out of their abundance, but
she, out of her poverty, put in everything she
had, all she had to live on."

13

1 As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his
disciples said to him, "Teacher, look! What
stones and what buildings!"
2 Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great
buildings? Not one stone will be left here on
another that will not be thrown down."
3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the
temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked
him privately,
4 "Tell us, when will these things happen, and
what will be the sign when all these things are
about to be fulfilled?"
5 Jesus began to say to them, "Be careful that
no one leads you astray.

6 Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am
he,’ and will lead many astray.
7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars,
do not be alarmed. These things must happen,
but the end is not yet.
8 For nation will rise against nation and
kingdom against kingdom. There will be
earthquakes in various places, and there will be
famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.
9 But watch yourselves. They will hand you
over to councils, and you will be beaten in
synagogues. You will stand before governors
and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them.
10 And the gospel must first be proclaimed to
all nations.
11 When they lead you away to hand you over,
do not worry beforehand about what to say. Say
whatever is given to you in that hour, for it is
not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.
12 Brother will hand over brother to death,
and a father his child. Children will rise against
parents and have them put to death.
13 You will be hated by all because of my
name, but the one who endures to the end will
be saved.
14 But when you see the abomination of
desolation standing where it should not be (let
the reader understand), then let those in Judea
flee to the mountains.
15 Let the one on the housetop not go down or
enter his house to take anything out.
16 And let the one in the field not turn back to
take his cloak.

17 But woe to those who are pregnant and to
those nursing infants in those days!
18 Pray that it does not happen in winter.
19 For those days will be a tribulation unlike
any that has occurred from the beginning of the
creation God created until now, or ever will
occur.
20 If the Lord had not shortened the days, no
one would be saved. But for the sake of the
elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days.
21 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the
Christ!' or 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it.
22 For false christs and false prophets will
arise and perform signs and wonders to lead the
elect astray, if possible.
23 But you must be on your guard. I have told
you everything beforehand.
24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the
sun will be darkened, and the moon will not
give its light.
25 The stars will be falling from heaven, and
the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in
clouds with great power and glory.
27 Then he will send the angels and gather the
elect from the four winds, from the end of the
earth to the end of heaven.
28 Learn the lesson from the fig tree: as soon
as its branch becomes tender and puts out
leaves, you know that summer is near.
29 So also, when you see these things
happening, know that it is near, at the doors.
30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass

away until all these things happen.
31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my
words will never pass away.
32 But concerning that day or hour, no one
knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son,
but only the Father.
33 Be on your guard; stay awake, for you do
not know when the time will come.
34 It is like a man going away who leaves his
house, gives his slaves authority, each with his
own work, and commands the doorkeeper to
keep watch.
35 Therefore keep watch, for you do not know
when the master of the house is coming: in the
evening, at midnight, when the rooster crows, or
at dawn.
36 Otherwise he may come suddenly and find
you sleeping.
37 What I say to you I say to all: Keep watch!”

14

1 The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened
Bread were two days away. The chief priests
and the scribes were seeking a way to seize
Jesus by deceit and kill him,
2 for they said, “Not during the feast, or there
may be an uproar among the people.”

3 While he was in Bethany, reclining at the
table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman
came with an alabaster jar of very costly
perfume made of pure nard. She broke the jar
open and poured it over his head.

4 Some were indignant with one another:
“Why has this perfume been wasted?
5 For it could have been sold for more than
three hundred denarii, roughly three hundred
days' wages, and the proceeds given to the poor.”
And they scolded her harshly.
6 But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why are
you troubling her? She has done a beautiful
thing for me.
7 For you always have the poor with you and
can do good for them whenever you wish, but
you do not always have me.
8 She has done what she could. She has
anointed my body beforehand for burial.
9 Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is
proclaimed in the whole world, what she has
done will also be told in memory of her.”
10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went
to the chief priests to hand Jesus over to them.
11 They were glad when they heard this and
promised to give him money. So he sought an
opportunity to hand him over.
12 On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when
the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples
said to him, “Where do you want us to go and
prepare for you to eat the Passover?”
13 He sent two of his disciples and said to
them, “Go into the city. A man carrying a jar of
water will meet you. Follow him,
14 and wherever he enters, say to the owner of
the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is my guest
room, where I may eat the Passover with my
disciples?” ’

15 He will show you a large upper room,
furnished and ready. Make preparations for us
there."
16 The disciples went out, came into the city,
and found things just as he had told them. They
prepared the Passover.

