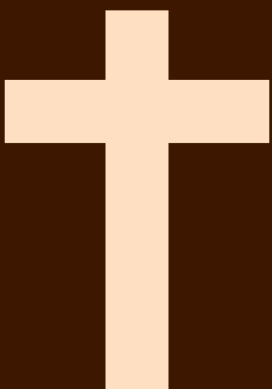
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Matthew

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.

28

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.”

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.]

Luke

1 Since many have undertaken to compile an account of
the events fulfilled among us,
2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses
and servants of the word handed them down to us,
3 I too, having carefully investigated everything from the
beginning, decided to write an orderly account for you,
most excellent Theophilus,
4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you
have been taught.
5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest
named Zechariah, from the division of Abijah. His wife was
a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.
6 Both were righteous before God, living blamelessly
according to all the Lord's commandments and ordinances.
7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren,
and both were advanced in years.
8 When his division was on duty, Zechariah was serving
as priest before God,
9 he was chosen by lot, according to the priestly custom,
to enter the Lord's sanctuary and burn incense.
10 The whole crowd of people was praying outside at the
hour of incense.
11 An angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the
right of the altar of incense.
12 When Zechariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear
fell upon him.
13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah,
for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will
bear you a son, and you are to name him John.
14 You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice
at his birth,
15 for he will be great before the Lord. He will never
drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the
Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb.
16 He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord
their God.
17 He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah,
to turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the
disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready
a people prepared for the Lord."
18 Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I know this? For
I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years."

19 The angel answered him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in
the presence of God. I was sent to speak to you and bring
you this good news.
20 And now you will be silent and unable to speak until
the day these things happen, because you did not believe
my words, which will be fulfilled at their appointed time.”
21 The people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering
why he stayed so long in the sanctuary.
22 When he came out, he could not speak to them, and
they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He
kept making signs to them and remained unable to speak.
23 When his days of service were completed, he went
home.
24 After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived and kept
herself secluded for five months. She said,
25 “This is what the Lord has done for me in these days
when he looked on me to take away my disgrace among the
people.”
26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God
to a town in Galilee named Nazareth,
27 to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man named
Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.
28 He came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The
Lord is with you.”
29 She was deeply troubled by his words and wondered
what this greeting could mean.
30 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you
have found favor with God.
31 Look, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you are to name him Jesus.
32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most
High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father
David,
33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his
kingdom will have no end.”
34 Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I have
not had relations with a man?”
35 The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come
upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow
you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the
Son of God.
36 And look, your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a
son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who
was called barren.
37 For no word from God will fail.”

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

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

62 Then they made signs to his father to find out what he
wanted the child to be called.
63 He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is
John.” And they were all amazed.
64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set
free, and he began to speak, blessing God.
65 Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things
were talked about throughout the hill country of Judea.
66 All who heard kept these things in their hearts, saying,
“What then will this child become?” For the hand of the
Lord was with him.
67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and
prophesied:
68 “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited
his people and brought them redemption.
69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house
of his servant David,
70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from
long ago:
71 salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who
hate us,
72 to show mercy to our fathers and remember his holy
covenant,
73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
74 that, rescued from the hand of our enemies, we might
serve him without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
76 And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
77 to give his people knowledge of salvation through the
forgiveness of their sins,
78 because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the
dawn from on high will visit us,
79 to shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of
death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”
80 The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he
lived in the wilderness until the day of his public
appearance to Israel.

2

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus
that the whole inhabited world should be registered.
2 This was the first census, taken while Quirinius was
governing Syria.
3 Everyone went to be registered, each to his own town.

4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of
Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem,
because he belonged to the house and family of David.
5 He went to be registered with Mary, who was pledged in
marriage to him and was pregnant.
6 While they were there, the time came for her to give
birth.
7 She bore her firstborn son, wrapped him in cloths, and
laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them
in the lodging place.
8 In the same region there were shepherds staying out in
the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night.
9 An angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of
the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.
10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. Look, I
bring you good news of great joy for all the people:
11 today in the city of David a Savior has been born to
you, who is Christ the Lord.
12 This will be the sign for you: you will find a baby
wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”
13 Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the
heavenly army, praising God and saying,
14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among
those on whom his favor rests.”
15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven,
the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to
Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the
Lord has made known to us.”
16 They hurried there and found Mary and Joseph, and
the baby lying in the manger.
17 When they saw him, they made known what they had
been told about this child.
18 All who heard were amazed at what the shepherds told
them.
19 But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in
her heart.
20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God
for all they had heard and seen, just as they had been told.
21 When eight days had passed and it was time to
circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name given by
the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
22 When the days of their purification according to the
law of Moses were completed, they brought him up to
Jerusalem to present him to the Lord,
23 as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who
first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord,”

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the
law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young
pigeons.”
25 There was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. This
man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation
of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.
26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he
would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
27 He came into the temple in the Spirit. When the
parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was
customary under the law,
28 Simeon took him into his arms, blessed God, and said,
29 “Now, Sovereign Lord, you are letting your servant
depart in peace, according to your word,
30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,
31 which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples:
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your
people Israel.”
33 His father and mother were amazed at what was being
said about him.
34 Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
“Look, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many
in Israel, and for a sign that will be spoken against
35 (and a sword will pierce your own soul too), so that the
thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”
36 There was also a prophetess, Anna, daughter of
Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very advanced in
years, having lived with her husband seven years after her
marriage,
37 and then as a widow until the age of eighty-four. She
never left the temple, serving with fasting and prayers
night and day.
38 She came up at that very hour and gave thanks to God,
and spoke about the child to all who were waiting for the
redemption of Jerusalem.
39 When they had completed everything required by the
law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town
of Nazareth.
40 The child grew and became strong, being filled with
wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.
41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year for the Feast
of Passover.
42 When he was twelve years old, they went up according
to the custom of the feast.

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

3

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar,
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch
of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the
region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,
2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the
word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the
wilderness.
3 He went into all the region around the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of
sins,
4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the
prophet:
"A voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way
of the Lord;
make his paths straight.
5 Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill
brought low.
The crooked will become straight, and the rough ways
smooth,
6 and all flesh will see the salvation of God.' "

7 John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by
him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from
the coming wrath?
8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say
to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell
you, God is able to raise up children for Abraham from
these stones.
9 Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Every tree
that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into
the fire.”
10 The crowds asked him, “What then should we do?”
11 He answered them, “Whoever has two tunics should
share with someone who has none, and whoever has food
should do the same.”
12 Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him,
“Teacher, what should we do?”
13 He told them, “Collect no more than you have been
instructed to.”
14 Soldiers also asked him, “And what should we do?” He
said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone or make
false accusations, and be content with your wages.”
15 The people were waiting expectantly, and all were
wondering in their hearts whether John might be the
Christ.
16 John answered them all, “I baptize you with water, but
one more powerful than I is coming. I am not worthy to
untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the
Holy Spirit and fire.
17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his
threshing floor and gather the wheat into his storehouse,
but he will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire.”
18 With many other exhortations he proclaimed the good
news to the people.
19 But Herod the tetrarch, whom John rebuked because of
Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the evil things Herod
had done,
20 added this to them all: he locked John in prison.
21 When all the people had been baptized, Jesus too was
baptized. As he was praying, heaven opened,
22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form
like a dove. A voice came from heaven: “You are my
beloved Son; in you I am well pleased.”
23 Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his
ministry. He was the son, as people supposed, of Joseph,
son of Heli,
24 son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Melchi, son of
Jannai, son of Joseph,

25 son of Mattathias, son of Amos, son of Nahum, son of Esli, son of Naggai,
26 son of Maath, son of Mattathias, son of Semein, son of Josech, son of Joda,
27 son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, son of Neri,
28 son of Melchi, son of Addi, son of Cosam, son of Elmadam, son of Er,
29 son of Joshua, son of Eliezer, son of Jorim, son of Matthat, son of Levi,
30 son of Simeon, son of Judah, son of Joseph, son of Jonam, son of Eliakim,
31 son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of Nathan, son of David,
32 son of Jesse, son of Jobel, son of Boaz, son of Sala, son of Nahshon,
33 son of Amminadab, son of Admin, son of Arni, son of Hezron, son of Perez, son of Judah,
34 son of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham, son of Terah, son of Nahor,
35 son of Serug, son of Reu, son of Peleg, son of Eber, son of Shelah,
36 son of Cainan, son of Arphaxad, son of Shem, son of Noah, son of Lamech,
37 son of Methuselah, son of Enoch, son of Jared, son of Mahalalel, son of Cainan,
38 son of Enosh, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God.

4

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness
2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they ended, he was hungry.
3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."
4 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’ "
5 Then the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the inhabited world in an instant.
6 The devil said to him, “I will give you all this authority and their glory, because it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.
7 So if you worship before me, it will all be yours.”
8 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.’ "

9 Then he led him to Jerusalem, stood him on the
pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son
of God, throw yourself down from here,
10 for it is written, ‘He will command his angels
concerning you, to guard you,’
11 and, ‘They will bear you up in their hands, so that you
will not strike your foot against a stone.’ ”
12 Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the
Lord your God to the test.’ ”
13 When the devil had finished every temptation, he
departed from him until an opportune time.
14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and
news about him spread throughout the surrounding region.
15 He taught in their synagogues and was glorified by all.
16 He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up.
On the Sabbath he entered the synagogue, as was his
custom, and stood up to read.
17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He
unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was
written,
18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has
anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to captives and
recovery of sight to the blind, to set the oppressed
free,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
20 He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant,
and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were
fixed on him.
21 Then he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has
been fulfilled in your hearing.”
22 Everyone spoke well of him and marveled at the
gracious words coming from his mouth. They said, “Is this
not Joseph’s son?”
23 He said to them, “You will surely quote this proverb to
me, ‘Physician, heal yourself,’ and say, ‘Do here in your
hometown too what we have heard happened in
Capernaum.’ ”
24 Then he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted
in his hometown.
25 But I tell you in truth, there were many widows in
Israel in Elijah’s days, when heaven was shut for three
years and six months and a great famine came over all the
land.
26 Yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to a
widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.

27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of
Elisha the prophet, yet none of them was cleansed except
Naaman the Syrian."
28 When they heard these things, everyone in the
synagogue was filled with rage.
29 They rose, drove him out of the town, and led him to
the edge of the hill on which their town was built,
intending to throw him down.
30 But he passed through their midst and went on his way.
31 He went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and
was teaching them on the Sabbaths.
32 They were astonished at his teaching, because his word
had authority.
33 In the synagogue there was a man with an unclean
demonic spirit. He cried out in a loud voice,
34 "Ah! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?
Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the
Holy One of God!"
35 Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of
him!" The demon threw the man down in their midst and
came out of him without harming him at all.
36 Amazement came over them all, and they said to one
another, "What is this word? With authority and power he
commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!"
37 Reports about him spread to every place in the
surrounding region.
38 He left the synagogue and entered Simon's house.
Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and
they pleaded with him for her.
39 He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her.
At once she got up and began serving them.
40 As the sun was setting, all who had people suffering
from various diseases brought them to him. He laid his
hands on each one and healed them.
41 Demons also came out of many, crying out, "You are the
Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not let them
speak, because they knew he was the Christ.
42 At daybreak he went out to a deserted place. The
crowds kept looking for him, and when they came to him,
they tried to keep him from leaving them.
43 But he said to them, "I must proclaim the good news of
the kingdom of God to the other towns as well, because I
was sent for this purpose."
44 And he continued preaching in the synagogues of
Judea.

5

1 While Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret,
the crowd pressed around him to hear the word of God.
2 He saw two boats at the edge of the lake. The fishermen
had left them and were washing their nets.
3 He got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon,
and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he
sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.
4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put
out into deep water, and let down your nets for a catch."
5 Simon answered, "Master, we worked hard all night and
caught nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets."
6 When they did this, they enclosed a great number of
fish, and their nets began to tear.
7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to
come and help them. They came and filled both boats until
they began to sink.
8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and
said, "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"
9 For amazement had seized him and all who were with
him at the catch of fish they had taken,
10 and likewise James and John, Zebedee's sons, who
were Simon's partners. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be
afraid. From now on you will catch people alive."
11 They brought the boats to shore, left everything, and
followed him.
12 While he was in one of the towns, a man covered with
leprosy saw Jesus, fell facedown, and begged him, "Lord, if
you are willing, you can make me clean."
13 Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I
am willing. Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him.
14 He ordered him to tell no one, but said, "Go, show
yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what
Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."
15 But the news about him spread all the more, and large
crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their
illnesses.
16 Yet he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.
17 One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of
the law were sitting there. They had come from every
village of Galilee and Judea, and from Jerusalem. The
Lord's power was with him to heal.
18 Some men brought a paralyzed man on a bed and tried
to take him inside and lay him before Jesus.
19 Finding no way to take him in because of the crowd,
they went up on the roof and lowered him on his bed

through the tiles into the midst of the crowd, in front of Jesus.
20 When he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins have been forgiven.”
21 The scribes and Pharisees began to reason, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”
22 Jesus knew their thoughts and answered them, “What are you thinking in your hearts?
23 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins have been forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?
24 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralyzed man—“I tell you, get up, take your bed, and go home.”
25 Immediately he stood up before them, picked up what he had been lying on, and went home, glorifying God.
26 Amazement seized them all, and they glorified God. Filled with fear, they said, “We have seen extraordinary things today!”
27 After this Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax booth. He said to him, “Follow me.”
28 Leaving everything, he got up and followed him.
29 Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house. A large crowd of tax collectors and others were reclining at the table with them.
30 The Pharisees and their scribes complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”
31 Jesus answered them, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but those who are sick do.
32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”
33 They said to him, “John’s disciples fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink.”
34 Jesus said to them, “Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?
35 But days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them. Then they will fast in those days.”
36 He also told them a parable: “No one tears a patch from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. Otherwise he will tear the new one, and the patch from the new will not match the old.
37 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise the new wine will burst the skins, and it will spill out, and the skins will be ruined.

38 New wine must be put into new wineskins.
39 And no one who has drunk old wine wants new, for he says, 'The old is good.' "

6

1 On a Sabbath Jesus was walking through grainfields. His disciples were plucking heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating.
2 Some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"
3 Jesus answered them, "Have you not even read what David did when he and those with him were hungry?
4 How he entered the house of God, took and ate the bread of the Presence, and gave some to those with him, although only the priests are permitted to eat it?"
5 He said to them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."
6 On another Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. A man was there whose right hand was withered.
7 The scribes and Pharisees were watching him closely to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so they could find grounds to accuse him.
8 But he knew their thoughts and said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and stand in the middle." He got up and stood there.
9 Jesus said to them, "I ask you: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save a life or to destroy it?"
10 After looking around at them all, he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored.
11 But they were filled with rage and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.
12 In those days Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, and he spent the whole night in prayer to God.
13 When day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles:
14 Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew,
15 Matthew and Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot,
16 Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.
17 He came down with them and stood on a level place. There was a large crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon,

18 who had come to hear him and to be healed of their
diseases. Those troubled by unclean spirits were also being
healed.
19 The whole crowd tried to touch him, because power
was going out from him and healing them all.
20 He looked up at his disciples and said, “Blessed are you
who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be filled.
Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
22 Blessed are you when people hate you, exclude you,
insult you, and reject your name as evil because of the Son
of Man.
23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for your reward is
great in heaven. That is how their fathers treated the
prophets.
24 But woe to you who are rich, for you have received
your comfort.
25 Woe to you who are full now, for you will hunger. Woe
to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.
26 Woe when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how
their fathers treated the false prophets.
27 But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies;
do good to those who hate you;
28 bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat
you.
29 If someone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other
also. If someone takes your cloak, do not withhold your
tunic either.
30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if someone takes
what is yours, do not demand it back.
31 As you want people to do to you, do the same to them.
32 If you love those who love you, what credit is that to
you? Even sinners love those who love them.
33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what
credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same.
34 If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive,
what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to
receive the same amount back.
35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend without
expecting anything in return. Your reward will be great,
and you will be children of the Most High, for he is kind to
the ungrateful and the evil.
36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
37 Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not
condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and
you will be forgiven.

38 Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour a good
measure into your lap—pressed down, shaken together,
and overflowing. For the measure you use will be
measured back to you."
39 He also told them a parable: "Can a blind person lead a
blind person? Will they not both fall into a pit?
40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is
fully trained will be like his teacher.
41 Why do you see the speck in your brother's eye, but fail
to notice the beam in your own eye?
42 How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take
the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself do not see the
beam in your eye? Hypocrite! First take the beam out of
your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the
speck out of your brother's eye.
43 For no good tree bears rotten fruit, nor does a rotten
tree bear good fruit.
44 Each tree is known by its own fruit. People do not
gather figs from thorns or harvest grapes from a bramble.
45 A good person brings forth good from the good
treasure of his heart, and an evil person brings forth evil
from the evil treasure. For his mouth speaks from the
abundance of his heart.
46 Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I
say?
47 Everyone who comes to me, hears my words, and does
them—I will show you what he is like.
48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and
laid a foundation on the rock. When a flood came, the river
crashed against that house but could not shake it, because
it had been well built.
49 But the one who hears and does not act is like a man
who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The
river crashed against it, and immediately it collapsed, and
the ruin of that house was great."

7

1 When Jesus had finished all his words in the hearing of
the people, he entered Capernaum.
2 A centurion had a slave whom he valued highly, who
was sick and about to die.
3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent Jewish elders to
him, asking him to come and save his slave.
4 They came to Jesus and urged him earnestly, saying, "He
deserves to have you do this for him,

5 for he loves our nation, and he himself built our
synagogue for us."
6 Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the
house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do
not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come
under my roof.
7 That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to
come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be
healed.
8 For I too am a man placed under authority, with soldiers
under me. I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; to another, 'Come,'
and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it."
9 When Jesus heard this, he marveled at him. Turning to
the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, not even in
Israel have I found such great faith."
10 When those who had been sent returned to the house,
they found the slave well.
11 Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his
disciples and a large crowd went with him.
12 As he approached the town gate, a dead man was being
carried out, the only son of his mother, who was a widow. A
considerable crowd from the town was with her.
13 When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and
said, "Do not weep."
14 He went up and touched the bier, and those carrying it
stood still. He said, "Young man, I tell you, get up!"
15 The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus
gave him to his mother.
16 Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A
great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited
his people!"
17 This report about him spread throughout Judea and all
the surrounding region.
18 John's disciples told him about all these things. John
called two of his disciples
19 and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who
is to come, or should we expect another?"
20 When the men came to him, they said, "John the Baptist
has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come,
or should we expect another?' "
21 At that very hour he healed many of diseases,
afflictions, and evil spirits, and granted sight to many who
were blind.
22 He answered them, "Go and tell John what you have
seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame

walk, those with leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor receive good news.
23 And blessed is the one who does not stumble because of me."
24 When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?
25 What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Those who wear splendid clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces.
26 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.
27 This is the one about whom it is written, 'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'
28 I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John. Yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."
29 (All the people who heard, including the tax collectors, acknowledged God's justice, having been baptized with John's baptism.
30 But the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)
31 "To what then shall I compare the people of this generation? What are they like?

32 They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a lament, and you did not weep.'

33 For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.'
34 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'
35 Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children."
36 One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him. He entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.
37 A woman in the town who was a sinner learned that he was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, and brought an alabaster flask of perfume.
38 Standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. She wiped them with her hair, kept kissing his feet, and anointed them with the perfume.
39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know

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

8

1 Afterward Jesus traveled through towns and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him,
2 along with some women who had been healed of evil spirits and illnesses: Mary called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out;
3 Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward; Susanna; and many others, who provided for them from their own resources.
4 As a large crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he spoke in a parable:
5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some fell beside the path, where it was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the sky ate it.
6 Some fell on rock, and when it grew, it withered because it had no moisture.
7 Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it.

8 And some fell into good soil, grew, and yielded a
hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "Let
anyone who has ears to hear listen!"
9 His disciples asked him what this parable meant.
10 He said, "To you it has been given to know the
mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest I speak in
parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they
may not understand.'
11 This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the
word of God.
12 Those beside the path are the ones who have heard.
Then the devil comes and takes the word from their hearts,
so that they may not believe and be saved.
13 Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word
with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They
believe for a time, and in a time of testing they fall away.
14 What fell among thorns stands for those who have
heard, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the
worries, riches, and pleasures of life, and their fruit does
not mature.
15 What fell in the good soil stands for those who hear the
word with a noble and good heart, hold it fast, and bear
fruit with perseverance.
16 No one lights a lamp and covers it with a container or
puts it under a bed. Instead, he puts it on a lampstand, so
that those who enter may see the light.
17 For nothing is hidden that will not become visible, nor
is anything concealed that will not be known and come to
light.
18 So take care how you listen. For whoever has will be
given more, and from whoever does not have, even what
he thinks he has will be taken away."
19 His mother and brothers came to him, but they could
not reach him because of the crowd.
20 He was told, "Your mother and brothers are standing
outside, wanting to see you."
21 But he answered them, "My mother and my brothers
are those who hear the word of God and do it."
22 One day he got into a boat with his disciples and said to
them, "Let us cross to the other side of the lake." So they set
out.
23 As they sailed, he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down
on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they
were in danger.
24 They went to him and woke him, saying, "Master,
Master, we are perishing!" He awoke and rebuked the wind
and the surging water. They ceased, and there was a calm.

25 He said to them, “Where is your faith?” Frightened and
amazed, they said to one another, “Who then is this? He
commands even the winds and the water, and they obey
him!”
26 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is
across from Galilee.
27 When Jesus stepped ashore, a man from the town who
had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no
clothing and lived not in a house but among the tombs.
28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell before him,
saying in a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus,
Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me!”
29 For Jesus was commanding the unclean spirit to come
out of the man. It had seized him many times, and he was
bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard. But
he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into
deserted places.
30 Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He said,
“Legion,” because many demons had entered him.
31 They begged him not to command them to go into the
abyss.
32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside.
They begged him to allow them to enter the pigs, and he
allowed them.
33 The demons came out of the man and entered the pigs.
The herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and
drowned.
34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled
and reported it in the town and the countryside.
35 People went out to see what had happened. They came
to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had
gone out sitting at Jesus’ feet, clothed and in his right mind,
and they were afraid.
36 Those who had seen it told them how the man who had
been possessed by demons had been saved.
37 All the people of the surrounding region of the
Gerasenes asked him to leave them, for they were
overcome with great fear. He got into a boat and returned.
38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged
to be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,
39 “Return home and tell all that God has done for you.”
He went throughout the town, proclaiming all that Jesus
had done for him.
40 When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for
they were all waiting for him.

41 A man named Jairus, who was a leader of the
synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, begging him to
come to his house,
42 because his only daughter, about twelve years old, was
dying. As Jesus went, the crowds pressed around him.
43 A woman had suffered from a flow of blood for twelve
years. Though she had spent all she had on physicians, she
could not be healed by anyone.
44 She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his
cloak, and immediately her flow of blood stopped.
45 Jesus said, “Who touched me?” When everyone denied
it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds are surrounding you and
pressing against you.”
46 But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I knew that
power had gone out from me.”
47 When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice,
she came trembling and fell before him. In front of all the
people she told why she had touched him and how she had
been healed immediately.
48 He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go
in peace.”
49 While he was still speaking, someone came from the
synagogue leader's house and said, “Your daughter has
died. Do not trouble the Teacher any longer.”
50 But when Jesus heard this, he answered him, “Do not
be afraid. Only believe, and she will be saved.”
51 When he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter
with him except Peter, John, James, and the child's father
and mother.
52 Everyone was weeping and mourning for her. But he
said, “Do not weep, for she has not died but is sleeping.”
53 They laughed at him, knowing that she had died.
54 But he took her hand and called out, “Child, get up!”
55 Her spirit returned, and she got up immediately. He
ordered that she be given something to eat.
56 Her parents were astonished, but he instructed them to
tell no one what had happened.

9

1 Jesus called the Twelve together and gave them power
and authority over all demons and to heal diseases.
2 He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to
heal the sick.
3 He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey: no staff,
no bag, no bread, no money, and do not have two tunics
each.

4 Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there.
5 Wherever people do not welcome you, shake the dust from your feet as you leave that town, as a testimony against them."
6 They set out and went through the villages, proclaiming the good news and healing everywhere.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 The next day, when they came down from the
mountain, a large crowd met him.
38 A man from the crowd cried out, “Teacher, I beg you to
look at my son, for he is my only child.
39 A spirit seizes him, and he suddenly screams. It
convulses him and makes him foam at the mouth, and
scarcely leaves him, battering him.
40 I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could
not.”
41 Jesus answered, “Faithless and perverse generation!
How long must I be with you and bear with you? Bring
your son here.”

42 While the boy was still coming, the demon threw him
down and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean
spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.
43 They were all astonished at the majesty of God. While
everyone was marveling at all he was doing, he said to his
disciples,
44 "Let these words sink into your ears: the Son of Man is
about to be handed over into human hands."
45 But they did not understand this saying. It was
concealed from them so that they would not grasp it, and
they were afraid to ask him about it.
46 An argument arose among them about which of them
was greatest.
47 Jesus knew the reasoning of their hearts. He took a
child and had him stand at his side,
48 and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my
name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes
the one who sent me. For the one who is least among you
all is great."
49 John answered, "Master, we saw someone driving out
demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he
does not follow with us."
50 But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him, for whoever is
not against you is for you."
51 As the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set
his face to go to Jerusalem.
52 He sent messengers ahead of him. They went into a
Samaritan village to make preparations for him.
53 But the people did not welcome him, because he was
headed for Jerusalem.
54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they said,
"Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from
heaven and consume them?"
55 But he turned and rebuked them.
56 Then they went to another village.
57 As they were traveling along the road, someone said to
him, "I will follow you wherever you go."
58 Jesus said to him, "Foxes have dens, and the birds of
the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay
his head."
59 He said to another, "Follow me." But the man said,
"Lord, let me first go and bury my father."
60 He said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead. But
you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."
61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me
say farewell to those in my house."

62 Jesus said, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and
looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

10

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and
sent them ahead of him in pairs to every town and place
where he himself was about to go.
2 He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the
workers are few. So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out
workers into his harvest.
3 Go! Look, I am sending you as lambs among wolves.
4 Carry no money pouch, no bag, and no sandals, and
greet no one along the road.
5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’
6 If a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on him;
otherwise it will return to you.
7 Stay in that same house, eating and drinking what they
provide, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move
from house to house.
8 Whatever town you enter where people welcome you,
eat what is set before you.
9 Heal the sick in it and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God
has drawn near to you.’
10 But whatever town you enter where people do not
welcome you, go out into its streets and say,
11 ‘Even the dust of your town that has clung to our feet
we wipe off against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God
has drawn near.’
12 I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom on that
day than for that town.
13 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if
the mighty works done among you had been done in Tyre
and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in
sackcloth and ashes.
14 Yet it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the
judgment than for you.
15 And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to heaven?
You will be brought down to Hades.
16 Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever
rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects the one
who sent me.”
17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even
the demons submit to us in your name!”
18 He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from
heaven.

19 Look, I have given you authority to tread on snakes
and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and
nothing will harm you.
20 Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you. Rejoice
that your names are written in heaven."
21 At that very hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and
said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things from the wise and
discerning and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father,
for this was your good pleasure."
22 "All things have been handed over to me by my Father.
No one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the
Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son
chooses to reveal him."
23 Turning to the disciples, he said privately, "Blessed are
the eyes that see what you see!
24 For I tell you, many prophets and kings wanted to see
what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear
but did not hear it."
25 An expert in the law stood up to test him and said,
"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do
you read it?"
27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength,
and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."
28 Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do
this, and you will live."
29 But wanting to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And
who is my neighbor?"
30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem
to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped
him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.
31 By chance a priest was going down that road. When he
saw him, he passed by on the other side.
32 Likewise a Levite came to the place, saw him, and
passed by on the other side.
33 But a Samaritan who was traveling came upon him,
and when he saw him, he had compassion.
34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on
oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought
him to an inn, and cared for him.
35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the
innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. Whatever more you
spend, I will repay you when I return.'

36 Which of these three do you think became a neighbor
to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"
37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said
to him, "Go, and do the same."

38 As they continued on their way, Jesus entered a village,
and a woman named Martha welcomed him.
39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and
listened to his word.
40 But Martha was distracted by the many tasks of
serving. She came up and said, "Lord, do you not care that
my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her to help me."
41 The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are
worried and troubled about many things,
42 but few things are needed, or just one. For Mary has
chosen the good portion, which will not be taken from her."

11

1 Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished,
one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as
John also taught his disciples."
2 He said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Father, hallowed
be your name. Your kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread.
4 Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone
who owes us. And do not lead us into temptation.' "

5 He said to them, "Which of you, having a friend, would
go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three
loaves,
6 because a friend of mine has arrived from a journey,
and I have nothing to set before him,'
7 and have him answer from within, 'Do not trouble me.
The door is already shut, and my children are with me in
bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'?
8 I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him
anything because he is his friend, yet because of his
shameless persistence he will rise and give him as much as
he needs.
9 So I tell you: Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and
you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who
seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.
11 Which father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will
give him a snake instead of a fish?
12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he give him a scorpion?

13 If you, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to
your children, how much more will the Father in heaven
give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"
14 Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When
the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the
crowds marveled.
15 But some of them said, "He drives out demons by
Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons."
16 Others tested him by seeking a sign from heaven.
17 But he knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every
kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and house falls
upon house.
18 If Satan too is divided against himself, how will his
kingdom stand? For you say that I drive out demons by
Beelzebul.
19 If I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your
sons drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges.
20 But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the
kingdom of God has come upon you.
21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own
residence, his possessions are safe.
22 But when someone stronger attacks and defeats him,
he takes away the armor in which he trusted and
distributes his plunder.
23 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever
does not gather with me scatters.
24 When an unclean spirit comes out of a person, it passes
through waterless places seeking rest. Finding none, it
says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'
25 When it comes, it finds the house swept and put in
order.
26 Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more evil
than itself. They enter and live there, and that person's last
state becomes worse than the first."
27 As he was saying these things, a woman in the crowd
raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that
bore you and the breasts at which you nursed!"
28 But he said, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the
word of God and keep it."
29 As the crowds grew, he began to say, "This generation is
an evil generation. It seeks a sign, but no sign will be given
to it except the sign of Jonah.
30 For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so the Son
of Man will be to this generation.
31 The queen of the South will rise at the judgment with
the men of this generation and condemn them, because she

came from the ends of the earth to hear Solomon's wisdom. And look, something greater than Solomon is here.
32 The men of Nineveh will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at Jonah's preaching. And look, something greater than Jonah is here.
33 No one lights a lamp and puts it in a hidden place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see its light.
34 Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is sound, your whole body is full of light. But when it is bad, your body is also dark.
35 So take care that the light within you is not darkness.
36 If, then, your whole body is full of light, with no dark part, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp shines on you with its radiance."
37 When he had spoken, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him. He went in and reclined at the table.
38 The Pharisee was surprised to see that he had not first washed before the meal.
39 The Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness.
40 Fools! Did not the one who made the outside also make the inside?
41 But give what is inside as alms, and look, everything is clean for you.
42 But woe to you Pharisees! You give a tenth of mint and rue and every garden plant, but pass over justice and the love of God. You should have practiced these without neglecting the others.
43 Woe to you Pharisees! You love the seats of honor in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.
44 Woe to you! You are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it."
45 One of the experts in the law answered him, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too."
46 He said, "Woe to you experts in the law as well! You load people with burdens hard to bear, but you yourselves do not touch those burdens with even one of your fingers.
47 Woe to you! You build the tombs of the prophets, but your fathers killed them.
48 So you are witnesses and approve of your fathers' deeds, for they killed them, and you build.
49 That is why the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,'

50 so that this generation may be held accountable for the
blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the
world,
51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who
perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell
you, this generation will be held accountable.
52 Woe to you experts in the law! You have taken away
the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and
you hindered those who were entering."
53 When he went out from there, the scribes and
Pharisees began to oppose him fiercely and question him
about many things,
54 lying in wait to catch something he said.

12

1 Meanwhile, a crowd of tens of thousands gathered, so
that they were trampling one another. He began by saying
to his disciples, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees,
which is hypocrisy.
2 Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or
hidden that will not be known.
3 So whatever you have said in darkness will be heard in
the light, and what you have whispered in inner rooms will
be proclaimed from the rooftops.
4 I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the
body and afterward can do nothing more.
5 But I will show you whom to fear: Fear the one who,
after killing, has authority to throw into Gehenna. Yes, I tell
you, fear him.
6 Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? Yet not
one of them is forgotten before God.
7 Even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not
be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.
8 I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before
people will also be acknowledged by the Son of Man before
the angels of God.
9 But whoever denies me before people will be denied
before the angels of God.
10 Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man
will be forgiven, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy
Spirit will not be forgiven.
11 When they bring you before synagogues, rulers, and
authorities, do not worry about how or what to answer in
your defense, or what to say,
12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour
what you must say."

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my
brother to divide the inheritance with me.”
14 But he said to him, “Man, who appointed me a judge or
divider over you?”
15 He said to them, “Watch out and guard against every
kind of greed, for a person’s life does not consist in an
abundance of possessions.”
16 He told them a parable: “The land of a rich man
produced abundantly.
17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have
nowhere to store my crops.’
18 Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will tear down
my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all
the grain and my goods,
19 and I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods
laid up for many years. Rest, eat, drink, and be merry.” ’
20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This very night your life is
demanded from you. And the things you have prepared,
whose will they be?’
21 So it is with the one who stores up treasure for himself
and is not rich toward God.”
22 He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not
worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your
body, what you will wear.
23 For life is more than food, and the body more than
clothing.
24 Consider the ravens: They neither sow nor reap, and
they have no storeroom or barn, yet God feeds them. How
much more valuable you are than the birds!
25 Which of you by worrying can add a single moment to
his life?
26 If, then, you cannot do even the smallest thing, why
worry about the rest?
27 Consider how the lilies grow: They neither labor nor
spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was
clothed like one of these.
28 If God so clothes the grass that is in the field today and
thrown into the oven tomorrow, how much more will he
clothe you, you of little faith!
29 Do not keep seeking what you will eat and what you
will drink, and do not be anxious.
30 For the nations of the world seek all these things, but
your Father knows you need them.
31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be
added to you.

32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been
pleased to give you the kingdom.
33 Sell your possessions and give alms. Make yourselves
money pouches that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure
in heaven, where no thief approaches and no moth
destroys.
34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be
also.
35 Keep your clothing belted at the waist and your lamps
burning,
36 and be like people waiting for their master to return
from the wedding, so that when he comes and knocks, they
may open for him immediately.
37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds awake
when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will belt his clothing,
have them recline at the table, and come and serve them.
38 If he comes in the second watch or in the third and
finds them so, blessed are they.
39 But know this: If the owner of the house had known at
what hour the thief was coming, he would not have
allowed his house to be broken into.
40 You too must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at
an hour you do not expect."
41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us, or
for everyone as well?"
42 The Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise
steward whom the master will put over his household
servants, to give them their food allowance at the proper
time?
43 Blessed is that slave whom his master finds doing so
when he comes.
44 Truly I tell you, he will put him over all his possessions.
45 But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master is taking a
long time to come,' and begins to beat the male and female
servants, to eat and drink and get drunk,
46 that slave's master will come on a day he does not
expect and at an hour he does not know. He will cut him in
two and assign him a place with the unfaithful.
47 The slave who knew his master's will, yet neither
prepared nor acted according to it, will receive many
blows.
48 But the one who did not know and did things deserving
blows will receive few. From everyone who has been given
much, much will be required, and from the one to whom
much has been entrusted, more will be demanded.
49 I came to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish it were
already kindled!

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

13

1 At that very time some people were present who told
him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with
their sacrifices.
2 He answered them, "Do you think these Galileans were
worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they
suffered these things?
3 No, I tell you. But unless you repent, you will all
likewise perish.
4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and
killed them—do you think they were more guilty than all
the other people living in Jerusalem?
5 No, I tell you. But unless you repent, you will all perish
in the same way."
6 He told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his
vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it but found none.
7 He said to the vine grower, 'Look, for three years I have
come looking for fruit on this fig tree and found none. Cut
it down! Why should it keep making the ground
unproductive?'

8 But he answered him, ‘Sir, leave it this year also, until I
dig around it and put on manure.
9 If it bears fruit later, good; if not, you will cut it down.’ ”
10 He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the
Sabbath.
11 A woman was there who had had a spirit of infirmity
for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully
straighten herself.
12 When Jesus saw her, he called her and said, “Woman,
you are freed from your infirmity.”
13 He laid his hands on her, and immediately she was
straightened, and she glorified God.
14 But the synagogue leader, indignant because Jesus had
healed on the Sabbath, said to the crowd, “There are six
days on which work should be done. Come on those days to
be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.”
15 The Lord answered him, “Hypocrites! Does not each of
you untie his ox or donkey from the manger on the
Sabbath and lead it away to water?
16 And this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan
has bound for eighteen years, should she not be freed from
this bond on the Sabbath day?”
17 As he said these things, all his opponents were put to
shame, and the whole crowd rejoiced at all the glorious
things he was doing.
18 Then he said, “What is the kingdom of God like? To
what shall I compare it?
19 It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in
his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the
sky nested in its branches.”
20 Again he said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of
God?
21 It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three
measures of flour, until all of it was leavened.”
22 He went through towns and villages, teaching and
making his way to Jerusalem.
23 Someone said to him, “Lord, are only a few being
saved?” He said to them,
24 “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I
tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.
25 Once the master of the house has risen and shut the
door, you will begin to stand outside and knock at the door,
saying, ‘Lord, open for us.’ But he will answer you, ‘I do not
know where you are from.’
26 Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your
presence, and you taught in our streets.’

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

14

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

7 Noticing how the guests were choosing the places of
honor, he told them a parable:
8 “When someone invites you to a wedding, do not recline
in the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished
than you has been invited,

9 and the host who invited both of you comes and says to
you, 'Give this man your place.' Then you will begin in
shame to take the lowest place.
10 Instead, when you are invited, go and recline in the
lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to
you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will have honor
before all who are reclining at the table with you.
11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and
the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
12 He also said to the man who had invited him, "When
you give a lunch or dinner, do not invite your friends,
brothers, relatives, or rich neighbors, lest they invite you in
return and you receive your repayment.
13 Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the
maimed, the lame, and the blind.
14 Then you will be blessed because they have nothing
with which to repay you, for you will be repaid at the
resurrection of the righteous."

15 When one of those reclining at the table heard this, he
said to him, "Blessed is the one who will eat bread in the
kingdom of God!"
16 Jesus said to him, "A man was giving a great dinner
and invited many.
17 At the dinner hour he sent his slave to tell those
invited, 'Come, for it is now ready.'
18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said
to him, 'I have bought a field and need to go out and see it.
Please excuse me.'
19 Another said, 'I have bought five pairs of oxen, and I
am going to test them. Please excuse me.'
20 Another said, 'I have married a wife, and for that
reason I cannot come.'
21 The slave returned and reported these things to his
master. Then the owner of the house became angry and
said to his slave, 'Go quickly into the streets and lanes of
the town and bring in here the poor, the maimed, the blind,
and the lame.'
22 The slave said, 'Master, what you ordered has been
done, and there is still room.'
23 The master said to the slave, 'Go out to the roads and
hedges and compel them to come in, so that my house may
be filled.
24 For I tell you, none of those men who were invited will
taste my dinner.' "

25 Large crowds were traveling with him. He turned and
said to them,

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

34 Salt is good, but if even salt loses its flavor, with what
will it be seasoned?
35 It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile.
They throw it out. Let anyone who has ears to hear listen!”

15

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

8 Or what woman who has ten silver coins and loses one
does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search
carefully until she finds it?
9 When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors
together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin
I lost.’

10 In the same way, I tell you, there is joy before the
angels of God over one sinner who repents."

11 He said, "A man had two sons.
12 The younger said to his father, 'Father, give me the
share of the property that falls to me.' So he divided his
property between them.
13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered
everything and went away to a distant country. There he
squandered his property in reckless living.
14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine arose
throughout that country, and he began to be in need.
15 He went and attached himself to one of the citizens of
that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.
16 He longed to fill his belly with the carob pods the pigs
were eating, but no one gave him anything.
17 When he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my
father's hired workers have more than enough bread,
while I am perishing here from hunger!
18 I will get up and go to my father and say to him,
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.
19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me
as one of your hired workers." '
20 He got up and went to his father. While he was still far
away, his father saw him and had compassion. He ran,
embraced him, and kissed him warmly.
21 The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against
heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called
your son.'
22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the
best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his hand and
sandals on his feet.
23 Bring the fattened calf and slaughter it. Let us eat and
celebrate,
24 for this son of mine was dead and has come to life
again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to
celebrate.

25 His older son was in the field. As he came near the
house, he heard music and dancing.
26 He called one of the servants and asked what these
things meant.
27 He told him, 'Your brother has come, and your father
has slaughtered the fattened calf, because he has received
him back in good health.'
28 But he became angry and would not go in. His father
came out and pleaded with him.

29 He answered his father, ‘Look, I have slaved for you all
these years and never disobeyed a command of yours. Yet
you never gave me a young goat so that I could celebrate
with my friends.
30 But when this son of yours came, who devoured your
property with prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf
for him.’
31 He said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all
that is mine is yours.
32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this
brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost
and has been found.’ ”

16

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

12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to
another, who will give you what is your own?
13 No household servant can serve two masters, for he
will either hate the one and love the other, or hold to the
one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and
wealth."
14 The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all these things
and ridiculed him.
15 He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves
before people, but God knows your hearts. For what is
exalted among people is an abomination before God.
16 The law and the prophets were until John. Since then
the good news of the kingdom of God has been proclaimed,
and everyone presses into it.
17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than
for a single stroke of the law to fall.
18 Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another
commits adultery, and whoever marries a woman divorced
from her husband commits adultery.
19 There was a rich man who dressed in purple and fine
linen and feasted splendidly every day.
20 A poor man named Lazarus had been laid at his gate,
covered with sores,
21 longing to be filled with what fell from the rich man's
table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.
22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels into
Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.
23 In Hades, being in torment, he lifted his eyes and saw
Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.
24 He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me and
send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool
my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.'
25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you received
your good things in your lifetime, and Lazarus likewise his
bad things. Now he is comforted here, and you are in
anguish.
26 Besides all this, a great chasm has been fixed between
us and you, so that those who want to cross from here to
you cannot, nor can anyone cross from there to us.'
27 He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's
house,
28 for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest
they too come to this place of torment.'
29 But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets.
Let them listen to them.'

30 He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to
them from the dead, they will repent.'
31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the
prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises
from the dead.' "

17

1 He said to his disciples, "It is inevitable that stumbling
blocks will come, but woe to the one through whom they
come!
2 It would be better for him to have a millstone hung
around his neck and be thrown into the sea than to cause
one of these little ones to stumble.
3 Watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and
if he repents, forgive him.
4 Even if he sins against you seven times in a day and
seven times returns to you saying, 'I repent,' you must
forgive him."
5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."
6 The Lord said, "If you have faith like a mustard seed,
you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and
planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.
7 Which of you who has a slave plowing or tending a
flock will say to him when he comes in from the field,
'Come at once and recline at the table'?
8 Will he not rather say, 'Prepare my dinner, belt your
clothing, and serve me until I have eaten and drunk.
Afterward you may eat and drink'?
9 Does he thank the slave because he did what was
commanded?
10 So you too, when you have done all that you were
commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable slaves; we have
done what we ought to have done.' "
11 On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus was passing between
Samaria and Galilee.
12 As he entered a village, ten men with leprosy met him.
They stood at a distance
13 and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have
mercy on us!"
14 When he saw them, he said, "Go and show yourselves
to the priests." As they went, they were cleansed.
15 One of them, seeing that he had been healed, returned,
glorifying God with a loud voice.
16 He fell facedown at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He
was a Samaritan.
17 Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are
the nine?

18 Was no one found who returned to give glory to God
except this foreigner?"
19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has
saved you."

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

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

18

1 He told them a parable about their need to pray always
and not lose heart.
2 He said, “In a certain town there was a judge who
neither feared God nor respected people.
3 A widow in that town kept coming to him, saying, ‘Give
me justice against my adversary.’
4 For a time he refused. But afterward he said to himself,
‘Even though I do not fear God or respect people,
5 yet because this widow keeps troubling me, I will give
her justice, so that she does not wear me out by continually
coming.’ ”
6 The Lord said, “Listen to what the unrighteous judge
says.
7 Will not God give justice to his chosen ones, who cry out
to him day and night? Will he delay long in their case?
8 I tell you, he will give them justice swiftly. Yet when the
Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”
9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in
themselves that they were righteous and despised
everyone else:
10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a
Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
11 The Pharisee stood and prayed these things to himself:
‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers,
the unrighteous, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.
12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of everything I
acquire.’
13 But the tax collector stood far away and would not
even lift his eyes to heaven. He kept beating his chest and
saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’
14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified
rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will
be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be
exalted.”
15 People were bringing even infants to him so that he
might touch them. When the disciples saw this, they
rebuked the people bringing them.
16 But Jesus called the children to him, saying, “Let the
children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the
kingdom of God belongs to such as these.
17 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom
of God like a child will never enter it.”
18 A ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to
inherit eternal life?”
19 Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is
good except God alone.

20 You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit
adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not bear false
witness; honor your father and mother.’ "
21 He said, “I have kept all these things from my youth."
22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you
still lack: Sell all you have and distribute it to the poor, and
you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."
23 But when he heard these things, he became deeply
sorrowful, for he was very rich.
24 Jesus looked at him and said, “How difficult it is for
those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!
25 For it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a
needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."
26 Those who heard said, “Then who can be saved?"
27 He said, “What is impossible with people is possible
with God."
28 Peter said, “Look, we have left what is our own and
followed you."
29 He said to them, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who
has left house, wife, brothers, parents, or children for the
sake of the kingdom of God,
30 who will not receive many times more in this time, and
in the age to come eternal life."
31 He took the Twelve aside and said to them, “Look, we
are going up to Jerusalem, and everything written through
the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.
32 For he will be handed over to the Gentiles, mocked,
insulted, and spat upon.
33 After flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third
day he will rise."
34 But they understood none of these things. This saying
was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was
being said.
35 As he drew near Jericho, a blind man was sitting
beside the road, begging.
36 Hearing a crowd passing by, he asked what was
happening.
37 They told him, “Jesus the Nazarene is passing by."
38 He cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
39 Those leading the way rebuked him to make him quiet,
but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on
me!"
40 Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to
him. When he came near, Jesus asked him,
41 “What do you want me to do for you?" He said, “Lord,
let me receive my sight."

42 Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight. Your faith has
saved you.”
43 Immediately he received his sight and followed him,
glorifying God. All the people, when they saw it, gave
praise to God.

19

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

17 He said to him, ‘Well done, good slave! Because you
have been faithful in very little, have authority over ten
cities.’
18 The second came and said, ‘Master, your silver—about
a pound—has produced about five pounds.’
19 He said to this one also, ‘You too are to be over five
cities.’
20 Another came and said, ‘Master, here is your silver,
about a pound, which I kept stored in a cloth.
21 For I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man.
You take what you did not deposit and reap what you did
not sow.’
22 He said to him, ‘By your own mouth I judge you,
wicked slave. Did you know that I am a severe man, taking
what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow?
23 Then why did you not put my money in a bank? When
I returned, I could have collected it with interest.’
24 He said to those standing there, ‘Take the silver from
him, about a pound, and give it to the one who has about
ten pounds.’
25 They said to him, ‘Master, he has about ten pounds!’
26 ‘I tell you, to everyone who has, more will be given, but
from the one who does not have, even what he has will be
taken away.
27 But bring here these enemies of mine who did not want
me to reign over them, and slaughter them before me.’ ”
28 After saying this, he went on ahead, going up to
Jerusalem.
29 As he approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the
mountain called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the
disciples,
30 saying, “Go to the village opposite you. As you enter it,
you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat.
Untie it and bring it.
31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say this:
‘The Lord needs it.’ ”
32 Those who were sent went and found it just as he had
told them.
33 As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them,
“Why are you untying the colt?”
34 They said, “The Lord needs it.”
35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt,
and put Jesus on it.
36 As he went along, they spread their cloaks on the road.
37 As he drew near, already at the descent of the Mount of
Olives, the whole multitude of disciples began to rejoice

and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,
38 saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”
39 Some Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”
40 He answered, “I tell you, if these are silent, the stones will cry out.”
41 As he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it,
42 saying, “If only you too had known on this day what makes for peace! But now it is hidden from your eyes.
43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will raise a barricade against you, surround you, and hem you in on every side.
44 They will dash you and your children within you to the ground, and will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”
45 He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling,
46 saying to them, “It is written, ‘And my house will be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”
47 He was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests, scribes, and leaders of the people were seeking to destroy him,
48 but they could not find what to do, for all the people hung on his words, listening.

20

1 One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and proclaiming the good news, the chief priests and scribes came up with the elders
2 and said to him, “Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority?”
3 He answered them, “I too will ask you a question. Tell me:
4 Was John’s baptism from heaven or from people?”
5 They discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’
6 But if we say, ‘From people,’ all the people will stone us, for they are convinced that John was a prophet.”
7 So they answered that they did not know where it was from.
8 Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

9 He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted
a vineyard, leased it to farmers, and went away for a long
time.
10 At the proper season he sent a slave to the farmers, so
they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But
the farmers beat him and sent him away empty-handed.
11 He sent another slave, but they beat and dishonored
him too, and sent him away empty-handed.
12 He sent a third, but they wounded him and threw him
out.
13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do?
I will send my beloved son. Perhaps they will respect him.’
14 But when the farmers saw him, they reasoned with
one another, saying, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him so that
the inheritance may be ours.’
15 They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.
What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?
16 He will come and destroy those farmers and give the
vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “May
it never happen!”
17 He looked at them and said, “What then does this
writing mean:
‘The stone the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone’?
18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be shattered, but
it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”
19 The scribes and chief priests sought to lay hands on
him at that very hour, but they feared the people, for they
knew he had told this parable against them.
20 They watched him and sent spies who pretended to be
righteous, so that they could catch him in something he
said and hand him over to the rule and authority of the
governor.
21 They asked him, “Teacher, we know that you speak and
teach rightly and show no partiality, but truly teach the
way of God.
22 Is it lawful for us to pay tribute to Caesar, or not?”
23 But he perceived their craftiness and said to them,
24 “Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription
does it bear?” They answered, “Caesar’s.”
25 He said to them, “Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's,
and to God what is God's.”
26 They could not catch him in anything he said before
the people. Amazed at his answer, they became silent.
27 Some of the Sadducees, who deny that there is a
resurrection, came up and asked him,

28 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother
dies, leaving a wife but no children, his brother must take
the wife and raise up offspring for his brother.
29 Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife
and died childless;
30 and the second
31 and the third took her. Likewise all seven left no
children and died.
32 Finally the woman also died.
33 In the resurrection, then, whose wife does she become?
For all seven had her as wife.”
34 Jesus said to them, “The children of this age marry and
are given in marriage.
35 But those considered worthy to attain that age and the
resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in
marriage.
36 For they can no longer die, since they are equal to
angels, and they are children of God, being children of the
resurrection.
37 That the dead are raised, even Moses showed in the
passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord ‘the God of
Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'
38 He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him
all are alive.”
39 Some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have
spoken well.”
40 For they no longer dared ask him anything.
41 He said to them, “How do they say that the Christ is
David's son?
42 For David himself says in the book of Psalms,
‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand
43 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” '
44 David therefore calls him Lord. How then is he his
son?”
45 As all the people were listening, he said to the disciples,
46 “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk about in long
robes and love greetings in the marketplaces, the seats of
honor in the synagogues, and places of honor at dinners.
47 They devour widows' houses and make long prayers
for a pretense. They will receive greater condemnation.”

21

1 He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into
the treasury.
2 He also saw a poor widow putting in two small coins.
3 He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in
more than all of them.

4 For all these gave their gifts from their surplus, but she,
out of her poverty, put in all she had to live on."
5 As some were speaking about the temple, how it was
adorned with beautiful stones and dedicated gifts, he said,
6 "As for these things you see, days will come when not
one stone will be left upon another that will not be torn
down."
7 They asked him, "Teacher, when will these things
happen? And what will be the sign when they are about to
take place?"
8 He said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will
come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and, 'The time has
drawn near.' Do not follow them.
9 When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be
terrified. For these things must happen first, but the end
will not come immediately."
10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation
and kingdom against kingdom.
11 There will be great earthquakes, and in various places
famines and plagues. There will be terrifying sights and
great signs from heaven.
12 But before all these things, they will lay hands on you
and persecute you, handing you over to synagogues and
prisons. You will be brought before kings and governors
for my name's sake.
13 This will be an opportunity for you to bear witness.
14 So settle it in your hearts not to prepare your defense
beforehand,
15 for I will give you speech and wisdom that none of
your opponents will be able to resist or contradict.
16 You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers,
relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to
death.
17 You will be hated by all because of my name.
18 Yet not a hair of your head will perish.
19 Through your endurance, gain your lives.
20 When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then
know that its desolation has drawn near.
21 Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, those
inside the city must leave, and those in the countryside
must not enter it,
22 for these are days of vengeance, so that all that is
written may be fulfilled.
23 Woe to those who are pregnant and those nursing
infants in those days! For there will be great distress in the
land and wrath against this people.

24 They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led
captive into all nations. Jerusalem will be trampled by the
Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.
25 There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars, and on
the earth distress among nations, perplexed at the roaring
of the sea and its surging.
26 People will faint from fear and expectation of what is
coming upon the inhabited world, for the powers of the
heavens will be shaken.
27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud
with power and great glory.
28 When these things begin to happen, stand upright and
lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing
near."
29 He told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the
trees.
30 When they begin to sprout, you see for yourselves and
know that summer is already near.
31 So also, when you see these things happening, know
that the kingdom of God is near.
32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until
all has taken place.
33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will
never pass away.
34 Watch yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down
with overindulgence, drunkenness, and the worries of life,
and that day come upon you suddenly
35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the
face of the whole earth.
36 But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have
strength to escape all these things that are about to happen
and to stand before the Son of Man."
37 By day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he
went out and stayed on the mountain called the Mount of
Olives.
38 All the people came to him early in the morning to
hear him in the temple.

22

1 The Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was
drawing near.
2 The chief priests and scribes were seeking a way to kill
him, for they feared the people.
3 Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one
of the Twelve.
4 He went away and spoke with the chief priests and
officers about how he might betray Jesus to them.

5 They were glad and agreed to give him money.
6 He consented and sought an opportunity to betray him
to them away from the crowd.

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

14 When the hour came, he reclined at the table, and the
apostles with him.
15 He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this
Passover with you before I suffer.
16 For I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the
kingdom of God.”
17 He received a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this
and divide it among yourselves.
18 For I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit
of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”
19 He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to
them, saying, “This is my body, given for you. Do this in
remembrance of me.”
20 Likewise, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This
cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you.
21 But look, the hand of the one betraying me is with me
on the table.
22 For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but
woe to that man through whom he is betrayed!”
23 They began to question among themselves which of
them was about to do this.

24 A dispute also arose among them about which of them
was considered greatest.
25 He said to them, “The kings of the nations lord it over
them, and those exercising authority over them are called
benefactors.

26 But you are not to be like that. Instead, let the greatest
among you become like the youngest, and the one who
leads like the one who serves.
27 For who is greater, the one reclining at the table or the
one serving? Is it not the one reclining? Yet I am among
you as the one who serves.
28 You are those who have remained with me in my trials.
29 And I grant you a kingdom, just as my Father granted
one to me,
30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my
kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve
tribes of Israel.
31 Simon, Simon, look, Satan has demanded to have all of
you, to sift you like wheat.
32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail.
And you, when you have turned back, strengthen your
brothers."
33 He said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to
prison and to death."
34 Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow
today until you have denied three times that you know me."
35 He said to them, "When I sent you out without a money
pouch, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said,
"Nothing."
36 He said to them, "But now, whoever has a money pouch
should take it, and likewise a bag. Whoever has no sword
should sell his cloak and buy one.
37 For I tell you, this writing must be fulfilled in me: 'And
he was numbered with the lawless.' For what concerns me
is reaching its fulfillment."
38 They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He said to
them, "It is enough."
39 He went out and made his way, as was his custom, to
the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him.
40 When he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that
you may not enter into temptation."
41 He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt
down, and prayed,
42 saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from
me. Yet not my will, but yours be done."
43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and
strengthened him.
44 Being in agony, he prayed more earnestly. His sweat
became like thick drops of blood falling to the ground.
45 When he rose from prayer and came to the disciples,
he found them sleeping from sorrow.

46 He said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and
pray, so that you may not enter into temptation.”
47 While he was still speaking, a crowd appeared, and the
one called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He
drew near Jesus to kiss him.
48 But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son
of Man with a kiss?”
49 When those around him saw what was about to
happen, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?”
50 One of them struck the high priest's slave and cut off
his right ear.
51 But Jesus answered, “Enough of this!” He touched the
ear and healed him.
52 Jesus said to the chief priests, temple officers, and
elders who had come against him, “Have you come out with
swords and clubs as against a robber?
53 Day after day I was with you in the temple, and you did
not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the
authority of darkness.”
54 They seized him, led him away, and brought him into
the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance.
55 They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat
down together, and Peter sat among them.
56 A servant girl saw him sitting in the firelight, looked
closely at him, and said, “This man too was with him.”
57 But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.”
58 A little later someone else saw him and said, “You too
are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.”
59 About an hour later, another insisted, “Certainly this
man too was with him, for he is a Galilean.”
60 But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are
saying.” Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster
crowed.
61 The Lord turned and looked at Peter, and Peter
remembered the Lord's word, how he had said to him,
“Before a rooster crows today, you will deny me three
times.”
62 He went outside and wept bitterly.
63 The men who were holding Jesus mocked and beat him.
64 They blindfolded him and asked, “Prophesy! Who is it
that struck you?”
65 They said many other things against him, blaspheming.
66 When day came, the council of elders of the people
assembled, both chief priests and scribes. They brought
him before their council,

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

23

1 The whole assembly rose and brought him before Pilate.
2 They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man
misleading our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to
Caesar, and saying that he himself is the Christ, a king.”
3 Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He
answered him, “You say so.”
4 Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no
grounds for a charge against this man.”
5 But they insisted, saying, “He stirs up the people,
teaching throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee and
reaching here.”
6 When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was
a Galilean.
7 Learning that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent
him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem in those days.
8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had
long wanted to see him because of what he had heard
about him, and hoped to see him perform some sign.
9 He questioned him at length, but Jesus gave him no
answer.
10 The chief priests and scribes stood there, vehemently
accusing him.
11 Herod, together with his soldiers, treated him with
contempt and mocked him. He dressed him in a splendid
robe and sent him back to Pilate.
12 Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, for
previously they had been at enmity with one another.
13 Pilate called together the chief priests, rulers, and
people,
14 and said to them, “You brought me this man as one
who misleads the people. Look, I have examined him
before you and found no basis for the charges you bring
against this man.
15 Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, he
has done nothing deserving death.

16 So I will punish him and release him."
17 [He was required to release one prisoner to them at the feast.]
18 But they all cried out together, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas for us!"
19 He had been thrown into prison for an uprising in the city and for murder.
20 Pilate addressed them again, wanting to release Jesus.
21 But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"
22 For the third time he said to them, "What evil has this man done? I have found nothing in him deserving death. So I will punish him and release him."
23 But they pressed him with loud cries, demanding that he be crucified, and their cries prevailed.
24 Pilate decided that their demand should be carried out.
25 He released the man they had asked for, who had been thrown into prison for uprising and murder, but handed Jesus over to their will.
26 As they led him away, they seized a man named Simon of Cyrene, coming from the countryside, and laid the cross on him to carry behind Jesus.
27 A great multitude of the people followed him, including women who were beating their breasts and lamenting him.
28 Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and your children.
29 For look, days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.'
30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!'
31 For if they do these things to green wood, what will happen to the dry?"
32 Two others, who were criminals, were also being led away to be put to death with him.
33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.
34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." They divided his clothing by casting lots.
35 The people stood watching. The rulers also ridiculed him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."
36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,

37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save
yourself!”
38 There was also an inscription over him: “This is the
King of the Jews.”

39 One of the criminals hanging there blasphemed him,
saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”
40 But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even
fear God, since you are under the same sentence?
41 We are sentenced justly, for we are receiving what our
deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”
42 He said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your
kingdom.”
43 He said to him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with
me in paradise.”

44 It was already about noon, and darkness came over the
whole land until three in the afternoon,
45 as the sun’s light failed. The curtain of the sanctuary
was torn down the middle.
46 Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Father, into your
hands I entrust my spirit.” After saying this, he breathed his
last.
47 When the centurion saw what had happened, he
glorified God, saying, “Truly this man was righteous.”
48 All the crowds who had gathered for this sight, when
they saw what had happened, returned beating their
breasts.
49 All his acquaintances stood at a distance, along with
the women who had followed him from Galilee, watching
these things.

50 There was a man named Joseph, a member of the
council, a good and righteous man.
51 He had not agreed with their decision or action. He
was from Arimathea, a town of the Jews, and was waiting
for the kingdom of God.
52 He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body.
53 He took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid him in a
tomb cut in rock, where no one had yet been laid.
54 It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was
about to begin.
55 The women who had come with him from Galilee
followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid.
56 They returned and prepared spices and ointments. On
the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

24

1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning,
they came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had
prepared.
2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
3 but when they entered, they did not find the body.
4 While they were perplexed about this, two men stood
beside them in dazzling clothing.
5 They became afraid and bowed their faces to the
ground. The men said to them, “Why do you seek the living
one among the dead?
6 He is not here, but has been raised. Remember how he
spoke to you while he was still in Galilee,
7 saying that the Son of Man must be handed over into
the hands of sinful people, be crucified, and rise on the
third day.”
8 They remembered his words,
9 and returned from the tomb and reported all these
things to the Eleven and all the others.
10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of
James, and the other women with them who told these
things to the apostles.
11 But these words seemed to them like nonsense, and
they did not believe the women.
12 Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping to look in,
he saw only the linen cloths. He went home, marveling at
what had happened.
13 That same day two of them were going to a village
named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem.
14 They were talking with one another about all these
things that had happened.
15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself
drew near and walked with them,
16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.
17 He said to them, “What are these words you are
exchanging with one another as you walk?” They stood
still, looking sad.
18 One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you
the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know what has
happened there in these days?”
19 He said to them, “What things?” They said to him, “The
things about Jesus the Nazarene, a man who was a prophet
mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,
20 and how our chief priests and rulers handed him over
to be condemned to death and crucified him.

21 But we had hoped that he was the one who was to
redeem Israel. Besides all this, it is now the third day since
these things happened.
22 Some women from our group also astonished us. They
were at the tomb early,
23 and when they did not find his body, they came saying
that they had also seen a vision of angels, who say that he is
alive.
24 Some of those with us went to the tomb and found it
just as the women had said, but him they did not see."
25 He said to them, "Foolish ones, and slow of heart to
believe all that the prophets have spoken!
26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these
things and enter into his glory?"
27 Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he
explained to them in all the Scriptures the things
concerning himself.
28 They drew near the village where they were going, and
he acted as though he would go farther.
29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for
evening is near and the day is already ending." So he went
in to stay with them.
30 When he reclined at the table with them, he took the
bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them.
31 Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.
Then he vanished from their sight.
32 They said to one another, "Was not our heart burning
within us while he spoke to us on the road, while he
opened the Scriptures to us?"
33 They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem.
They found the Eleven and those with them gathered
together,
34 saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has
appeared to Simon!"
35 Then they related what had happened on the road, and
how he had been made known to them in the breaking of
the bread.
36 While they were speaking about these things, he
himself stood in their midst.
37 Startled and frightened, they thought they were seeing
a spirit.
38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do
doubts arise in your heart?
39 Look at my hands and my feet: It is I myself. Touch me
and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you
see that I have."

40 After saying this, he showed them his hands and feet.
41 While they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling,
he said to them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”
42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
43 and he took it and ate it before them.
44 He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to
you while I was still with you: Everything written about me
in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms must be
fulfilled."
45 Then he opened their minds to understand the
Scriptures,
46 and said to them, “This is what is written: The Christ is
to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,
47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins are to be
proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from
Jerusalem.
48 You are witnesses of these things.
49 And look, I am sending the promise of my Father upon
you. But remain in the city until you are clothed with
power from on high."
50 He led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, lifted his
hands, and blessed them.
51 While he was blessing them, he parted from them and
was carried up into heaven.
52 They worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with
great joy,
53 and were continually in the temple, blessing God.

John

1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God.
2 He was in the beginning with God.
3 All things were made through him, and without him
nothing was made that has been made.
4 In him was life, and the life was the light of humanity.
5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not
overcome it.
6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, so
that all might believe through him.
8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the
light.
9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming
into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through
him, yet the world did not know him.
11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did
not receive him.
12 But to all who received him, who believe in his name, he
gave the right to become children of God,
13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh,
nor of a man's will, but of God.

14 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace
and truth.
We beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten Son
from the Father.
15 John bears witness about him and has cried out, "This
was the one of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks
ahead of me, because he was before me.' "
16 For from his fullness we have all received grace upon
grace.
17 For the law was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
18 No one has ever seen God.
The only begotten God, who is in the Father's bosom,
has made him known.
19 This is John's testimony when the Jews sent priests and
Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

20 He confessed and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not
the Christ.”
21 They asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said,
“I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.”
22 Then they said to him, “Who are you? We must give an
answer to those who sent us. What do you say about
yourself?”
23 He said, “I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness,
‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as Isaiah the prophet
said.”
24 Those who had been sent were from the Pharisees.
25 They asked him, “Why, then, do you baptize if you are
not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”
26 John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you
stands one you do not know,
27 the one coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not
worthy to untie.”
28 These things happened in Bethany across the Jordan,
where John was baptizing.
29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and
said, “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of
the world!
30 This is the one of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man
who ranks ahead of me, because he was before me.’
31 I did not know him, but for this reason I came baptizing
with water: so that he might be revealed to Israel.”
32 John bore witness, saying, “I have seen the Spirit
descending from heaven like a dove, and he remained on
him.
33 I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize
with water told me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit
descending and remaining is the one who baptizes with the
Holy Spirit.’
34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the
Chosen One of God.”
35 The next day John was standing there again with two
of his disciples.
36 He looked at Jesus walking by and said, “Behold the
Lamb of God!”
37 The two disciples heard him speak and followed Jesus.
38 Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them,
“What are you seeking?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which
means Teacher), “where are you staying?”
39 He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they went
and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him
that day. It was about four in the afternoon.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who
heard John and followed Jesus.
41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him,
"We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).
42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said,
"You are Simon, the son of John. You will be called Cephas"
(which means Peter).
43 The next day Jesus wanted to leave for Galilee. He
found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."
44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew
and Peter.
45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have
found the one Moses wrote about in the law, and the
prophets also wrote about: Jesus, the son of Joseph, from
Nazareth."
46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come from
Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."
47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said
about him, "Behold, a true Israelite, in whom there is no
deceit!"
48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus
answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were
under the fig tree, I saw you."
49 Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of
God; you are the King of Israel!"
50 Jesus answered him, "Do you believe because I told you
that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater
things than these."
51 He said to him, "Truly, truly, I tell all of you, you will
see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and
descending upon the Son of Man."

2

1 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee,
and Jesus' mother was there.
2 Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.
3 When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They
have no wine."
4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do
with you and me? My hour has not yet come."
5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells
you."
6 Six stone water jars were standing there for the Jewish
rites of purification, each holding about twenty to thirty
gallons.
7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." They filled
them to the brim.

8 Then he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it
to the master of the banquet.” They took it.
9 When the master of the banquet tasted the water that
had become wine, he did not know where it came from,
though the servants who had drawn the water knew. He
called the bridegroom
10 and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first,
and when people have become drunk, the inferior wine.
You have kept the good wine until now.”
11 Jesus performed this, the first of his signs, at Cana in
Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in
him.
12 After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother,
brothers, and disciples, and they stayed there a few days.
13 The Jewish Passover was near, and Jesus went up to
Jerusalem.
14 In the temple he found those selling oxen, sheep, and
doves, and the money changers sitting there.
15 He made a whip of cords and drove them all out of the
temple, both the sheep and the oxen. He poured out the
money changers' coins and overturned their tables.
16 He said to those selling doves, “Take these things away!
Do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.”
17 His disciples remembered that it is written, “Zeal for
your house will consume me.”
18 The Jews answered him, “What sign do you show us,
since you do these things?”
19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this sanctuary, and in
three days I will raise it up.”
20 The Jews said, “This sanctuary was built in forty-six
years, and you will raise it up in three days?”
21 But he was speaking about the sanctuary of his body.
22 So when he was raised from the dead, his disciples
remembered that he had said this, and they believed the
Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.
23 While he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many
believed in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.
24 But Jesus himself did not entrust himself to them,
because he knew everyone
25 and did not need anyone to testify about humanity, for
he himself knew what was in a human being.

3

1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a
ruler of the Jews.

2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we
know that you have come from God as a teacher, for no one
can do these signs you do unless God is with him.”
3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I tell you, unless
someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a person be born
when he is old? Can he enter his mother’s womb a second
time and be born?”
5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I tell you, unless someone
is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the
kingdom of God.
6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of
the Spirit is spirit.
7 Do not marvel that I told you, ‘All of you must be born
again.’
8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its
sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where
it goes. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”
9 Nicodemus answered him, “How can these things be?”
10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and
yet you do not understand these things?
11 Truly, truly, I tell you, we speak what we know and
bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive
our testimony.
12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe,
how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?
13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who
descended from heaven, the Son of Man.
14 Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so
must the Son of Man be lifted up,
15 so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal
life.
16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only
begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him should
not perish but have eternal life.
17 For God did not send the Son into the world to
condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved
through him.
18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but
whoever does not believe is condemned already, because
he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of
God.
19 This is the judgment: The light has come into the
world, and people loved darkness rather than light,
because their works were evil.

20 For everyone who does evil hates the light and does
not come to the light, so that his works will not be exposed.
21 But whoever practices the truth comes to the light, so
that his works may be revealed as having been done in
God."
22 After this Jesus and his disciples came into the Judean
countryside, and he stayed there with them and was
baptizing.
23 John too was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because
there was much water there. People were coming and
being baptized,
24 for John had not yet been thrown into prison.
25 A dispute arose between John's disciples and a Jew
about purification.
26 They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one
who was with you beyond the Jordan, about whom you
testified—look, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to
him."
27 John answered, "A person cannot receive even one
thing unless it has been given to him from heaven.
28 You yourselves bear witness that I said, 'I am not the
Christ, but I have been sent ahead of him.'
29 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The
bridegroom's friend, who stands and hears him, rejoices
greatly at the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has
been made complete.
30 He must increase, but I must decrease.
31 The one who comes from above is above all. The one
who is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks from
the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.
32 He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no
one receives his testimony.
33 Whoever receives his testimony has set his seal on this:
God is true.
34 For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God,
for he gives the Spirit without measure.
35 The Father loves the Son and has given all things into
his hand.
36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but
whoever disobeys the Son will not see life; the wrath of God
remains on him."

4

1 When Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that
Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John—
2 although Jesus himself was not baptizing, but his
disciples were—

3 he left Judea and went back to Galilee.
4 He had to pass through Samaria.
5 So he came to a Samaritan town called Sychar, near the
land Jacob had given his son Joseph.
6 Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from the journey, sat
down by the well just as he was. It was about noon.
7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said
to her, "Give me a drink."
8 His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.
9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew,
ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" For Jews do not
associate with Samaritans.
10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and
who it is who says to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would
have asked him, and he would have given you living water."
11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw
with, and the well is deep. Where, then, do you get that
living water?
12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the
well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his
livestock?"
13 Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water
will be thirsty again,
14 but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never
thirst. The water I will give him will become in him a
spring of water welling up to eternal life."
15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so I
will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."
16 He said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back
here."
17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus
said to her, "You are right to say, 'I have no husband,'
18 for you have had five husbands, and the man you now
have is not your husband. What you have said is true."
19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a
prophet.
20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say
that Jerusalem is the place where people must worship."
21 Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, an hour is
coming when you will worship the Father neither on this
mountain nor in Jerusalem.
22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what
we know, for salvation is from the Jews.
23 But an hour is coming, and is now here, when true
worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for
the Father seeks such people to worship him.

24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship
in spirit and truth."
25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is
coming, who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us
everything."
26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking to you."
27 Just then his disciples arrived. They were amazed that
he was speaking with a woman, yet no one said, "What do
you want?" or "Why are you speaking with her?"
28 So the woman left her water jar, went into the town,
and said to the people,
29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I have
done. Could this be the Christ?"
30 They left the town and were coming to him.
31 Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat."
32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know
nothing about."
33 So the disciples said to one another, "Has someone
brought him something to eat?"
34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him
who sent me and to finish his work.
35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months, and then
comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes and
see the fields: they are already white for harvest.
36 The reaper receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal
life, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together.
37 For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another
reaps.'
38 I sent you to reap what you have not worked for.
Others have worked, and you have entered into their labor."
39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him
because of the woman's testimony: "He told me everything
I have done."
40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him
to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.
41 Many more believed because of his word,
42 and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe
because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves
and know that this truly is the Savior of the world."
43 After those two days, he left there for Galilee.
44 For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no
honor in his own country.
45 When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed
him, having seen everything he had done in Jerusalem at
the feast, for they too had gone to the feast.

46 So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had
made the water wine. There was a royal official whose son
was sick in Capernaum.
47 When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to
Galilee, he went to him and pleaded with him to come
down and heal his son, who was about to die.
48 Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders,
you will never believe."
49 The royal official said to him, "Sir, come down before
my child dies."
50 Jesus said to him, "Go; your son lives." The man
believed the word Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.
51 While he was going down, his slaves met him and told
him that his child was alive.
52 He asked them what time he began to get better. They
told him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left
him."
53 Then the father realized that this was the very hour
when Jesus had told him, "Your son lives." And he himself
believed, along with his whole household.
54 This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming
from Judea to Galilee.

5

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went
up to Jerusalem.
2 In Jerusalem, by the Sheep Gate, there is a pool called
Bethesda in Hebrew, with five colonnades.
3 In these lay a crowd of sick people—blind, lame, and
with withered limbs.
4 [For an angel would come down into the pool from time
to time and stir the water. The first to enter after the water
was stirred would be made well, whatever disease afflicted
him.]
5 A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.
6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had
already been that way a long time, he said to him, "Do you
want to be made well?"
7 The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put
me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am
trying to get there, someone else goes down before me."
8 Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your mat, and walk."
9 At once the man was made well, picked up his mat, and
began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath.
10 So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is
the Sabbath, and you are not permitted to carry your mat."

11 But he answered them, “The one who made me well
told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”
12 They asked him, “Who is the man who told you, ‘Pick it
up and walk’?”
13 But the man who had been healed did not know who it
was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd there.
14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to
him, “Look, you have been made well. Sin no more, so that
nothing worse happens to you.”
15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus
who had made him well.
16 For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, because he
was doing these things on the Sabbath.
17 But he answered them, “My Father is still working, and
I am working too.”
18 For this reason the Jews sought all the more to kill him,
because he was not only breaking the Sabbath but also
calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.
19 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, the Son
can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father
doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise.
20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything
he himself does. And he will show him greater works than
these, so that you may marvel.
21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them
life, so the Son gives life to whomever he wishes.
22 The Father judges no one, but has entrusted all
judgment to the Son,
23 so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the
Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the
Father who sent him.
24 Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever hears my word and
believes him who sent me has eternal life and does not
come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.
25 Truly, truly, I tell you, an hour is coming, and is now
here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,
and those who hear will live.
26 For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has
granted the Son to have life in himself.
27 And he has given him authority to carry out judgment,
because he is the Son of Man.
28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all
who are in the tombs will hear his voice
29 and come out—those who have done good to a
resurrection of life, and those who have practiced evil to a
resurrection of judgment.

30 I can do nothing on my own. I judge as I hear, and my
judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the
will of him who sent me.
31 If I bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true.
32 There is another who bears witness about me, and I
know that the testimony he gives about me is true.
33 You sent messengers to John, and he has borne witness
to the truth.
34 But I do not receive testimony from a human being; I
say these things so that you may be saved.
35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were
willing to rejoice in his light for a time.
36 But the testimony I have is greater than John's. For the
works the Father has given me to finish—the very works I
am doing—bear witness about me that the Father has sent
me.
37 And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness
about me. You have never heard his voice or seen his form,
38 and you do not have his word abiding in you, because
you do not believe the one he sent.
39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in
them you have eternal life, and these are the very
Scriptures that bear witness about me.
40 Yet you are unwilling to come to me to have life.
41 I do not receive glory from people.
42 But I know you: you do not have the love of God in
yourselves.
43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not
receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will
receive him.
44 How can you believe when you receive glory from one
another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only
God?
45 Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father.
Your accuser is Moses, in whom you have set your hope.
46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me, for
he wrote about me.
47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you
believe my words?"

6

1 After this Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee, also
called the Sea of Tiberias.
2 A large crowd followed him because they saw the signs
he was performing on the sick.
3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat there with his
disciples.

4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.
5 When Jesus looked up and saw a large crowd coming
toward him, he said to Philip, “Where can we buy bread for
these people to eat?”
6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he
was about to do.
7 Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of
bread would not be enough for each of them to get even a
little.”
8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said
to him,
9 “There is a boy here with five barley loaves and two
small fish, but what are they for so many?”
10 Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was
plenty of grass in that place, so the men sat down, about
five thousand in number.
11 Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and
distributed them to those seated there. He did the same
with the fish, as much as they wanted.
12 When they had eaten their fill, he said to his disciples,
“Gather the leftover pieces so that nothing is lost.”
13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with
pieces from the five barley loaves left over by those who
had eaten.
14 When the people saw the sign he had performed, they
said, “This truly is the Prophet who is coming into the
world.”
15 Then Jesus, knowing that they were about to come and
seize him to make him king, withdrew again to the
mountain by himself.
16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the
sea,
17 got into a boat, and started across the sea toward
Capernaum. It was already dark, and Jesus had not yet
come to them.
18 A strong wind was blowing, and the sea grew rough.
19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they
saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat,
and they were afraid.
20 But he said to them, “It is I. Do not be afraid.”
21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and
immediately the boat reached the shore where they were
going.
22 The next day, the crowd that had stayed on the other
side of the sea saw that only one boat had been there, and
that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but
his disciples had left alone.

23 Other boats came from Tiberias near the place where
they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.
24 So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his
disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to
Capernaum looking for Jesus.

25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they
said to him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”
26 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, you are
looking for me because you ate the loaves and had your fill,
not because you saw signs.
27 Work for the food that endures to eternal life, rather
than for the food that perishes. The Son of Man will give it
to you, for God the Father has set his seal on him.”
28 Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform
the works of God?”
29 Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God: that
you believe in the one he sent.”
30 So they said to him, “Then what sign will you perform
so that we may see and believe you? What work will you
do?
31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is
written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ”
32 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, it was not
Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father
gives you the true bread from heaven.
33 For the bread of God is the one who comes down from
heaven and gives life to the world.”
34 Then they said to him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever
comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in
me will never thirst.
36 But I told you that you have seen me and still do not
believe.
37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and
whoever comes to me I will never cast out.
38 For I have come down from heaven to do the will of
him who sent me, not my own will.
39 And this is the will of him who sent me: that I lose
nothing of all he has given me, but raise it up on the last
day.
40 For this is my Father's will: that everyone who sees the
Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will
raise him up on the last day.”

41 Then the Jews grumbled about him because he said, “I
am the bread that came down from heaven.”

42 They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose
father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have
come down from heaven’?”
43 Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among
yourselves.
44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me
draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day.
45 It is written in the Prophets, ‘They will all be taught by
God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father
comes to me.
46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one
who is from God; he has seen the Father.
47 Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.
48 I am the bread of life.
49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and died.
50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that
anyone may eat of it and not die.
51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If
anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the
bread I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”
52 Then the Jews argued with one another, saying, “How
can this man give us his flesh to eat?”
53 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, unless you
eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you
have no life in yourselves.
54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has
eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.
55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.
56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in
me, and I in him.
57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of
the Father, so whoever feeds on me will live because of me.
58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. It is not
like what the fathers ate: they died. Whoever eats this
bread will live forever.”
59 He said these things while teaching in a synagogue in
Capernaum.
60 When many of his disciples heard this, they said, “This
is a hard saying. Who can listen to it?”
61 But Jesus, knowing within himself that his disciples
were grumbling about this, said to them, “Does this cause
you to stumble?
62 Then what if you see the Son of Man ascending to
where he was before?
63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no benefit.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

64 But there are some among you who do not believe."
For Jesus knew from the beginning who did not believe and
who would betray him.
65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can
come to me unless it has been granted to him by the Father."
66 From that time, many of his disciples turned back and
no longer walked with him.
67 So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to go
away?"
68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of eternal life.
69 And we have believed and come to know that you are
the Holy One of God."
70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the
Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil."
71 He was speaking of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, for
he was going to betray him, though he was one of the
Twelve.

7

1 After this Jesus traveled around Galilee. He did not
want to travel in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to
kill him.
2 Now the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near.
3 So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea,
so that your disciples too may see the works you are doing.
4 For no one does things in secret while seeking to be
known publicly. If you do these things, show yourself to the
world."
5 For even his brothers did not believe in him.
6 Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your
time is always ready.
7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I
testify about it that its works are evil.
8 You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast,
because my time has not yet been fulfilled."
9 After saying these things, he stayed in Galilee.
10 But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, he too
went up, not publicly but as if in secret.
11 The Jews were looking for him at the feast and saying,
"Where is he?"
12 There was much whispering about him among the
crowds. Some said, "He is good." Others said, "No, he leads
the crowd astray."
13 Yet no one spoke openly about him for fear of the Jews.

14 When the feast was already halfway over, Jesus went
up to the temple and began to teach.
15 The Jews marveled and said, “How does this man have
such learning when he has not studied?”
16 Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his
who sent me.
17 If anyone is willing to do his will, he will know whether
the teaching is from God or whether I speak on my own.
18 Whoever speaks on his own seeks his own glory. But
whoever seeks the glory of the one who sent him is true,
and there is no unrighteousness in him.

19 Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps
the law. Why are you seeking to kill me?”
20 The crowd answered, “You have a demon! Who is
seeking to kill you?”
21 Jesus answered them, “I did one work, and you all
marvel.
22 For this reason Moses gave you circumcision—not that
it comes from Moses, but from the fathers—and you
circumcise a man on the Sabbath.
23 If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that
the law of Moses will not be broken, are you angry with me
because I made a whole man well on the Sabbath?
24 Do not judge by appearances, but judge with righteous
judgment.”

25 Then some of the people of Jerusalem said, “Is this not
the man they are seeking to kill?
26 Look, he speaks openly, and they say nothing to him.
Could the rulers have truly recognized that he is the Christ?
27 But we know where this man comes from. When the
Christ comes, no one will know where he comes from.”
28 So Jesus cried out as he taught in the temple, “You
know me and know where I come from. Yet I have not
come on my own. The one who sent me is true, and you do
not know him.
29 I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.”
30 Then they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on
him, because his hour had not yet come.
31 But many in the crowd believed in him and said,
“When the Christ comes, will he perform more signs than
this man has?”
32 The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering these things
about him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent
officers to arrest him.
33 Then Jesus said, “I am with you a little while longer,
and then I am going to the one who sent me.

34 You will look for me and not find me, and where I am
you cannot come."
35 The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man
intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go
to those dispersed among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?
36 What does he mean by saying, 'You will look for me
and not find me, and where I am you cannot come'?"
37 On the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood
and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and
drink.
38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said,
rivers of living water will flow from within him."
39 He said this about the Spirit, whom those who believed
in him were going to receive. For the Spirit had not yet
been given, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.
40 When some of the crowd heard these words, they said,
"This truly is the Prophet."
41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Surely
the Christ does not come from Galilee?
42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from
David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the village
where David was?"
43 So there was a division in the crowd because of him.
44 Some of them wanted to seize him, but no one laid
hands on him.
45 Then the officers returned to the chief priests and
Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not bring him?"
46 The officers answered, "No one has ever spoken like
this!"
47 Then the Pharisees answered them, "Have you also
been led astray?
48 Has any of the rulers or Pharisees believed in him?
49 But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."
50 Nicodemus, who had gone to him before and was one
of them, said to them,
51 "Does our law judge a man without first hearing from
him and learning what he is doing?"
52 They answered him, "Are you from Galilee too? Search
and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."
53 Then each went to his own home.