17 When evening came, he arrived with the
Twelve.
18 As they reclined at the table and ate, Jesus
said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me,
one who is eating with me."
19 They began to be sorrowful and said to him
one by one, "Surely not I?"
20 He said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, one
who dips with me into the dish.
21 For the Son of Man goes just 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 not to have been born."

22 As they were eating, he took bread, blessed
it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take it;
this is my body."
23 He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to
them, and they all drank from it.
24 He said to them, "This is my blood of the
covenant, which is poured out for many.
25 Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of
the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink
it new in the kingdom of God."

26 After singing a hymn, they went out to the
Mount of Olives.

27 Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for
it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the
sheep will be scattered.’
28 But after I have been raised, I will go ahead
of you to Galilee.”
29 Peter said to him, “Even if all fall away, I will
not.”
30 Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, today,
this very night, before the rooster crows twice,
you will deny me three times.”
31 But Peter insisted all the more, “Even if I
must die with you, I will never deny you.” And
they all said the same.

32 They came to a place called Gethsemane,
and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I
pray.”
33 He took Peter, James, and John with him,
and began to be deeply troubled and distressed.
34 He said to them, “My soul is deeply
sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and keep
watch.”
35 He went a little farther, fell to the ground,
and prayed that, if possible, the hour might pass
from him.
36 He said, “Abba, Father, all things are
possible for you. Take this cup away from me.
Yet not what I will, but what you will.”
37 He came and found them sleeping and said
to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not
keep watch for one hour?
38 Keep watch and pray that you may not
enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but
the flesh is weak.”

39 Again he went away and prayed, saying the
same words.
40 He came again and found them sleeping, for
their eyes were heavy, and they did not know
what to answer him.
41 He came the third time and said to them,
“Sleep on now and take your rest. Enough! The
hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is being
handed over into the hands of sinners.
42 Get up; let us go. Look, my betrayer has
drawn near.”
43 Immediately, while he was still speaking,
Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was
a crowd with swords and clubs, sent by the chief
priests, the scribes, and the elders.
44 His betrayer had given them a signal,
saying, “The one I kiss is the man. Seize him and
lead him away under guard.”
45 When he arrived, he went straight up to
Jesus, said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him.
46 They laid hands on him and seized him.
47 But one of those standing nearby drew his
sword, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off
his ear.
48 Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with
swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were
a robber?
49 Day after day I was with you in the temple
teaching, and you did not seize me. But this is so
that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.”
50 And they all left him and fled.
51 A young man was following him, wearing
only a linen cloth over his naked body. They
seized him,

52 but he left the linen cloth behind and fled
naked.
53 They led Jesus away to the high priest, and
all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes
gathered.
54 Peter followed him at a distance, right into
the high priest's courtyard. He sat with the
guards and warmed himself by the fire.
55 The chief priests and the whole council
were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him
to death, but they found none.
56 For many gave false testimony against him,
but their testimonies did not agree.
57 Some stood up and gave false testimony
against him, saying,
58 “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this
temple made with hands, and in three days I
will build another not made with hands.’ ”
59 But even then their testimony did not agree.
60 The high priest stood up in their midst and
asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is this
testimony they bring against you?”
61 But he kept silent and answered nothing.
Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the
Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”
62 Jesus said, “I am. And you will see the Son of
Man seated at the right hand of Power and
coming with the clouds of heaven.”
63 The high priest tore his tunics and said,
“What further need do we have of witnesses?
64 You have heard the blasphemy. What is
your judgment?” They all condemned him as
deserving death.

65 Some began to spit on him, cover his face,
and strike him with their fists, saying to him,
“Prophesy!” And the guards received him with
slaps.
66 While Peter was below in the courtyard, one
of the high priest's slave girls came.
67 When she saw Peter warming himself, she
looked closely at him and said, “You too were
with Jesus of Nazareth.”
68 But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor
understand what you are talking about.” He
went outside into the forecourt, and a rooster
crowed.
69 The slave girl saw him and began again to
say to those standing nearby, “This man is one of
them.”
70 But again he denied it. A little later, those
standing nearby said to Peter again, “Surely you
are one of them, for you too are a Galilean, and
your speech is like theirs.”
71 He began to curse and swear, “I do not know
this man you are talking about.”
72 Immediately a rooster crowed a second
time. Peter remembered what Jesus had said to
him: “Before the rooster crows twice, you will
deny me three times.” And as he thought about
it, he wept.

15

1 Early in the morning, the chief priests held a
consultation with the elders, the scribes, and the
whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away,
and handed him over to Pilate.