8

1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
2 At dawn he returned to the temple, and all the people
came. He sat down and taught them.
3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought him a woman
caught in adultery and stood her in the midst.

4 To test him, they said to him, “Teacher, this woman was
caught in the very act of adultery.
5 In the law Moses commanded us to stone such women.
What, then, do you say?”
6 They said this to test him, so that they would have
grounds to accuse him. But Jesus bent down and wrote on
the ground with his finger, paying them no attention.
7 When they kept questioning him, he straightened up
and said to them, “Let the one among you who is without
sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”
8 Then he bent down again and wrote on the ground.
9 When they heard this, convicted by their conscience,
they began to leave one by one, starting with the oldest.
Jesus was left alone, with the woman still in the midst.
10 Jesus straightened up and, seeing no one but the
woman, said to her, “Where are those accusers of yours?
Has no one condemned you?”
11 She said, “No one, Lord.” Jesus said, “Neither do I
condemn you. Go, and sin no more.”
12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light
of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in
darkness, but will have the light of life.”
13 The Pharisees said to him, “You bear witness about
yourself; your testimony is not true.”
14 Jesus answered them, “Even if I bear witness about
myself, my testimony is true, because I know where I came
from and where I am going. But you do not know where I
come from or where I am going.
15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.
16 Yet even if I judge, my judgment is true, because I am
not alone, but I and the Father who sent me.
17 In your own law it is written that the testimony of two
people is true.
18 I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the
Father who sent me bears witness about me.”
19 Then they said to him, “Where is your Father?” Jesus
answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you
knew me, you would know my Father too.”
20 He spoke these words in the treasury as he taught in
the temple. No one arrested him, because his hour had not
yet come.
21 Then he said to them again, “I am going away, and you
will look for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am
going you cannot come.”
22 So the Jews said, “Will he kill himself, since he says,
‘Where I am going you cannot come’?”

23 He said to them, “You are from below; I am from above.
You are of this world; I am not of this world.
24 That is why I told you that you will die in your sins. For
unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins.”
25 Then they said to him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to
them, “Why do I speak to you at all?
26 I have much to say about you and much to judge. But
the one who sent me is true, and I speak to the world what
I have heard from him.”
27 They did not understand that he was speaking to them
about the Father.
28 So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then
you will know that I am, and that I do nothing on my own,
but speak these things as the Father taught me.
29 The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me
alone, because I always do what pleases him.”
30 As he spoke these things, many believed in him.

31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If
you abide in my word, you truly are my disciples,
32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you
free.”
33 They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants
and have never been slaves to anyone. How can you say,
‘You will become free’?”
34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, everyone
who commits sin is a slave to sin.
35 A slave does not remain in the household forever; a
son remains forever.
36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
37 I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, yet you
seek to kill me, because my word finds no room in you.
38 I speak of what I have seen with the Father, and you do
what you have heard from the father.”

39 They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said
to them, “If you are Abraham’s children, you would be
doing the works of Abraham.
40 But now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you
the truth I heard from God. Abraham did not do this.
41 You do the works of your father.” They said to him, “We
were not born of sexual immorality. We have one
Father—God.”
42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would
love me, for I came forth from God and have come here. I
did not come on my own, but he sent me.
43 Why do you not understand what I say? Because you
cannot listen to my word.

44 You are of your father the devil, and you want to carry
out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the
beginning and has not stood in the truth, because there is
no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his
own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.
46 Which of you can convict me of sin? If I speak the
truth, why do you not believe me?
47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. This is why
you do not hear: you are not of God."
48 The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying
that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?"
49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor
my Father, and you dishonor me.
50 I do not seek my own glory. There is one who seeks it
and judges.
51 Truly, truly, I tell you, if anyone keeps my word, he will
never see death."
52 The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a
demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets, yet you
say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.'
53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died?
The prophets died too. Who do you make yourself out to
be?"
54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing.
It is my Father who glorifies me, the one of whom you say,
'He is our God.'
55 Yet you have not known him, but I know him. If I were
to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you.
But I know him and keep his word.
56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my
day. He saw it and was glad."
57 Then the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years
old, and have you seen Abraham?"
58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I tell you, before
Abraham came to be, I am."
59 Then they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus
hid himself and went out of the temple.

9

1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.
2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or
his parents, that he was born blind?"
3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his
parents, but that the works of God might be revealed in
him.

4 We must do the works of him who sent me while it is
day. Night is coming, when no one can work.
5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
6 After saying this, he spat on the ground, made mud with
the saliva, and spread the mud on the man's eyes.
7 He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which
means Sent). So he went, washed, and came back seeing.
8 Then the neighbors and those who had seen him before
as a beggar said, "Is this not the man who used to sit and
beg?"
9 Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he looks like
him." He kept saying, "I am the one."
10 So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"
11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread
it on my eyes, and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I
went and washed, and I received my sight."
12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not
know."
13 They brought the man who had been blind to the
Pharisees.
14 Now the day Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes
was a Sabbath.
15 So the Pharisees also asked him how he had received
his sight. He told them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed,
and I see."
16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God,
because he does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How
can a sinful man perform such signs?" And there was
division among them.
17 So they said to the blind man again, "What do you say
about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a
prophet."
18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and
had received his sight until they called the parents of the
man who had received his sight.
19 They asked them, "Is this your son, whom you say was
born blind? How, then, does he now see?"
20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son
and that he was born blind.
21 But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know
who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak
for himself."
22 His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for
the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed
Jesus to be the Christ would be put out of the synagogue.
23 That is why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24 So they called the man who had been blind a second
time and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this
man is a sinner.”
25 He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know.
One thing I know: I was blind, and now I see.”
26 They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he
open your eyes?”
27 He answered them, “I already told you, and you did not
listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to
become his disciples too?”
28 They insulted him and said, “You are his disciple, but
we are disciples of Moses.
29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this
man, we do not know where he comes from.”
30 The man answered them, “Now that is amazing! You do
not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.
31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if
anyone worships God and does his will, he listens to him.
32 Never has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes
of a person born blind.
33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”
34 They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins,
and are you teaching us?” And they threw him out.
35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when
he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
36 He answered, “Who is he, sir, so that I may believe in
him?”
37 Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one
speaking with you is he.”
38 He said, “I believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.
39 Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, so that
those who do not see may see, and those who see may
become blind.”
40 Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this
and said to him, “Are we blind too?”
41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have
no sin. But now you say, ‘We see.’ Your sin remains.”

10

1 “Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever does not enter the
sheepfold through the door but climbs in some other way is
a thief and a robber.
2 But the one who enters through the door is the
shepherd of the sheep.
3 The doorkeeper opens to him, and the sheep hear his
voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 When he has brought all his own out, he goes ahead of
them, and the sheep follow him because they know his
voice.
5 They will never follow a stranger, but will flee from
him, because they do not know the voice of strangers."
6 Jesus told them this figure of speech, but they did not
understand what he was saying to them.

7 So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I tell you, I am
the door for the sheep.
8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but
the sheep did not listen to them.
9 I am the door. If anyone enters through me, he will be
saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.
10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I
came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep.
12 The hired hand, who is not a shepherd and does not
own the sheep, sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and
flees—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them—
13 because he is a hired hand and does not care about the
sheep.
14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own
know me,
15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.
And I lay down my life for the sheep.
16 I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must
bring them too, and they will hear my voice. They will
become one flock, with one shepherd.
17 This is why the Father loves me: because I lay down
my life to take it up again.
18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own
accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to
take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

19 Again there was a division among the Jews because of
these words.
20 Many of them said, "He has a demon and is out of his
mind. Why listen to him?"
21 Others said, "These are not the words of someone
possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the
blind?"
22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place in
Jerusalem. It was winter,
23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in Solomon's
Colonnade.

24 Then the Jews surrounded him and said to him, “How
long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell
us plainly.”
25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not
believe. The works I do in my Father's name bear witness
about me.
26 But you do not believe, because you are not among my
sheep.
27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they
follow me.
28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and
no one will snatch them out of my hand.
29 My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is
greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the
Father’s hand.
30 I and the Father are one.”
31 The Jews again picked up stones to stone him.
32 Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good
works from the Father. For which of them are you stoning
me?”
33 The Jews answered him, “We are not stoning you for a
good work, but for blasphemy, because you, being a man,
make yourself God.”
34 Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I
said, you are gods’?
35 If he called those to whom the word of God came
gods—and the Scripture cannot be broken—
36 do you say to the one the Father sanctified and sent
into the world, ‘You blaspheme,’ because I said, ‘I am the
Son of God’?
37 If I do not do the works of my Father, do not believe me.
38 But if I do them, even though you do not believe me,
believe the works, so that you may come to know and
continue to know that the Father is in me and I am in the
Father.”
39 Then they tried again to seize him, but he escaped
from their hands.
40 He went away again across the Jordan to the place
where John had first been baptizing, and he stayed there.
41 Many came to him and said, “John performed no sign,
but everything John said about this man was true.”
42 And many believed in him there.

11

1 Now a man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of
Mary and her sister Martha.

2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume
and wiped his feet with her hair. It was her brother
Lazarus who was sick.
3 So the sisters sent word to him, “Lord, look, the one you
love is sick.”
4 When Jesus heard this, he said, “This illness is not for
death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may
be glorified through it.”
5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.
6 So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed two
days in the place where he was.
7 After that he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea
again.”
8 The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just
seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?”
9 Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day?
If anyone walks in the daytime, he does not stumble,
because he sees the light of this world.
10 But if anyone walks at night, he stumbles, because the
light is not in him.”
11 After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has
fallen asleep, but I am going to wake him.”
12 Then the disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen
asleep, he will recover.”
13 Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought he was
speaking of rest in sleep.
14 Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died,
15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that
you may believe. But let us go to him.”
16 Then Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow
disciples, “Let us go too, so that we may die with him.”
17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already
been in the tomb four days.
18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles
away,
19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to
comfort them about their brother.
20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went
to meet him, while Mary remained seated in the house.
21 Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my
brother would not have died.
22 Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God
will give you.”
23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”
24 Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in
the resurrection on the last day.”

25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me, though he dies, will live,
26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never
die. Do you believe this?”
27 She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have believed that you are
the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the
world.”
28 After saying this, she went and called her sister Mary,
telling her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for
you.”
29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to
him.
30 Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still in
the place where Martha had met him.
31 When the Jews who were with Mary in the house
comforting her saw her get up quickly and leave, they
followed her, thinking she was going to the tomb to weep
there.
32 When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she
fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.”
33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had
come with her weeping, he was indignant in spirit and
became troubled.
34 He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him,
“Lord, come and see.”
35 Jesus wept.
36 Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”
37 But some of them said, “Could not this man, who
opened the blind man's eyes, have kept this man from
dying?”
38 Then Jesus, again indignant within himself, came to the
tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.
39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead
man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there is a stench,
for it has been four days.”
40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe,
you will see the glory of God?”
41 So they took away the stone. Jesus lifted his eyes
upward and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard
me.
42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this because
of the crowd standing around, so that they may believe that
you sent me.”
43 After saying this, he cried out with a loud voice,
“Lazarus, come out!”

44 The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with
strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to
them, “Unbind him and let him go.”
45 Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary and
seen what he did believed in him.
46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them
what Jesus had done.
47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the
council and said, “What are we doing? This man is
performing many signs.
48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in
him, and the Romans will come and take away both our
place and our nation.”
49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that
year, said to them, “You know nothing at all,
50 nor do you consider that it is better for you that one
man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.”
51 He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that
year he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the
nation,
52 and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one
the children of God who were scattered.
53 So from that day on they plotted to kill him.
54 Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the
Jews, but went away from there to the region near the
wilderness, to a town called Ephraim. There he stayed with
the disciples.
55 Now the Jewish Passover was near, and many went up
from the countryside to Jerusalem before the Passover to
purify themselves.
56 They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another
as they stood in the temple, “What do you think? Will he
not come to the feast?”
57 The chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders
that anyone who knew where he was should report it, so
that they could arrest him.

12

1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany,
where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.
2 They gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and
Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with him.
3 Then Mary took about twelve ounces of very costly
perfume of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped his
feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance
of the perfume.

4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, who was going to
betray him, said,
5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred
denarii and the money given to the poor?"
6 He said this because he was a thief, not because he
cared about the poor. He had charge of the money bag and
used to take what was put into it.
7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for
the day of my burial.
8 For you always have the poor with you, but you do not
always have me."
9 A large crowd of the Jews learned that he was there and
came, not only because of Jesus, but also to see Lazarus,
whom he had raised from the dead.
10 But the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus too,
11 because on account of him many of the Jews were
going away and believing in Jesus.
12 The next day, the large crowd that had come to the
feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.
13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him,
crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord, the King of Israel!"
14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is
written,
15 "Do not fear, daughter of Zion.
Look, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."
16 His disciples did not understand these things at first.
But when Jesus was glorified, they remembered that these
things had been written about him and had been done to
him.
17 The crowd that had been with him when he called
Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore
witness.
18 For this reason the crowd also went to meet him,
because they had heard that he had performed this sign.
19 Then the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that
you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone
after him."
20 Now some Greeks were among those who went up to
worship at the feast.
21 They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in
Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we want to see Jesus."
22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went
and told Jesus.
23 Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son
of Man to be glorified.

24 Truly, truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into
the earth and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it bears
much fruit.
25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his
life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
26 If anyone serves me, let him follow me, and where I
am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the
Father will honor him.
27 Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? Father,
save me from this hour. But for this very reason I came to
this hour.
28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from
heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."
29 The crowd standing there heard it and said it had
thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."
30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not
mine.
31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of
this world will be cast out.
32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all
people to myself."
33 He said this to indicate what kind of death he was
going to die.
34 Then the crowd answered him, "We have heard from
the law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say
that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of
Man?"
35 Jesus said to them, "The light is among you a little while
longer. Walk while you have the light, so that darkness
does not overtake you. Whoever walks in darkness does
not know where he is going.
36 While you have the light, believe in the light, so that
you may become sons of light." Jesus said these things, then
went away and hid himself from them.
37 Though he had performed so many signs before them,
they did not believe in him,
38 so that the word spoken by Isaiah the prophet might be
fulfilled:
"Lord, who has believed our report?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"
39 For this reason they could not believe, because Isaiah
also said,
40 "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, so
that they may not see with their eyes or understand
with their heart or turn, and I would heal them."
41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and
spoke about him.

42 Nevertheless, even many of the rulers believed in him.
But because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, so
that they would not be put out of the synagogue,
43 for they loved the glory that comes from people more
than the glory that comes from God.

44 Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me
believes not in me but in the one who sent me.
45 And whoever sees me sees the one who sent me.
46 I have come into the world as light, so that everyone
who believes in me may not remain in darkness.
47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do
not judge him, for I did not come to judge the world but to
save the world.
48 Whoever rejects me and does not receive my words
has a judge: the word I have spoken will judge him on the
last day.
49 For I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who
sent me has himself given me a command about what to
say and what to speak.
50 And I know that his command is eternal life. So what I
speak, I speak just as the Father has told me.”

13

1 Before the Feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour
had come to depart from this world to the Father. Having
loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the
end.
2 During supper, the devil had already put it into the
heart of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray him.
3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into
his hands, and that he had come from God and was going
to God,
4 rose from supper, laid aside his outer garments, and
took a towel and tied it around himself.
5 Then he poured water into the basin and began to wash
the disciples’ feet and dry them with the towel tied around
him.
6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you
washing my feet?”
7 Jesus answered him, “You do not understand what I am
doing now, but you will understand afterward.”
8 Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus
answered him, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with
me.”
9 Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only, but
also my hands and my head!”

10 Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed needs only
to wash his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean,
but not all of you.”
11 For he knew who would betray him; that is why he
said, “Not all of you are clean.”
12 When he had washed their feet, put on his outer
garments, and reclined at the table again, he said to them,
“Do you understand what I have done for you?
13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so
I am.
14 If I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you
too ought to wash one another’s feet.
15 For I have given you an example, so that you too
should do as I have done for you.
16 Truly, truly, I tell you, a slave is not greater than his
master, nor a messenger greater than the one who sent him.
17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do
them.
18 I am not speaking about all of you. I know whom I have
chosen. But this is so that the Scripture may be fulfilled:
‘The one who eats my bread has lifted his heel against me.’
19 I am telling you now, before it happens, so that when it
happens you may believe that I am.
20 Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever receives anyone I send
receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one
who sent me.”
21 After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in spirit
and testified, “Truly, truly, I tell you, one of you will betray
me.”
22 The disciples looked at one another, uncertain whom
he meant.
23 One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining
close to Jesus' chest.
24 Simon Peter motioned to him to find out whom he was
speaking about.
25 So that disciple leaned back against Jesus’ chest and
said to him, “Lord, who is it?”
26 Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I will give the
piece of bread after dipping it.” Then he dipped the piece
and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.
27 After the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Then
Jesus said to him, “What you are doing, do quickly.”
28 But no one reclining at the table understood why he
said this to him.
29 Since Judas had charge of the money bag, some
thought Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the
feast,” or that he should give something to the poor.

30 So after taking the piece of bread, he went out
immediately. And it was night.
31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man
has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.
32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify
him in himself, and will glorify him immediately.
33 Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You
will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I now tell
you: ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’
34 A new command I give you: love one another. Just as I
have loved you, you too are to love one another.
35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if
you have love for one another.”
36 Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?”
Jesus answered, “Where I am going you cannot follow me
now, but you will follow afterward.”
37 Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now?
I will lay down my life for you.”
38 Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me?
Truly, truly, I tell you, the rooster will not crow until you
have denied me three times.”

14

1 “Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God;
believe also in me.
2 In my Father’s house are many dwelling places. If it
were not so, I would have told you, for I am going to
prepare a place for you.
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again
and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also.
4 You know the way to where I am going.”
5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you
are going. How can we know the way?”
6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the
life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father
too. From now on you know him and have seen him.”
8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and that is
enough for us.”
9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and
you have not known me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has
seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?
10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the
Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on
my own, but the Father who abides in me does his works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in
me. Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves.
12 Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever believes in me will also
do the works I do, and he will do greater works than these,
because I am going to the Father.
13 And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that
the Father may be glorified in the Son.
14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.
15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another
Advocate to be with you forever:
17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,
because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him,
because he abides with you and will be in you.
18 I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.
19 A little while longer, and the world will no longer see
me, but you will see me. Because I live, you too will live.
20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and
you in me, and I in you.
21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them is
the one who loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by
my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."
22 Judas, not Iscariot, said to him, "Lord, what has
happened that you are going to reveal yourself to us and
not to the world?"
23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep
my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to
him and make our home with him.
24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words.
And the word you hear is not mine, but the Father's who
sent me.
25 I have spoken these things to you while abiding with
you.
26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will
send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you
of everything I have said to you.
27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not
give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be
troubled or afraid.
28 You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and coming to
you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced that I am
going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.
29 Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it
happens you may believe.
30 I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of
the world is coming. He has no claim on me,

31 but I do just as the Father commanded me, so that the
world may know that I love the Father. Get up; let us go
from here."

15

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.
2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes
away, and every branch that bears fruit he prunes so that it
may bear more fruit.
3 You are already clean because of the word I have
spoken to you.
4 Abide in me, and I in you. Just as a branch cannot bear
fruit on its own unless it abides in the vine, neither can you
unless you abide in me.
5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in
me, and I in him, bears much fruit, for apart from me you
can do nothing.
6 If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown out like a
branch and withers. Such branches are gathered and
thrown into the fire, and they burn.
7 If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask
whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
8 By this my Father is glorified: that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.
9 Just as the Father has loved me, I have loved you. Abide
in my love.
10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my
love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and
abide in his love.
11 I have spoken these things to you so that my joy may be
in you and your joy may be complete.
12 This is my commandment: love one another as I have
loved you.
13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down his life
for his friends.
14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.
15 I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not
know what his master is doing. But I have called you
friends, because I have made known to you everything I
heard from my Father.
16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed
you to go and bear fruit, and for your fruit to abide, so that
whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.
17 These things I command you, so that you may love one
another.

18 If the world hates you, know that it has hated me
before you.
19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own.
But because you are not of the world, and I chose you out
of the world, the world hates you.
20 Remember the word I spoke to you: 'A slave is not
greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will
persecute you too. If they kept my word, they will keep
yours too.
21 But they will do all these things to you because of my
name, for they do not know the one who sent me.
22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have
no sin. But now they have no excuse for their sin.
23 Whoever hates me hates my Father too.
24 If I had not done among them the works that no one
else did, they would have no sin. But now they have seen
and hated both me and my Father.
25 But this is so that the word written in their law may be
fulfilled: 'They hated me without cause.'
26 When the Advocate comes, whom I will send you from
the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father,
he will bear witness about me.
27 And you too bear witness, because you have been with
me from the beginning."

16

1 "I have spoken these things to you so that you may not
stumble.
2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an
hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he
is offering service to God.
3 They will do these things because they have known
neither the Father nor me.
4 But I have spoken these things to you so that when their
hour comes, you may remember that I told you about them.
I did not tell you these things from the beginning, because I
was with you.
5 But now I am going to the one who sent me, and none of
you asks me, 'Where are you going?'
6 Rather, sorrow has filled your heart because I have
spoken these things to you.
7 Yet I tell you the truth: it is better for you that I go away.
For if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you.
But if I go, I will send him to you.
8 When he comes, he will convict the world concerning
sin and righteousness and judgment:

9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;
10 concerning righteousness, because I am going to the
Father and you will no longer see me;
11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this
world has been judged.

12 I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot bear
them now.
13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide
you in all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but
will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you
the things to come.
14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine
and declare it to you.
15 All that the Father has is mine. That is why I said that
he takes what is mine and will declare it to you.

16 A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again
a little while, and you will see me."
17 Then some of his disciples said to one another, "What
does he mean by telling us, 'A little while, and you will not
see me, and again a little while, and you will see me,' and,
'Because I am going to the Father'?"
18 So they said, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We
do not know what he is saying."
19 Jesus knew that they wanted to question him, and said
to them, "Are you discussing among yourselves what I
meant by saying, 'A little while, and you will not see me,
and again a little while, and you will see me'?
20 Truly, truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but
the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your sorrow will
turn into joy.
21 When a woman gives birth, she has pain because her
hour has come. But after she has given birth to the child,
she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human
being has been born into the world.
22 So you too have sorrow now, but I will see you again,
and your heart will rejoice, and no one takes your joy from
you.
23 On that day you will ask me no questions. Truly, truly, I
tell you, whatever you ask the Father, he will give you in
my name.
24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask
and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

25 I have spoken these things to you in figures of speech.
An hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in
figures of speech, but will tell you plainly about the Father.

26 On that day you will ask in my name. I do not tell you
that I will ask the Father on your behalf,
27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have
loved me and have believed that I came from God.
28 I came from the Father and have come into the world.
Again I am leaving the world and going to the Father."
29 His disciples said, "Look, now you are speaking plainly
and not using any figure of speech.
30 Now we know that you know all things and have no
need for anyone to question you. By this we believe that
you came from God."
31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?
32 Look, an hour is coming, and has come, when you will
be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me
alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.
33 I have spoken these things to you so that in me you
may have peace. In the world you have tribulation. But
take heart; I have overcome the world."

17

1 Jesus spoke these things, then lifted his eyes to heaven
and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, so
that the Son may glorify you,
2 just as you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he
may give eternal life to all those you have given him.
3 And this is eternal life: that they know you, the only
true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent.
4 I glorified you on earth by completing the work you
gave me to do.
5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the
glory I had with you before the world existed.
6 I have revealed your name to the people you gave me
out of the world. They were yours, and you gave them to
me, and they have kept your word.
7 Now they know that everything you have given me is
from you,
8 because I have given them the words you gave me.
They received them and truly knew that I came from you,
and they believed that you sent me.
9 I pray for them. I do not pray for the world, but for
those you have given me, because they are yours.
10 All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine, and
I have been glorified in them.
11 I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world,
and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your

name, which you have given me, so that they may be one, just as we are.
12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled.
13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.
14 I have given them your word, and the world hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
15 I do not pray that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.
16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
18 Just as you sent me into the world, I sent them into the world.
19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, so that they too may be sanctified in truth.
20 I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in me through their word,
21 so that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me and I in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me.
22 I have given them the glory you have given me, so that they may be one, just as we are one:
23 I in them and you in me, so that they may be made perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them just as you loved me.
24 Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may see my glory, which you have given me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
25 Righteous Father, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you sent me.
26 I made your name known to them and will make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them."

18

1 After saying these things, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron stream. There was a garden there, which he and his disciples entered.
2 Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples.

3 So Judas took the detachment of soldiers, along with
officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, and came
there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.
4 Then Jesus, knowing everything that was coming upon
him, stepped forward and said to them, “Whom are you
looking for?”
5 They answered him, “Jesus the Nazarene.” He said to
them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was also
standing with them.
6 When he said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and
fell to the ground.
7 So he asked them again, “Whom are you looking for?”
They said, “Jesus the Nazarene.”
8 Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So if you are
looking for me, let these men go.”
9 This was so that the word he had spoken might be
fulfilled: “Of those you have given me, I have lost none.”
10 Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the
high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s
name was Malchus.
11 Jesus said to Peter, “Put the sword into its sheath. Shall
I not drink the cup the Father has given me?”
12 Then the detachment, its commander, and the officers
of the Jews arrested Jesus, bound him,
13 and took him first to Annas, for he was the
father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.
14 It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it was
better for one man to die for the people.
15 Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. That
disciple was known to the high priest and entered the high
priest’s courtyard with Jesus.
16 But Peter was standing outside at the door. Then the
other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out,
spoke to the woman keeping the door, and brought Peter in.
17 The slave girl keeping the door said to Peter, “Are you
not also one of this man’s disciples?” He said, “I am not.”
18 The slaves and officers had made a charcoal fire
because it was cold, and they stood warming themselves.
Peter too was standing with them, warming himself.
19 Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his
disciples and his teaching.
20 Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the
world. I always taught in a synagogue and in the temple,
where all the Jews gather, and I said nothing in secret.
21 Why do you question me? Ask those who heard what I
said to them. Look, they know what I said.”

22 When he said this, one of the officers standing nearby
slapped Jesus and said, “Is that how you answer the high
priest?”
23 Jesus answered him, “If I spoke wrongly, bear witness
to the wrong. But if rightly, why do you strike me?”
24 Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high
priest.
25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself.
They said to him, “Are you not also one of his disciples?” He
denied it and said, “I am not.”
26 One of the high priest’s slaves, a relative of the man
whose ear Peter had cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the
garden with him?”
27 Again Peter denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.
28 Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to the governor's
headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did
not enter the headquarters, so that they would not be
defiled, but could eat the Passover.
29 So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What charge
do you bring against this man?”
30 They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil,
we would not have handed him over to you.”
31 Then Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and
judge him according to your law.” The Jews said to him,
“We are not permitted to put anyone to death.”
32 This was so that the word Jesus had spoken might be
fulfilled, indicating what kind of death he was going to die.
33 Then Pilate went back into the headquarters, called
Jesus, and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”
34 Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own, or did
others tell you about me?”
35 Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the
chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”
36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If
my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so
that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my
kingdom is not from here.”
37 Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus
answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born,
and for this I have come into the world: to bear witness to
the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.”
38 Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” After saying this, he
went out to the Jews again and said to them, “I find no
ground for a charge against him.
39 But you have a custom that I release someone to you at

the Passover. So do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you?"
40 Then they cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

19

1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.
2 The soldiers wove a crown of thorns, put it on his head, and clothed him in a purple robe.
3 They kept coming up to him and saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they slapped him.
4 Pilate went outside again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you so that you may know that I find no ground for a charge against him."
5 Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!"
6 When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no ground for a charge against him."
7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he made himself the Son of God."
8 When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid.
9 He went back into the headquarters and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.
10 Then Pilate said to him, "Will you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?"
11 Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me unless it had been given you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin."
12 From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."
13 When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Stone Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha.
14 It was the day of Preparation for the Passover, about noon. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"
15 Then they cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

16 Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So
they took Jesus.
17 Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place called
the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.
18 There they crucified him, and two others with him, one
on each side, with Jesus in the middle.
19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross.
It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”
20 Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the
place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. It was
written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek.
21 So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not
write, ‘The King of the Jews,' but that he said, ‘I am King of
the Jews.’ ”
22 Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”
23 When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his
garments and divided them into four parts, one for each
soldier, and took the tunic as well. The tunic was seamless,
woven in one piece from the top.
24 So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast
lots for it to decide whose it will be.” This was so that the
Scripture might be fulfilled: “They divided my garments
among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So
the soldiers did these things.

25 Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his
mother's sister, Mary of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he
loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman,
behold your son.”
27 Then he said to the disciple, “Behold your mother.” And
from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had now been
completed, said, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, “I
thirst.”
29 A vessel full of sour wine was there. So they put a
sponge filled with sour wine on hyssop and held it to his
mouth.
30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is
finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

31 Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews asked
Pilate to have the crucified men's legs broken and their
bodies taken away, so that the bodies would not remain on
the cross on the Sabbath, for that Sabbath was a high day.
32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man
and of the other who had been crucified with him.

33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was
already dead, they did not break his legs.
34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a
spear, and immediately blood and water came out.
35 The one who saw this has borne witness, and his
testimony is true. He knows that he speaks the truth, so
that you too may believe.
36 For these things happened so that the Scripture might
be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.”
37 And again another Scripture says, “They will look on
the one they pierced.”
38 After this, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of
Jesus, though secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to
let him take away Jesus' body. Pilate gave permission, so he
came and took away his body.
39 Nicodemus, who had first come to him at night, also
came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing
about seventy-five pounds.
40 So they took Jesus' body and wrapped it in linen cloths
with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom.
41 There was a garden at the place where he was
crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one
had yet been laid.
42 So they laid Jesus there because it was the Jewish day
of Preparation and the tomb was nearby.

20

1 On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to
the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the
stone had been taken away from the tomb.
2 So she ran to Simon Peter and to the other disciple,
whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the
Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have
laid him.”
3 Then Peter and the other disciple went out and headed
for the tomb.
4 The two were running together, but the other disciple
outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
5 He bent down and saw the linen cloths lying there, but
did not go in.
6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and entered the
tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there,
7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying
with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself.
8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first,
also went in. He saw and believed.

9 For they did not yet understand the Scripture, that he
must rise from the dead.
10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.
11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb, weeping. As she
wept, she bent down to look into the tomb
12 and saw two angels in white sitting where Jesus' body
had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.
13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She
said to them, "They have taken my Lord away, and I do not
know where they have laid him."
14 After saying this, she turned around and saw Jesus
standing there, but did not know it was Jesus.
15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?
Whom are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener,
she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me
where you have laid him, and I will take him away."
16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in
Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).
17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet
ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them,
'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God
and your God.' "
18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,
"I have seen the Lord," and told them that he had said these
things to her.
19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week,
the doors were closed where the disciples were, for fear of
the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said to
them, "Peace be with you."
20 After saying this, he showed them his hands and his
side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. Just as the
Father has sent me, I also send you."
22 After saying this, he breathed and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
23 If you forgive anyone's sins, those sins have been
forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they have been
retained."
24 But Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was
not with them when Jesus came.
25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the
Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the
nails in his hands, put my finger into the mark of the nails,
and put my hand into his side, I will never believe."
26 Eight days later his disciples were inside again, and
Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though the doors were

closed, and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”
27 Then he said to Thomas, “Bring your finger here and see my hands. Bring your hand and put it into my side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”
28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”
29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”
30 Jesus also performed many other signs in the presence of the disciples that are not written in this book.
31 But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

21

1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way.
2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.
3 Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We are coming with you too.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
4 When morning came, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus.
5 Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.”
6 He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and they could no longer haul it in because of the great number of fish.
7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tied his outer garment around himself, for he was undressed, and threw himself into the sea.
8 The other disciples came in the small boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from land, but about a hundred yards away.
9 When they stepped ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there with fish laid on it, and bread.
10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.”
11 So Simon Peter went up and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish—one hundred fifty-three. Although there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of
the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew
it was the Lord.
13 Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them, and
did the same with the fish.
14 This was now the third time Jesus had been revealed to
the disciples after being raised from the dead.
15 When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon
Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than
these?” Peter said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love
you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”
16 He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of John,
do you love me?” Peter said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know
that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Shepherd my sheep.”
17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do
you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the
third time, “Do you love me?” He said to him, “Lord, you
know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to
him, “Feed my sheep.
18 Truly, truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you
used to fasten your belt and walk where you wished. But
when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and
someone else will fasten a belt around you and carry you
where you do not wish to go.”
19 He said this to indicate by what kind of death he would
glorify God. After saying this, he told him, “Follow me.”
20 Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved
following them, the one who had leaned back against his
chest at supper and said, “Lord, who is the one who will
betray you?”
21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what
about this man?”
22 Jesus said to him, “If I want him to remain until I come,
what is that to you? You follow me.”
23 So the saying spread among the brothers that this
disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say to him that he
would not die, but, “If I want him to remain until I come,
what is that to you?”
24 This is the disciple who bears witness about these
things and who wrote these things, and we know that his
testimony is true.
25 Jesus also did many other things. If each one were
written down, I suppose that even the world itself could not
contain the books that would be written.

Acts

1 In my first account, Theophilus, I wrote about all that
Jesus began to do and teach
2 until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions
through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.
3 After his suffering, he presented himself alive to them
with many convincing proofs, appearing to them over forty
days and speaking about the kingdom of God.
4 While gathered with them, he ordered them not to leave
Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise. "You heard
about it from me.
5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will
be baptized with the Holy Spirit."
6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord,
are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?"
7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or
seasons that the Father has set by his own authority.
8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes
upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the
earth."
9 After he said this, he was lifted up as they watched, and
a cloud took him from their sight.
10 As they were gazing into heaven while he went,
suddenly two men in white clothes stood beside them.
11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking
into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into
heaven, will come in the same way you saw him go into
heaven."
12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of
Olives, which is near Jerusalem, about half a mile away.
13 When they entered the city, they went up to the
upstairs room where they were staying: Peter, John, James,
and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and
Matthew; James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and
Judas son of James.
14 All of them devoted themselves with one accord to
prayer, along with the women, Mary the mother of Jesus,
and his brothers.
15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and
sisters—there were about a hundred and twenty people
gathered—and said,

16 “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled that the Holy
Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David about
Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.
17 For he was numbered among us and received a share
in this ministry.”
18 Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his
wickedness. Falling headlong, he burst open in the middle,
and all his intestines spilled out.
19 This became known to everyone living in Jerusalem, so
that in their own language the field was called Akeldama,
that is, Field of Blood.
20 “For it is written in the book of Psalms,
‘Let his dwelling become desolate, and let no one live in it,’
and,
‘Let another take his office.’
21 So one of the men who accompanied us throughout the
time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,
22 beginning with John’s baptism until the day he was
taken up from us, must become a witness with us to his
resurrection.”
23 They put forward two men: Joseph called Barsabbas,
who was also named Justus, and Matthias.
24 Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone's heart.
Show which one of these two you have chosen
25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship that
Judas abandoned to go to his own place.”
26 They cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias, and
he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

2

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together
in one place.
2 Suddenly a sound like a violent rushing wind came from
heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.
3 Tongues like fire appeared to them and separated, and
one rested on each of them.
4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to
speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them to speak.
5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men
from every nation under heaven.
6 When this sound arose, a crowd gathered in
bewilderment, because each person heard them speaking
in his own language.
7 They were amazed and astonished, saying, “Look, aren’t
all these people who are speaking Galileans?

8 How is it that each of us hears them in our own native
language?
9 Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of
Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, and Asia,
10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya
near Cyrene; visitors from Rome,
11 both Jews and converts to Judaism; Cretans and
Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the
mighty works of God!"
12 They were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one
another, "What does this mean?"
13 But others mocked them, saying, "They are full of sweet
wine."
14 Then Peter stood up with the eleven, raised his voice,
and addressed them: "Fellow Jews and all who live in
Jerusalem, understand this and listen to my words.
15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is
only nine in the morning.
16 Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet
Joel:
17 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all
flesh.
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your
young men will see visions, and your old men will
dream dreams.
18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour
out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs on the
earth below: blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.
20 The sun will turn to darkness and the moon to blood
before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes.
21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be
saved.'
22 Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus of Nazareth
was a man attested to you by God through mighty works,
wonders, and signs that God did through him among you,
as you yourselves know.
23 This man, handed over according to God's determined
plan and foreknowledge, you killed by nailing him to a
cross through the hands of lawless men.
24 But God raised him up, freeing him from the pains of
death, because it was impossible for death to hold him.
25 For David says about him,
'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand
so that I will not be shaken.
26 Therefore my heart was glad and my tongue rejoiced;
even my flesh will rest in hope,

27 because you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let
your Holy One see decay.
28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.'
29 Brothers, I can speak freely to you about the patriarch
David: he died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to
this day.
30 Since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn
an oath to him to seat one of his descendants on his throne,
31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the
Christ: he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh
see decay.
32 God raised this Jesus, and we are all witnesses of this.
33 So, exalted to the right hand of God and having
received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he
has poured out what you see and hear.
34 For David did not ascend into heaven, but he himself
says,
'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand
35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." '
36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain
that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord
and Christ."
37 When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart
and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what
should we do?"
38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be
baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of
your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for
all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God calls."
40 With many other words he bore solemn witness and
urged them, saying, "Be saved from this crooked
generation."
41 So those who received his word were baptized, and
about three thousand people were added that day.
42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
43 Awe came over everyone, and many wonders and
signs were done through the apostles.
44 All who believed were together and held everything in
common.
45 They sold their property and possessions and
distributed the proceeds to all, according to each person's
need.

46 Day by day they continued with one accord in the
temple, breaking bread in their homes and sharing food
with gladness and simplicity of heart,
47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.
And day by day the Lord added to their number those who
were being saved.

3

1 Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour
of prayer, three in the afternoon.
2 A man who had been lame from his mother's womb
was being carried there. Every day he was placed at the
temple gate called Beautiful to ask for alms from those
entering the temple.
3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple,
he asked them for alms.
4 Peter, together with John, looked intently at him and
said, "Look at us."
5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive
something from them.
6 But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have
I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."
7 He took him by the right hand and raised him up, and
immediately the man's feet and ankles were strengthened.
8 Leaping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the
temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.
9 All the people saw him walking and praising God.
10 They recognized him as the one who sat begging at the
Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with
wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.
11 While he held on to Peter and John, all the people ran
together to them in the portico called Solomon's, utterly
amazed.
12 When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Men of
Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why do you stare at us
as though we had made him walk by our own power or
godliness?
13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our
fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed
over and denied before Pilate, though he had decided to
release him.
14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked
for a murderer to be released to you.
15 You killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the
dead. We are witnesses of this.

16 Through faith in his name, his name has strengthened
this man whom you see and know. The faith that comes
through him has given this man complete health before
you all.
17 And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance,
as did your rulers.
18 But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold
through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ
would suffer.
19 Repent, then, and turn back, so that your sins may be
wiped away,
20 so that times of refreshing may come from the
presence of the Lord, and he may send Jesus, the Christ
appointed beforehand for you.
21 Heaven must receive him until the times of restoration
of all things, of which God spoke through the mouth of his
holy prophets long ago.
22 Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a
prophet like me from among your brothers. You must
listen to him in everything he tells you.
23 And everyone who does not listen to that prophet will
be utterly destroyed from among the people.'
24 All the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and
those who followed him onward, also proclaimed these
days.
25 You are the children of the prophets and of the
covenant God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham,
'In your offspring all the families of the earth will be
blessed.'
26 God raised up his servant and sent him to you first, to
bless you by turning each of you away from your wicked
ways."

4

1 While they were speaking to the people, the priests, the
captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees came up to
them,
2 greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people
and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
3 They arrested them and held them in custody until the
next day, since it was already evening.
4 But many who had heard the word believed, and the
number of men came to about five thousand.
5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes gathered
in Jerusalem,

6 along with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John,
Alexander, and all who belonged to the high-priestly family.
7 They had the apostles stand in their midst and asked,
“By what power or in what name did you do this?”
8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,
“Rulers of the people and elders,
9 if we are being questioned today about a good deed
done for a disabled man and how he has been healed,
10 let all of you and all the people of Israel know that it is
in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you
crucified and whom God raised from the dead, that this
man stands before you healthy.
11 He is the stone you builders rejected, which has
become the cornerstone.
12 There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other
name under heaven given among people by which we must
be saved.”
13 When they saw the boldness of Peter and John and
realized that they were uneducated, ordinary men, they
were amazed. They also recognized that they had been
with Jesus.
14 But seeing the man who had been healed standing with
them, they had nothing to say against it.
15 So they ordered them to leave the council and
conferred with one another,
16 saying, “What should we do with these men? It is clear
to everyone living in Jerusalem that a remarkable sign has
been done through them, and we cannot deny it.
17 But to keep it from spreading further among the
people, let us threaten them so that they no longer speak to
anyone in this name.”
18 Then they called them in and ordered them not to
speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.
19 But Peter and John answered them, “Judge for
yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you
rather than to God.
20 For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen
and heard.”
21 After threatening them further, they released them,
finding no way to punish them because of the people, since
everyone was glorifying God for what had happened.
22 For the man on whom this sign of healing had been
performed was over forty years old.
23 After their release, they went to their own people and
reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to
them.

24 When they heard this, they raised their voices to God
with one accord and said, “Sovereign Lord, you made
heaven and earth and the sea and everything in them.
25 You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of our
father David, your servant:
‘Why did the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
26 The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers
gathered together against the Lord and against his
Christ.’
27 For in this city Herod and Pontius Pilate truly gathered
with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel against your
holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed,
28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had
determined beforehand would happen.
29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant your
servants to speak your word with all boldness,
30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and
wonders are done through the name of your holy servant
Jesus.”
31 When they had prayed, the place where they were
gathered was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy
Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.
32 The multitude of those who believed was of one heart
and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was
his own, but they held everything in common.
33 With great power the apostles bore witness to the
resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon
them all.
34 There was no needy person among them, for all who
owned fields or houses sold them and brought the proceeds
of the sales
35 and laid them at the apostles’ feet. These were
distributed to each according to need.
36 Joseph, whom the apostles called Barnabas, which
means Son of Encouragement, was a Levite from Cyprus.
37 He sold a field he owned, brought the money, and laid
it at the apostles’ feet.

5

1 A man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira,
sold a property.
2 With his wife’s knowledge, he kept back part of the
price, brought a portion, and laid it at the apostles’ feet.
3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart
to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of
the land?

4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain yours? And
after it was sold, was the money not at your disposal? Why
have you conceived this deed in your heart? You have not
lied to people, but to God."
5 When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and
died. Great fear came upon all who heard.
6 The younger men got up, wrapped his body, carried him
out, and buried him.

7 About three hours later his wife came in, unaware of
what had happened.
8 Peter asked her, "Tell me, did you sell the land for this
amount?" She said, "Yes, for that amount."
9 Then Peter said to her, "Why did you agree together to
put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those
who buried your husband are at the door, and they will
carry you out."
10 Immediately she fell at his feet and died. When the
young men came in, they found her dead, carried her out,
and buried her beside her husband.
11 Great fear came upon the whole church and upon all
who heard about these things.

12 Many signs and wonders were done among the people
through the hands of the apostles. They were all together
with one accord in Solomon's Portico.
13 None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held
them in high esteem.
14 Yet more and more believers in the Lord were added,
multitudes of both men and women.
15 As a result, people even carried the sick into the streets
and laid them on cots and mats, so that when Peter passed
by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them.
16 Crowds also gathered from the towns around
Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by
unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

17 Then the high priest and all who were with him, the
party of the Sadducees, rose up, filled with jealousy,
18 and arrested the apostles and put them in the public
jail.
19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the
prison doors, led them out, and said,
20 "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the
words of this life."
21 When they heard this, they entered the temple at
daybreak and began to teach. When the high priest and
those with him arrived, they called together the council

and the whole assembly of the elders of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.
22 But when the officers arrived, they did not find them in the prison. They returned and reported,
23 “We found the jail securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside.”
24 When the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed about them, wondering what would come of this.
25 Then someone came and told them, “Look! The men you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.”
26 Then the captain went with the officers and brought them back without violence, for they feared being stoned by the people.
27 They brought them in and stood them before the council. The high priest questioned them,
28 saying, “We strictly ordered you not to teach in this name, and look, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us.”
29 Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than people.
30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.
31 God exalted him to his right hand as Leader and Savior, to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins.
32 We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”
33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them.
34 But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law respected by all the people, stood up in the council and ordered the men to be taken outside for a little while.
35 Then he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do to these men.
36 For some time ago Theudas arose, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.
37 After him Judas the Galilean arose in the days of the census and drew people away after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered.
38 So now I tell you, keep away from these men and leave them alone. For if this plan or this work is of human origin, it will be overthrown.

39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to overthrow
them. You may even find yourselves fighting against God."
They were persuaded by him.
40 They called in the apostles and had them beaten,
ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and
released them.
41 So they left the council's presence rejoicing that they
had been considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the
Name.
42 Every day, in the temple and in homes, they never
stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus
is the Christ.

6

1 In those days, as the disciples increased in number, the
Greek-speaking Jews raised a complaint against the
Hebrews because their widows were being overlooked in
the daily distribution.
2 The twelve called the whole body of disciples together
and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to
serve at tables.
3 So, brothers and sisters, choose from among you seven
men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom,
whom we will appoint to this task.
4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the
ministry of the word."
5 The proposal pleased the whole gathering. They chose
Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit; Philip,
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a
convert to Judaism from Antioch.
6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed
and laid their hands on them.
7 The word of God continued to grow, and the number of
disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. A large number of
priests also became obedient to the faith.
8 Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great
wonders and signs among the people.
9 But some from the synagogue called the Synagogue of
the Freedmen, along with Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and
those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and debated with
Stephen.
10 They could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit
with which he spoke.
11 Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard
him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."

12 They stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes,
came upon him, seized him, and brought him before the
council.
13 They put forward false witnesses who said, “This man
never stops speaking against the holy place and the law.
14 For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth
will destroy this place and change the customs Moses
handed down to us.”
15 All who sat in the council looked intently at him and
saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

7

1 Then the high priest asked, “Are these things so?”
2 Stephen replied, “Brothers and fathers, listen. The God
of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was in
Mesopotamia, before he settled in Haran,
3 and said to him, ‘Leave your country and your relatives,
and come to the land I will show you.’
4 Then he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in
Haran. After his father died, God moved him from there to
this land where you now live.
5 He gave him no inheritance in it, not even a place to set
his foot, but promised to give it to him as a possession and
to his offspring after him, even though he had no child.
6 God spoke in this way: his offspring would live as
foreigners in another land, and they would be enslaved
and mistreated for four hundred years.
7 ‘But I will judge the nation they serve as slaves,’ God
said, ‘and afterward they will come out and worship me in
this place.’
8 He gave him the covenant of circumcision. So Abraham
fathered Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day;
Isaac fathered Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs.
9 The patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt.
But God was with him
10 and delivered him from all his afflictions. He gave him
favor and wisdom before Pharaoh king of Egypt, who
appointed him ruler over Egypt and all his household.
11 Then famine and great affliction came upon all Egypt
and Canaan, and our fathers could find no food.
12 When Jacob heard there was grain in Egypt, he sent
our fathers on their first visit.
13 On the second visit Joseph made himself known to his
brothers, and Joseph’s family became known to Pharaoh.
14 Joseph sent for his father Jacob and all his relatives,
seventy-five people in all.

15 Jacob went down to Egypt, and he and our fathers died.
16 They were brought back to Shechem and laid in the
tomb Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the
sons of Hamor in Shechem.
17 As the time drew near for the promise God had made
to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt
18 until another king arose over Egypt who did not know
Joseph.
19 He dealt craftily with our people and mistreated our
fathers, forcing them to abandon their infants so that they
would not survive.
20 At that time Moses was born, and he was beautiful in
God's sight. He was brought up for three months in his
father's house.
21 When he was abandoned, Pharaoh's daughter took him
in and brought him up as her own son.
22 Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the
Egyptians, and he was powerful in his words and deeds.
23 When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to
visit his brothers, the children of Israel.
24 When he saw one of them being mistreated, he
defended him and avenged the oppressed man by striking
down the Egyptian.
25 He thought his brothers would understand that God
was giving them deliverance through his hand, but they did
not understand.
26 The next day he came upon some of them fighting and
tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brothers.
Why are you wronging one another?'
27 But the one who was wronging his neighbor pushed
him away, saying, 'Who appointed you ruler and judge over
us?
28 Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian
yesterday?'
29 At these words Moses fled and became a foreign
resident in the land of Midian, where he fathered two sons.
30 After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him
in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in the flame of a burning
bush.
31 When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight. As he
approached to look more closely, the voice of the Lord
came:
32 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob.' Moses trembled and did not dare to look.
33 The Lord said to him, 'Take the sandals off your feet,
for the place where you stand is holy ground.

34 I have surely seen the oppression of my people in
Egypt and heard their groaning, and I have come down to
deliver them. Now come, I will send you to Egypt.'
35 This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, 'Who
appointed you ruler and judge?'—God sent this very man
as ruler and deliverer, with the help of the angel who
appeared to him in the bush.
36 He led them out, performing wonders and signs in the
land of Egypt, at the Red Sea, and in the wilderness for
forty years.
37 This is the Moses who said to the children of Israel,
'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among
your brothers.'
38 He was with the assembly in the wilderness, with the
angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai and with our
fathers. He received living words to give to us.
39 Our fathers refused to obey him. Instead, they pushed
him aside and turned back to Egypt in their hearts,
40 saying to Aaron, 'Make us gods who will go before us,
for we do not know what has happened to this Moses who
led us out of the land of Egypt.'
41 In those days they made a calf, offered sacrifice to the
idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.
42 But God turned away and gave them over to worship
the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the
prophets:
'Did you offer me slaughtered animals and sacrifices for
forty years in the wilderness, house of Israel?
43 You took up the tent of Moloch and the star of the god
Rephan, the images you made to worship them.
I will send you into exile beyond Babylon.'
44 Our fathers had the tent of the testimony in the
wilderness, just as the one who spoke to Moses directed
him to make it according to the pattern he had seen.
45 Our fathers received it in turn and brought it in with
Joshua when they took possession of the land of the nations
God drove out before them. It remained until the days of
David,
46 who found favor before God and asked to find a
dwelling for the God of Jacob.
47 But Solomon built him a house.
48 Yet the Most High does not dwell in places made by
human hands, as the prophet says:
49 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is a footstool for my
feet.

What kind of house will you build for me, says the
Lord, or what is the place of my rest?
50 Did not my hand make all these things?'
51 You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in hearts and
ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; you are just like
your fathers.
52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute?
They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous
One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered.
53 You received the law as ordained by angels, yet you did
not keep it."
54 When they heard these things, they were enraged in
their hearts and gnashed their teeth at him.
55 But he, full of the Holy Spirit, looked intently into
heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the
right hand of God.
56 He said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son
of Man standing at the right hand of God."
57 They shouted at the top of their voices, covered their
ears, and rushed at him together.
58 They drove him outside the city and began to stone
him. The witnesses laid their cloaks at the feet of a young
man named Saul.
59 As they stoned Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus,
receive my spirit."
60 Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice,
"Lord, do not hold this sin against them." After saying this,
he fell asleep.

8

1 Saul approved of his killing. On that day a great
persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem, and all
except the apostles were scattered throughout the regions
of Judea and Samaria.
2 Devout men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for
him.
3 But Saul was ravaging the church. Going from house to
house, he dragged off men and women and handed them
over to prison.
4 Those who had been scattered went from place to place
proclaiming the good news of the word.
5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed
the Christ to them.
6 The crowds paid attention with one accord to what
Philip said, as they heard him and saw the signs he was
doing.

7 For unclean spirits came out of many who had them,
crying out with a loud voice, and many who were
paralyzed or lame were healed.
8 So there was great joy in that city.
9 Now a man named Simon had been practicing magic in
the city and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to
be someone great.
10 They all paid attention to him, from the least to the
greatest, saying, “This man is the power of God called
Great.”
11 They paid attention to him because he had astonished
them for a long time with his magic.
12 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the
good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus
Christ, both men and women were baptized.
13 Simon himself also believed, and after being baptized
he stayed close to Philip. He was astonished as he saw signs
and great miracles being done.
14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria
had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to
them.
15 They went down and prayed for them to receive the
Holy Spirit,
16 for he had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had
only been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.
17 Then they laid their hands on them, and they received
the Holy Spirit.
18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the
laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,
19 saying, “Give me this authority too, so that anyone on
whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”
20 But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you,
because you thought you could acquire God's gift with
money!
21 You have no part or share in this matter, for your heart
is not right before God.
22 Repent, then, of this wickedness of yours, and plead
with the Lord that perhaps you may be forgiven for the
intent of your heart.
23 For I see that you are in bitter gall and in the bond of
unrighteousness.”
24 Simon answered, “You yourselves pray to the Lord for
me, so that none of what you have said may happen to me.”
25 After bearing solemn witness and speaking the word of
the Lord, they made their way back to Jerusalem,

proclaiming the good news in many Samaritan villages.
26 Then an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Get
up and go south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem
to Gaza.” This is a wilderness road.
27 He got up and went. There was an Ethiopian man, a
eunuch and high official of Candace, queen of the
Ethiopians, in charge of all her treasury. He had come to
Jerusalem to worship
28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, reading the
prophet Isaiah.
29 The Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and stay beside this
chariot.”
30 Philip ran up and heard him reading the prophet
Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are
reading?”
31 He said, “How could I, unless someone guides me?”
And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.
32 The passage of Scripture he was reading was this:
“He was led like a sheep to slaughter, and as a lamb is silent
before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.
33 In humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can tell of his descendants?
For his life is taken from the earth.”
34 The eunuch asked Philip, “Please tell me, about whom
does the prophet say this? About himself or about someone
else?”
35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this
Scripture, he told him the good news about Jesus.
36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some
water, and the eunuch said, “Look, water! What prevents
me from being baptized?”
37 [Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you
may.” He answered, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of
God.”]
38 He ordered the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the
eunuch went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.
39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the
Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch saw him no more,
for he went on his way rejoicing.
40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed
through, he proclaimed the good news in all the towns
until he came to Caesarea.

9

1 Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the
Lord’s disciples, went to the high priest

2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in
Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way,
men or women, he could bring them bound to Jerusalem.
3 As he traveled and drew near Damascus, suddenly a
light from heaven flashed around him.
4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,
“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”
5 He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” He replied, “I am Jesus,
whom you are persecuting.
6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what
you must do.”
7 The men traveling with him stood speechless, hearing
the voice but seeing no one.
8 Saul got up from the ground, but although his eyes were
open, he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand
into Damascus.
9 For three days he could not see, and he neither ate nor
drank.
10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias.
The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered,
“Here I am, Lord.”
11 The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called
Straight, and at Judas's house ask for a man from Tarsus
named Saul. Look, he is praying,
12 and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias
come in and lay his hands on him so that he may regain his
sight.”
13 Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many
about this man, how much harm he has done to your saints
in Jerusalem.
14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to
bind all who call on your name.”
15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for this man is my
chosen instrument to carry my name before Gentiles,
kings, and the children of Israel.
16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for my
name.”
17 So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his
hands on him and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who
appeared to you on the road as you were coming here, has
sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled
with the Holy Spirit.”
18 Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes,
and he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized,
19 and after taking food he regained his strength. He
stayed for some days with the disciples in Damascus,

20 and immediately he began proclaiming Jesus in the
synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”
21 All who heard him were astonished and said, “Isn’t this
the man who devastated those in Jerusalem who call on
this name? Hadn't he come here to bring them bound
before the chief priests?”
22 But Saul grew stronger and stronger and confounded
the Jews living in Damascus by demonstrating that Jesus is
the Christ.
23 After many days had passed, the Jews plotted together
to kill him,
24 but Saul learned of their plot. They were also watching
the gates day and night to kill him.
25 But his disciples took him by night and lowered him
through the wall, letting him down in a basket.
26 When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the
disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing he
was a disciple.
27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the
apostles. He told them how Saul had seen the Lord on the
road, how the Lord had spoken to him, and how he had
spoken boldly in the name of Jesus in Damascus.
28 So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem,
speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.
29 He spoke and debated with the Greek-speaking Jews,
but they were trying to kill him.
30 When the brothers learned of this, they brought him
down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.
31 So the church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and
Samaria had peace and was being built up. Walking in the
fear of the Lord and in the encouragement of the Holy
Spirit, it increased in number.
32 As Peter traveled through all those places, he also went
down to the saints living in Lydda.
33 There he found a man named Aeneas who had been
lying on a mat for eight years because he was paralyzed.
34 Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get
up and make your bed.” Immediately he got up.
35 All who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned
to the Lord.
36 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which
translated is Dorcas. She abounded in good works and in
the alms she gave.
37 In those days she became sick and died. After washing
her body, they laid it in an upstairs room.

38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples heard that
Peter was there and sent two men to urge him, “Do not
delay in coming to us.”
39 Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived,
they brought him to the upstairs room. All the widows
stood beside him, weeping and showing him the tunics and
cloaks Dorcas had made while she was with them.
40 Peter sent everyone outside, knelt down, and prayed.
Then he turned toward the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.”
She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.
41 He gave her his hand and helped her stand. Then he
called the saints and the widows and presented her alive.
42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many
believed in the Lord.
43 Peter stayed in Joppa for many days with a man named
Simon, a tanner.

10

1 In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a
centurion in what was called the Italian Cohort.
2 He was devout and feared God with all his household,
gave generously in alms to the people, and prayed to God
continually.
3 About three in the afternoon he clearly saw in a vision
an angel of God come to him and say, “Cornelius.”
4 He stared at him in fear and asked, “What is it, sir?” The
angel said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have come
up as a memorial before God.
5 Now send men to Joppa and send for a man named
Simon who is called Peter.
6 He is staying with Simon, a tanner, whose house is
beside the sea.”
7 When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius
called two of his household servants and a devout soldier
from among those who attended him.
8 He explained everything to them and sent them to
Joppa.
9 The next day, as they traveled and approached the city,
Peter went up on the roof to pray about noon.
10 He became hungry and wanted something to eat.
While they were preparing it, he fell into a trance.
11 He saw heaven opened and something like a large
sheet coming down, lowered to the earth by its four
corners.
12 In it were all kinds of four-footed animals, creatures
that crawl on the earth, and birds of the sky.
13 A voice said to him, “Get up, Peter. Slaughter and eat.”

14 But Peter said, “Certainly not, Lord, for I have never
eaten anything defiled and unclean.”
15 The voice spoke to him again a second time: “What God
has made clean, you must not call defiled.”
16 This happened three times, and immediately the sheet
was taken up into heaven.
17 While Peter was inwardly perplexed about what the
vision he had seen might mean, the men sent by Cornelius
had asked for Simon's house and were standing at the gate.
18 They called out and asked whether Simon who was
called Peter was staying there.
19 As Peter pondered the vision, the Spirit said to him,
“Look, men are seeking you.
20 Get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation,
for I have sent them.”
21 Peter went down to the men and said, “Here I am, the
one you are looking for. Why have you come?”
22 They said, “Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous man
who fears God and is well spoken of by the whole Jewish
nation, was instructed by a holy angel to send for you to
come to his house and hear what you have to say.”
23 So he invited them in and gave them lodging. The next
day he got up and went with them, and some of the
brothers from Joppa accompanied him.
24 The following day he entered Caesarea. Cornelius was
expecting them and had called together his relatives and
close friends.
25 When Peter was about to enter, Cornelius met him, fell
at his feet, and bowed before him.
26 But Peter raised him up, saying, “Stand up. I too am a
man.”
27 As he talked with him, he went inside and found many
people gathered.
28 He said to them, “You know that a Jewish man is not
permitted to associate with or visit a foreigner. But God has
shown me that I must not call any person defiled or
unclean.
29 That is why I came without objection when you sent
for me. So I ask, why did you send for me?”
30 Cornelius said, “Four days ago, at this very hour, three
in the afternoon, I was praying in my house, and suddenly
a man in bright clothing stood before me
31 and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and
your alms have been remembered before God.
32 Send to Joppa and call for Simon who is called Peter. He
is staying at the house of Simon the tanner beside the sea.’

33 So I sent for you at once, and you have done well to
come. Now we are all here before God to hear everything
the Lord has commanded you."
34 Then Peter began to speak: "I truly understand that
God shows no partiality,
35 but in every nation whoever fears him and does what
is right is acceptable to him.
36 He sent the word to the children of Israel, proclaiming
the good news of peace through Jesus Christ—he is Lord of
all.
37 You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning
in Galilee after the baptism John proclaimed:
38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy
Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all
who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with
him.
39 We are witnesses of all he did in the land of the Jews
and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree.
40 God raised him on the third day and caused him to
appear,
41 not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen
beforehand by God: to us, who ate and drank with him
after he rose from the dead.
42 He commanded us to proclaim to the people and bear
solemn witness that he is the one appointed by God as
judge of the living and the dead.
43 All the prophets bear witness about him: everyone
who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through
his name."
44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy
Spirit fell upon all who were hearing the word.
45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter
were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been
poured out even on the Gentiles,
46 for they heard them speaking in tongues and
magnifying God. Then Peter said,
47 "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these
people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"
48 He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus
Christ. Then they asked him to stay for a few days.

11

1 The apostles and the brothers throughout Judea heard
that the Gentiles too had received the word of God.
2 When Peter went up to Jerusalem, those of the
circumcision disputed with him,

3 saying, “You visited uncircumcised men and ate with
them.”
4 So Peter began to explain it to them in order, saying,
5 “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw
a vision: something like a large sheet coming down,
lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came right
down to me.
6 I looked intently into it and saw four-footed animals of
the earth, wild beasts, crawling creatures, and birds of the
sky.
7 I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter.
Slaughter and eat.’
8 But I said, ‘Certainly not, Lord, for nothing defiled or
unclean has ever entered my mouth.’
9 A voice answered from heaven a second time, ‘What
God has made clean, you must not call defiled.’
10 This happened three times, and everything was drawn
back up into heaven.
11 Just then three men sent to me from Caesarea arrived
at the house where we were.
12 The Spirit told me to go with them without making any
distinction. These six brothers also went with me, and we
entered the man’s house.
13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his
house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and call for Simon who is
called Peter.
14 He will speak words to you by which you and all your
household will be saved.’
15 As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just
as upon us at the beginning.
16 Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said,
‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the
Holy Spirit.’
17 So if God gave them the same gift he gave us when we
believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to hinder God?”
18 When they heard this, they fell silent and glorified God,
saying, “Then God has granted even the Gentiles
repentance that leads to life.”

19 Now those scattered by the persecution that arose over
Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch,
speaking the word to no one except Jews.
20 But some of them, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, came
to Antioch and also spoke to the Greek-speaking people,
proclaiming the good news of the Lord Jesus.
21 The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great
number believed and turned to the Lord.

22 News about them reached the ears of the church in
Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.
23 When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced
and encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord
with steadfast purpose of heart,
24 for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith.
And a large number of people were added to the Lord.
25 Then he went to Tarsus to look for Saul,
26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch.
For a whole year they gathered with the church and taught
a large number of people. It was in Antioch that the
disciples were first called Christians.
27 In those days prophets came down from Jerusalem to
Antioch.
28 One of them, named Agabus, stood up and indicated
through the Spirit that there would be a great famine over
the whole inhabited world. This occurred in the time of
Claudius.
29 The disciples decided, each according to his means, to
send relief to the brothers living in Judea.
30 This they did, sending it to the elders by the hands of
Barnabas and Saul.

12

1 About that time King Herod laid hands on some who
belonged to the church to mistreat them.
2 He had James, the brother of John, killed with the
sword.
3 When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he went on to
arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of
Unleavened Bread.
4 After seizing him, he put him in prison and handed him
over to four squads of four soldiers each to guard him,
intending to bring him before the people after the Passover.
5 So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was praying
earnestly to God for him.
6 On the night before Herod was to bring him out, Peter
was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains,
while guards in front of the door kept watch over the
prison.
7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood beside him, and a
light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and
woke him, saying, “Get up quickly.” And the chains fell from
his hands.
8 The angel said to him, “Fasten your belt and put on your
sandals.” He did so. Then he said to him, “Wrap your cloak
around you and follow me.”

9 He went out and followed him, not knowing that what
was being done through the angel was real; he thought he
was seeing a vision.
10 They passed the first guard post and the second and
came to the iron gate leading into the city, which opened
for them by itself. They went out and proceeded along one
street, and immediately the angel left him.
11 When Peter came to himself, he said, “Now I know for
certain that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me
from Herod’s hand and from all that the Jewish people
were expecting.”
12 When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary,
the mother of John who was called Mark, where many
were gathered and praying.
13 When he knocked at the outer gate, a servant girl
named Rhoda came to answer.
14 She recognized Peter’s voice, and in her joy she did not
open the gate but ran inside and announced that Peter was
standing at the gate.
15 They said to her, “You are out of your mind.” But she
kept insisting that it was so. They said, “It is his angel.”
16 But Peter kept knocking. When they opened the door,
they saw him and were astonished.
17 He motioned with his hand for them to be silent and
told them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison.
Then he said, “Tell James and the brothers these things.” He
left and went to another place.
18 At daybreak there was no small commotion among the
soldiers over what had become of Peter.
19 After Herod searched for him and did not find him, he
questioned the guards and ordered them to be led away for
execution. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and
stayed there.
20 Now he was very angry with the people of Tyre and
Sidon. They came to him together and, after gaining the
support of Blastus, the king’s chamberlain, asked for peace,
because their country depended on the king’s country for
food.
21 On an appointed day Herod put on royal robes, sat on
the judgment seat, and addressed them.
22 The crowd shouted, “The voice of a god, and not of a
man!”
23 Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because
he did not give the glory to God, and he was eaten by
worms and died.
24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

25 Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem after
completing their service, taking with them John who was
called Mark.

13

1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and
teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene,
Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch,
and Saul.
2 While they were serving the Lord and fasting, the Holy
Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the
work to which I have called them.”
3 Then, after fasting and praying, they laid their hands on
them and sent them off.
4 So, sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to
Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.
5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the
word of God in the Jewish synagogues. They also had John
as their helper.
6 They traveled through the whole island as far as Paphos
and found a Jewish magician and false prophet named
Bar-Jesus.
7 He was with the proconsul Sergius Paulus, an intelligent
man. The proconsul summoned Barnabas and Saul and
sought to hear the word of God.
8 But Elymas the magician—for that is how his name is
translated—opposed them, trying to turn the proconsul
away from the faith.
9 Then Saul, also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit,
looked intently at him
10 and said, “You who are full of every kind of deceit and
malice, son of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, will
you not stop twisting the straight ways of the Lord?
11 And now, look, the Lord’s hand is upon you, and you
will be blind, unable to see the sun for a time.”
Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went
about seeking people to lead him by the hand.
12 When the proconsul saw what had happened, he
believed, astonished at the teaching of the Lord.
13 Paul and his companions sailed from Paphos and came
to Perga in Pamphylia. But John left them and returned to
Jerusalem.
14 They continued on from Perga and came to Pisidian
Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and
sat down.

15 After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the
synagogue rulers sent word to them: “Brothers, if you have
a word of encouragement for the people, speak.”
16 Paul stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, “Men
of Israel and you who fear God, listen.
17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and
exalted the people during their stay as foreigners in the
land of Egypt. With an uplifted arm he brought them out of
it,
18 and for about forty years he bore with them in the
wilderness.
19 After destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan,
he gave them their land as an inheritance,
20 all this over about four hundred and fifty years. After
that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet.
21 Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul
son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.
22 After removing him, he raised up David as their king,
of whom he testified, ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a
man after my own heart, who will do all my will.’
23 From this man’s offspring, according to promise, God
brought Israel a Savior, Jesus.
24 Before his coming, John proclaimed a baptism of
repentance to all the people of Israel.
25 As John was finishing his course, he said, ‘Who do you
suppose I am? I am not the one. But look, one is coming
after me whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.’

26 Brothers, children of Abraham’s family, and those
among you who fear God, the word of this salvation has
been sent to us.
27 For the people living in Jerusalem and their rulers did
not recognize him or the voices of the prophets read every
Sabbath, and by condemning him they fulfilled them.
28 Though they found no grounds for a death sentence,
they asked Pilate to have him killed.
29 When they had accomplished everything written about
him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a
tomb.
30 But God raised him from the dead.
31 For many days he appeared to those who had gone up
with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his
witnesses to the people.
32 And we proclaim to you the good news of the promise
made to the fathers:

33 God has fulfilled it for our children by raising up Jesus,
as it is written in the second psalm, 'You are my Son; today
I have begotten you.'
34 As for raising him from the dead, never again to return
to decay, he has spoken in this way: 'I will give you the holy
and sure blessings of David.'
35 Therefore he also says in another place, 'You will not
let your Holy One see decay.'
36 For David, after serving his own generation according
to God's purpose, fell asleep, was gathered to his fathers,
and saw decay.
37 But the one God raised did not see decay.
38 So let it be known to you, brothers, that through this
man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you; and from
everything from which you could not be justified by the
law of Moses,
39 in him everyone who believes is justified.
40 Take care, then, that what was spoken in the prophets
does not come upon you:
41 'Look, you scoffers, be amazed and perish, for I am doing
a work in your days, a work you would never believe
even if someone told you about it.' "
42 As they went out, the people urged them to speak these
words to them the next Sabbath.
43 When the synagogue meeting ended, many Jews and
devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas,
who spoke with them and urged them to continue in the
grace of God.
44 The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to
hear the word of the Lord.
45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled
with jealousy and contradicted what Paul was saying,
speaking blasphemously.
46 Then Paul and Barnabas spoke boldly: "It was
necessary for the word of God to be spoken to you first.
Since you reject it and judge yourselves unworthy of
eternal life, look, we are turning to the Gentiles.
47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us: 'I have
appointed you as a light for the Gentiles, that you may
bring salvation to the ends of the earth.' "
48 When the Gentiles heard this, they rejoiced and
glorified the word of the Lord, and all who had been
appointed to eternal life believed.
49 The word of the Lord spread throughout the whole
region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout women of high
standing and the leading men of the city, raised persecution
against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their
territory.
51 They shook the dust from their feet against them and
went to Iconium.
52 And the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy
Spirit.

14

1 In Iconium they entered the Jewish synagogue together
and spoke in such a way that a great multitude of both Jews
and Greeks believed.
2 But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the
Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers.
3 So they stayed a considerable time, speaking boldly in
reliance on the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his
grace by granting signs and wonders to be done through
their hands.
4 But the people of the city were divided: some sided with
the Jews and others with the apostles.
5 When the Gentiles and Jews, together with their rulers,
made a move to mistreat and stone them,
6 they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of
Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region.
7 There they continued to proclaim the good news.
8 In Lystra a man was sitting who had no strength in his
feet. He had been lame from his mother's womb and had
never walked.
9 He listened to Paul speaking. Paul looked intently at
him, and seeing that he had faith to be healed,
10 said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet!" He
leaped up and began to walk.
11 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised
their voices in the Lycaonian language, saying, "The gods
have come down to us in human likeness!"
12 They called Barnabas Zeus and Paul Hermes, because
he was the chief speaker.
13 The priest of Zeus, whose shrine was outside the city,
brought bulls and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer
sacrifice with the crowds.
14 When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they
tore their clothes and rushed into the crowd, crying out
15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We
too are human beings of the same nature as you. We bring
you good news, that you should turn from these worthless

things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and the sea and everything in them.
16 In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own ways.
17 Yet he did not leave himself without witness: he did good, giving you rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness."
18 Even with these words, they barely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

19 But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the crowds. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.
20 But when the disciples gathered around him, he got up and entered the city. The next day he left with Barnabas for Derbe.
21 After proclaiming the good news in that city and making many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,
22 strengthening the souls of the disciples and urging them to remain in the faith, saying, "We must enter the kingdom of God through many afflictions."
23 They appointed elders for them in each church and, after praying with fasting, entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had believed.
24 Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia.
25 After speaking the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.
26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been entrusted to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.
27 When they arrived and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.
28 They stayed a considerable time with the disciples.

15

1 Some men came down from Judea and taught the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."
2 After Paul and Barnabas had a sharp dispute and debate with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some others from among them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.

3 So, sent on their way by the church, they passed
through Phoenicia and Samaria, recounting the conversion
of the Gentiles and bringing great joy to all the brothers.
4 When they arrived in Jerusalem, they were welcomed
by the church, the apostles, and the elders, and they
reported all that God had done with them.
5 But some believers from the party of the Pharisees
stood up and said, "They must be circumcised and ordered
to keep the law of Moses."

6 The apostles and elders gathered to consider this matter.
7 After much debate, Peter stood up and said to them,
"Brothers, you know that some time ago God chose me
from among you so that through my mouth the Gentiles
would hear the word of the gospel and believe.
8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them by
giving them the Holy Spirit just as to us.
9 He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing
their hearts by faith.
10 Now, then, why are you putting God to the test by
placing on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither our
fathers nor we have been able to bear?
11 But we believe that we are saved through the grace of
the Lord Jesus, just as they are."

12 The whole assembly fell silent and listened to Barnabas
and Paul recount all the signs and wonders God had done
through them among the Gentiles.
13 After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers,
listen to me.
14 Simeon has recounted how God first visited the
Gentiles to take from them a people for his name.
15 The words of the prophets agree with this, as it is
written:

16 'After this I will return and rebuild the fallen tent of
David.
I will rebuild its ruins and restore it,

17 so that the rest of humanity may seek the Lord, and all
the nations over whom my name has been called,
says the Lord, who makes these things

18 known from long ago.'

19 Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble
those among the Gentiles who are turning to God,
20 but should write to them to abstain from things
polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of
strangled animals, and from blood.

21 For from ancient generations Moses has had those who
proclaim him in every city, since he is read in the
synagogues every Sabbath."

22 Then the apostles and elders, together with the whole
church, decided to choose men from among them and send
them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas: Judas called
Barsabbas and Silas, leading men among the brothers.

23 They sent this letter by their hands: "The apostles and
elders, your brothers, to the brothers from among the
Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings.

24 Since we have heard that some who went out from us
have troubled you with their words and unsettled your
souls, though we gave them no instructions,

25 we have agreed together to choose men and send them
to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 men who have risked their lives for the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

27 So we have sent Judas and Silas, who will also tell you
the same things by word of mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay no
further burden on you beyond these necessary things:

29 that you abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from
blood, from the meat of strangled animals, and from sexual
immorality. If you keep yourselves from these things, you
will do well. Farewell."

30 So they were sent off and went down to Antioch,
gathered the congregation, and delivered the letter.

31 When they read it, they rejoiced at its encouragement.

32 Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets,
encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many
words.

33 After spending some time there, they were sent off in
peace by the brothers to those who had sent them.

34 [But Silas thought it best to stay there.]

35 But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching
and proclaiming the good news of the word of the Lord,
along with many others.

36 After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back
and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed
the word of the Lord, to see how they are doing."

37 Barnabas wanted to take along John who was called
Mark.

38 But Paul thought they should not take along the man
who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not
gone with them to the work.

39 A sharp disagreement arose, so that they separated
from one another. Barnabas took Mark and sailed to
Cyprus,
40 but Paul chose Silas and left, entrusted by the brothers
to the grace of the Lord.
41 He traveled through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening
the churches.

16

1 He also came to Derbe and Lystra. There was a disciple
there named Timothy, the son of a believing Jewish woman,
but his father was Greek.
2 The brothers in Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him.
3 Paul wanted him to go with him, so he took him and
circumcised him because of the Jews in those places, for
they all knew that his father was Greek.
4 As they traveled through the cities, they delivered to
them the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in
Jerusalem, for them to observe.
5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith and
increased in number day by day.
6 They went through Phrygia and the Galatian region,
having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word
in Asia.
7 When they came to the borders of Mysia, they tried to
go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them.
8 Passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.
9 During the night a vision appeared to Paul: a
Macedonian man was standing and pleading with him,
saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”
10 After he saw the vision, we immediately sought to
leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to
proclaim the good news to them.
11 So we sailed from Troas and made a straight course to
Samothrace, and the next day to Neapolis.
12 From there we went to Philippi, a leading city of that
district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We stayed in
that city for some days.
13 On the Sabbath we went outside the gate to the
riverside, where we thought there was a place of prayer.
We sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered.
14 A woman named Lydia, a seller of purple cloth from
the city of Thyatira who worshiped God, was listening. The
Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what Paul was
saying.

15 After she and her household were baptized, she urged
us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord,
come and stay in my house.” And she prevailed upon us.
16 As we were going to the place of prayer, a slave girl
with a spirit of divination met us. She brought her masters
much profit by fortune-telling.
17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are
servants of God Most High, who proclaim to you the way of
salvation.”
18 She kept doing this for many days. Paul became greatly
troubled, turned, and said to the spirit, “I command you in
the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came
out that very hour.
19 When her masters saw that their hope of profit was
gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the
marketplace before the rulers.
20 They brought them to the magistrates and said, “These
men are Jews and are throwing our city into turmoil.
21 They proclaim customs that we, as Romans, are not
permitted to accept or practice.”
22 The crowd joined in the attack against them, and the
magistrates tore their clothes off them and ordered them to
be beaten with rods.
23 After inflicting many blows on them, they threw them
into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.
24 Having received such an order, he put them in the
inner prison and secured their feet in the stocks.
25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and
singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to
them.
26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the
prison’s foundations were shaken. At once all the doors
opened and everyone’s bonds were loosened.
27 The jailer woke up and saw the prison doors open. He
drew his sword and was about to kill himself, thinking the
prisoners had escaped.
28 But Paul called out in a loud voice, “Do yourself no
harm, for we are all here!”
29 He called for lights, rushed in, and fell trembling
before Paul and Silas.
30 He brought them outside and asked, “Sirs, what must I
do to be saved?”
31 They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be
saved, you and your household.”
32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to
everyone in his house.

33 At that very hour of the night he took them and
washed their wounds. Immediately he and all his
household were baptized.
34 He brought them up into his house and set food before
them, and he rejoiced with his whole household that he
had believed in God.
35 When day came, the magistrates sent their officers,
saying, “Release those men.”
36 The jailer reported these words to Paul: “The
magistrates have sent orders for your release. So come out
now and go in peace.”
37 But Paul said to them, “They beat us publicly without a
conviction, though we are Roman citizens, and threw us
into prison. And now are they sending us away secretly?
Certainly not! Let them come themselves and lead us out.”
38 The officers reported these words to the magistrates.
They were afraid when they heard that they were Roman
citizens,
39 and they came and appealed to them. After leading
them out, they asked them to leave the city.
40 After leaving the prison, they went to Lydia's house,
where they saw the brothers, encouraged them, and
departed.

17

1 After passing through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they
came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue.
2 As was his custom, Paul went in to them, and for three
Sabbaths he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,
3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to
suffer and rise from the dead. He said, “This Jesus whom I
proclaim to you is the Christ.”
4 Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and
Silas, along with a great multitude of devout Greeks and
not a few prominent women.
5 But the Jews became jealous and enlisted some wicked
men from the marketplace. They formed a mob and threw
the city into an uproar, attacked Jason's house, and sought
to bring them out to the people.
6 When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and
some brothers before the city officials, shouting, “These
men who have turned the world upside down have come
here too,
7 and Jason has welcomed them. They all act against
Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, Jesus.”

8 They alarmed the crowd and the city officials who
heard these things.
9 After taking security from Jason and the others, they
released them.
10 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by
night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the
Jewish synagogue.
11 The people there were more noble-minded than those
in Thessalonica. They received the word with all eagerness,
examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things
were so.
12 So many of them believed, along with many prominent
Greek women and many men.
13 But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that Paul
had also proclaimed the word of God in Berea, they came
there too, stirring up and troubling the crowds.
14 Then the brothers immediately sent Paul away to go to
the sea, while Silas and Timothy stayed there.
15 Those escorting Paul brought him as far as Athens.
They received instructions for Silas and Timothy to come to
him as quickly as possible, and then they left.

16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, his spirit
was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of
idols.
17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and
those who worshiped God, and every day in the
marketplace with those who happened to be there.
18 Some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also debated
with him. Some said, “What is this babbler trying to say?”
Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign
deities,” because he was proclaiming the good news of Jesus
and the resurrection.
19 They took him and brought him to the Areopagus,
saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you
are speaking about?
20 For you are bringing some strange things to our ears,
and we want to know what they mean.”
21 Now all the Athenians and the foreigners visiting there
spent their time doing nothing but telling or hearing
something new.

22 Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men
of Athens, I see that in every way you are very religious.
23 For as I passed along and observed your objects of
worship, I found an altar inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’
What you worship without knowing, this I proclaim to you.

24 The God who made the world and everything in it,
being Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples
made by human hands,
25 nor is he served by human hands as though he needed
anything, since he himself gives everyone life and breath
and all things.
26 From one he made all nations to live on the whole face
of the earth, determining their appointed times and the
boundaries of their dwelling,
27 so that they might seek God, and perhaps feel their
way toward him and find him, though he is not far from
each one of us.
28 For in him we live and move and have our being, as
even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his
offspring.'
29 Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that
the divine nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image
formed by human art and imagination.
30 So God overlooked the times of ignorance, but now
commands all people everywhere to repent,
31 because he has set a day on which he will judge the
inhabited world in righteousness through a man whom he
has appointed. He has given assurance of this to everyone
by raising him from the dead."
32 When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some
mocked, but others said, "We will hear you again about
this."
33 So Paul went out from among them.
34 But some joined him and believed, including Dionysius
the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with
them.

18

1 After this Paul left Athens and came to Corinth.
2 He found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who
had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla
because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome.
Paul went to see them,
3 and because he practiced the same trade, he stayed with
them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade.
4 Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue and
sought to persuade Jews and Greeks.
5 When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia,
Paul devoted himself to the word, bearing solemn witness
to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ.

6 But when they opposed him and spoke blasphemously,
he shook out his clothes and said to them, “Your blood be
on your own heads! I am clean. From now on I will go to
the Gentiles.”
7 He left there and entered the house of a man named
Titius Justus, who worshiped God. His house was next to
the synagogue.
8 Crispus, the synagogue ruler, believed in the Lord with
all his household, and many of the Corinthians who heard
believed and were baptized.
9 The Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be
afraid, but keep speaking and do not be silent,
10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm
you, for I have many people in this city.”
11 So he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word
of God among them.
12 When Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews rose up
together against Paul and brought him before the judgment
seat,
13 saying, “This man persuades people to worship God
contrary to the law.”
14 When Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews,
“If it were a matter of wrongdoing or a serious crime, Jews,
I would have reason to hear you out.
15 But if these are disputes about words, names, and your
own law, see to it yourselves. I am not willing to be a judge
of these things.”
16 And he drove them away from the judgment seat.
17 They all seized Sosthenes, the synagogue ruler, and
beat him before the judgment seat, but Gallio cared about
none of these things.
18 Paul stayed many more days, then said farewell to the
brothers and sailed for Syria, with Priscilla and Aquila
accompanying him. He had cut his hair at Cenchreae, for
he was under a vow.
19 They arrived at Ephesus, and he left them there. He
himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.
20 When they asked him to stay longer, he did not agree,
21 but took leave of them, saying, “I will return to you
again, God willing.” Then he sailed from Ephesus.
22 He landed at Caesarea, went up and greeted the
church, and went down to Antioch.
23 After spending some time there, he departed and
traveled in order through the Galatian region and Phrygia,
strengthening all the disciples.

24 Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria,
came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, mighty in the
Scriptures.
25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and
being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately
about Jesus, though he knew only John's baptism.
26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When
Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and
explained the way of God to him more accurately.
27 When he wanted to cross over to Achaia, the brothers
encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him.
On arriving, he greatly helped those who had believed
through grace,
28 for he vigorously refuted the Jews in public,
demonstrating through the Scriptures that Jesus is the
Christ.