2 Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the
Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.”
3 The chief priests accused him of many things.
4 Pilate questioned him again, “Have you no
answer? See how many accusations they bring
against you.”
5 But Jesus gave no further answer, so Pilate
was amazed.
6 At the feast, Pilate used to release for them
one prisoner whom they requested.
7 A man called Barabbas was imprisoned with
the rebels who had committed murder in the
uprising.
8 The crowd came up and began to ask him to
do as he usually did for them.
9 Pilate answered them, “Do you want me to
release for you the King of the Jews?”
10 For he knew that the chief priests had
handed him over out of envy.
11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to
have him release Barabbas for them instead.
12 Pilate said to them again, “Then what do you
want me to do with the one you call the King of
the Jews?”
13 They shouted again, “Crucify him!”
14 Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he
done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify
him!”
15 Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released
Barabbas for them. After having Jesus flogged,
he handed him over to be crucified.
16 The soldiers led him inside the courtyard,
that is, the Praetorium, and called together the

whole cohort.
17 They dressed him in purple, wove a crown
of thorns, and put it on him.
18 They began to salute him: “Hail, King of the
Jews!”
19 They kept striking his head with a reed and
spitting on him. They knelt and bowed before
him.
20 After mocking him, they took off the purple
robe, put his own clothes on him, and led him
out to crucify him.
21 They compelled a passerby, Simon of
Cyrene, who was coming in from the
countryside, the father of Alexander and Rufus,
to carry his cross.
22 They brought him to the place called
Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull.
23 They offered him wine mixed with myrrh,
but he did not take it.
24 They crucified him and divided his clothes,
casting lots for them to decide what each would
take.
25 It was about nine in the morning when they
crucified him.
26 The inscription of the charge against him
read, “The King of the Jews.”
27 With him they crucified two robbers, one at
his right and one at his left.
28 [And the Scripture was fulfilled that says,
“And he was numbered with the transgressors.”]
29 Those passing by reviled him, shaking their
heads and saying, “Aha! You who destroy the
temple and build it in three days,

30 save yourself by coming down from the
cross!"
31 Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes,
mocked him among themselves, saying, "He
saved others; he cannot save himself.
32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down
now from the cross, so that we may see and
believe." Those crucified with him also insulted
him.
33 Around noon, darkness came over the
whole land until about three in the afternoon.
34 At about three, Jesus cried out with a loud
voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which
means, "My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?"
35 When some of those standing nearby heard
this, they said, "Look, he is calling Elijah."
36 Someone ran, filled a sponge with sour
wine, put it on a reed, and gave him a drink,
saying, "Wait; let us see whether Elijah comes to
take him down."
37 But Jesus let out a loud cry and breathed his
last.
38 The curtain of the temple was torn in two
from top to bottom.
39 When the centurion standing opposite him
saw how he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this
man was God's Son!"
40 There were also women watching from a
distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene,
Mary the mother of James the younger and
Joses, and Salome.
41 They had followed him and served him
when he was in Galilee. Many other women

who had come up with him to Jerusalem were there as well.
42 Evening had already come, and since it was Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath,
43 Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, came and boldly went in to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.
44 Pilate was surprised that he was already dead. He called the centurion and asked whether he had been dead for some time.
45 After learning this from the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph.
46 Joseph bought a linen cloth, took him down, wrapped him in the cloth, and laid him in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.
47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were watching where he was laid.

16

1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint him.
2 Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb after the sun had risen.
3 They were saying to one another, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb for us?”
4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, for it was very large.

5 They entered the tomb and saw a young man
sitting on the right, dressed in a white robe, and
they were alarmed.
6 He said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You are
looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was
crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. See
the place where they laid him.
7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is
going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see
him, just as he told you.’ ”
8 They went out and fled from the tomb, for
trembling and astonishment had seized them.
They said nothing to anyone, for they were
afraid.
9 [After Jesus rose early on the first day of the
week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene,
from whom he had cast out seven demons.]
10 [She went and told those who had been with
him, who were mourning and weeping.]
11 [When they heard that he was alive and had
been seen by her, they did not believe.]
12 [After this, he appeared in another form to
two of them as they were walking into the
countryside.]
13 [They went and told the rest, but they did
not believe them either.]
14 [Later he appeared to the Eleven as they
reclined at the table. He rebuked their unbelief
and hardness of heart because they had not
believed those who had seen him risen.]
15 [He said to them, “Go into all the world and
proclaim the gospel to all creation.]
16 [Whoever believes and is baptized will be

saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.]
17 [These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;]
18 [they will pick up snakes, and even if they drink anything deadly, it will certainly not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well."]
19 [So then, after speaking to them, the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.]
20 [They went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through the signs that accompanied it.]

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