19

1 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the
inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some
disciples.
2 He asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when
you believed?" They replied, "We have not even heard that
there is a Holy Spirit."
3 He said, "Into what, then, were you baptized?" They
said, "Into John's baptism."
4 Paul said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance,
telling the people to believe in the one coming after him,
that is, in Jesus."
5 When they heard this, they were baptized into the
name of the Lord Jesus.
6 When Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came
upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.
7 There were about twelve men in all.
8 He entered the synagogue and spoke boldly for three
months, reasoning and persuading them about the
kingdom of God.
9 But when some became hardened and refused to
believe, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he
withdrew from them and took the disciples apart,
reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus.
10 This continued for two years, so that all who lived in
Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.
11 God was doing extraordinary miracles through Paul's
hands,

12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched
his skin were carried to the sick, and their diseases left
them and the evil spirits came out.
13 Some of the traveling Jewish exorcists also tried to
invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil
spirits, saying, “I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul proclaims.”
14 Seven sons of a certain Sceva, a Jewish chief priest,
were doing this.
15 But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and
Paul I recognize, but who are you?”
16 The man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them,
overpowered both of them, and prevailed against them, so
that they fled from that house naked and wounded.
17 This became known to all the Jews and Greeks living in
Ephesus. Fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord
Jesus was magnified.
18 Many of those who had believed came, confessing and
disclosing their practices.
19 A considerable number of those who had practiced
magic brought their books together and burned them
before everyone. They added up their value and found it to
be fifty thousand pieces of silver.
20 In this way the word of the Lord grew mightily and
prevailed.
21 After these things had taken place, Paul resolved in
spirit to travel through Macedonia and Achaia and go to
Jerusalem. He said, “After I have been there, I must also see
Rome.”
22 He sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, to
Macedonia, while he himself stayed in Asia for a time.
23 About that time there arose no small disturbance
concerning the Way.
24 For a silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver
shrines of Artemis, brought considerable business to the
craftsmen.
25 He gathered them together with the workers in related
trades and said, “Men, you know that our prosperity comes
from this business.
26 You see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in
almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away a
considerable multitude, saying that gods made by hands
are not gods.
27 Not only is our trade in danger of falling into disrepute,
but the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be
regarded as nothing, and she may be stripped of her

majesty, she whom all Asia and the inhabited world worship."
28 When they heard this, they were filled with rage and cried out, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"
29 The city was filled with confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, seizing Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's traveling companions.
30 Paul wanted to go in before the people, but the disciples would not let him.
31 Some of the Asiarchs, who were his friends, also sent to him and urged him not to venture into the theater.
32 Some shouted one thing and some another, for the assembly was in confusion, and most did not know why they had come together.
33 People in the crowd instructed Alexander, whom the Jews had pushed forward. Alexander motioned with his hand and wanted to make a defense before the people.
34 But when they recognized that he was a Jew, they all shouted with one voice for about two hours, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"
35 The city clerk quieted the crowd and said, "Men of Ephesus, who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple guardian of the great Artemis and of what fell from heaven?
36 Since these things cannot be disputed, you must remain calm and do nothing rash.
37 For you have brought these men here, who are neither temple robbers nor blasphemers of our goddess.
38 So if Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a charge against anyone, court sessions are held and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another.
39 But if you seek anything further, it will be settled in the lawful assembly.
40 For we are in danger of being charged with rioting over today's events. There is no cause for it, and we will not be able to give an account of this gathering."
41 After saying this, he dismissed the assembly.

20

1 After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, encouraged them, and said farewell. Then he left for Macedonia.
2 He traveled through those regions, encouraged them with many words, and came to Greece,

3 where he spent three months. When the Jews formed a
plot against him as he was about to sail for Syria, he
decided to return through Macedonia.
4 He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from
Berea; Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica; Gaius
from Derbe and Timothy; and Tychicus and Trophimus
from Asia.
5 These men came to Troas and waited for us there.
6 We sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened
Bread and reached them in Troas in five days. We stayed
there seven days.

7 On the first day of the week, when we had gathered to
break bread, Paul spoke with them. Since he intended to
leave the next day, he prolonged his message until
midnight.
8 There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we
were gathered.
9 A young man named Eutychus was sitting in the
window, sinking into a deep sleep as Paul continued
speaking at length. Overcome by sleep, he fell down from
the third story and was picked up dead.
10 But Paul went down, fell upon him, and embraced him,
saying, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.”
11 Then he went upstairs, broke bread, and ate. He talked
with them for a long time, until dawn, and then left.
12 They brought the young man away alive and were
greatly comforted.

13 We went ahead to the ship and sailed for Assos,
intending to take Paul aboard there, for he had arranged it
this way and intended to travel on foot.
14 When he met us at Assos, we took him aboard and
went to Mitylene.
15 We sailed from there and the next day came opposite
Chios. The following day we arrived at Samos, and the day
after that we came to Miletus.
16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he
would not spend time in Asia. He was hurrying to be in
Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, if possible.

17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and summoned the
elders of the church.
18 When they came to him, he said to them, “You know
how I lived among you the whole time, from the first day I
set foot in Asia,
19 serving the Lord with all humility, with tears, and with
trials that befell me through the plots of the Jews.

20 I did not hold back from declaring to you anything
beneficial and teaching you publicly and from house to
house,
21 bearing solemn witness to both Jews and Greeks about
repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus.
22 And now, look, bound by the Spirit, I am going to
Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,
23 except that in every city the Holy Spirit bears witness
to me that bonds and afflictions await me.
24 But I do not count my life as precious to myself, if only
I may finish my course and the ministry I received from the
Lord Jesus, to bear solemn witness to the gospel of the
grace of God.
25 And now I know that none of you among whom I went
about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again.
26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am clean from
the blood of all,
27 for I did not hold back from declaring to you the whole
counsel of God.
28 Pay attention to yourselves and to all the flock in which
the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the
church of God, which he acquired with his own blood.
29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come
in among you, not sparing the flock.
30 Even from your own number men will arise, speaking
twisted things to draw the disciples away after themselves.
31 Therefore be watchful, remembering that for three
years, night and day, I never stopped admonishing each
one of you with tears.
32 And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his
grace, which is able to build you up and give you the
inheritance among all who are sanctified.
33 I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing.
34 You yourselves know that these hands served my needs
and those of my companions.
35 In everything I showed you that by working hard in
this way we must help the weak and remember the words
of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to
give than to receive.' "
36 After saying this, he knelt down and prayed with them
all.
37 They all wept deeply, embraced Paul, and kissed him,
38 grieving most of all over his statement that they would
not see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the
ship.

21

1 After we had torn ourselves away from them and set
sail, we sailed directly to Cos, the next day to Rhodes, and
from there to Patara.
2 We found a ship crossing to Phoenicia, went aboard,
and set sail.
3 When we came in sight of Cyprus, we left it on our left
and sailed for Syria. We landed at Tyre, for the ship was to
unload its cargo there.
4 We sought out the disciples and stayed there seven
days. Through the Spirit they kept telling Paul not to set
foot in Jerusalem.
5 When our days there were over, we left and continued
our journey. They all accompanied us outside the city, with
their wives and children. We knelt on the beach and
prayed,
6 said farewell to one another, and boarded the ship,
while they returned home.
7 We completed the voyage from Tyre and arrived at
Ptolemais, where we greeted the brothers and stayed with
them for one day.
8 The next day we left and came to Caesarea. We entered
the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the
Seven, and stayed with him.
9 He had four virgin daughters who prophesied.
10 While we stayed there for several days, a prophet
named Agabus came down from Judea.
11 He came to us, took Paul's belt, bound his own feet and
hands, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this
way the Jews in Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this
belt and hand him over into the hands of the Gentiles.' "
12 When we heard this, both we and the people there
pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem.
13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping
and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be
bound, but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the
Lord Jesus."
14 When he would not be persuaded, we stopped insisting
and said, "Let the Lord's will be done."
15 After those days we made our preparations and went
up to Jerusalem.
16 Some disciples from Caesarea also accompanied us,
bringing us to Mnason, a Cypriot and a disciple from the
early days, with whom we were to stay.
17 When we arrived in Jerusalem, the brothers welcomed
us gladly.

18 The next day Paul went with us to James, and all the
elders were present.
19 After greeting them, he recounted one by one the
things God had done among the Gentiles through his
ministry.
20 When they heard it, they glorified God and said to him,
"You see, brother, how many tens of thousands of Jews have
believed, and they are all zealous for the law.
21 They have been informed about you that you teach all
the Jews living among the Gentiles to abandon Moses,
telling them not to circumcise their children or follow the
customs.
22 What is to be done, then? They will certainly hear that
you have come.
23 So do what we tell you. We have four men who are
under a vow.
24 Take them with you, purify yourself with them, and
pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads.
Then everyone will know that there is nothing to what they
have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in
observance of the law.
25 As for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent
our decision that they should abstain from food sacrificed
to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals,
and from sexual immorality."
26 Then Paul took the men with him, and the next day he
purified himself with them and entered the temple, giving
notice of the completion of the days of purification, when
the offering would be presented for each of them.
27 When the seven days were almost over, the Jews from
Asia saw him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd,
and seized him,
28 shouting, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who
teaches everyone everywhere against the people, the law,
and this place. He has even brought Greeks into the temple
and defiled this holy place."
29 For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian
with him in the city and assumed that Paul had brought
him into the temple.
30 The whole city was stirred up, and the people came
running together. They seized Paul and dragged him
outside the temple, and immediately the doors were shut.
31 As they were seeking to kill him, word reached the
commander of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in
confusion.
32 He immediately took soldiers and centurions and ran

down to them. When they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.
33 Then the commander came up, arrested him, and ordered him to be bound with two chains. He asked who he was and what he had done.
34 Some in the crowd shouted one thing and some another. Since he could learn nothing certain because of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks.
35 When Paul reached the stairs, the soldiers had to carry him because of the crowd's violence,
36 for the multitude of people followed, shouting, "Away with him!"
37 As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the commander, "May I say something to you?" He replied, "Do you know Greek?
38 Then are you not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a rebellion and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?"
39 Paul said, "I am a Jew from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no insignificant city. I beg you, allow me to speak to the people."
40 When he gave permission, Paul stood on the stairs and motioned with his hand to the people. A great silence fell, and he addressed them in the Hebrew language, saying:

22

1 "Brothers and fathers, listen now to my defense before you."
2 When they heard him addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even quieter. Then he said,
3 "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict requirements of the law of our fathers. I was zealous for God, as all of you are today.
4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding both men and women and handing them over to prison,
5 as the high priest and the whole council of elders can testify about me. I received letters from them to the brothers and was traveling to Damascus, intending to bring those there too to Jerusalem in bonds to be punished.
6 As I was traveling and approaching Damascus about noon, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me.
7 I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?'
8 I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' He said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.'

9 Those who were with me saw the light, but they did not
understand the voice of the one speaking to me.
10 I said, 'What should I do, Lord?' The Lord said to me,
'Get up and go to Damascus. There you will be told
everything you have been appointed to do.'
11 Since I could not see because of the brilliance of that
light, I came to Damascus led by the hand of those with me.
12 A man named Ananias, devout according to the law
and well spoken of by all the Jews living there,
13 came to me, stood beside me, and said, 'Brother Saul,
regain your sight.' At that very moment I regained my sight
and looked at him.
14 He said, 'The God of our fathers has chosen you to
know his will, to see the Righteous One, and to hear a voice
from his mouth,
15 for you will be his witness to all people of what you
have seen and heard.
16 And now, why do you delay? Get up, be baptized, and
wash away your sins, calling on his name.'
17 When I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the
temple, I fell into a trance
18 and saw him saying to me, 'Hurry and get out of
Jerusalem quickly, for they will not accept your testimony
about me.'
19 I said, 'Lord, they themselves know that in the
synagogues I used to imprison and beat those who believed
in you.
20 And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being
shed, I myself stood by, approving it and guarding the
clothes of those killing him.'
21 He said to me, 'Go, for I will send you far away to the
Gentiles.' "
22 They listened to him until these words, then raised
their voices, saying, "Away with such a man from the earth!
He ought not to live!"
23 As they shouted, threw off their clothes, and tossed
dust into the air,
24 the commander ordered him to be brought into the
barracks and said that he should be examined by flogging,
to find out why they were shouting against him like this.
25 When they stretched him out with the straps, Paul said
to the centurion standing there, "Is it lawful for you to flog
a Roman citizen who has not been condemned?"
26 When the centurion heard this, he went to the
commander and reported it, saying, "What are you about to
do? This man is a Roman citizen."

27 The commander came and said to him, “Tell me, are
you a Roman citizen?” He said, “Yes.”
28 The commander replied, “I acquired this citizenship for
a large sum.” Paul said, “But I was born a citizen.”
29 Immediately those about to examine him withdrew
from him. The commander too was afraid when he learned
that he was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.
30 The next day, wanting to know for certain what the
Jews were accusing him of, he unbound him and ordered
the chief priests and the whole council to assemble. He
brought Paul down and stood him before them.

23

1 Paul looked intently at the council and said, “Brothers, I
have lived before God in all good conscience to this day.”
2 The high priest Ananias ordered those standing by to
strike him on the mouth.
3 Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you
whitewashed wall! You sit to judge me according to the
law, yet you break the law by ordering me to be struck?”
4 Those standing by said, “Are you insulting God's high
priest?”
5 Paul replied, “Brothers, I did not know that he was the
high priest, for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a
ruler of your people.’ ”
6 When Paul realized that one part consisted of
Sadducees and the other of Pharisees, he cried out in the
council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am
on trial for the hope and resurrection of the dead.”
7 When he said this, a dispute arose between the
Pharisees and Sadducees, and the assembly was divided.
8 For the Sadducees say there is no resurrection, nor
angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees affirm both.
9 A great outcry arose, and some scribes from the
Pharisees’ party stood up and argued fiercely, saying, “We
find nothing wrong with this man. But if a spirit or an
angel has spoken to him—”
10 As the dispute became violent, the commander feared
that Paul would be torn apart by them. He ordered the
troops to go down, snatch him from their midst, and bring
him into the barracks.
11 The following night the Lord stood beside him and
said, “Take courage, for just as you have borne solemn
witness about me in Jerusalem, you must also bear witness
in Rome.”

12 When day came, the Jews formed a conspiracy and
bound themselves under a curse, saying they would neither
eat nor drink until they had killed Paul.
13 More than forty men had joined this conspiracy.
14 They went to the chief priests and elders and said, “We
have bound ourselves under a solemn curse to taste
nothing until we have killed Paul.
15 So now you, together with the council, should ask the
commander to bring him down to you, as though you
intended to examine his case more closely. We are ready to
kill him before he comes near.”

16 But the son of Paul’s sister heard of the ambush. He
came to the barracks, went in, and told Paul.
17 Paul called one of the centurions and said, “Take this
young man to the commander, for he has something to
report to him.”
18 So he took him to the commander and said, “Paul the
prisoner called me and asked me to bring this young man
to you, because he has something to tell you.”
19 The commander took him by the hand, withdrew in
private, and asked, “What do you have to report to me?”
20 He said, “The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul
down to the council tomorrow, as though it intended to
inquire more closely about him.
21 But do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty
of their men are lying in ambush for him. They have bound
themselves under a curse neither to eat nor drink until
they have killed him. They are ready now and waiting for
your agreement.”
22 So the commander dismissed the young man, ordering
him, “Tell no one that you have reported these things to
me.”

23 Then he called two of the centurions and said, “Prepare
two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, along with seventy
horsemen and two hundred spearmen, at nine tonight.
24 Provide mounts as well, so that Paul may ride and be
brought safely to Felix the governor.”
25 He wrote a letter in these terms:
26 “Claudius Lysias to His Excellency Governor Felix:
Greetings.
27 This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be
killed by them. I came with the troops and rescued him,
having learned that he was a Roman citizen.
28 Wanting to know the charge they brought against him,
I took him down to their council.

29 I found that he was being accused over questions of
their law, but had no charge against him deserving death
or imprisonment.
30 When I was informed that a plot was being prepared
against the man, I sent him to you at once, also ordering his
accusers to state their case against him before you."
31 So the soldiers, according to their orders, took Paul and
brought him by night to Antipatris.
32 The next day they let the horsemen go on with him and
returned to the barracks.
33 When the horsemen arrived in Caesarea, they
delivered the letter to the governor and presented Paul to
him as well.
34 After reading it, he asked what province he was from.
When he learned that he was from Cilicia,
35 he said, "I will hear your case when your accusers
arrive too." He ordered Paul to be kept under guard in
Herod's praetorium.

24

1 After five days the high priest Ananias came down with
some elders and an advocate named Tertullus. They
presented charges against Paul to the governor.
2 When Paul was called in, Tertullus began to accuse him,
saying, "Since we enjoy great peace through you, and
reforms are being made for this nation through your
foresight,
3 we acknowledge this in every way and everywhere
with all gratitude, most excellent Felix.
4 But so that I may not detain you further, I beg you in
your kindness to hear us briefly.
5 For we have found this man to be a plague, stirring up
rebellions among all the Jews throughout the inhabited
world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.
6 He even tried to profane the temple, and we seized him.
7 [But Lysias the commander came and with great
violence took him out of our hands.]
8 By examining him yourself, you will be able to learn
about all these things of which we accuse him."
9 The Jews also joined in the accusation, asserting that
these things were so.
10 When the governor motioned to him to speak, Paul
answered, "Knowing that you have been a judge of this
nation for many years, I gladly make my defense.
11 You can verify that no more than twelve days have
passed since I went up to Jerusalem to worship.

12 They did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring
up a crowd, either in the temple, in the synagogues, or
throughout the city.
13 Nor can they prove to you the things of which they
now accuse me.
14 But this I confess to you: according to the Way, which
they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing
everything written in the Law and in the Prophets.
15 I have a hope in God, which these men themselves also
hold, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous
and the unrighteous.
16 So I myself strive always to maintain a blameless
conscience before God and people.
17 After several years I came to bring alms to my nation
and offerings.
18 While I was doing this, they found me purified in the
temple, without a crowd or a disturbance.
19 But some Jews from Asia ought to have been here
before you to accuse me, if they had anything against me.
20 Or let these men themselves say what wrongdoing they
found when I stood before the council,
21 except for this one statement I cried out while standing
among them: 'I am on trial before you today for the
resurrection of the dead.' "

22 But Felix, who was well acquainted with the Way,
adjourned the case, saying, "When Lysias the commander
comes down, I will decide your case."
23 He ordered the centurion to keep him in custody but
allow him some freedom and not prevent any of his own
people from attending to him.

24 After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who
was Jewish. He sent for Paul and heard him speak about
faith in Christ Jesus.
25 But as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control,
and the coming judgment, Felix became afraid and
answered, "Go away for now. When I have an opportunity,
I will send for you."
26 At the same time he hoped that Paul would give him
money, so he sent for him more often and conversed with
him.

27 When two years had passed, Porcius Festus succeeded
Felix. Wanting to gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul
bound.

25

1 Three days after arriving in the province, Festus went
up from Caesarea to Jerusalem.
2 The chief priests and the leading men of the Jews
presented charges against Paul to him and pleaded with
him,
3 asking as a favor against Paul that he summon him to
Jerusalem. They were preparing an ambush to kill him
along the way.
4 Festus answered that Paul was being kept in custody in
Caesarea and that he himself would be leaving shortly.
5 "So let those in authority among you go down with me,"
he said, "and if there is anything wrong in the man, let
them accuse him."
6 After staying among them no more than eight or ten
days, he went down to Caesarea. The next day he sat on the
judgment seat and ordered Paul to be brought in.
7 When he arrived, the Jews who had come down from
Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many serious
charges that they could not prove.
8 Paul said in his defense, "I have committed no offense
against the law of the Jews, against the temple, or against
Caesar."
9 But Festus, wanting to gain favor with the Jews,
answered Paul, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and
be tried there before me on these matters?"
10 Paul said, "I am standing before Caesar's judgment
seat, where I ought to be tried. I have done the Jews no
wrong, as you yourself know very well.
11 If I am doing wrong and have done anything deserving
death, I do not refuse to die. But if there is nothing to what
these men accuse me of, no one can hand me over to them
as a favor. I appeal to Caesar!"
12 Then Festus, after conferring with his council,
answered, "You have appealed to Caesar; to Caesar you will
go."
13 After some days King Agrippa and Bernice arrived in
Caesarea and greeted Festus.
14 As they were staying there for several days, Festus laid
Paul's case before the king, saying, "There is a man whom
Felix left as a prisoner.
15 When I was in Jerusalem, the chief priests and elders
of the Jews presented charges against him and asked for his
condemnation.
16 I answered them that it is not Roman custom to hand
anyone over as a favor before the accused has faced his

accusers and had an opportunity to defend himself against the charge.
17 So when they came together here, I made no delay. The next day I sat on the judgment seat and ordered the man to be brought in.
18 When his accusers stood up, they brought no charge of the crimes I had suspected.
19 Instead, they had certain disputes with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus who had died, whom Paul asserted to be alive.
20 I was at a loss how to investigate these matters, so I asked whether he wanted to go to Jerusalem and be tried there on them.
21 But when Paul appealed to be kept in custody for the emperor's decision, I ordered him to be held until I could send him to Caesar."
22 Agrippa said to Festus, "I too would like to hear the man myself." He said, "Tomorrow you will hear him."
23 The next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp and entered the audience hall with the military commanders and prominent men of the city. At Festus's command, Paul was brought in.
24 Festus said, "King Agrippa and all you men here with us, you see this man, about whom the whole multitude of the Jews appealed to me, both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer.
25 But I found that he had done nothing deserving death, and since he himself appealed to the emperor, I decided to send him.
26 I have nothing certain to write to the sovereign about him. So I have brought him before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after the examination I may have something to write.
27 For it seems unreasonable to me to send a prisoner without also specifying the charges against him."

26

1 Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and began his defense:
2 "I consider myself fortunate, King Agrippa, to make my defense before you today against all the accusations the Jews bring against me,
3 especially since you are familiar with all the Jewish customs and controversies. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.

4 All the Jews know how I have lived since my youth, from
the beginning among my own people and in Jerusalem.
5 They have known me from the start and, if they are
willing, can testify that I lived as a Pharisee, according to
the strictest party of our religion.
6 And now I stand on trial for the hope of the promise
made by God to our fathers,
7 which our twelve tribes hope to attain as they worship
earnestly night and day. It is for this hope that I am accused
by the Jews, O king.
8 Why is it judged incredible among you that God raises
the dead?
9 I myself thought I ought to do many things against the
name of Jesus of Nazareth.
10 And that is what I did in Jerusalem. With authority
received from the chief priests, I locked many of the saints
in prisons, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote
against them.
11 I often punished them in all the synagogues and tried
to force them to blaspheme. In my extreme rage against
them, I pursued them even to foreign cities.
12 While engaged in this, I was traveling to Damascus
with authority and a commission from the chief priests.
13 At midday, O king, on the road I saw a light from
heaven brighter than the sun, shining around me and those
traveling with me.
14 When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice
saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are
you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the
goads.'
15 I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' The Lord said, 'I am Jesus,
whom you are persecuting.
16 But get up and stand on your feet, for I have appeared
to you for this purpose: to appoint you as a servant and a
witness of what you have seen of me and of the things in
which I will appear to you,
17 rescuing you from the people and from the Gentiles, to
whom I am sending you
18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from
darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, to
receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those
sanctified by faith in me.'
19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the
heavenly vision,
20 but proclaimed first to those in Damascus, then in

Jerusalem and throughout the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance.
21 For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.
22 But having obtained help from God, I stand to this day bearing witness to small and great alike, saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen:
23 that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light both to the people and to the Gentiles."
24 As he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said in a loud voice, "You are out of your mind, Paul! Your great learning is driving you mad."
25 But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus. I speak words of truth and sound judgment.
26 For the king knows about these things, and I speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this was not done in a corner.
27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe."
28 Agrippa said to Paul, "In so short a time are you persuading me to become a Christian?"
29 Paul said, "I pray to God that, whether in a short time or a long time, not only you but all who hear me today might become as I am, except for these bonds."
30 Then the king rose, along with the governor, Bernice, and those sitting with them.
31 As they withdrew, they spoke with one another, saying, "This man is doing nothing deserving death or imprisonment."
32 Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could have been released if he had not appealed to Caesar."

27

1 When it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they handed Paul and some other prisoners over to a centurion named Julius, of the Augustan Cohort.
2 We boarded a ship from Adramyttium that was about to sail to the ports along Asia, and set sail. Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, was with us.
3 The next day we put in at Sidon. Julius treated Paul kindly and allowed him to go to his friends and receive their care.
4 We sailed from there under the shelter of Cyprus, because the winds were against us.

5 After crossing the open sea off Cilicia and Pamphylia,
we came to Myra in Lycia.
6 There the centurion found a ship from Alexandria
sailing for Italy and put us aboard it.
7 We sailed slowly for many days and barely reached a
point off Cnidus. Since the wind would not let us go on, we
sailed under the shelter of Crete, off Salmone.
8 We made our way along its coast with difficulty and
came to a place called Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea.

9 Much time had passed, and sailing was now dangerous
because even the Fast had already passed. Paul advised
them,
10 saying, “Men, I see that the voyage will bring damage
and great loss, not only to the cargo and the ship but also to
our lives.”
11 But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and
the shipowner than to what Paul said.
12 Since the harbor was unsuitable for wintering, the
majority decided to sail from there, hoping somehow to
reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete facing southwest and
northwest, and spend the winter there.

13 When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought
they had gained their purpose. They weighed anchor and
sailed close along Crete.
14 But soon a violent wind called Euraquilo swept down
from the island.
15 The ship was caught and could not face the wind, so we
gave way and were driven along.
16 Running under the shelter of a small island called
Cauda, we barely managed to secure the ship's boat.
17 After hoisting it aboard, they secured the ship with
ropes passed underneath. Fearing they would be driven
onto the Syrtis, they lowered the gear and drifted along in
this way.
18 The storm battered us violently, and the next day they
began throwing the cargo overboard.
19 On the third day they threw the ship's equipment
overboard with their own hands.
20 For many days neither sun nor stars appeared, and a
violent storm kept bearing down on us. At last all hope of
our being saved was lost.

21 After they had gone a long time without food, Paul
stood among them and said, “Men, you should have
listened to me and not sailed from Crete, and so avoided
this damage and loss.

22 But now I urge you to take courage, for there will be no
loss of life among you, only of the ship.
23 For this very night an angel of the God to whom I
belong and whom I serve stood beside me,
24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand before
Caesar, and look, God has granted you all those sailing with
you.'
25 So take courage, men, for I believe God that it will
happen just as I have been told.
26 But we must run aground on some island."
27 On the fourteenth night, as we were being driven
about in the sea of Adria, around midnight the sailors
suspected that land was drawing near.
28 They took a sounding and found a depth of about 120
feet. A little farther on they took another sounding and
found about 90 feet.
29 Fearing we might be driven onto rocks, they dropped
four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come.
30 The sailors tried to escape from the ship and lowered
the boat into the sea, pretending that they were going to lay
out anchors from the bow.
31 Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless
these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved."
32 Then the soldiers cut the boat's ropes and let it fall
away.
33 As day was about to dawn, Paul urged everyone to take
food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have
continued waiting without food, having taken nothing.
34 So I urge you to eat, for this is for your survival. Not a
hair will be lost from the head of any of you."
35 After saying this, he took bread, gave thanks to God
before them all, broke it, and began to eat.
36 They all took courage and ate some food themselves.
37 There were 276 of us in all on the ship.
38 When they had eaten their fill, they lightened the ship
by throwing the wheat into the sea.
39 When day came, they did not recognize the land, but
they saw a bay with a beach where they planned to run the
ship ashore if they could.
40 They cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at
the same time loosening the lashings of the rudders. They
hoisted the foresail to the wind and headed for the beach.
41 But they struck a place where two seas met and ran the
ship aground. The bow stuck fast and remained
immovable, while the stern was being broken up by the
force of the sea.

42 The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners so that none could swim away and escape.
43 But the centurion, wanting to save Paul, prevented them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land,
44 and the rest to follow, some on planks and some on pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land safely.

28

1 After we had reached safety, we learned that the island was called Malta.
2 The islanders showed us extraordinary kindness. They lit a fire and welcomed us all because of the rain that had set in and because of the cold.
3 Paul gathered a bundle of sticks and put it on the fire. A viper came out because of the heat and fastened onto his hand.
4 When the islanders saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “This man must be a murderer. Though he escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.”
5 But he shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no harm.
6 They expected him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. After waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.
7 Near that place were estates belonging to the chief official of the island, named Publius. He welcomed us and kindly hosted us for three days.
8 Publius’s father was lying in bed, suffering from fevers and dysentery. Paul went in to see him, prayed, laid his hands on him, and healed him.
9 After this happened, the rest of the island’s sick people also came and were healed.
10 They honored us in many ways, and when we set sail, they supplied what we needed.
11 After three months we set sail in a ship from Alexandria that had wintered on the island and had the Twin Brothers as its emblem.
12 We put in at Syracuse and stayed there for three days.
13 From there we weighed anchor and reached Rhegium. A day later a south wind came up, and on the second day we arrived at Puteoli.
14 There we found some brothers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome.

15 When the brothers there heard about us, they came as
far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet
us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage.
16 When we entered Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by
himself with the soldier guarding him.
17 Three days later he called together the leading men of
the Jews. When they had gathered, he said to them,
“Brothers, although I have done nothing against our people
or the customs of our fathers, I was handed over as a
prisoner from Jerusalem to the Romans.
18 After questioning me, they wanted to release me
because there were no grounds for putting me to death.
19 But when the Jews objected, I was forced to appeal to
Caesar, though I had no charge to bring against my nation.
20 For this reason I asked to see you and speak with you,
because it is for the hope of Israel that I wear this chain.”
21 They said to him, “We have received no letters from
Judea about you, and none of the brothers who have come
has reported or said anything bad about you.
22 But we want to hear your views, for we know that this
sect is spoken against everywhere.”
23 They arranged a day with him and came in greater
numbers to his lodging. From morning until evening he
explained and solemnly testified about the kingdom of God,
trying to persuade them about Jesus from both the law of
Moses and the Prophets.
24 Some were persuaded by what he said, but others did
not believe.
25 They disagreed with one another and began to leave
after Paul made this one statement: “The Holy Spirit rightly
spoke to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet,
26 saying, ‘Go to this people and say: “You will keep
hearing but never understand, and you will keep looking
but never perceive.
27 For this people's heart has grown dull, and they have
become hard of hearing, and they have closed their eyes, so
that they might not see with their eyes, hear with their
ears, understand with their heart, and turn, and I would
heal them.” ’
28 Therefore, know that this salvation of God has been
sent to the Gentiles. They will listen.”
29 [After he said this, the Jews went away, arguing at
length among themselves.]
30 He stayed two full years in his own rented lodging and
welcomed everyone who came to him,

31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about
the Lord Jesus Christ with complete boldness and without
hindrance.

Romans

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle
and set apart for the gospel of God,
2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in
the holy Scriptures,
3 concerning his Son, who was born of David's line
according to the flesh
4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power
according to the Spirit of holiness by resurrection from the
dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.
5 Through him we received grace and apostleship to
bring about the obedience of faith among all the nations
for the sake of his name.
6 Among them you too are called to belong to Jesus Christ.
7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be
saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.
8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you,
because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the
world.
9 For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of his
Son, is my witness that I remember you unceasingly,
10 always in my prayers, asking that somehow, at last, by
God's will I may succeed in coming to you.
11 For I long to see you so that I may share some spiritual
gift with you to strengthen you,
12 that is, so that we may be encouraged together by one
another's faith, both yours and mine.
13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have
often planned to come to you (but have been prevented
until now), so that I might have some fruit among you as
among the other Gentiles.
14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to non-Greeks, both
to the wise and to the foolish.
15 So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you
in Rome as well.
16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the
power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the
Jew first and also to the Greek.
17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith
to faith, as it is written, “The righteous person will live by
faith.”

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against
all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who
suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
19 because what can be known of God is plain among
them, for God has made it plain to them.
20 For since the creation of the world, his invisible
attributes, his eternal power and divinity, have been
clearly seen, understood through what he has made, so that
they are without excuse.
21 For although they knew God, they did not glorify him
as God or give thanks to him. Instead, their reasoning
became futile and their foolish heart was darkened.
22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools
23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for
images resembling corruptible human beings, birds,
four-footed animals, and reptiles.
24 Therefore God gave them over in the desires of their
hearts to impurity, so that their bodies were dishonored
among them.
25 They exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and
worshiped and served the creation rather than the Creator,
who is blessed forever. Amen.
26 For this reason God gave them over to dishonorable
passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for
those contrary to nature,
27 and likewise the men abandoned natural relations
with women and burned in their desire for one another.
Men committed shameful acts with men and received in
themselves the due penalty for their error.
28 And just as they did not see fit to retain the knowledge
of God, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do what
ought not to be done.
29 They are filled with every kind of unrighteousness,
wickedness, greed, and evil, full of envy, murder, strife,
deceit, and malice. They are gossips,
30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, proud, boastful,
inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,
31 foolish, untrustworthy, without natural affection, and
merciless.
32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those
who practice such things deserve death, they not only do
them but also approve of those who practice them.

2

1 Therefore you have no excuse, whoever you are who
judge. For when you judge another, you condemn yourself,

because you who judge practice the same things.
2 We know that God's judgment against those who
practice such things is according to truth.
3 Do you suppose, you who judge those who practice such
things and do them yourself, that you will escape God's
judgment?
4 Or do you despise the riches of his kindness,
forbearance, and patience, not recognizing that God's
kindness leads you to repentance?
5 But because of your hardness and unrepentant heart,
you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath,
when God's righteous judgment is revealed.
6 He will repay each person according to their works:
7 eternal life to those who, by perseverance in doing
good, seek glory, honor, and immortality,
8 but wrath and fury to those who are selfishly ambitious
and disobey the truth while obeying unrighteousness.
9 There will be affliction and distress for every human
being who does evil, for the Jew first and also for the Greek,
10 but glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does
good, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
11 For God shows no partiality.
12 For all who have sinned without the law will also
perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the
law will be judged by the law
13 (for it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous
before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.
14 For when Gentiles who do not have the law do by
nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves,
though they do not have the law.
15 They show that the work of the law is written on their
hearts, while their conscience bears witness and their
thoughts accuse or even defend them)
16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God judges
people's secrets through Christ Jesus.
17 But if you call yourself a Jew, rely on the law, and boast
in God,
18 and know his will and approve what is excellent
because you have been instructed from the law,
19 and are confident that you are a guide to the blind, a
light to those in darkness,
20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of infants, having
in the law the expression of knowledge and truth,
21 then you who teach another, do you not teach yourself?
You who preach against stealing, do you steal?

22 You who say not to commit adultery, do you commit
adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?
23 You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by
breaking the law?
24 For, as it is written, “The name of God is blasphemed
among the Gentiles because of you.”
25 For circumcision is of value if you practice the law. But
if you are a lawbreaker, your circumcision has become
uncircumcision.
26 So if an uncircumcised person keeps the law’s
requirements, will not his uncircumcision be counted as
circumcision?
27 And the one who is physically uncircumcised but
fulfills the law will judge you who, despite having the
written code and circumcision, break the law.
28 For a person is not a Jew merely outwardly, nor is
circumcision merely outward in the flesh.
29 Rather, a person is a Jew inwardly, and circumcision is
of the heart, in the Spirit, not the written code. That
person’s praise comes from God, not from people.

3

1 What advantage, then, does the Jew have? Or what is
the benefit of circumcision?
2 Much in every way. First of all, they were entrusted
with the words of God.
3 What then? If some were unfaithful, will their
unfaithfulness nullify God’s faithfulness?
4 By no means! Let God be true and every human being a
liar, as it is written, “So that you may be justified in your
words and prevail when you are judged.”
5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates God’s
righteousness, what shall we say? Is God unjust when he
brings wrath? I am speaking in human terms.
6 By no means! Otherwise, how will God judge the world?
7 But if God’s truth has abounded through my lie to his
glory, why am I still judged as a sinner?
8 And why not say, as we are slandered and as some
claim we say, “Let us do evil so that good may come”? Their
condemnation is just.
9 What then? Are we better off? Not at all, for we have
already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under
sin,
10 as it is written:
“There is no one righteous, not even one.
11 There is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.

12 All have turned aside;
together they have become worthless.
There is no one who does good, not even one.
13 Their throat is an open grave;
they use their tongues to deceive.
Vipers' venom is under their lips.
14 Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.
15 Their feet are swift to shed blood;
16 ruin and misery are in their paths,
17 and they have not known the way of peace.
18 There is no fear of God before their eyes."
19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.
20 For no human being will be justified before him by works of the law, because through the law comes the knowledge of sin.
21 But now the righteousness of God has been revealed apart from the law, though the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it,
22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:
23 all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
25 God presented him as a propitiation through faith in his blood, to demonstrate his righteousness, because he had passed over the sins previously committed
26 in God's forbearance. This was to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so that he would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
27 Where, then, is boasting? It has been excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.
28 For we consider that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the law.
29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not also the God of Gentiles? Yes, of Gentiles too,
30 since God is one, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.
31 Do we then nullify the law through faith? By no means! Rather, we uphold the law.

4

1 What, then, shall we say Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found?

2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has
something to boast about, but not before God.
3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed
God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”
4 Now to the one who works, wages are counted as a
debt, not as a gift.
5 But to the one who does not work but believes in him
who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as
righteousness,
6 just as David also speaks of the blessedness of the
person to whom God counts righteousness apart from
works:
7 “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven and
whose sins are covered.
8 Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count
against him.”
9 Is this blessedness, then, for the circumcised, or also for
the uncircumcised? For we say, “Faith was counted to
Abraham as righteousness.”
10 How, then, was it counted? While he was circumcised
or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while
uncircumcised.
11 He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the
righteousness of the faith he had while uncircumcised.
This was so that he might be the father of all who believe
while uncircumcised, so that righteousness might be
counted to them,
12 and the father of the circumcised who are not only
circumcised but also follow in the footsteps of the faith our
father Abraham had while uncircumcised.
13 For the promise to Abraham or his offspring that he
would be heir of the world did not come through the law,
but through the righteousness of faith.
14 For if those of the law are heirs, faith is made void and
the promise nullified.
15 For the law produces wrath, but where there is no law,
there is no transgression.
16 For this reason it is by faith, so that it may be according
to grace and the promise may be secure for all the
offspring, not only those of the law but also those of
Abraham's faith. He is the father of us all,
17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many
nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he
believed, who gives life to the dead and calls the things that
do not exist as though they exist.

18 Against hope, he believed in hope, so that he might
become the father of many nations, according to what had
been said, “So shall your offspring be.”
19 Without weakening in faith, he considered his own
body, as good as dead since he was about a hundred years
old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb.
20 Yet he did not waver in unbelief regarding God’s
promise, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God
21 and being fully convinced that God was able to do
what he had promised.
22 That is why it was counted to him as righteousness.
23 But the words “it was counted to him” were not written
for him alone,
24 but also for us, to whom it will be counted, who believe
in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.
25 He was handed over for our trespasses and raised for
our justification.

5

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into
this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the
glory of God.
3 And not only that, but we also rejoice in afflictions,
knowing that affliction produces perseverance,
4 and perseverance proven character, and proven
character hope.
5 And hope does not put us to shame, because the love of
God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy
Spirit who was given to us.
6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ
died for the ungodly.
7 For scarcely would anyone die for a righteous person,
though perhaps someone might even dare to die for a good
person.
8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in that while
we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
9 Much more, then, having now been justified by his
blood, we will be saved from wrath through him.
10 For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to
God through the death of his Son, much more, having been
reconciled, we will be saved by his life.
11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through
our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now
received reconciliation.

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one
man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all
people because all sinned—
13 for sin was in the world before the law, but sin is not
counted when there is no law.
14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over
those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam's
transgression. He is a pattern of the one who was to come.
15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died
through the trespass of the one, much more did the grace of
God and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ,
abound to the many.
16 And the gift is not like what came through the one who
sinned. For the judgment followed one trespass and led to
condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and
led to justification.
17 For if death reigned through the one by that one's
trespass, much more will those who receive the abundance
of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life
through the one, Jesus Christ.
18 So then, just as one trespass led to condemnation for
all people, so also one righteous act led to justification
bringing life for all people.
19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man
the many were made sinners, so also through the
obedience of the one the many will be made righteous.
20 Now the law came in so that the trespass might
increase. But where sin increased, grace abounded even
more,
21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might
reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

6

1 What shall we say, then? Should we continue in sin so
that grace may increase?
2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?
3 Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized
into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
4 Therefore we were buried with him through baptism
into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father, we too might walk in
newness of life.
5 For if we have become united with him in the likeness
of his death, we will also be united with him in the likeness
of his resurrection.

6 We know this: our old self was crucified with him so
that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, so that
we would no longer be slaves to sin.
7 For the one who has died has been acquitted of sin.
8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also
live with him.
9 We know that Christ, having been raised from the dead,
dies no more; death no longer rules over him.
10 For the death he died, he died to sin once for all, but
the life he lives, he lives to God.
11 So you too must consider yourselves dead to sin but
alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, so
that you obey its desires.
13 Do not present the parts of your body to sin as
weapons of unrighteousness. Instead, present yourselves to
God as those alive from the dead, and the parts of your
body to God as weapons of righteousness.
14 For sin will not rule over you, because you are not
under law but under grace.

15 What then? Should we sin because we are not under
law but under grace? By no means!
16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to
someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one
you obey, whether of sin leading to death or of obedience
leading to righteousness?
17 But thanks be to God that, though you were slaves of
sin, you obeyed from the heart the pattern of teaching to
which you were handed over.
18 And having been set free from sin, you were made
slaves of righteousness.
19 I am speaking in human terms because of the
weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented the parts
of your body as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness
leading to lawlessness, so now present them as slaves to
righteousness leading to sanctification.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in
regard to righteousness.
21 What fruit did you have then from the things of which
you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.
22 But now, having been set free from sin and made
slaves of God, you have your fruit leading to sanctification,
and the end is eternal life.
23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is
eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

7

1 Or do you not know, brothers (for I am speaking to
those who know the law), that the law rules over a person
only as long as that person lives?
2 For a married woman is bound by law to her husband
while he lives, but if her husband dies, she is released from
the law binding her to him.
3 So then, if she belongs to another man while her
husband lives, she will be called an adulteress. But if her
husband dies, she is free from the law and is not an
adulteress if she belongs to another man.
4 So, my brothers, you too were put to death to the law
through the body of Christ, so that you might belong to
another, to the one raised from the dead, in order that we
might bear fruit for God.
5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions that
came through the law were at work in the parts of our
body to bear fruit for death.
6 But now we have been released from the law, having
died to what held us, so that we serve in the new way of the
Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.
7 What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? By no means!
Yet I would not have known sin except through the law. For
I would not have known coveting if the law had not said,
"You shall not covet."
8 But sin seized an opportunity through the
commandment and produced in me every kind of coveting.
For apart from the law, sin is dead.
9 I was once alive apart from the law, but when the
commandment came, sin came to life
10 and I died. The very commandment meant for life
proved to bring death to me.
11 For sin seized an opportunity through the
commandment, deceived me, and through it killed me.
12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and
righteous and good.
13 Did what is good, then, become death to me? By no
means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is
good, so that it might be shown to be sin, and so that
through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.
14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of flesh,
sold under sin.
15 For I do not understand what I do. I do not practice
what I want, but I do what I hate.
16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law
that it is good.

17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin dwelling in
me.
18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in
my flesh. For the desire to do good is present with me, but
carrying it out is not.
19 For I do not do the good I want, but I practice the evil I
do not want.
20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do
it, but sin dwelling in me.
21 So I find this law: when I want to do good, evil is
present with me.
22 For in my inner self I delight in the law of God,
23 but I see another law in the parts of my body, waging
war against the law of my mind and taking me captive to
the law of sin in the parts of my body.
24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from
this body of death?
25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So
then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but the
law of sin with my flesh.

8

1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those in
Christ Jesus.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you
free from the law of sin and death.
3 For what the law could not do, weak as it was through
the flesh, God did: he sent his own Son in the likeness of
sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, and condemned sin
in the flesh,
4 so that the righteous requirement of the law might be
fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but
according to the Spirit.
5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds
on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to
the Spirit, on the things of the Spirit.
6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set
on the Spirit is life and peace,
7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostility toward
God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it.
8 And those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed
the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have
the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.
10 But if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin,
yet the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the
dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ Jesus from
the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of
his Spirit who dwells in you.
12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, but not to the flesh,
to live according to the flesh.
13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die. But if
by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you
will live.
14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery leading back
to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom
we cry, “Abba, Father!”
16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we
are children of God.
17 And if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow
heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with him so that we
may also be glorified with him.
18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are not worth comparing with the glory to be revealed in
us.
19 For creation eagerly awaits the revealing of the sons of
God.
20 For creation was subjected to futility, not willingly but
because of the one who subjected it, in hope
21 that creation itself will also be set free from slavery to
decay into the glorious freedom of the children of God.
22 For we know that the whole creation has been
groaning together and suffering the pains of childbirth
until now.
23 And not only creation, but we ourselves, who have the
firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly, eagerly awaiting
adoption, the redemption of our body.
24 For in hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is not
hope, for who hopes for what is seen?
25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait
for it with perseverance.
26 In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our
weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we
ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible
groanings.
27 And the one who searches hearts knows the mind of
the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
according to God’s will.
28 And we know that all things work together for good for
those who love God, who are called according to his
purpose.

29 For those he foreknew he also predestined to be
conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the
firstborn among many brothers.
30 And those he predestined he also called, and those he
called he also justified, and those he justified he also
glorified.
31 What shall we say, then, to these things? If God is for
us, who is against us?
32 He who did not spare his own Son but handed him
over for us all, how will he not also graciously give us all
things with him?
33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the
one who justifies.
34 Who is the one who condemns? Christ is the one who
died, and more than that, was raised, who is also at the
right hand of God and intercedes for us.
35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Affliction,
distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, or sword?
36 As it is written,
"For your sake we are being put to death all day long;
we are counted as sheep for slaughter."
37 But in all these things we are more than conquerors
through the one who loved us.
38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither
angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to
come, nor powers,
39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, will
be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus
our Lord.

9

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ; I am not lying. My
conscience bears witness with me in the Holy Spirit
2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my
heart.
3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and
separated from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my
relatives according to the flesh.
4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption,
the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship,
and the promises.
5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from them came the
Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed
forever. Amen.
6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For
not all who descend from Israel are Israel,

7 nor are they all children because they are Abraham's
offspring. Rather, "Through Isaac your offspring will be
named."
8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are
children of God, but the children of the promise are
counted as offspring.
9 For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come,
and Sarah will have a son."
10 And not only that, but Rebekah also conceived by one
man, our father Isaac.
11 For before they were born or had done anything good
or evil, so that God's purpose according to election might
stand,
12 not from works but from the one who calls, she was
told, "The older will serve the younger."
13 As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."
14 What shall we say, then? Is there injustice with God?
By no means!
15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I
have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have
compassion."
16 So then, it depends not on the one who wills or the one
who runs, but on God, who shows mercy.
17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very
purpose I raised you up, so that I might show my power in
you and so that my name might be proclaimed throughout
the earth."
18 So then, he has mercy on whom he wills, and he
hardens whom he wills.
19 You will say to me, then, "Why does he still find fault?
For who has resisted his will?"
20 But who are you, a human being, to answer back to
God? Will what is formed say to the one who formed it,
"Why did you make me like this?"
21 Or does the potter not have authority over the clay, to
make from the same lump one vessel for honor and
another for dishonor?
22 But what if God, wanting to show his wrath and make
his power known, endured with much patience vessels of
wrath prepared for destruction,
23 and did so to make known the riches of his glory upon
vessels of mercy, which he prepared beforehand for glory,
24 even us whom he also called, not only from among
Jews but also from among Gentiles?
25 As he also says in Hosea,
"I will call those who were not my people 'my people,' and
her who was not loved 'beloved.' "

26 “And in the place where they were told, ‘You are not my
people,’ there they will be called sons of the living
God.”

27 And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel,
“Though the number of the sons of Israel is like the sand of
the sea, the remnant will be saved.
28 For the Lord will carry out his sentence on the earth
completely and without delay.”
29 And as Isaiah said beforehand,
“If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would
have become like Sodom and been made like
Gomorrah.”
30 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained righteousness, the righteousness that is by faith,
31 but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not reach that law.
32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone,
33 as it is written, “Look, I am laying in Zion a stumbling stone and a rock that makes people stumble, and the one who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

10

1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is for their salvation.
2 For I bear witness for them that they have zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.
3 For, not knowing the righteousness of God and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.
4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.
5 For Moses writes that the person who practices the righteousness that is from the law will live by it.
6 But the righteousness that is by faith speaks this way: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down),
7 “or, ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith that we preach:

9 if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and
believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.
10 For with the heart one believes, leading to
righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses, leading
to salvation.
11 For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him
will not be put to shame.”
12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek,
since the same Lord is Lord of all and is rich toward all
who call on him.
13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will
be saved.”
14 How, then, can they call on the one in whom they have
not believed? And how can they believe in the one whom
they have not heard? And how can they hear without
someone preaching?
15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is
written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring
good news!”
16 But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord,
who has believed our report?”
17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the
word of Christ.
18 But I ask, did they not hear? Indeed they did: “Their
sound has gone out into all the earth, and their words to
the ends of the world.”
19 But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,
“I will make you jealous by what is not a nation; by a nation
without understanding I will make you angry.”
20 And Isaiah boldly says, “I was found by those who did
not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for
me.”
21 But concerning Israel he says, “All day long I stretched
out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

11

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means!
For I too am an Israelite, of Abraham’s offspring, of the
tribe of Benjamin.
2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Or
do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage
about Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?
3 “Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down
your altars, and I alone am left, and they are seeking my
life.”

4 But what does the divine reply say to him? “I have kept
for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the
knee to Baal.”
5 So too at the present time there is a remnant according
to the election of grace.
6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer from works;
otherwise grace would no longer be grace.
7 What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks, but
the elect have obtained it. The rest were hardened,
8 as it is written,
“God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see
and ears that would not hear, to this very day.”
9 And David says,
“Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling
block and a retribution for them.
10 Let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and
bend their backs forever.”
11 I ask, then, did they stumble so as to fall? By no means!
Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the
Gentiles, to make them jealous.
12 Now if their trespass means riches for the world and
their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their
fullness!
13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Insofar as I am an
apostle to the Gentiles, I honor my ministry,
14 in the hope that I may somehow make those of my own
flesh jealous and save some of them.
15 For if their rejection means reconciliation for the
world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?
16 If the first portion of dough is holy, so is the whole
batch, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.
17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a
wild olive tree, were grafted in among them and came to
share the rich root of the olive tree,
18 do not boast over the branches. But if you do boast, it
is not you who support the root, but the root that supports
you.
19 Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I
might be grafted in.”
20 That is true. They were broken off because of unbelief,
but you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but fear.
21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither
will he spare you.
22 Consider, then, God’s kindness and severity: severity
toward those who fell, but God’s kindness toward you, if

you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.
23 And they too, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.
24 For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and, contrary to nature, grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree!
25 For I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers, so that you will not be wise in your own eyes: a partial hardening has come upon Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in,
26 and in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written,
"The Deliverer will come from Zion;
he will turn ungodliness away from Jacob.
27 And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."
28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake, but as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.
29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
30 For just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy through their disobedience,
31 so they too have now disobeyed, so that through the mercy shown to you they too may now receive mercy.
32 For God has confined all in disobedience so that he may have mercy on all.

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments and untraceable his ways!
34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"
35 "Or who has first given to him, that he should be repaid?"
36 For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever. Amen.

12

1 Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, which is your reasonable worship.
2 And do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to each of you: do not
think more highly of yourself than you ought, but think
with sound judgment, according to the measure of faith
God has allotted to each.
4 For just as we have many parts in one body, and not all
the parts have the same function,
5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and
individually members of one another.
6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to
us: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to faith;
7 if service, let us serve; let the one who teaches teach;
8 let the one who exhorts exhort; let the one who shares
do so with generosity, the one who leads with diligence,
and the one who shows mercy with cheerfulness.
9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor evil; cling to good.
10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Take the
lead in honoring one another.
11 Do not be sluggish in zeal; be fervent in spirit; serve
the Lord.
12 Rejoice in hope; persevere in affliction; be constant in
prayer.
13 Share in the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality.
14 Bless those who persecute; bless and do not curse.
15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who
weep.
16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set
your mind on high things, but associate with the lowly. Do
not be wise in your own eyes.
17 Repay no one evil for evil. Take care to do what is
honorable in the sight of all.
18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live at peace
with everyone.
19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but leave room for
God's wrath, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will
repay, says the Lord."
20 But "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty,
give him something to drink. For by doing this you will
heap burning coals on his head."
21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with
good.

13

1 Let every person submit to the governing authorities,
for there is no authority except from God, and those that
exist have been appointed by God.

2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed what
God has ordained, and those who have opposed it will
bring judgment on themselves.
3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad.
Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good,
and you will receive praise from it,
4 for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what
is evil, be afraid, for it does not bear the sword in vain. It is
God's servant, an avenger bringing wrath on the one who
does evil.
5 Therefore it is necessary to submit, not only because of
wrath but also because of conscience.
6 For this reason you also pay taxes, for they are God's
servants, constantly attending to this very task.
7 Give everyone what is owed: taxes to whom taxes are
owed, customs duties to whom customs duties are owed,
respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is
owed.
8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for
whoever loves another has fulfilled the law.
9 For the commandments, “You shall not commit
adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You
shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed
up in this saying: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the
fulfillment of the law.
11 And do this, knowing the time: it is already time for
you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is nearer now
than when we believed.
12 The night is far gone, and the day has drawn near. So
let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor
of light.
13 Let us walk honorably, as in the daytime, not in revelry
and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and
debauchery, not in strife and jealousy,
14 but put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no
provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

14

1 Welcome the one who is weak in faith, but not to
quarrel over opinions.
2 One person believes he may eat everything, while the
weak person eats vegetables.
3 The one who eats must not despise the one who does
not eat, and the one who does not eat must not judge the
one who eats, for God has welcomed him.

4 Who are you to judge someone else's household
servant? Before his own master he stands or falls. And he
will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.
5 One person regards one day above another; another
regards every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his
own mind.
6 The one who observes the day observes it for the Lord.
And the one who eats does so for the Lord, for he gives
thanks to God. The one who does not eat abstains for the
Lord and gives thanks to God.
7 For none of us lives for himself, and none dies for
himself.
8 For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die
for the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the
Lord.
9 For this is why Christ died and lived again, so that he
might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you
despise your brother? For we will all stand before the
judgment seat of God.
11 For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee
will bow to me, and every tongue will acknowledge God."
12 So each of us will give an account of himself.
13 Therefore let us no longer judge one another. Instead,
decide not to put a stumbling block or an obstacle in a
brother's way.
14 I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that
nothing is unclean in itself. But for the one who considers
something unclean, for him it is unclean.
15 For if your brother is grieved because of food, you are
no longer walking in love. Do not destroy by your food the
one for whom Christ died.
16 Therefore do not let what is good for you be spoken of
as evil.
17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but
righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
18 For the one who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to
God and approved by people.
19 So then, let us pursue what makes for peace and for
building one another up.
20 Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food.
All things are clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat in a
way that causes stumbling.
21 It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything
by which your brother stumbles or is caused to fall or is
weakened.

22 Keep the faith you have to yourself before God. Blessed
is the one who does not condemn himself in what he
approves.
23 But the one who doubts is condemned if he eats,
because it is not from faith. And whatever is not from faith
is sin.

15

1 Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of
those who are not strong, and not to please ourselves.
2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build
him up.
3 For even Christ did not please himself, but as it is
written, “The insults of those who insult you fell on me.”
4 For everything written beforehand was written for our
instruction, so that through perseverance and through the
encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
5 May the God of perseverance and encouragement grant
you to be of the same mind toward one another according
to Christ Jesus,
6 so that together with one voice you may glorify the God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
7 Therefore welcome one another, just as Christ also
welcomed you, to the glory of God.
8 For I say that Christ has become a servant of the
circumcised for the sake of God’s truth, to confirm the
promises to the fathers,
9 and so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy,
as it is written,
“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and I will
sing to your name.”
10 And again it says,
“Rejoice, Gentiles, with his people.”
11 And again,
“Praise the Lord, all you nations, and let all the peoples
praise him.”
12 And again Isaiah says,
“There will be the root of Jesse, the one who rises to rule
the nations;
in him the nations will hope.”
13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of
the Holy Spirit.
14 I myself am convinced about you, my brothers, that
you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all
knowledge, and able to admonish one another.

15 But I have written to you more boldly on some points,
to remind you, because of the grace given to me by God
16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles,
performing priestly service for the gospel of God, so that
the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by
the Holy Spirit.
17 Therefore I have reason to boast in Christ Jesus in
matters pertaining to God.
18 For I will not dare to speak of anything except what
Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles
to obedience, by word and deed,
19 by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the
Spirit. So from Jerusalem and the surrounding regions as
far as Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.
20 And I have made it my ambition to preach the gospel
where Christ has not been named, so that I would not build
on someone else's foundation,
21 but as it is written,
"Those who were not told about him will see, and those
who have not heard will understand."
22 This is why I have so often been prevented from
coming to you.
23 But now I no longer have a field of work in these
regions, and for many years I have longed to come to you.
24 For when I go to Spain, I hope to see you as I pass
through and to be helped on my way there by you, after
first enjoying your company for a while.
25 But now I am going to Jerusalem to serve the saints.
26 For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a
contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.
27 They were pleased to do so, and indeed they are
indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their
spiritual things, they also ought to serve them with
material things.
28 So when I have completed this and duly delivered this
fruit to them, I will go to Spain by way of you.
29 And I know that when I come to you, I will come in the
fullness of the blessing of Christ.
30 Now I urge you, brothers, through our Lord Jesus
Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to strive together
with me in prayers to God on my behalf,
31 so that I may be rescued from the disobedient in Judea,
and my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the
saints,
32 so that I may come to you with joy by God's will and be
refreshed together with you.

33 May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

16

1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is also a
servant of the church at Cenchreae,
2 so that you may welcome her in the Lord in a manner
worthy of the saints and help her in any matter in which
she may need you, for she has been a benefactor of many,
including me.
3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ
Jesus,
4 who risked their own necks for my life. Not only I but
also all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks to them.
5 Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved
Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Asia for Christ.
6 Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.
7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives and fellow
prisoners, who are notable among the apostles and were in
Christ before me.
8 Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.
9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my
beloved Stachys.
10 Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those of
Aristobulus's household.
11 Greet Herodion, my relative. Greet those of Narcissus's
household who are in the Lord.
12 Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who work hard in the
Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked very hard
in the Lord.
13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who
has been a mother to me too.
14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas,
and the brothers with them.
15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister,
Olympas, and all the saints with them.
16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of
Christ greet you.
17 Now I urge you, brothers, to watch those who cause
divisions and stumbling blocks contrary to the teaching
you learned, and turn away from them.
18 For such people do not serve our Lord Christ, but their
own belly, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the
hearts of the unsuspecting.
19 For news of your obedience has reached everyone, so I
rejoice over you. But I want you to be wise in what is good
and innocent in what is evil.

20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your
feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
21 Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you, as do Lucius,
Jason, and Sosipater, my relatives.
22 I, Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord.
23 Gaius, who hosts me and the whole church, greets you.
Erastus, the city administrator, and Quartus, the brother,
greet you.
24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
Amen.
25 [Now to the one who is able to strengthen you
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus
Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept
silent for long ages,]
26 [but now revealed and made known through the
prophetic Scriptures, by the command of the eternal God,
to all the nations for the obedience of faith,]
27 [to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory
forever and ever. Amen.]

1 Corinthians

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus through the
will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,
2 to the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in
Christ Jesus and called to be saints, together with all who in
every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both
their Lord and ours:
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I always thank my God for you because of the grace of
God given to you in Christ Jesus,
5 because in him you were enriched in everything, in all
speech and all knowledge,
6 just as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among
you,
7 so that you lack no gift as you eagerly await the
revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.
8 He will also keep you firm to the end, blameless on the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into
fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
10 Now I urge you, brothers, through the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no
divisions among you, but that you be united in the same
mind and the same judgment.
11 For Chloe's people have informed me about you, my
brothers, that there are quarrels among you.
12 What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul,"
or "I to Apollos," or "I to Cephas," or "I to Christ."
13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you?
Or were you baptized into the name of Paul?
14 I give thanks that I baptized none of you except Crispus
and Gaius,
15 so that no one may say you were baptized into my
name.
16 I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Beyond
that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.
17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the
gospel, not with wisdom of speech, so that the cross of
Christ might not be emptied of its power.
18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who
are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power
of God.

19 For it is written,
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will set aside
the understanding of the discerning.”
20 Where is the wise person? Where is the scribe? Where
is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of
the world foolish?
21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not
know God through wisdom, God was pleased through the
foolishness of the message preached to save those who
believe.
22 For Jews ask for signs and Greeks seek wisdom,
23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to
Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human beings,
and the weakness of God is stronger than human beings.
26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you
were wise by human standards, not many powerful, not
many of noble birth.
27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame
the wise, and God chose the weak things of the world to
shame the strong.
28 And God chose the lowborn and despised things of the
world, the things that are not, to bring to nothing the things
that are,
29 so that no human being might boast before God.
30 But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who
became wisdom for us from God, and righteousness and
sanctification and redemption,
31 so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts boast in
the Lord.”

2

1 And when I came to you, brothers, I did not come with
superior speech or wisdom, proclaiming to you the
testimony of God.
2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus
Christ, and him crucified.
3 And I was with you in weakness and fear and much
trembling.
4 My speech and my proclamation were not with
persuasive wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit
and power,
5 so that your faith would not rest on human wisdom but
on the power of God.

6 Yet we speak wisdom among the mature, but not the
wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are
coming to nothing.
7 Rather, we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden
wisdom that God predestined before the ages for our glory.
8 None of the rulers of this age knew it, for if they had
known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
9 But as it is written,
"What no eye has seen and no ear has heard, and what has
not entered a human heart, God has prepared for
those who love him."
10 For God has revealed these things to us through the
Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of
God.
11 For who among people knows the things of a person
except that person's spirit within? So too no one knows the
things of God except the Spirit of God.
12 But we have received not the spirit of the world, but
the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things
freely given to us by God.
13 We also speak of these things, not in words taught by
human wisdom but in those taught by the Spirit, explaining
spiritual things with spiritual words.
14 But the natural person does not accept the things of the
Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot
understand them because they are spiritually discerned.
15 But the spiritual person discerns all things, yet is
himself judged by no one.
16 For "who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to
instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

3

1 And I, brothers, could not speak to you as spiritual
people, but as people of flesh, as infants in Christ.
2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, for you were
not yet able to take it. Even now you are still unable,
3 for you are still fleshly. For where jealousy and strife
are among you, are you not fleshly and living in a merely
human way?
4 For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I to
Apollos," are you not merely human?
5 What, then, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants
through whom you believed, each as the Lord assigned.
6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.
7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is
anything, but God, who gives the growth.

8 The one who plants and the one who waters are one,
but each will receive his own reward according to his own
labor.
9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field,
God's building.
10 According to the grace of God given to me, I laid a
foundation as a wise master builder, and another builds on
it. But let each take care how he builds.
11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one
laid, which is Jesus Christ.
12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold,
silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw,
13 each person's work will become evident, for the day
will make it known, because it will be revealed with fire.
And the fire itself will test what kind of work each has done.
14 If the work someone has built on it remains, he will
receive a reward.
15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but
he himself will be saved, yet as through fire.
16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that
God's Spirit dwells in you?
17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that
person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.
18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you
thinks he is wise in this age, let him become a fool so that
he may become wise.
19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God.
For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness,"
20 and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,
that they are futile."
21 So let no one boast in human beings. For all things are
yours,
22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life
or death or things present or things to come, all are yours,
23 and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

4

1 This is how people should regard us: as servants of
Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.
2 Moreover, what is required of stewards is that each be
found faithful.
3 But to me it is a very small matter to be judged by you
or by a human court. I do not even judge myself.
4 For I am aware of nothing against myself, but this does
not justify me. It is the Lord who judges me.
5 So do not judge anything before the time, until the Lord
comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness

and reveal the intentions of hearts. Then each will receive praise from God.

6 Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your sake, so that in us you may learn, "Do not go beyond what is written," so that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another.

7 For who makes you different? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as though you had not received it?

8 Already you are satisfied! Already you have become rich! You have begun to reign without us! If only you really did reign, so that we too might reign with you!

9 For I think God has displayed us apostles last, like men condemned to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and human beings.

10 We are fools for Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are honored, but we are dishonored.

11 To this very hour we hunger and thirst, lack clothing, are beaten, and have no home,

12 and we toil, working with our own hands. When insulted, we bless; when persecuted, we endure;

13 when slandered, we appeal. We have become like the world's garbage, everyone's refuse, to this very day.

14 I am not writing these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

15 For though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

16 Therefore I urge you, be imitators of me.

17 For this reason I sent Timothy to you, my beloved child, faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my ways in Christ Jesus, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

18 Now some have become puffed up, as though I were not coming to you.

19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the speech of those who are puffed up, but their power.

20 For the kingdom of God is not in speech but in power.

21 What do you want? Should I come to you with a rod, or with love and a spirit of gentleness?

5

1 It is widely reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind not even found among the Gentiles: a man has his father's wife.

2 And you are puffed up! Should you not rather have
mourned, so that the one who did this would be removed
from among you?
3 For though absent in body but present in spirit, I have
already decided, as though I were present, concerning the
one who did this,
4 in the name of our Lord Jesus, when you and my spirit
are gathered together with the power of our Lord Jesus,
5 to hand such a man over to Satan for the destruction of
the flesh, so that the spirit may be saved on the day of the
Lord.
6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little
leaven leavens the whole batch of dough?
7 Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new
batch, as you are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover, has
been sacrificed.
8 So let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with
the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the
unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually
immoral people,
10 not meaning altogether the sexually immoral of this
world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then
you would have to leave the world.
11 But now I have written to you not to associate with
anyone called a brother who is sexually immoral or greedy,
an idolater, a reviler, a drunkard, or a swindler. Do not
even eat with such a person.
12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not
those inside whom you judge?
13 God judges those outside. “Remove the evil person
from among yourselves.”

6

1 Does any of you, having a dispute with another, dare to
go to court before the unrighteous rather than before the
saints?
2 Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world?
And if the world is judged by you, are you unfit to judge the
smallest matters?
3 Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much
more the matters of this life!
4 So if you have cases concerning this life, do you appoint
as judges those who have no standing in the church?
5 I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is not even
one wise person among you who can decide between
brothers,

6 but brother goes to court against brother, and that
before unbelievers?
7 The very fact that you have lawsuits among yourselves
is already a defeat for you. Why not rather be wronged?
Why not rather be defrauded?
8 But you yourselves do wrong and defraud, and you do
this to brothers!
9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not
inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither
the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor
men who take the passive role in sex with men, nor men
who have sex with men,
10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor
revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
11 And that is what some of you were. But you were
washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the
name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.
12 All things are lawful for me, but not all things are
beneficial. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be
mastered by anything.
13 Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food, but
God will do away with both. The body is not for sexual
immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.
14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his
power.
15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of
Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make
them members of a prostitute? By no means!
16 Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a
prostitute is one body with her? For it says, "The two will
become one flesh."
17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit
with him.
18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a person
commits is outside the body, but the one who practices
sexual immorality sins against his own body.
19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the
Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? And
you are not your own,
20 for you were bought at a price. So glorify God in your
body.

7

1 Now concerning what you wrote: it is good for a man
not to have sexual relations with a woman.
2 But because of sexual immorality, let each man have his
own wife and each woman her own husband.

3 Let the husband fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and
likewise the wife to her husband.
4 The wife does not have authority over her own body,
but the husband does. Likewise, the husband does not have
authority over his own body, but the wife does.
5 Do not deprive one another, except by mutual
agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to
prayer. Then be together again, so that Satan may not
tempt you because of your lack of self-control.
6 I say this as a concession, not as a command.
7 I wish everyone were as I am. But each has his own gift
from God, one in this way and another in that.

8 Now I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is
good for them to remain as I am.
9 But if they do not exercise self-control, let them marry,
for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

10 To the married I give this command, not I but the Lord:
a wife must not separate from her husband
11 (but if she does separate, let her remain unmarried or
be reconciled to her husband), and a husband must not
leave his wife.
12 To the rest I say, I and not the Lord: if a brother has an
unbelieving wife and she is willing to live with him, he
must not leave her.
13 And if a woman has an unbelieving husband and he is
willing to live with her, she must not leave her husband.
14 For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified
through the wife, and the unbelieving wife has been
sanctified through the brother. Otherwise your children
would be unclean, but now they are holy.
15 But if the unbeliever separates, let that person
separate. The brother or sister is not enslaved in such
cases. God has called us in peace.
16 For how do you know, wife, whether you will save
your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether
you will save your wife?

17 Only let each live as the Lord has assigned to him and
as God has called him. This is what I direct in all the
churches.
18 Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not
seek to remove the mark of circumcision. Has anyone been
called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised.
19 Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing,
but keeping God's commandments is what matters.
20 Let each remain in the calling in which he was called.

21 Were you called as a slave? Do not let it trouble you. But if you can become free, take the opportunity.
22 For the one called in the Lord as a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise, the one called as a free person is Christ's slave.
23 You were bought at a price. Do not become slaves of human beings.
24 Brothers, let each remain with God in the condition in which he was called.
25 Now concerning virgins, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who has received mercy from the Lord to be faithful.
26 So I think that, because of the present distress, it is good for a person to remain as he is.
27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek release. Are you free of a wife? Do not seek a wife.
28 But if you marry, you have not sinned, and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such people will have affliction in the flesh, and I wish to spare you.
29 This I say, brothers: the time has been shortened. From now on, let those who have wives be as though they had none,
30 and those who weep as though not weeping, and those who rejoice as though not rejoicing, and those who buy as though not possessing,
31 and those who use the world as though not making full use of it. For the form of this world is passing away.
32 I want you to be free from cares. The unmarried man is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord.
33 But the married man is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife,
34 and he is divided. The unmarried woman and the virgin are concerned about the things of the Lord, to be holy in both body and spirit. But the married woman is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.
35 I say this for your own benefit, not to ensnare you, but to promote what is proper and devotion to the Lord without distraction.
36 But if anyone thinks he is acting improperly toward his virgin daughter, if she is past the usual age for marriage and it must be so, let him do what he wishes; he does not sin. Let them marry.
37 But the one who stands firm in his heart, under no necessity and with authority over his own will, and has

decided in his own heart to keep his virgin daughter unmarried, will do well.
38 So the one who gives his own virgin daughter in marriage does well, and the one who does not give her in marriage will do better.
39 A wife is bound as long as her husband lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry whom she wishes, only in the Lord.
40 But in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is. And I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

8

1 Now concerning food sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.
2 If anyone thinks he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.
3 But if anyone loves God, he is known by him.
4 So concerning the eating of food sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world and that there is no God but one.
5 For even if there are those called gods, whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords,
6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.
7 But not everyone has this knowledge. Some, because they are still accustomed to the idol, eat the food as something sacrificed to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.
8 But food will not commend us to God. We are no better if we eat and no worse if we do not eat.
9 But take care that this right of yours does not become a stumbling block to the weak.
10 For if someone sees you who have knowledge reclining at a meal in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, weak as it is, be encouraged to eat food sacrificed to idols?
11 For by your knowledge the weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died.
12 So when you sin against the brothers and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.
13 Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause my brother to stumble.

9

1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen
Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?
2 If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you, for
you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.
3 This is my defense to those who examine me:
4 Do we not have the right to eat and drink?
5 Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife,
as do the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and
Cephas?
6 Or are Barnabas and I the only ones who have no right
to refrain from working?
7 Who ever serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who
plants a vineyard and does not eat its fruit? Who tends a
flock and does not feed on the flock's milk?
8 Am I saying these things in merely human terms? Does
not the law say these things too?
9 For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not
muzzle an ox while it is threshing." Is God concerned about
oxen?
10 Or does he say it entirely for our sake? For it was
written for our sake, because the one who plows ought to
plow in hope, and the one who threshes in hope of
receiving a share.
11 If we sowed spiritual things among you, is it too much
if we reap material things from you?
12 If others share in this right over you, do we not even
more? But we have not used this right. Instead, we endure
all things so that we may put no obstacle in the way of the
gospel of Christ.
13 Do you not know that those who perform sacred duties
eat from the temple, and those who attend the altar share
in what is offered on the altar?
14 In the same way, the Lord directed that those who
proclaim the gospel should live from the gospel.
15 But I have used none of these rights. And I have not
written these things so that this may be done for me, for I
would rather die than—no one will nullify my boast!
16 For if I preach the gospel, I have no reason to boast, for
necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the
gospel!
17 For if I do this willingly, I have a reward. But if
unwillingly, I have been entrusted with a stewardship.
18 What, then, is my reward? That when I preach the
gospel, I may offer it free of charge, without making full
use of my right in the gospel.

19 For though I am free from all, I made myself a slave to
all, so that I might win more.
20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews.
To those under the law, as one under the law, though I
myself am not under the law, so that I might win those
under the law.
21 To those without law, as one without law, though not
without God's law but under Christ's law, so that I might
win those without law.
22 To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the
weak. I have become all things to all, so that by all means I
might save some.
23 I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may
share in it.
24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run,
but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you
may obtain it.
25 Everyone who competes exercises self-control in all
things. They do it to receive a perishable crown, but we an
imperishable one.
26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating
the air.
27 But I beat my body and make it my slave, so that after
preaching to others I myself may not be disqualified.

10

1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our
fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the
sea.
2 And all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the
sea,
3 and all ate the same spiritual food,
4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank
from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was
Christ.
5 Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they
were struck down in the wilderness.
6 Now these things became examples for us, so that we
would not desire evil things as they did.
7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is
written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up
to play."
8 Nor let us practice sexual immorality as some of them
did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.
9 Nor let us put Christ to the test as some of them did and
were destroyed by snakes.

10 And do not grumble as some of them did and were
destroyed by the destroyer.
11 These things happened to them as examples, and they
were written to admonish us, on whom the ends of the ages
have come.
12 So let the one who thinks he stands take care lest he
fall.
13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is
common to human beings. But God is faithful, and he will
not allow you to be tempted beyond what you can bear.
With the temptation he will also provide the way out, so
that you may be able to endure it.

14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.
15 I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what
I say.
16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not participation
in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not
participation in the body of Christ?
17 Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one
body, for we all partake of the one loaf.
18 Consider Israel according to the flesh: are not those
who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?
19 What, then, am I saying? That food sacrificed to idols is
anything, or that an idol is anything?
20 Rather, what they sacrifice they sacrifice to demons
and not to God, and I do not want you to become
participants with demons.
21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of
demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and
the table of demons.
22 Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we
stronger than he?

23 All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial.
All things are lawful, but not all things build up.
24 Let no one seek his own good, but the good of the other.
25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no
questions for the sake of conscience,
26 for "the earth is the Lord's, and all that fills it."
27 If an unbeliever invites you and you wish to go, eat
whatever is set before you, asking no questions for the sake
of conscience.
28 But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in
sacrifice," do not eat it, for the sake of the one who
informed you and for the sake of conscience.

29 I mean not your own conscience, but the other
person's. For why is my freedom judged by another's
conscience?
30 If I partake with thanksgiving, why am I maligned for
what I give thanks for?
31 So whether you eat or drink or do anything, do all
things to the glory of God.
32 Give no cause for stumbling to Jews or Greeks or the
church of God,
33 just as I too please everyone in all things, not seeking
my own benefit but that of the many, so that they may be
saved.

11

1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.
2 Now I praise you because you remember me in
everything and hold to the traditions just as I handed
them on to you.
3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is
Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is
God.
4 Every man who prays or prophesies with his head
covered dishonors his head.
5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with her
head uncovered dishonors her head, for it is one and the
same as being shaved.
6 For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also
have her hair cut short. But if it is shameful for a woman to
have her hair cut short or shaved, let her cover her head.
7 For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the
image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man.
8 For man is not from woman, but woman from man.
9 Nor was man created for woman, but woman for man.
10 For this reason a woman ought to have authority over
her head, because of the angels.
11 Nevertheless, in the Lord neither is woman
independent of man nor man independent of woman.
12 For just as woman is from man, so man is born
through woman, and all things are from God.
13 Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray
to God with her head uncovered?
14 Does not nature itself teach you that if a man has long
hair, it is a dishonor to him,
15 but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her
long hair has been given as a covering.
16 But if anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no
such practice, nor do the churches of God.

17 Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you,
because you come together for the worse rather than for
the better.
18 For first of all, when you come together as a church, I
hear that divisions exist among you, and in part I believe it.
19 For there must also be factions among you, so that
those who are approved may become evident among you.
20 So when you come together in one place, it is not to eat
the Lord's Supper.
21 For in eating, each goes ahead with his own supper,
and one is hungry while another is drunk.
22 Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or
do you despise the church of God and shame those who
have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you?
In this I do not praise you.
23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to
you: that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over,
took bread,
24 and after giving thanks, broke it and said, "This is my
body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
25 In the same way he also took the cup after supper,
saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this,
whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
27 So whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the
Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sin against
the body and blood of the Lord.
28 But let a person examine himself, and so eat of the
bread and drink of the cup.
29 For the one who eats and drinks without discerning the
body eats and drinks judgment on himself.
30 For this reason many among you are weak and sick,
and a number have died.
31 But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged.
32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined
so that we will not be condemned with the world.
33 So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat,
wait for one another.
34 If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you
may not come together for judgment. I will give
instructions about the remaining matters when I come.

12

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want
you to be unaware.

2 You know that when you were pagans, you were led
astray to mute idols, however you were led.
3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by
the Spirit of God says, “Jesus is accursed,” and no one can
say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.
4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit,
5 and varieties of services, but the same Lord,
6 and varieties of workings, but the same God who works
all things in all.
7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the
common good.
8 For to one is given through the Spirit a word of wisdom,
and to another a word of knowledge according to the same
Spirit,
9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of
healings by the one Spirit,
10 to another workings of power, to another prophecy, to
another discernments of spirits, to another various kinds of
tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues.
11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things,
distributing to each individually just as he wills.
12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and
all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so
also is Christ.
13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,
whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and all
were given one Spirit to drink.
14 For the body is not one member but many.
15 If the foot says, “Because I am not a hand, I do not
belong to the body,” it does not for that reason cease to
belong to the body.
16 And if the ear says, “Because I am not an eye, I do not
belong to the body,” it does not for that reason cease to
belong to the body.
17 If the whole body were an eye, where would hearing
be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of
smell be?
18 But now God has placed the members, each one of
them, in the body as he wished.
19 If all were one member, where would the body be?
20 But now there are many members, yet one body.
21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of
you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”
22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem
weaker are indispensable,

23 and those we think less honorable in the body we
clothe with greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are
treated with greater modesty,
24 while our presentable parts have no need of it. But
God has composed the body, giving greater honor to the
member that lacked it,
25 so that there may be no division in the body, but the
members may have the same care for one another.
26 If one member suffers, all the members suffer together;
if one member is honored, all the members rejoice together.
27 Now you are the body of Christ, and individually
members of it.
28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles,
second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of
healings, forms of help, leadership, and various kinds of
tongues.
29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do
all work miracles?
30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak in tongues?
Do all interpret?
31 But eagerly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a
still more excellent way.

13

1 If I speak in the tongues of human beings and of angels,
but have no love, I have become resounding bronze or a
clanging cymbal.
2 And if I have prophecy and know all mysteries and all
knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to move mountains,
but have no love, I am nothing.
3 And if I distribute all my possessions to feed others, and
if I hand over my body to be burned, but have no love, I
gain nothing.
4 Love is patient; love is kind. Love does not envy, does
not boast, is not puffed up,
5 does not behave indecently, does not seek its own
interests, is not provoked, does not keep account of wrongs,
6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with
the truth.
7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things.
8 Love never fails. But prophecies will be done away with,
tongues will cease, and knowledge will be done away with.
9 For we know in part and prophesy in part,
10 but when what is perfect comes, what is partial will be
done away with.

11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, thought like a
child, reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put
away childish things.
12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to
face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as
I have been fully known.
13 And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, but
the greatest of these is love.

14

1 Pursue love, and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially
that you may prophesy.
2 For the one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to
human beings but to God, for no one understands, but in
spirit he speaks mysteries.
3 But the one who prophesies speaks to people to build
them up, exhort them, and comfort them.
4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds himself up, but
the one who prophesies builds up the church.
5 Now I wish you all spoke in tongues, but even more that
you would prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater
than the one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets,
so that the church may be built up.
6 Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues,
how will I benefit you unless I speak to you in revelation or
knowledge or prophecy or teaching?
7 Even lifeless things that produce sound, whether a pipe
or a lyre, must give distinct notes; otherwise, how will what
is played on the pipe or lyre be recognized?
8 And if a trumpet gives an unclear sound, who will
prepare for battle?
9 So too with you: unless you give intelligible speech with
your tongue, how will what is spoken be understood? For
you will be speaking into the air.
10 There are, perhaps, many kinds of languages in the
world, and none is without meaning.
11 So if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will
be a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker a foreigner to
me.
12 So too with you: since you are eager for spiritual gifts,
seek to abound in them for building up the church.
13 Therefore let the one who speaks in a tongue pray that
he may interpret.
14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind
is unfruitful.

15 What, then, shall I do? I will pray with the spirit, but I will also pray with the mind. I will sing with the spirit, but I will also sing with the mind.
16 Otherwise, if you give a blessing in spirit, how will someone in the position of the uninformed say “Amen” to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying?
17 For you give thanks well, but the other person is not built up.
18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.
19 But in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, so that I may instruct others too, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

20 Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but mature in your thinking.
21 In the Law it is written, “Through other tongues and through the lips of others I will speak to this people, and not even then will they listen to me, says the Lord.”
22 So tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers.
23 So if the whole church comes together in one place and all speak in tongues, and uninformed people or unbelievers come in, will they not say you are out of your minds?
24 But if all prophesy and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convicted by all and examined by all.
25 The secrets of his heart become evident, and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring, “God is truly among you.”

26 What, then, is to be done, brothers? When you come together, each has a psalm, a teaching, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.
27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two, or at most three, and each in turn, and let one interpret.
28 But if there is no interpreter, let him be silent in church and speak to himself and to God.
29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said.
30 But if something is revealed to another who is sitting there, let the first be silent.
31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged
32 (and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets,

33 for God is not a God of disorder but of peace), as in all
the churches of the saints.
34 Let the women be silent in the churches, for they are
not permitted to speak. Rather, let them be in submission,
as the Law also says.
35 And if they wish to learn anything, let them ask their
own husbands at home, for it is shameful for a woman to
speak in church.
36 Or did the word of God go out from you? Or did it
come to you alone?
37 If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him
recognize that what I write to you is of the Lord.
38 But if anyone does not recognize this, he is not
recognized.
39 So then, my brothers, eagerly desire to prophesy, and
do not forbid speaking in tongues.
40 But let all things be done decently and in order.

15

1 Now I make known to you, brothers, the gospel I
preached to you, which you also received and in which you
stand,
2 through which you are also being saved, if you hold fast
to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also
received: that Christ died for our sins according to the
Scriptures,
4 and that he was buried, and that he has been raised on
the third day according to the Scriptures,
5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.
6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers
at once, most of whom are still alive, though some have
fallen asleep.
7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
8 And last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared
also to me.
9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called
an apostle because I persecuted the church of God.
10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace
toward me was not in vain. Rather, I labored more than all
of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.
11 So whether it was I or they, this is what we preach, and
this is what you believed.
12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as having been raised from
the dead, how do some among you say there is no
resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither has
Christ been raised.
14 And if Christ has not been raised, our proclamation is
empty, and your faith is empty too.
15 We are also found to be false witnesses about God,
because we testified against God that he raised Christ,
whom he did not raise if indeed the dead are not raised.
16 For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been
raised.
17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile;
you are still in your sins.
18 Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have also
perished.
19 If we have hoped in Christ only for this life, we are of
all people most to be pitied.
20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the
firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
21 For since death came through a man, resurrection of
the dead also came through a man.
22 For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be
made alive.
23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then
those who belong to Christ at his coming,
24 then the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God
the Father, when he has brought to nothing every rule and
every authority and power.
25 For he must reign until he has put all enemies under
his feet.
26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
27 for “he subjected all things under his feet.” But when it
says that all things have been subjected, it is clear that the
one who subjected all things to him is excepted.
28 And when all things have been subjected to him, then
the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who
subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.
29 Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the
dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are they
baptized for them?
30 And why do we face danger every hour?
31 I die every day, as surely as I boast of you in Christ
Jesus our Lord.
32 If, in human terms, I fought with wild beasts at
Ephesus, what does it benefit me? If the dead are not
raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”
33 Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good
morals.”

34 Come to your senses as you ought, and do not sin, for
some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

35 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? With
what kind of body do they come?"
36 You fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it
dies.
37 And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a
bare grain, perhaps of wheat or one of the other kinds.
38 But God gives it a body as he wished, and to each seed
its own body.
39 Not all flesh is the same flesh: one kind is human,
another is the flesh of animals, another of birds, and
another of fish.
40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the
glory of the heavenly is one kind, and the glory of the
earthly another.
41 The sun has one glory, the moon another glory, and the
stars another glory, for star differs from star in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in
corruption; it is raised in incorruption.
43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in
weakness; it is raised in power.
44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If
there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one.
45 So it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living
being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.
46 But the spiritual is not first, but the natural, then the
spiritual.
47 The first man is from the earth, made of dust; the
second man is from heaven.
48 As is the man of dust, so also are those of dust, and as
is the heavenly one, so also are those who are heavenly.
49 And just as we have borne the image of the man of
dust, we will also bear the image of the heavenly one.

50 Now I say this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit
the kingdom of God, nor does corruption inherit
incorruption.
51 Look, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we
will all be changed,
52 in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised
incorruptible, and we will be changed.
53 For this corruptible body must put on incorruption,
and this mortal body must put on immortality.

54 And when this corruptible body puts on incorruption
and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying
that is written will come to pass:
"Death has been swallowed up in victory."
55 "Where, death, is your victory?
Where, death, is your sting?"
56 Now the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is
the law.
57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through
our Lord Jesus Christ.
58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast,
immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

16

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, do as I
directed the churches of Galatia to do.
2 On the first day of every week, each of you should set
something aside and save it according to how you prosper,
so that collections will not have to be made when I come.
3 When I arrive, I will send those you approve with
letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem.
4 And if it is fitting for me to go too, they will go with me.
5 I will come to you after I pass through Macedonia, for I
am going through Macedonia.
6 Perhaps I will stay with you, or even spend the winter,
so that you may help me on my way wherever I go.
7 For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope
to stay with you for some time, if the Lord permits.
8 But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost,
9 for a wide door for effective work has opened to me,
and there are many adversaries.
10 If Timothy comes, see that he has nothing to fear
among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, just as I
am.
11 So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in
peace, so that he may come to me, for I am expecting him
with the brothers.
12 Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged
him to come to you with the brothers. He was not at all
willing to come now, but he will come when he has an
opportunity.
13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be
strong.
14 Let all that you do be done in love.

15 Now I urge you, brothers—you know the household of
Stephanas, that they are the firstfruits of Achaia and have
devoted themselves to serving the saints—
16 to submit yourselves to people like these and to
everyone who joins in the work and labors.
17 I rejoice at the arrival of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and
Achaicus, for they have made up for your absence.
18 For they have refreshed my spirit and yours. So
recognize people like these.
19 The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Prisca greet
you warmly in the Lord, together with the church in their
house.
20 All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a
holy kiss.
21 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand.
22 If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed.
Our Lord, come!
23 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.
24 My love be with all of you in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and
Timothy our brother, to the church of God in Corinth,
together with all the saints throughout Achaia:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we can
comfort those in any affliction with the comfort we
ourselves receive from God.
5 For just as the sufferings of Christ overflow to us, so
through Christ our comfort also overflows.
6 If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; if
we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which works in
you as you patiently endure the same sufferings we also
endure.
7 Our hope for you is firm, because we know that as you
share in the sufferings, you also share in the comfort.
8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers and
sisters, of the affliction that came upon us in Asia. We were
burdened far beyond our strength, so that we despaired
even of life.
9 Indeed, we felt within ourselves that we had received
the sentence of death, so that we would rely on God, who
raises the dead, rather than on ourselves.
10 He rescued us from so great a danger of death and will
rescue us. In him we have set our hope that he will rescue
us yet again,
11 as you also help us by your prayers, so that many may
give thanks on our behalf for the gift granted to us through
many.
12 For this is our boast: our conscience testifies that we
have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially
toward you, with holiness and sincerity from God, by God's
grace rather than by fleshly wisdom.
13 For we write you nothing other than what you read
and understand, and I hope you will understand to the end,
14 just as you have understood us in part, that we are
your reason to boast, as you also are ours on the day of our
Lord Jesus.
15 With this confidence I intended to visit you first, so that
you might receive a second blessing,

16 and to pass through your region on my way to
Macedonia, then return to you from Macedonia and have
you send me on my way to Judea.
17 When I intended this, was I acting lightly? Or do I
make my plans according to the flesh, so that with me there
is both “Yes, yes” and “No, no”?
18 As surely as God is faithful, our word to you is not “Yes”
and “No.”
19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed
among you—Silvanus, Timothy, and I—was not “Yes” and
“No.” In him it has always been “Yes.”
20 For all God's promises have their “Yes” in him. That is
why through him we also say “Amen” to God, to his glory
through us.
21 It is God who establishes us together with you in Christ
and has anointed us.
22 He has also set his seal on us and given us the Spirit in
our hearts as a guarantee.
23 But I call God as witness on my life that it was to spare
you that I did not return to Corinth.
24 We do not lord it over your faith, but work with you
for your joy, because you stand firm by faith.

2

1 For I decided this for myself: I would not make another
painful visit to you.
2 For if I cause you sorrow, who is there to make me glad
except the one I have grieved?
3 I wrote this very thing so that when I came I would not
be grieved by those who ought to make me glad. I was
confident of you all that my joy is the joy of all of you.
4 For I wrote to you out of great affliction and anguish of
heart, with many tears, not to cause you sorrow, but to let
you know the abundant love I have for you.
5 If anyone has caused sorrow, he has grieved not me,
but, to some extent—to avoid overstating it—all of you.
6 This punishment imposed by the majority is enough for
such a person.
7 So instead you should forgive and comfort him, so that
he is not swallowed up by excessive sorrow.
8 Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love for him.
9 For I also wrote to put you to the test and find out
whether you are obedient in everything.
10 Anyone you forgive, I forgive too. For what I have
forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your
sake in the presence of Christ,

11 so that Satan may not take advantage of us, for we are
not unaware of his schemes.
12 When I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ, even
though a door had been opened for me in the Lord,
13 I had no rest in my spirit because I did not find Titus
my brother. So I said farewell to them and left for
Macedonia.
14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph
in Christ and through us makes the fragrance of the
knowledge of him known everywhere.
15 For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those
who are being saved and among those who are perishing:
16 to the one, a fragrance from death to death; to the
other, a fragrance from life to life. And who is sufficient for
these things?
17 For we are not like the many who peddle the word of
God. Instead, we speak in Christ with sincerity, as from God
and in the sight of God.

3

1 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do
we need letters of recommendation to you or from you, as
some do?
2 You are our letter, written on our hearts, known and
read by everyone.
3 You show that you are a letter from Christ, delivered
through our ministry, written not with ink but with the
Spirit of the living God, not on stone tablets but on hearts of
flesh as tablets.
4 Such is the confidence we have toward God through
Christ.
5 We are not sufficient in ourselves to consider anything
as coming from ourselves; our sufficiency comes from God,
6 who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new
covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter
kills, but the Spirit gives life.
7 Now if the ministry of death, engraved in letters on
stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not gaze
at Moses' face because of its glory, which was passing away,
8 how much more will the ministry of the Spirit have
glory?
9 For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation,
the ministry of righteousness overflows with far greater
glory.
10 Indeed, in this respect what once had glory has no
glory, because of the glory that surpasses it.

11 For if what was passing away came with glory, how
much more does what remains have glory!
12 Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness,
13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the
Israelites from gazing at the end of what was passing away.
14 But their minds were hardened. For to this very day
the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It is
not lifted, because it is removed in Christ.
15 To this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over
their heart.
16 But whenever one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken
away.
17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the
Lord is, there is freedom.
18 And we all, with unveiled faces beholding the glory of
the Lord as in a mirror, are being transformed into the
same image from glory to glory. This comes from the Lord,
who is the Spirit.

4

1 Therefore, since we have this ministry through the
mercy we have received, we do not lose heart.
2 Instead, we have renounced shameful things done in
secret. We do not act with cunning or falsify the word of
God. By making the truth known, we commend ourselves
to every human conscience in the sight of God.
3 Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled among those who
are perishing.
4 In their case, the god of this age has blinded the minds
of the unbelieving, so that the light of the gospel of the glory
of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine on them.
5 For we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as
your slaves for Jesus' sake, rather than proclaiming
ourselves.
6 For God, who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,”
has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge
of God's glory in the face of Christ.
7 But we have this treasure in clay vessels, so that the
surpassing power may be God's and may not come from us.
8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;
perplexed, but not driven to despair;
9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not
destroyed.
10 We always carry the dying of Jesus in our body, so that
the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

11 For we who live are always being handed over to death
for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed
in our mortal flesh.
12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.
13 Since we have the same spirit of faith as expressed in
what is written, “I believed, therefore I spoke,” we too
believe, and therefore we speak,
14 knowing that the one who raised Jesus will also raise
us with Jesus and present us together with you.
15 For all this is for your sake, so that grace, increasing
through more and more people, may cause thanksgiving to
overflow to the glory of God.
16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though our outer self
is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.
17 For our momentary, light affliction is producing for us
an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,
18 as we fix our attention on what is unseen rather than
on what is seen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is
unseen is eternal.

5

1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is
dismantled, we have a building from God, an eternal house
in the heavens, not made by human hands.
2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our dwelling
from heaven,
3 if indeed, having put it on, we will not be found naked.
4 For while we are in this tent, we groan under our
burden. We do not wish to be unclothed, but to be further
clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.
5 It is God who has prepared us for this very thing and
has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.
6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that while
we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,
7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.
8 We are confident, and would rather be away from the
body and at home with the Lord.
9 So we make it our aim to please him, whether at home
or away.
10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of
Christ, so that each may receive what is due for what he
has done through the body, whether good or bad.
11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade
people. What we are is clear to God, and I hope it is also
clear to your consciences.

12 We are not commending ourselves to you again, but
giving you a reason to boast about us, so that you may have
an answer for those who boast in outward appearance
rather than in the heart.
13 For if we are out of our minds, it is for God; if we are in
our right minds, it is for you.
14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we have
reached this conclusion: one died for all; therefore all died.
15 And he died for all so that those who live would no
longer live for themselves, but for the one who died and
was raised for them.
16 So from now on we regard no one according to the
flesh. Even if we once regarded Christ according to the
flesh, we no longer regard him that way.
17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; look, the new has come!
18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself
through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:
19 God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not
counting their trespasses against them, and he entrusted
the message of reconciliation to us.
20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were
making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf:
be reconciled to God.
21 He made the one who knew no sin to be sin for us, so
that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

6

1 As fellow workers, we also urge you not to receive the
grace of God in vain.
2 For he says,

"At a favorable time I listened to you, and on a day of
salvation I helped you."

Look, now is the favorable time! Look, now is the day of
salvation!
3 We put no stumbling block in anyone's way, so that the
ministry may not be discredited.
4 Instead, we commend ourselves in every way as God's
ministers: in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, and
distress;
5 in beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless
nights, and fasting;
6 in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit,
and sincere love;
7 in truthful speech and the power of God; with the
weapons of righteousness in the right hand and the left;

8 through honor and dishonor, through slander and
praise; regarded as deceivers, yet truthful;
9 as unknown, yet well known; as dying, yet look, we live;
as punished, yet not put to death;
10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making
many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.
11 We have spoken openly to you, Corinthians; our heart
is wide open.
12 You are not restricted by us, but by your own
affections.
13 In return—I speak as to my children—open wide your
hearts too.
14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what
partnership is there between righteousness and
lawlessness? Or what fellowship is there between light and
darkness?
15 What harmony is there between Christ and Beliar? Or
what does a believer share with an unbeliever?
16 What agreement is there between God's temple and
idols? For we are the temple of the living God, as God said:
"I will dwell in them and walk among them.
I will be their God, and they will be my people."
17 "Therefore come out from among them and be separate,"
says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean.
Then I will welcome you,
18 and I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons and
daughters to me," says the Lord Almighty.

7

1 Therefore, beloved, since we have these promises, let us
cleanse ourselves from every defilement of flesh and spirit,
bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.
2 Make room for us. We have wronged no one, corrupted
no one, taken advantage of no one.
3 I do not say this to condemn you, for I have said before
that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live
together.
4 I speak very freely to you, and I boast greatly about you.
I am filled with comfort; in all our affliction I overflow with
joy.
5 For even when we came to Macedonia, our flesh had no
rest. We were afflicted in every way: conflicts outside, fears
within.
6 But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by
the arrival of Titus,

7 and not only by his arrival, but also by the comfort he had received from you. He told us of your longing, your mourning, and your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced all the more.
8 For even if I caused you sorrow with my letter, I do not regret it. Even if I did regret it—I see that the letter caused you sorrow, though only for a time—
9 now I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because your grief led to repentance. For you were grieved in a godly way, so that you suffered no harm from us.
10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, without regret, but worldly sorrow produces death.
11 Look at what this very godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what readiness to see justice done! In every way you have shown yourselves to be innocent in this matter.
12 So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one who did wrong or the one who was wronged, but so that your earnest concern for us might be made clear to you in the sight of God.
13 For this reason we have been comforted. Beyond our comfort, we rejoiced even more at Titus' joy, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you.
14 For if I boasted to him about you in anything, I was not put to shame. Just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting before Titus proved true as well.
15 His affection for you is even greater as he remembers the obedience of you all and how you received him with fear and trembling.
16 I rejoice that I can have confidence in you in every way.

8

1 We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God given among the churches of Macedonia.
2 In a severe trial of affliction, their overflowing joy and deep poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity.
3 For I testify that they gave according to their ability, and beyond their ability, of their own free will,
4 begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.
5 They went beyond what we expected: they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us, by the will of God.

6 So we urged Titus, just as he had begun before, to bring
this work of grace to completion among you as well.
7 As you excel in everything—in faith, speech, knowledge,
all earnestness, and the love that has come from us to
you—excel also in this work of grace.
8 I am not saying this as a command, but testing the
sincerity of your love through the earnestness of others.
9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: though
he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that through
his poverty you might become rich.
10 In this matter I give my judgment, for this is to your
advantage: a year ago you were the first not only to act but
also to desire to do so.
11 Now finish the work as well, so that your completion of
it from what you have may match your eager desire.
12 For if the willingness is there, it is acceptable according
to what one has, not according to what one does not have.
13 The aim is not relief for others and hardship for you,
but equality:
14 at the present time your abundance supplies their
need, so that their abundance may also supply your need,
and there may be equality.
15 As it is written,
"The one who gathered much had no surplus, and the one
who gathered little had no shortage."
16 But thanks be to God, who puts the same earnest
concern for you in the heart of Titus.
17 For he accepted our appeal, but being all the more
eager, he went to you of his own free will.
18 We sent with him the brother who is praised
throughout all the churches for his service in the gospel.
19 Not only that, but he was also appointed by the
churches to travel with us in this gift of grace that we are
administering for the glory of the Lord himself and to show
our eagerness.
20 We are taking care that no one can fault us over this
generous gift we are administering,
21 for we take thought for what is honorable, both in the
sight of the Lord and in the sight of people.
22 We sent with them our brother, whom we have often
tested and found eager in many matters, and who is now
far more eager because of great confidence in you.
23 As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for
you. As for our brothers, they are messengers of the
churches, the glory of Christ.

24 Therefore show them, before the churches, the proof of
your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

9

1 For it is unnecessary for me to write to you about the
service to the saints.
2 I know your eagerness, which I boast about to the
Macedonians, saying that Achaia has been ready since last
year. Your zeal has stirred up most of them.
3 But I sent the brothers so that our boasting about you in
this matter would not prove empty, and so that you would
be ready, just as I said.
4 Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find
you unprepared, we—to say nothing of you—would be put
to shame by this confidence.
5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go to
you ahead of me and arrange in advance the generous gift
you had promised, so that it would be ready as a generous
gift rather than something exacted from you.
6 Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap
sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap
generously.
7 Each should give as he has decided in his heart, not
reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful
giver.
8 And God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so
that, always having all you need in everything, you may
overflow in every good work.
9 As it is written,
"He scattered abroad his gifts;
he gave to the poor.
His righteousness endures forever."
10 The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for
food will also supply and multiply your seed and increase
the harvest of your righteousness.
11 You are being enriched in every way for every kind of
generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.
12 For the ministry of this service not only supplies the
needs of the saints but also overflows in many
thanksgivings to God.
13 Through the proof this service provides, they glorify
God for your obedience to the gospel of Christ that you
confess, and for the generosity of your sharing with them
and with everyone.
14 And in their prayers for you, they long for you because
of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

10

1 I, Paul, appeal to you myself by the meekness and
gentleness of Christ—I who am humble among you in
person, but bold toward you when absent.
2 I beg you that when I am present I will not have to be
bold with the confidence I intend to show toward some
who consider us to be walking according to the flesh.
3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not wage war
according to the flesh.
4 For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but
powerful through God for tearing down strongholds. We
tear down arguments
5 and every lofty thing raised against the knowledge of
God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ.
6 We are ready to punish every act of disobedience once
your obedience is complete.
7 You look at outward appearances. If anyone is
convinced that he belongs to Christ, let him consider this
again: just as he belongs to Christ, so do we.
8 For even if I boast somewhat more about our authority,
which the Lord gave to build you up and not to tear you
down, I will not be put to shame.
9 I do not want to seem as though I were trying to
frighten you with my letters.
10 For someone says, "His letters are weighty and strong,
but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech is
contemptible."
11 Let such a person consider this: what we are in words
through letters when absent, we are also in deeds when
present.
12 For we do not dare to class or compare ourselves with
some who commend themselves. But when they measure
themselves by themselves and compare themselves with
themselves, they lack understanding.
13 We, however, will not boast beyond our limits, but
within the measure of the field God has assigned us—a
measure that reaches even to you.
14 For we are not overextending ourselves, as though we
had not reached you. We did reach you with the gospel of
Christ.
15 We do not boast beyond our limits in the labors of
others. Rather, we hope that as your faith grows, our work
among you will grow abundantly within our assigned field,

16 so that we may proclaim the gospel in the regions
beyond you, without boasting in work already done in
someone else's field.
17 "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."
18 For it is not the one who commends himself who is
approved, but the one the Lord commends.

11

1 I wish you would bear with a little foolishness from me.
Yes, bear with me!
2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I
betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure
virgin to Christ.
3 But I fear that, just as the serpent deceived Eve by his
cunning, your minds may be corrupted and led away from
sincere and pure devotion to Christ.
4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus
whom we did not proclaim, or you receive a different spirit
that you did not receive, or a different gospel that you did
not accept, you bear with it readily enough!
5 For I consider myself in no way inferior to those most
eminent apostles.
6 Even if I am untrained in speech, I am not untrained in
knowledge. We have made this clear to you in every way
and in all things.
7 Or did I commit a sin by humbling myself so that you
might be exalted, because I proclaimed the gospel of God to
you free of charge?
8 I robbed other churches by accepting support from
them to serve you.
9 When I was with you and in need, I was not a burden to
anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia
supplied what I lacked. In every way I kept myself from
being a burden to you, and I will continue to do so.
10 As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine
will not be silenced in the regions of Achaia.
11 Why? Because I do not love you? God knows.
12 But I will continue doing what I do, to cut off the
opportunity of those who want an opportunity to be found
equal to us in what they boast about.
13 For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers,
disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.
14 And no wonder, for Satan himself disguises himself as
an angel of light.

15 So it is no great thing if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will be according to their works.
16 I say again: let no one consider me a fool. But if you do, receive me even as a fool, so that I too may boast a little.
17 What I say in this confidence of boasting, I say not in accordance with the Lord, but as in foolishness.
18 Since many boast according to the flesh, I too will boast.
19 For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves!
20 You bear with it if someone enslaves you, devours you, takes advantage of you, exalts himself, or strikes you in the face.
21 To my shame I say it: we have been weak. But whatever anyone dares to claim—I am speaking in foolishness—I dare to claim as well.
22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I.
23 Are they servants of Christ? I speak as though out of my mind: I am more so. In labors, far more; in imprisonments, far more; in beatings, beyond measure; in danger of death, often.
24 Five times I received from the Jews forty lashes minus one.
25 Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; I have spent a night and a day in the deep.
26 On frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, in danger from robbers, in danger from my own people, in danger from Gentiles, in danger in the city, in danger in the wilderness, in danger at sea, in danger among false brothers;
27 in toil and hardship, in many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, in frequent fasting, in cold and nakedness.
28 Apart from the other things, there is the daily pressure on me: my concern for all the churches.
29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn within?
30 If I must boast, I will boast about the things that show my weakness.
31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.
32 In Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of the Damascenes to arrest me,
33 but I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

12

1 I must boast, though it is not profitable. I will go on to
visions and revelations of the Lord.
2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was
caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body I do
not know, or outside the body I do not know; God knows.
3 And I know that this man—whether in the body or
apart from the body I do not know; God knows—
4 was caught up into paradise and heard inexpressible
words that no human being is permitted to speak.
5 I will boast about such a man, but I will not boast about
myself except in my weaknesses.
6 For if I wished to boast, I would not be a fool, because I
would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so that no one
will think more of me than what he sees in me or hears
from me.
7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations,
to keep me from exalting myself, a thorn was given me in
the flesh, a messenger of Satan to strike me, to keep me
from exalting myself.
8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it
might leave me.
9 But he has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for
power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast
all the more gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of
Christ may rest upon me.
10 So I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships,
persecutions, and distress for Christ's sake. For when I am
weak, then I am strong.
11 I have become a fool; you compelled me. I ought to
have been commended by you, for I was in no way inferior
to those most eminent apostles, even though I am nothing.
12 The signs of an apostle were performed among you
with all endurance, with signs, wonders, and mighty works.
13 For in what were you treated worse than the other
churches, except that I myself was not a burden to you?
Forgive me this wrong!
14 Look, this is the third time I am ready to come to you,
and I will not be a burden. For I seek you, not what is
yours. Children should not have to save up for their
parents, but parents for their children.
15 I will most gladly spend what I have and be spent
completely for your souls. If I love you more, am I loved
less?
16 But let it be so: I did not burden you, yet, being crafty, I
caught you by deceit!

17 Did I take advantage of you through any of those I sent to you?
18 I urged Titus to go and sent the brother with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did we not follow the same footsteps?
19 Have you been thinking all this time that we are defending ourselves before you? We speak in Christ in the sight of God. Everything, beloved, is for building you up.
20 For I fear that when I come I may not find you as I wish, and you may not find me as you wish. I fear there may be strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, slander, whispering, arrogance, and disorder;
21 that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I may mourn for many who sinned before and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality, and sensual excess they practiced.

13

1 This is the third time I am coming to you. “Every matter will be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.”
2 I warned you when I was present the second time, and now in my absence I warn those who sinned before and all the rest: if I come again, I will not spare them,
3 since you seek proof that Christ is speaking in me. He is not weak toward you, but powerful among you.
4 For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. We too are weak in him, but we will live with him by God's power toward you.
5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless, indeed, you fail the test.
6 But I hope you will recognize that we do not fail the test.
7 We pray to God that you do nothing wrong, not so that we may appear to pass the test, but so that you may do what is right, even if we appear to fail.
8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but only for the truth.
9 For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is also what we pray for: your restoration.
10 That is why I write these things while absent, so that when present I may not have to act severely according to the authority the Lord gave me for building up and not for tearing down.

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Be restored, be
encouraged, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of
love and peace will be with you.
12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.
13 All the saints greet you.
14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Galatians

1 Paul, an apostle—not from human beings or through a
man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who
raised him from the dead—
2 and all the brothers and sisters with me, to the churches
of Galatia:
3 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our
Lord Jesus Christ,
4 who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the
present evil age, according to the will of our God and
Father,
5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the
one who called you by the grace of Christ, turning to a
different gospel,
7 which is not another gospel at all. There are some who
trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.
8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should
proclaim to you a gospel contrary to the one we proclaimed
to you, let him be accursed.
9 As we have said before, I now say again: if anyone
proclaims to you a gospel contrary to the one you received,
let him be accursed.
10 For am I now seeking the approval of people or of God?
Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing
people, I would not be a slave of Christ.

11 For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the
gospel I proclaimed is not of human origin.
12 I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I
taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For you have heard of my former way of life in
Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond
measure and tried to destroy it.
14 I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own
age among my people, being far more zealous for the
traditions of my fathers.
15 But when the one who set me apart from my mother's
womb and called me by his grace was pleased
16 to reveal his Son in me so that I might proclaim him
among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult flesh and
blood,

17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles
before me. Instead, I went away to Arabia and returned
again to Damascus.
18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to
become acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him
fifteen days.
19 I saw none of the other apostles except James, the
Lord's brother.
20 As for what I am writing to you, I declare before God
that I am not lying.
21 Then I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia.
22 I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea
that are in Christ.
23 They only kept hearing, “The one who once persecuted
us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.”
24 And they glorified God because of me.

2

1 Then after fourteen years I went up to Jerusalem again
with Barnabas, taking Titus along as well.
2 I went up because of a revelation and set before them
the gospel I proclaim among the Gentiles, privately before
those held in esteem, to make sure I was not running or
had not run in vain.
3 But even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled to
be circumcised, though he was a Greek.
4 This arose because of false brothers secretly brought in,
who slipped in to spy on the freedom we have in Christ
Jesus, so that they might enslave us.
5 We did not yield in submission to them even for a
moment, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with
you.
6 As for those held to be something—whatever they were
makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality—those
held in esteem added nothing to me.
7 On the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted
with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had
been for the circumcised,
8 for the one who worked through Peter in his apostleship
to the circumcised also worked through me for the Gentiles.
9 When James, Cephas, and John, who were regarded as
pillars, recognized the grace given to me, they gave
Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, so that we
would go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.
10 They asked only that we remember the poor, the very
thing I was also eager to do.

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.
12 For before some men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they came, he began to draw back and separate himself, fearing those of the circumcision.
13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.
14 But when I saw that they were not walking straight according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?
15 We are Jews by birth and not sinners from among the Gentiles;
16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ. We too have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no flesh will be justified.
17 But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were also found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not!
18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I show myself to be a transgressor.
19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ;
20 it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing."

3

1 Foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified?
2 I want to learn only this from you: did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?
3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being brought to completion by the flesh?
4 Did you suffer so much in vain—if indeed it was in vain?
5 So does the one who supplies you with the Spirit and works miracles among you do so by works of the law or by hearing with faith?
6 In the same way, Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

7 Know, then, that those who are of faith are sons of
Abraham.
8 And Scripture, foreseeing that God justifies the Gentiles
by faith, proclaimed the gospel beforehand to Abraham:
“All the nations will be blessed in you.”
9 So those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the
man of faith.
10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse,
for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue
in all the things written in the book of the law, to do them.”
11 Now it is clear that no one is justified before God by the
law, because “The righteous will live by faith.”
12 But the law is not based on faith; rather, “The one who
does these things will live by them.”
13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by
becoming a curse for us, because it is written, “Cursed is
everyone who hangs on a tree,”
14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might
come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise
of the Spirit through faith.
15 Brothers and sisters, I speak in human terms: even a
human covenant, once ratified, is not set aside or added to
by anyone.
16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his
seed. It does not say, “And to seeds,” as referring to many,
but as referring to one, “And to your seed,” who is Christ.
17 This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years
later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by
God, so as to nullify the promise.
18 For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer
comes from a promise. But God graciously gave it to
Abraham through a promise.
19 Why, then, the law? It was added because of
transgressions, until the seed to whom the promise had
been made should come, and it was ordained through
angels by the hand of a mediator.
20 Now a mediator is not for one party alone, but God is
one.
21 Is the law, then, against the promises of God? Certainly
not! For if a law had been given that could give life,
righteousness would indeed come from the law.
22 But Scripture confined everything under sin, so that
the promise through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to
those who believe.
23 Before faith came, we were held in custody under the
law, confined until the faith that was to be revealed.

24 So the law became our guardian until Christ came, so
that we might be justified by faith.
25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a
guardian.
26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have put
on Christ.
28 There is no Jew or Greek, no slave or free; there is no
male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's
seed, heirs according to the promise.

4

1 What I mean is this: as long as the heir is a minor, he
differs in no way from a slave, though he is owner of
everything.
2 He is under guardians and managers until the time
appointed by his father.
3 So also we, when we were minors, were enslaved under
the elements of the world.
4 But when the fullness of time came, God sent forth his
Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
5 to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive
adoption as sons.
6 And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son
into our hearts, crying, “Abba, Father!”
7 So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then
also an heir through God.
8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves
to those that by nature are not gods.
9 But now that you know God, or rather are known by
God, how can you turn back again to the weak and poor
elements, to which you want to be enslaved all over again?
10 You carefully observe days and months and seasons
and years.
11 I fear for you, that I may have labored for you in vain.
12 Become as I am, for I too became as you are. I beg you,
brothers and sisters. You did me no wrong.
13 You know that it was because of bodily weakness that I
first proclaimed the gospel to you.
14 Though my physical condition was a trial to you, you
did not despise or reject me. Instead, you received me as an
angel of God, as Christ Jesus.
15 Where, then, is your sense of blessing? For I testify
that, if possible, you would have torn out your eyes and
given them to me.

16 Have I then become your enemy by telling you the
truth?
17 They show great interest in you, but not for good. They
want to shut you out, so that you will show great interest in
them.
18 It is good to be sought after for a good purpose at all
times, and not only when I am present with you.
19 My children, for whom I am again in the pains of
childbirth until Christ is formed in you,
20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my
tone, because I am perplexed about you.
21 Tell me, you who want to be under the law, do you not
listen to the law?
22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the
slave woman and one by the free woman.
23 But the one by the slave woman was born according to
the flesh, while the one by the free woman was born
through a promise.
24 These things have an allegorical meaning, for these
women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai,
bearing children for slavery; this is Hagar.
25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds
to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her
children.
26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.
27 For it is written,
"Rejoice, barren woman who does not bear children;
break out and cry aloud, you who are not in labor,
because the children of the desolate woman are
more numerous than those of the woman who has a
husband."
28 Now you, brothers and sisters, are children of promise,
like Isaac.
29 But just as then the one born according to the flesh
persecuted the one born according to the Spirit, so it is now.
30 But what does Scripture say? "Cast out the slave
woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman will
never inherit with the son of the free woman."
31 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of
the slave woman but of the free woman.

5

1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and
do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
2 Look, I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be
circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you.
3 I testify again to every man who lets himself be
circumcised that he is obligated to keep the whole law.

4 You who seek to be justified by the law have been severed from Christ; you have fallen from grace.
5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly await the righteousness we hope for.
6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any power, but faith working through love.
7 You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?
8 This persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.
9 A little leaven leavens the whole batch of dough.
10 I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. But the one troubling you will bear the judgment, whoever he may be.
11 But I, brothers and sisters, if I still proclaim circumcision, why am I still persecuted? In that case, the stumbling block of the cross has been removed.
12 I wish those who unsettle you would even castrate themselves!
13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.
14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one saying: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
15 But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.
16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will certainly not fulfill the desire of the flesh.
17 For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit what is against the flesh. These oppose one another, so that you do not do whatever you want.
18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensual excess,
20 idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, divisions, factions,
21 envy, drunkenness, revelry, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

24 Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh
with its passions and desires.
25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the
Spirit.
26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another,
envying one another.

6

1 Brothers and sisters, even if someone is caught in a
trespass, you who are spiritual should restore that person
in a spirit of gentleness. Watch yourself, so that you too are
not tempted.
2 Carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will
fulfill the law of Christ.
3 For if anyone thinks he is something when he is
nothing, he deceives himself.
4 Let each examine his own work, and then his reason for
boasting will be in himself alone and not in someone else,
5 for each will carry his own load.

6 Let the one who is taught the word share all good things
with the one who teaches.
7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a
person sows, that he will also reap.
8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will reap
corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows to the
Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit.
9 Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper
time we will reap, if we do not give up.
10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to
everyone, especially to those of the household of faith.

11 See what large letters I am writing to you with my own
hand.
12 Those who want to make a good showing in the flesh
compel you to be circumcised, only so that they may not be
persecuted for the cross of Christ.
13 For even those who have themselves circumcised do
not keep the law, but they want you to be circumcised so
that they may boast in your flesh.
14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been
crucified to me, and I to the world.
15 For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is
anything, but a new creation.
16 Peace and mercy be upon all who will walk by this
rule, and upon the Israel of God.

17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear the
marks of Jesus in my body.
18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit,
brothers and sisters. Amen.

Ephesians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the
saints who are in Ephesus and faithful in Christ Jesus:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the
heavenly places in Christ,
4 just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the
world to be holy and blameless before him. In love,
5 he predestined us for adoption as sons to himself
through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his
will,
6 to the praise of the glory of his grace, which he freely
bestowed on us in the Beloved.
7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the
forgiveness of trespasses, according to the riches of his
grace,
8 which he lavished on us with all wisdom and
understanding,
9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according
to his good pleasure, which he purposed in him,
10 to carry out his plan when the times reach their
fullness: to bring all things together in Christ, things in the
heavens and things on earth. In him
11 we were also given an inheritance, having been
predestined according to the purpose of the one who works
all things according to the counsel of his will,
12 so that we who first hoped in Christ might be to the
praise of his glory.
13 In him you too, when you heard the word of truth, the
gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed
with the promised Holy Spirit,
14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the
redemption of his possession, to the praise of his glory.
15 For this reason I too, having heard of your faith in the
Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,
16 do not cease giving thanks for you, remembering you
in my prayers,
17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of
glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the
knowledge of him,

18 with the eyes of your heart enlightened, so that you
may know what is the hope of his calling, what are the
riches of the glory of his inheritance among the saints,
19 and what is the surpassing greatness of his power
toward us who believe, according to the working of his
mighty strength,
20 which he exercised in Christ when he raised him from
the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly
places,
21 far above every rule, authority, power, and dominion,
and every name that is named, not only in this age but also
in the one to come.
22 He subjected all things under his feet and gave him as
head over all things to the church,
23 which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all in
all.

2

1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
2 in which you once walked, following the course of this
world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit
now at work in the sons of disobedience.
3 Among them we all once lived in the desires of our
flesh, doing what the flesh and our thoughts desired, and
we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest.
4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love
with which he loved us,
5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive
together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—
6 and raised us up together and seated us together in the
heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
7 so that in the coming ages he might display the
surpassing riches of his grace in kindness toward us in
Christ Jesus.
8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and
this is not from yourselves; it is the gift of God,
9 not from works, so that no one may boast.
10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we
would walk in them.
11 Therefore remember that formerly you, Gentiles in the
flesh, were called “uncircumcision” by the so-called
“circumcision,” made in the flesh by human hands.
12 At that time you were apart from Christ, excluded from
the citizenship of Israel and strangers to the covenants of
promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
14 For he himself is our peace. He made both one and
broke down the dividing wall of separation—the
hostility—in his flesh,
15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in
ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new
man out of the two, making peace,
16 and reconcile both to God in one body through the
cross, putting the hostility to death by it.
17 He came and proclaimed peace to you who were far
away and peace to those who were near,
18 because through him we both have access in one Spirit
to the Father.
19 So then you are no longer strangers and foreign
residents, but fellow citizens with the saints and members
of God's household,
20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.
21 In him the whole building, joined together, grows into
a holy temple in the Lord.
22 In him you too are being built together into a dwelling
place of God in the Spirit.

3

1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for
you Gentiles—
2 if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's
grace given to me for you:
3 the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I
wrote briefly before.
4 By reading this, you can understand my insight into the
mystery of Christ,
5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other
generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles
and prophets in the Spirit:
6 that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same
body, and fellow participants in the promise in Christ Jesus
through the gospel.
7 I became a minister of this gospel according to the gift
of God's grace given to me by the working of his power.
8 To me, less than the least of all the saints, this grace was
given: to proclaim to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches
of Christ
9 and to bring to light for everyone the administration of
the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,

10 so that now, through the church, the many-sided
wisdom of God might be made known to the rulers and
authorities in the heavenly places,
11 according to the eternal purpose he accomplished in
Christ Jesus our Lord.
12 In him we have boldness and access with confidence
through faith in him.
13 Therefore I ask you not to lose heart over my afflictions
for you, which are your glory.
14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
15 from whom every family in the heavens and on earth
takes its name,
16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant
you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in
your inner self,
17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, and
that, rooted and grounded in love,
18 you may have strength to grasp with all the saints what
is the breadth and length and height and depth,
19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses
knowledge, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of
God.
20 Now to the one who is able to do far more abundantly
than all we ask or think, according to the power at work in
us,
21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

4

1 Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk
in a manner worthy of the calling with which you were
called,
2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing
with one another in love,
3 making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the
bond of peace.
4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were also
called in one hope of your calling;
5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through
all and in all.
7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the
measure of Christ's gift.
8 Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high, he led a
host of captives and gave gifts to people.”

9 Now what does “he ascended” mean except that he also
descended to the lower regions of the earth?
10 The one who descended is also the one who ascended
far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.
11 He himself gave some as apostles, some as prophets,
some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,
12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for
building up the body of Christ,
13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the
knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the
measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,
14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed by the
waves and carried about by every wind of teaching, by
human trickery and cunning in deceitful schemes.
15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every
way into him who is the head, Christ,
16 from whom the whole body, fitted and joined together
through every supporting joint, according to the working of
each part in its measure, brings about the body's growth to
build itself up in love.

17 So I say this and testify in the Lord: you must no longer
walk as the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind.
18 They are darkened in understanding, alienated from
the life of God because of the ignorance in them, because of
the hardness of their heart.
19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves
over to sensual excess, to practice every kind of impurity
with greed.
20 But that is not how you learned Christ,
21 if indeed you heard him and were taught in him, as
truth is in Jesus:
22 to put off, with regard to your former way of life, the
old self, which is being corrupted by deceitful desires,
23 to be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
24 and to put on the new self, created according to God in
the righteousness and holiness of the truth.

25 Therefore, putting away falsehood, let each speak the
truth with his neighbor, because we are members of one
another.
26 “Be angry, and do not sin.” Do not let the sun go down
on your anger,
27 and do not give the devil room.
28 Let the one who steals steal no longer. Instead, let him
labor, doing good work with his own hands, so that he may
have something to share with the one in need.

29 Let no rotten speech come out of your mouth, but only
what is good for building up as needed, so that it may give
grace to those who hear.
30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you
were sealed for the day of redemption.
31 Let all bitterness, rage, anger, shouting, and slander be
removed from you, along with all malice.
32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one
another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

5

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children,
2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved us and gave
himself for us as an offering and sacrifice to God, a fragrant
aroma.
3 But sexual immorality and every kind of impurity or
greed must not even be named among you, as is fitting for
saints,
4 nor obscenity, foolish talk, or crude joking, which are
out of place, but rather thanksgiving.
5 For you know this for certain: no sexually immoral or
impure person, or greedy person, who is an idolater, has an
inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.
6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because
of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of
disobedience.
7 Therefore do not become fellow participants with them.
8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in
the Lord. Walk as children of light
9 —for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and
righteousness and truth—
10 discerning what is pleasing to the Lord.
11 Do not share in the unfruitful works of darkness, but
instead expose them,
12 for it is shameful even to speak of the things they do in
secret.
13 But all things exposed by the light become visible,
14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore
it says,
“Awake, sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will
shine on you.”
15 So pay careful attention to how you walk, not as
unwise but as wise,
16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil.
17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the
Lord's will is.

18 And do not get drunk with wine, in which there is
reckless excess, but be filled with the Spirit,
19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs, singing and making music in your heart to
the Lord,
20 always giving thanks for everything to God the Father
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
21 submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord,
23 because the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ
also is the head of the church, himself the Savior of the
body.
24 But as the church submits to Christ, so also wives
should submit to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the
church and gave himself for her,
26 so that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by
the washing of water with the word,
27 so that he himself might present the church to himself
in glory, without spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind,
but holy and blameless.
28 In this way husbands also ought to love their own
wives as their own bodies. The one who loves his own wife
loves himself,
29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and
cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,
30 because we are members of his body.
31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one
flesh."
32 This mystery is great, but I am speaking with reference
to Christ and the church.
33 Nevertheless, each one of you should love his own wife
as himself, and the wife should respect her husband.

6

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
2 "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first
commandment with a promise—
3 "so that it may go well with you and you may live long
on the earth."
4 And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but
bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and
trembling, in sincerity of heart, as you would Christ,

6 not serving only when watched, as people pleasers, but
as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God wholeheartedly,
7 serving with goodwill, as to the Lord and not to people,
8 knowing that whatever good each one does, he will
receive it back from the Lord, whether slave or free.
9 And masters, do the same for them, giving up threats,
knowing that both their Master and yours is in the
heavens, and there is no partiality with him.
10 Finally, be strengthened in the Lord and in the might of
his strength.
11 Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be
able to stand against the devil's schemes.
12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but
against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world
rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in
the heavenly places.
13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you
may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done
everything, to stand.
14 Stand, then, with your waist belted with truth and
having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness of the
gospel of peace.
16 In every circumstance take up the shield of faith, with
which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows
of the evil one.
17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of
the Spirit, which is the word of God,
18 praying at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and
petition. To this end, stay alert with all perseverance and
petition for all the saints,
19 and for me, so that words may be given to me when I
open my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery
of the gospel,
20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, so that I may
speak boldly about it, as I ought to speak.
21 So that you too may know my situation and what I am
doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister
in the Lord, will make everything known to you.
22 I sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may
know about us and he may encourage your hearts.
23 Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
24 Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with
imperishable love.

Philippians

1 Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus, to all the saints
in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, together with the
overseers and deacons:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God every time I remember you,
4 always making my petition with joy in every prayer of
mine for all of you,
5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first
day until now.
6 I am confident of this very thing: the one who began a
good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of
Christ Jesus.
7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you,
because I have you in my heart. In both my chains and the
defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all share in
grace with me.
8 For God is my witness how I long for all of you with the
deep affection of Christ Jesus.
9 And this is my prayer: that your love may overflow
more and more in knowledge and all discernment,
10 so that you may approve what is best and be sincere
and blameless for the day of Christ,
11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes
through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

12 I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has
happened to me has actually advanced the gospel,
13 so that it has become clear throughout the whole
imperial guard and to everyone else that my chains are for
Christ.
14 And most of the brothers and sisters, having gained
confidence in the Lord through my chains, dare all the
more to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed proclaim Christ out of envy and strife, but
others out of goodwill.
16 The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am
appointed for the defense of the gospel;
17 the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not
sincerely, thinking to stir up affliction in my chains.

18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in
pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in this I
rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,
19 for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance
through your prayers and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus
Christ,
20 according to my eager expectation and hope that I will
be put to shame in nothing, but with all boldness, now as
always, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether
through life or through death.
21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
22 But if I live in the flesh, this means fruitful labor for
me. Yet I do not know what to choose.
23 I am pressed between the two: I desire to depart and
be with Christ, for that is far better,
24 but remaining in the flesh is more necessary for your
sake.
25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and
continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith,
26 so that through my presence with you again, your
boasting in Christ Jesus may overflow on my account.
27 Only live as citizens in a manner worthy of the gospel
of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent,
I may hear about you that you stand firm in one spirit,
striving together with one soul for the faith of the gospel,
28 and are not intimidated in anything by your
opponents. This is a sign to them of destruction, but of your
salvation, and this is from God.
29 For it has been granted to you for Christ's sake not only
to believe in him but also to suffer for him,
30 having the same struggle that you saw in me and now
hear that I still have.

2

1 Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any
comfort from love, any fellowship of the Spirit, any deep
affection and compassion,
2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the
same love, united in soul, thinking as one.
3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in
humility consider others above yourselves,
4 each looking not only to his own interests, but also to
the interests of others.
5 Let this mind be among you, which was also in Christ
Jesus,

6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider equality
with God something to cling to,
7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave and
becoming like human beings.
And being found in appearance as a man,
8 he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of
death—even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also exalted him to the highest place and
graciously gave him the name above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in
the heavens and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,
13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing,
15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,
16 holding fast to the word of life, so that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.
17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.
18 In the same way, you too should rejoice and share your joy with me.

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be encouraged when I learn how you are.
20 For I have no one of the same mind who will sincerely care for your situation.
21 For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.
22 But you know his proven character: like a child with a father, he served with me for the gospel.
23 So I hope to send him as soon as I see how things will go with me,
24 and I am confident in the Lord that I myself will also come soon.
25 But I thought it necessary to send you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, your messenger and minister to my need,

26 because he was longing for you all and was distressed
because you had heard that he was ill.
27 Indeed, he was ill and near death. But God had mercy
on him, and not only on him but also on me, so that I would
not have sorrow upon sorrow.
28 Therefore I sent him all the more eagerly, so that when
you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less
sorrowful.
29 So welcome him in the Lord with all joy, and hold
people like him in honor,
30 because he came near death for the work of Christ,
risking his life to supply what was lacking in your service
to me.

3

1 Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. To
write the same things to you is no trouble for me and is a
safeguard for you.
2 Watch out for the dogs, watch out for the evil workers,
watch out for the mutilators.
3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit
of God, boast in Christ Jesus, and put no confidence in the
flesh,
4 though I myself have grounds for confidence even in
the flesh. If anyone else thinks he has grounds for
confidence in the flesh, I have more:
5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of
the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law,
a Pharisee;
6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to
righteousness in the law, blameless.
7 But whatever things were gain to me, I have counted as
loss for Christ.
8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the
surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his
sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I count them
as garbage, so that I may gain Christ
9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my
own from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ,
the righteousness from God based on faith,
10 to know him and the power of his resurrection and
participation in his sufferings, being conformed to his
death,
11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the
dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already
been brought to completion, but I press on to take hold of
it, because I too was taken hold of by Christ.
13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have taken
hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and
stretching toward what is ahead,
14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of God's
upward call in Christ Jesus.
15 Therefore let all of us who are mature think this way.
And if you think differently in anything, God will reveal
this to you as well.
16 Only let us keep in step with what we have attained.
17 Join together in imitating me, brothers and sisters, and
observe those who walk according to the example you have
in us.
18 For many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I have
often told you about them, and now tell you even with
tears.
19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and
their glory is in their shame. Their minds are set on earthly
things.
20 For our citizenship is in the heavens, from which we
also eagerly await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
21 who will transform our body of humiliation to be
conformed to his body of glory, by the power that enables
him also to subject all things to himself.

4

1 Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters whom I long
for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way,
beloved.
2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same
mind in the Lord.
3 Yes, I ask you too, true companion, to help these
women, who struggled alongside me in the gospel, together
with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose
names are in the book of life.
4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!
5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is
near.
6 Be anxious about nothing, but in everything, by prayer
and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made
known to God.
7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts
in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever
is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever
is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any
excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think
about these things.
9 Practice what you learned and received and heard and
saw in me, and the God of peace will be with you.
10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that now at last your
concern for me has blossomed again. You were concerned
before, but lacked the opportunity.
11 I am not saying this out of need, for I have learned to
be content in whatever circumstances I am in.
12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to
abound. In every circumstance and in all things I have
learned the secret, both of being well fed and of going
hungry, both of having abundance and of being in need.
13 I can do all things through the one who strengthens me.
14 Nevertheless, you did well to share in my affliction.
15 You Philippians also know that in the beginning of the
gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me
in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone,
16 for even in Thessalonica you sent help for my need
more than once.
17 It is not the gift I seek, but the fruit that increases to
your account.
18 I have received everything in full and have more than
enough. I am well supplied, having received from
Epaphroditus what you sent, a fragrant aroma, an
acceptable sacrifice pleasing to God.
19 And my God will supply every need of yours according
to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
20 To our God and Father be the glory forever and ever.
Amen.
21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers and
sisters with me greet you.
22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's
household.
23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Colossians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and
Timothy our brother,
2 to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ
who are in Colossae: grace to you and peace from God our
Father.
3 We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, always praying for you,
4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love
you have for all the saints,
5 because of the hope reserved for you in the heavens.
You heard of it before in the word of truth, the gospel
6 that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and
growing throughout the whole world, so it is among you,
from the day you heard and truly came to know the grace
of God.
7 You learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow slave,
who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf,
8 and who also made known to us your love in the Spirit.
9 For this reason, from the day we heard, we too have not
ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled
with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and
understanding,
10 so that you may walk worthily of the Lord, pleasing
him in every way, bearing fruit in every good work and
growing in the knowledge of God,
11 being strengthened with all power according to his
glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,
12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to
share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.
13 He rescued us from the authority of darkness and
transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,
14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all
creation,
16 for in him all things were created in the heavens and on
earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or
dominions or rulers or authorities.
All things have been created through him and for him.
17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
18 He is also the head of the body, the church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that
he himself may have first place in everything.

19 For God was pleased to have all the fullness dwell in him
20 and through him to reconcile all things to himself,
making peace through the blood of his
cross—through him, whether things on earth or
things in the heavens.
21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in
your mind in your evil works,
22 have now been reconciled in his body of flesh through
death, to present you holy and blameless and beyond
accusation before him,
23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and
steadfast, not shifting away from the hope of the gospel you
heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven,
and of which I, Paul, became a minister.
24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and in my flesh
I fill up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ for the
sake of his body, which is the church.
25 I became its minister according to the stewardship God
gave me for you, to make the word of God fully known:
26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now
revealed to his saints.
27 To them God wished to make known the riches of the
glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in
you, the hope of glory.
28 We proclaim him, admonishing everyone and teaching
everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone
mature in Christ.
29 For this I also labor, striving according to his working,
which works powerfully in me.

2

1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for
you, for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen
my face in the flesh,
2 so that their hearts may be encouraged and they may be
joined together in love, attaining all the riches of fully
assured understanding, to the knowledge of God's mystery,
Christ,
3 in whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are
hidden.
4 I say this so that no one may deceive you with
persuasive arguments.
5 For though I am absent in the flesh, I am with you in
spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of
your faith in Christ.

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk
in him,
7 rooted and being built up in him, and being established
in the faith just as you were taught, overflowing with
thanksgiving.

8 Take care that no one carries you off as plunder
through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human
tradition, according to the elements of the world, and not
according to Christ.
9 For in him all the fullness of deity dwells bodily,
10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of
every ruler and authority.
11 In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision
not made by human hands, in the stripping off of the body
of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ.
12 You were buried with him in baptism, in which you
were also raised with him through faith in the working of
God, who raised him from the dead.
13 And you, being dead in trespasses and the
uncircumcision of your flesh, he made alive together with
him, forgiving us all our trespasses,
14 erasing the record of debt with its decrees that was
against us and hostile to us. He has taken it away, nailing it
to the cross.
15 Having stripped the rulers and authorities, he made a
public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the
cross.
16 Therefore let no one judge you in food or drink or with
regard to a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths.
17 These are a shadow of things to come, but the
substance belongs to Christ.
18 Let no one disqualify you, delighting in humility and
worship of angels, dwelling on what he has seen, puffed up
without cause by his fleshly mind,
19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole
body, supplied and joined together through its joints and
ligaments, grows with the growth that comes from God.

20 If you died with Christ to the elements of the world,
why, as though still living in the world, do you submit to
regulations
21 such as “Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch”
22 —all of which concern things that perish with
use—according to human commandments and teachings?
23 These indeed have an appearance of wisdom in
worship of their own choosing, humility, and harsh

treatment of the body, but have no value in restraining indulgence of the flesh.

3

1 Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
2 Set your minds on the things above, not on the things on earth,
3 for you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
4 When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you too will be revealed with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.
6 Because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
7 You too once walked in these things, when you lived in them.
8 But now you too must put away all these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language from your mouth.
9 Do not lie to one another, since you have stripped off the old self with its practices
10 and put on the new, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its Creator.
11 Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, or free, but Christ is all and in all.
12 Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with deep compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
13 bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord forgave you, so you must also do.
14 And above all these put on love, which is the bond of perfection.
15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.
16 Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.
17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.
20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing in the Lord.
21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, so that they do not lose heart.
22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything, not only when watched, as people pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.
23 Whatever you do, work wholeheartedly, as for the Lord and not for people,
24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You serve the Lord Christ.
25 For the one who does wrong will receive back the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

4

1 Masters, give your slaves what is just and fair, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.
2 Persevere in prayer, staying alert in it with thanksgiving,
3 praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open for us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,
4 so that I may make it known as I ought to speak.
5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the time.
6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.
7 Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow slave in the Lord, will tell you everything about my situation.
8 I sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know about us and he may encourage your hearts,
9 together with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother who is one of you. They will tell you everything happening here.
10 Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas, about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him.
11 And Jesus, who is called Justus, greets you. These are the only ones of the circumcision who are my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a slave of Christ, greets
you, always striving for you in his prayers, so that you may
stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.
13 For I testify for him that he labors greatly for you and
for those in Laodicea and Hierapolis.
14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you.
15 Greet the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and
Nympha and the church in her house.
16 When this letter has been read among you, see that it is
also read in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you too
read the letter from Laodicea.
17 And say to Archippus, “Take care to fulfill the ministry
you received in the Lord.”
18 I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember
my chains. Grace be with you.

1 Thessalonians

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the
Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
grace to you and peace.
2 We always give thanks to God for all of you, mentioning
you without ceasing in our prayers,
3 remembering before our God and Father your work of
faith, labor of love, and endurance of hope in our Lord
Jesus Christ.
4 We know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has
chosen you,
5 because our gospel came to you not in word alone, but
also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with deep
conviction, just as you know what we were like among you
for your sake.
6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord,
receiving the word in great affliction with the joy of the
Holy Spirit,
7 so that you became an example to all the believers in
Macedonia and Achaia.
8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded out, not
only in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith toward God
has gone out everywhere, so that we have no need to say
anything.
9 For they themselves report about us what kind of
welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God
from idols to serve the living and true God
10 and to await his Son from the heavens, whom he raised
from the dead, Jesus, who rescues us from the coming
wrath.

2

1 For you yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our
visit to you has not been in vain.
2 But after we had suffered and been shamefully treated
in Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to
speak the gospel of God to you amid great struggle.
3 For our appeal does not come from error or impurity,
nor is it made in deceit.
4 Instead, just as God has approved us to be entrusted
with the gospel, so we speak, not to please people but God,
who tests our hearts.

5 For we never came with flattering words, as you know,
or with a pretext for greed—God is witness—
6 nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or
from others,
7 though as apostles of Christ we could have been a
burden. Instead, we were gentle among you, as a nursing
mother cherishes her own children.
8 So, longing for you, we were pleased to share with you
not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because
you had become beloved to us.

9 For you remember, brothers and sisters, our labor and
toil. Working night and day so as not to burden any of you,
we proclaimed the gospel of God to you.
10 You are witnesses, and God also, of how devoutly,
righteously, and blamelessly we behaved toward you who
believe.
11 As you know, we dealt with each one of you as a father
with his own children,
12 exhorting you, encouraging you, and urging you to
walk worthily of God, who calls you into his own kingdom
and glory.

13 And for this reason we too thank God without ceasing:
when you received the word of God that you heard from us,
you accepted it not as a human word but as what it truly is,
the word of God, which is also at work in you who believe.
14 For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of the
churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, because
you suffered the same things from your own countrymen
as they did from the Jews,
15 who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and drove
us out, who do not please God and are opposed to all
people,
16 hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they
may be saved, and thus always filling up their sins. But
wrath has overtaken them to the full.

17 But we, brothers and sisters, having been torn away
from you for a short time—in person, not in heart—made
all the more effort, with great longing, to see your faces.
18 For we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, more than
once—but Satan hindered us.
19 For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before
our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you as well?
20 For you are our glory and joy.

3

1 Therefore, when we could bear it no longer, we thought
it best to be left alone in Athens,
2 and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's fellow
worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage
you concerning your faith,
3 so that no one would be shaken by these afflictions. For
you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.
4 Indeed, when we were with you, we kept telling you
beforehand that we would suffer affliction, just as it
happened and as you know.
5 For this reason, when I too could bear it no longer, I sent
to learn about your faith, fearing that the tempter might
have tempted you and our labor might prove to be in vain.
6 But now Timothy has come to us from you and brought
us good news of your faith and love, and that you always
remember us kindly, longing to see us just as we long to see
you.
7 For this reason, brothers and sisters, in all our distress
and affliction we were comforted about you through your
faith,
8 for now we live, if you stand firm in the Lord.
9 For what thanks can we give back to God for you, for all
the joy with which we rejoice because of you before our
God,
10 as night and day we pray most earnestly to see your
faces and complete what is lacking in your faith?
11 May our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus,
direct our way to you.
12 May the Lord make you increase and overflow in love
for one another and for everyone, just as we do for you,
13 so that he may strengthen your hearts, blameless in
holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our
Lord Jesus with all his saints.

4

1 Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you
in the Lord Jesus that, just as you received from us how you
ought to walk and please God—as indeed you do walk—you
should abound still more.
2 For you know what instructions we gave you through
the Lord Jesus.
3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you
abstain from sexual immorality;
4 that each of you know how to control his own body in
holiness and honor,

5 not in passionate desire like the Gentiles who do not
know God;
6 that no one transgress or take advantage of his brother
in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger in all these
things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned
you.
7 For God did not call us for impurity, but in holiness.
8 Therefore whoever rejects this rejects not a human
being but God, who also gives his Holy Spirit to you.
9 Now concerning brotherly love, you have no need for
anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by
God to love one another.
10 Indeed, you do this toward all the brothers and sisters
throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers and
sisters, to abound still more,
11 and to make it your ambition to live quietly, mind your
own affairs, and work with your hands, just as we
instructed you,
12 so that you may walk respectably toward outsiders and
have need of no one.
13 But we do not want you to be unaware, brothers and
sisters, about those who are asleep, so that you do not
grieve like the rest, who have no hope.
14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so God
will also, through Jesus, bring with him those who have
fallen asleep.
15 For we say this to you by a word of the Lord: we who
are alive, who remain until the coming of the Lord, will
certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.
16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a
command, with an archangel's voice, and with the trumpet
of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up
together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air,
and so we will always be with the Lord.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

5

1 Now concerning the times and seasons, brothers and
sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you,
2 for you yourselves know very well that the day of the
Lord comes like a thief in the night.
3 When they say, “Peace and security,” then sudden
destruction comes upon them like labor pains upon a
pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape.

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, so
that the day should overtake you like a thief,
5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We do not
belong to the night or to darkness.
6 So then let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay
awake and be sober.
7 For those who sleep sleep at night, and those who get
drunk get drunk at night.
8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having
put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the
hope of salvation.
9 For God did not appoint us for wrath, but to obtain
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us so that, whether we are awake or
asleep, we may live together with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other
up, just as you are doing.
12 We ask you, brothers and sisters, to recognize those
who labor among you and lead you in the Lord and
admonish you,
13 and to esteem them most highly in love because of
their work. Be at peace among yourselves.
14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters: admonish the
undisciplined, encourage the fainthearted, support the
weak, be patient with everyone.
15 See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always
pursue what is good for one another and for everyone.
16 Rejoice always.
17 Pray without ceasing.
18 Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus.
19 Do not quench the Spirit.
20 Do not despise prophecies,
21 but test everything; hold fast to what is good.
22 Abstain from every form of evil.
23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
and may your spirit and soul and body be kept whole and
blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.
25 Brothers and sisters, pray for us.
26 Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss.
27 I solemnly charge you by the Lord to have this letter
read to all the brothers and sisters.
28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

2 Thessalonians

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the
Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.
3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and
sisters, as is fitting, because your faith is growing
exceedingly and the love of each and every one of you for
one another is increasing,
4 so that we ourselves boast about you in the churches of
God for your endurance and faith in all the persecutions
and afflictions you bear.
5 This is evidence of God's righteous judgment, so that
you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for
which you also suffer,
6 since it is just with God to repay affliction to those who
afflict you,
7 and relief to you who are afflicted, together with us,
when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his
mighty angels
8 in flaming fire, bringing vengeance on those who do not
know God and those who do not obey the gospel of our
Lord Jesus.
9 They will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away
from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his
might,
10 when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints
and marveled at among all who have believed, because our
testimony to you was believed.
11 To this end we also pray always for you, that our God
may count you worthy of the calling and fulfill with power
every desire for goodness and every work of faith,
12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in
you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and
the Lord Jesus Christ.

2

1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
and our gathering together to him, we ask you, brothers
and sisters,
2 not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, whether
through a spirit or a spoken word or a letter supposedly

from us, claiming that the day of the Lord has already come.
3 Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,
4 who opposes and exalts himself above everything called a god or an object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, presenting himself as God.
5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you I kept telling you these things?
6 And now you know what restrains him, so that he may be revealed at his own time.
7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only the one who now restrains will do so until he is out of the way.
8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearing of his coming.
9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power and signs and wonders of falsehood,
10 and with every unrighteous deception for those who are perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth so that they might be saved.
11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion, so that they believe the lie,
12 so that all who did not believe the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness may be judged.
13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.
14 To this he called you through our gospel, to obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions you were taught, whether through a spoken word or through a letter from us.
16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,
17 comfort your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and word.

3

1 Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified, just as it is among you,

2 and so that we may be rescued from perverse and evil
people, for not everyone has faith.
3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and
guard you from the evil one.
4 We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that
you are doing and will continue to do what we command.
5 May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God
and the endurance of Christ.
6 Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every
brother who walks in an undisciplined way and not
according to the tradition they received from us.
7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us,
because we were not undisciplined among you,
8 nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge. Instead,
in labor and toil we worked night and day so as not to
burden any of you,
9 not because we do not have the right, but to give you an
example in ourselves to imitate.
10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you
this: “If anyone is unwilling to work, neither should he eat.”
11 For we hear that some among you walk in an
undisciplined way, doing no work but meddling.
12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus
Christ to work quietly and eat their own bread.
13 But you, brothers and sisters, do not grow weary in
doing good.
14 If anyone does not obey our word in this letter, take
note of that person and do not associate with him, so that
he may be ashamed.
15 Do not consider him an enemy, but admonish him as a
brother.
16 May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all
times in every way. The Lord be with you all.
17 I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand, which is a
sign in every letter. This is how I write.
18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

1 Timothy

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God
our Savior and Christ Jesus our hope,
2 to Timothy, a true child in faith: grace, mercy, and peace
from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
3 When I was going to Macedonia, I urged you to remain
in Ephesus, so that you might command certain people not
to teach a different doctrine
4 or devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies,
which produce speculations rather than God's stewardship
that is by faith.
5 The aim of the command is love from a pure heart and
a good conscience and sincere faith.
6 Some, having strayed from these things, have turned
aside into empty talk,
7 wanting to be teachers of the law, though they
understand neither what they say nor the things they
assert so confidently.
8 Now we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully,
9 knowing this: the law is not laid down for a righteous
person, but for the lawless and rebellious, the ungodly and
sinners, the unholy and profane, those who kill their
fathers and those who kill their mothers, murderers,
10 the sexually immoral, men who have sex with men,
slave traders, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is opposed
to sound teaching,
11 according to the gospel of the glory of the blessed God,
with which I was entrusted.
12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who strengthened me,
because he considered me faithful, appointing me to
ministry,
13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and
a violent man. But I received mercy because I acted
ignorantly in unbelief,
14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed beyond measure
with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
15 The saying is trustworthy and worthy of full
acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save
sinners, of whom I am foremost.
16 But for this reason I received mercy, so that in me, the
foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an

example for those who would believe in him for eternal life.
17 Now to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

18 I entrust this command to you, my child Timothy, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, so that by them you may wage the good warfare,
19 holding faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected that conscience and suffered shipwreck concerning the faith.
20 Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I handed over to Satan so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

2

1 Therefore I urge first of all that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,
2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a calm and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.
3 This is good and acceptable before God our Savior,
4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and human beings, the man Christ Jesus,
6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper times.
7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I speak the truth, I am not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
8 Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting holy hands without anger or argument.
9 Likewise, women should adorn themselves in respectable clothing, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly clothing,
10 but with good works, as is fitting for women who profess reverence for God.
11 Let a woman learn in quietness with all submission.
12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man, but to be in quietness.
13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve,
14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman, being deceived, came into transgression.
15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing, if they continue in faith and love and holiness with self-control.

3

1 The saying is trustworthy: if anyone aspires to
oversight, he desires a good work.
2 Therefore the overseer must be above reproach, the
husband of one wife, sober, self-controlled, respectable,
hospitable, able to teach,
3 not given to wine, not violent but gentle, not
quarrelsome, not a lover of money.
4 He must manage his own household well, keeping his
children in submission with all dignity.
5 For if someone does not know how to manage his own
household, how will he care for the church of God?
6 He must not be a new convert, so that he does not
become conceited and fall into the condemnation of the
devil.
7 He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so
that he does not fall into disgrace and the devil's snare.
8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued,
not devoted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain,
9 holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.
10 Let them also be tested first; then, if they are beyond
accusation, let them serve as deacons.
11 Women likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but
sober, faithful in everything.
12 Let deacons be husbands of one wife, managing their
children and their own households well.
13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a good
standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that
is in Christ Jesus.
14 I write these things to you, hoping to come to you soon,
15 but so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one
ought to conduct oneself in God's household, which is the
church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the
truth.
16 And by common confession, the mystery of godliness is
great:
he was revealed in flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by
angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in
the world, taken up in glory.

4

1 But the Spirit expressly says that in later times some
will depart from the faith, devoting themselves to deceiving
spirits and teachings of demons,
2 through the hypocrisy of liars whose own conscience is
seared,

3 who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods
that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those
who believe and know the truth.
4 For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be
rejected if received with thanksgiving,
5 for it is sanctified through the word of God and prayer.
6 By setting these things before the brothers and sisters,
you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on
the words of the faith and the good teaching you have
followed.
7 But refuse profane old wives' tales. Train yourself for
godliness,
8 for physical training is of limited benefit, but godliness
is beneficial in every way, having the promise of the
present life and of the one to come.
9 The saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance.
10 For to this end we labor and endure insults, because
we have set our hope on the living God, who is the Savior
of all people, especially of believers.
11 Command and teach these things.
12 Let no one despise your youth, but become an example
to the believers in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.
13 Until I come, devote yourself to public reading,
exhortation, and teaching.
14 Do not neglect the gift in you, which was given to you
through prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the
council of elders.
15 Practice these things; give yourself to them, so that
your progress may be evident to everyone.
16 Pay attention to yourself and to the teaching; persevere
in these things, for by doing so you will save both yourself
and those who hear you.

5

1 Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as
a father, younger men as brothers,
2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in
all purity.
3 Honor widows who are truly widows.
4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them
first learn to show godliness toward their own household
and repay their forebears, for this is acceptable before God.
5 Now the one who is truly a widow and left alone has set
her hope on God and continues in petitions and prayers
night and day.

6 But the one who lives in self-indulgence is dead even
while she lives.
7 Command these things as well, so that they may be
above reproach.
8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and
especially for members of his household, he has denied the
faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
9 Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty
years old, having been the wife of one husband,
10 well attested for good works: if she has raised children,
shown hospitality, washed the feet of the saints, helped the
afflicted, and devoted herself to every good work.
11 But refuse to enroll younger widows, for when their
desires turn them against Christ, they want to marry,
12 incurring judgment because they have set aside their
first commitment.
13 At the same time they also learn to be idle, going
around from house to house, and not only idle but also
gossips and busybodies, speaking of things they should not.
14 Therefore I want younger women to marry, bear
children, manage the household, and give the adversary no
opportunity for slander,
15 for some have already turned aside to follow Satan.
16 If any believing woman has widows in her care, let her
help them, and let the church not be burdened, so that it
may help those who are truly widows.

17 Let the elders who lead well be considered worthy of
double honor, especially those who labor in word and
teaching,
18 for Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it
is threshing,” and, “The worker is worthy of his wages.”
19 Do not accept an accusation against an elder except on
the testimony of two or three witnesses.
20 In the presence of everyone, rebuke those who sin, so
that the rest may also have fear.
21 I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus and
the chosen angels to keep these things without prejudice,
doing nothing from favoritism.
22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in the
sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

23 No longer drink only water, but use a little wine
because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

24 Some people's sins are evident, going before them to
judgment; those of others follow after.

25 Likewise good works are also evident, and those that
are not evident cannot remain hidden.

6

1 Let all who are slaves under a yoke consider their own
masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and
the teaching may not be blasphemed.
2 Those who have believing masters must not despise
them because they are brothers, but serve them all the
better, because those who receive the benefit are believers
and beloved. Teach and urge these things.
3 If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not
adhere to sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
to teaching according to godliness,
4 he is conceited, understanding nothing, but has a sickly
craving for disputes and battles over words, from which
come envy, strife, slanders, evil suspicions,
5 constant friction among people whose minds are
corrupted and who are deprived of the truth, imagining
godliness to be a means of gain.
6 But godliness with contentment is great gain,
7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot
take anything out.
8 But having food and clothing, we will be content with
these.
9 But those who want to become rich fall into temptation
and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires, which
plunge people into ruin and destruction.
10 For the love of money is a root of all evils. By reaching
for it, some have wandered from the faith and pierced
themselves with many sorrows.

11 But you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue
righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and
gentleness.
12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of eternal
life, to which you were called. You also made the good
confession before many witnesses.
13 I command you before God, who gives life to all things,
and Christ Jesus, who testified to the good confession
before Pontius Pilate,
14 to keep the commandment spotless and above
reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 which at the proper times the blessed and only
Sovereign will display, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in
unapproachable light, whom no human being has seen or
can see. To him be honor and eternal might. Amen.
17 Command those who are rich in the present age not to
be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of
riches, but on God, who richly provides us with all things
for enjoyment,
18 to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, ready to
share,
19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the
future, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.
20 O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you,
turning away from profane empty talk and the opposing
claims of falsely named knowledge.
21 Some who profess it have missed the mark concerning
the faith. Grace be with you.

2 Timothy

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
2 to Timothy, a beloved child: grace, mercy, and peace
from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience as my
forebears did, as I remember you without ceasing in my
petitions night and day,
4 longing to see you, remembering your tears, so that I
may be filled with joy,
5 having been reminded of the sincere faith in you, which
first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother
Eunice, and I am convinced also dwells in you.
6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God
that is in you through the laying on of my hands.
7 For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but of
power and love and self-control.

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our
Lord or of me, his prisoner, but share in suffering for the
gospel according to the power of God,
9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not
according to our works but according to his own purpose
and grace, given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,
10 but now revealed through the appearing of our Savior
Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and
immortality to light through the gospel,
11 for which I was appointed a herald and an apostle and
a teacher.
12 For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not
ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am
convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to
him until that day.
13 Hold to the pattern of sound words you heard from
me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
14 Guard the good deposit through the Holy Spirit who
dwells in us.
15 You know that all those in Asia turned away from me,
among them Phygelus and Hermogenes.
16 May the Lord grant mercy to the household of
Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not
ashamed of my chain,

17 but when he was in Rome, he sought me diligently and
found me.
18 May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord
on that day. And you know better how much service he
rendered in Ephesus.

2

1 You, then, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is
in Christ Jesus,
2 and what you heard from me before many witnesses,
entrust to faithful people who will also be able to teach
others.
3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.
4 No one serving as a soldier entangles himself in the
affairs of life, so that he may please the one who enlisted
him.
5 And if someone competes as an athlete, he is not
crowned unless he competes according to the rules.
6 The farmer who labors ought to be the first to share in
the crops.
7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you
understanding in everything.
8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead,
descended from David, according to my gospel,
9 for which I suffer hardship even to chains as a criminal.
But the word of God is not chained.
10 For this reason I endure everything for the sake of the
chosen ones, so that they too may obtain the salvation that
is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.
11 The saying is trustworthy:
if we died with him, we will also live with him;
12 if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he too will deny us;
13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot
deny himself.
14 Remind them of these things, solemnly charging them
before the Lord not to battle over words, which is of no use
and ruins those who hear.
15 Make every effort to present yourself approved to God,
a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling
the word of truth.
16 But avoid profane empty talk, for those who engage in
it will advance further in ungodliness,
17 and their word will spread like gangrene. Among them
are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

18 who have missed the mark concerning the truth,
saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and
overturn the faith of some.
19 Nevertheless God's firm foundation stands, having this
seal: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Let
everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from
unrighteousness.”
20 Now in a large house there are not only vessels of gold
and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and
some for dishonor.
21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these, he
will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the master,
prepared for every good work.
22 Flee youthful desires, and pursue righteousness, faith,
love, and peace with those who call on the Lord from a
pure heart.
23 But refuse foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that
they breed quarrels.
24 The Lord's slave must not quarrel, but must be gentle
toward everyone, able to teach, patient under
mistreatment,
25 correcting those who oppose him with gentleness;
perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the
knowledge of the truth,
26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the
devil's snare, having been captured by him to do his will.

3

1 But know this: in the last days difficult times will come.
2 For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of
money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemous, disobedient to
parents, ungrateful, unholy,
3 without natural affection, implacable, slanderers,
without self-control, brutal, not loving what is good,
4 traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather
than lovers of God,
5 having a form of godliness but having denied its power.
Turn away from these people too.
6 For among them are those who slip into households and
take captive weak women burdened with sins, led by
various desires,
7 always learning and never able to come to the
knowledge of the truth.
8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these also
oppose the truth, people corrupted in mind, disqualified
concerning the faith.

9 But they will advance no further, for their folly will be
evident to everyone, as that of those men also became.
10 But you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith,
patience, love, endurance,
11 persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me
in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I
endured! And out of them all the Lord rescued me.
12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly lives in Christ Jesus
will be persecuted,
13 while evil people and impostors will advance from bad
to worse, deceiving and being deceived.
14 But you, continue in what you learned and became
convinced of, knowing from whom you learned it,
15 and that from infancy you have known the sacred
writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus.
16 All Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness,
17 so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for
every good work.

4

1 I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who
is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing
and his kingdom:
2 proclaim the word; be ready in season and out of
season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all patience and
teaching.
3 For a time will come when they will not endure sound
teaching, but with itching ears they will pile up teachers for
themselves according to their own desires,
4 and turn their hearing away from the truth and turn
aside to myths.
5 But you, be sober in everything, endure hardship, do
the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering,
and the time of my departure has come.
7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I
have kept the faith.
8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of
righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will
give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who
have loved his appearing.
9 Make every effort to come to me soon,

10 for Demas deserted me, having loved the present age,
and went to Thessalonica. Crescens went to Galatia, Titus
to Dalmatia.
11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark and bring him with
you, for he is useful to me for ministry.
12 I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.
13 When you come, bring the cloak I left in Troas with
Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments.
14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. The
Lord will repay him according to his works.
15 You too must guard against him, for he strongly
opposed our words.
16 At my first defense no one came to my side, but
everyone deserted me. May it not be counted against them.
17 But the Lord stood beside me and strengthened me, so
that through me the proclamation might be fully made and
all the Gentiles might hear, and I was rescued from the
lion's mouth.
18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and
bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the
glory forever and ever. Amen.
19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of
Onesiphorus.
20 Erastus remained in Corinth, and I left Trophimus ill in
Miletus.
21 Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus,
Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers and sisters
greet you.
22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Titus

1 Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for
the faith of God's chosen ones and the knowledge of the
truth that accords with godliness,
2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie,
promised before the ages began,
3 but at the proper times revealed his word in the
proclamation entrusted to me by the command of God our
Savior,
4 to Titus, a true child according to our shared faith: grace
and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.
5 For this reason I left you in Crete, so that you might put
in order what remained and appoint elders in every town,
as I directed you:
6 if anyone is beyond accusation, the husband of one
wife, having believing children who are neither accused of
reckless living nor rebellious.
7 For the overseer must be beyond accusation as God's
steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to
wine, not violent, not greedy for dishonest gain,
8 but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, righteous,
holy, self-controlled,
9 holding fast to the trustworthy word according to the
teaching, so that he may be able both to exhort in sound
teaching and to refute those who contradict it.
10 For there are many who are rebellious, empty talkers
and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,
11 who must be silenced, because they overturn entire
households, teaching what they should not for the sake of
dishonest gain.
12 One of them, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are
always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.”
13 This testimony is true. For this reason rebuke them
sharply, so that they may be sound in the faith,
14 not devoting themselves to Jewish myths or to
commands of people who turn away from the truth.
15 All things are pure to the pure, but to the defiled and
unbelieving nothing is pure; both their mind and their
conscience are defiled.
16 They profess to know God, but deny him by their
works, being detestable and disobedient and unfit for every
good work.

2

1 But you, speak what is fitting for sound teaching.
2 Older men are to be sober, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, love, and endurance.
3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in conduct, not slanderers or enslaved to much wine, teachers of what is good,
4 so that they may train the younger women to love their husbands, to love their children,
5 to be sensible, pure, working at home, good, submitting to their own husbands, so that the word of God may not be blasphemed.
6 Likewise urge the younger men to be sensible,
7 showing yourself in everything to be an example of good works, with integrity and dignity in teaching,
8 sound speech beyond condemnation, so that the opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say about us.
9 Slaves are to submit to their own masters in everything, to be pleasing, not contradicting them,
10 not stealing, but showing good faith in every way, so that in everything they may adorn the teaching of God our Savior.
11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people,
12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly desires and to live with self-control, righteousness, and godliness in the present age,
13 awaiting the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and purify for himself a people of his own, zealous for good works.
15 Speak these things, exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

3

1 Remind them to submit to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,
2 to slander no one, to be peaceable and gentle, showing all meekness toward all people.
3 For we too were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, enslaved to various desires and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.
4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love for humanity appeared,

5 he saved us, not by works done by us in righteousness,
but according to his mercy, through the washing of rebirth
and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
6 whom he poured out richly upon us through Jesus
Christ our Savior,
7 so that, justified by his grace, we might become heirs
according to the hope of eternal life.
8 The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist
firmly on these things, so that those who have believed God
may take care to devote themselves to good works. These
things are good and beneficial for people.
9 But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, strife, and
quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and
empty.
10 Reject a divisive person after a first and second
admonition,
11 knowing that such a person is warped and is sinning,
being self-condemned.
12 When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, make every
effort to come to me in Nicopolis, for I have decided to
spend the winter there.
13 Diligently send Zenas the expert in law and Apollos on
their way, so that they lack nothing.
14 Let our people also learn to devote themselves to good
works for pressing needs, so that they may not be
unfruitful.
15 All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us
in faith. Grace be with you all.

Philemon

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our
brother, to Philemon, our beloved fellow worker,
2 and to Apphia our sister, and Archippus our fellow
soldier, and the church in your house:
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I always thank my God, mentioning you in my prayers,
5 hearing of the love and faith you have toward the Lord
Jesus and toward all the saints,
6 so that your participation in the faith may become
effective through the knowledge of every good thing that is
in us for Christ.
7 For I have received much joy and comfort from your
love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed
through you, brother.
8 Therefore, though I have great boldness in Christ to
command you to do what is fitting,
9 I appeal instead for love's sake, being as I am, Paul, an
old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus.
10 I appeal to you for my child Onesimus, whom I
fathered in my chains,
11 who once was useless to you, but now is useful both to
you and to me.
12 I have sent him back to you, him who is my own heart.
13 I wanted to keep him with me, so that on your behalf
he might serve me in my chains for the gospel,
14 but without your consent I wanted to do nothing, so
that your good deed might be voluntary and not under
compulsion.
15 For perhaps he was separated from you for a time for
this reason, so that you might have him back forever,
16 no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved
brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, both
in the flesh and in the Lord.
17 Therefore, if you consider me a partner, welcome him
as you would me.
18 And if he has wronged you in anything or owes you
anything, charge that to my account.
19 I, Paul, write this in my own hand: I will repay it—not
to mention that you owe me even your own self.
20 Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord;
refresh my heart in Christ.

21 Confident of your obedience, I have written to you,
knowing that you will do even more than I say.
22 At the same time, prepare lodging for me as well, for I
hope that through your prayers I will be granted to you.
23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets
you,
24 as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow
workers.
25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Hebrews

1 Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the
prophets at many times and in many ways.
2 In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom
he appointed heir of all things and through whom he also
made the universe.
3 He is the radiance of God's glory and the exact imprint
of his being, and he sustains all things by his powerful
word. After making purification for sins by himself, he sat
down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
4 having become as much greater than the angels as the
name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5 For to which of the angels did he ever say,
"You are my Son;
today I have begotten you"?
And again,
"I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?
6 And when he again brings the firstborn into the world,
he says,
"Let all God's angels worship him."
7 Of the angels he says,
"He makes his angels winds and his servants a flame of
fire."
8 But to the Son he says,
"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of
uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.
9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil
of gladness above your companions."
10 And,
"You, Lord, laid the earth's foundation in the beginning, and
the heavens are the work of your hands.
11 They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
12 You will roll them up like a cloak;
like a garment they will be changed.
But you are the same, and your years will never end."
13 And to which of the angels has he ever said,
"Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool
for your feet"?
14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to serve those
who are to inherit salvation?

2

1 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what
we have heard, so that we do not drift away.
2 For if the word spoken through angels proved binding,
and every transgression and act of disobedience received a
just penalty,
3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? It
was first announced through the Lord and was confirmed
to us by those who heard him,
4 while God also bore witness with signs and wonders,
various miracles, and distributions of the Holy Spirit
according to his own will.
5 For God did not subject the world to come, of which we
are speaking, to angels.
6 But someone has testified somewhere,
"What is man that you remember him, or the son of man
that you care for him?
7 You made him lower than the angels for a little while;
you crowned him with glory and honor;
8 you subjected all things under his feet."
For in subjecting all things to him, he left nothing that
was not subject to him. Yet now we do not see all things
subject to him.
9 But we see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels
for a little while, crowned with glory and honor because he
suffered death, so that, apart from God, he might taste
death for everyone.
10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom
all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make
the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are
sanctified are all from one. That is why he is not ashamed
to call them brothers and sisters,
12 saying,
"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."
13 And again,
"I will put my trust in him."
And again,
"Here I am, and the children God has given me."
14 Since the children share flesh and blood, he himself
likewise shared in the same, so that through death he might
render powerless the one who holds the power of death,
that is, the devil,
15 and free those who were held in slavery all their lives
by the fear of death.

16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's
offspring.
17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers and
sisters in every way, so that he might become a merciful
and faithful high priest in matters relating to God, to make
atonement for the sins of the people.
18 For because he himself suffered when tempted, he is
able to help those who are tempted.

3

1 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters who share in a
heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest
of our confession.
2 He is faithful to the one who appointed him, as Moses
also was in his house.
3 For he has been considered worthy of greater glory
than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor
than the house itself.
4 For every house is built by someone, but the one who
built all things is God.
5 Now Moses was faithful in all his house as a servant, to
testify to the things that would be spoken,
6 but Christ is faithful as a Son over his house. And we
are his house, if we hold fast to our confidence and the
hope in which we boast.

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,
"Today, if you hear his voice,
8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day
of testing in the wilderness,
9 where your ancestors put me to the test and saw my
works
10 for forty years.
Therefore I was angry with this generation and said,
'They always go astray in their hearts, and they have
not known my ways.'
11 So I swore in my wrath, 'They will not enter my rest.' "
12 Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you has an
evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.
13 Instead, exhort one another every day, as long as it is
called "Today," so that none of you is hardened by the
deceitfulness of sin.
14 For we have come to share in Christ, if we hold our
initial confidence firm to the end,
15 while it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not
harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

16 For who rebelled after hearing? Was it not all those
who came out of Egypt through Moses?
17 And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it
not those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?
18 And to whom did he swear that they would not enter
his rest, if not those who disobeyed?
19 So we see that they were unable to enter because of
unbelief.

4

1 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still
remains, let us fear lest any of you seem to have fallen
short of it.
2 For we too have had good news announced to us, just as
they did. But the message they heard did not benefit them,
because they were not united in faith with those who
listened.
3 For we who have believed enter the rest, just as he has
said, “So I swore in my wrath, ‘They will not enter my
rest,' ” although his works were finished from the
foundation of the world.
4 For somewhere he has spoken of the seventh day in this
way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his
works.”
5 And again in this passage, “They will not enter my rest.”
6 Since, then, it remains for some to enter it, and those
who earlier had the good news announced to them did not
enter because of disobedience,
7 he again appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through
David after so long a time, as has already been said, “Today,
if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”
8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have
spoken afterward of another day.
9 So a Sabbath rest remains for the people of God.
10 For whoever has entered his rest has also rested from
his own works, just as God did from his.
11 Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest, so
that no one falls by following the same example of
disobedience.
12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than
any two-edged sword. It pierces as far as the division of
soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerns the
thoughts and intentions of the heart.
13 No creature is hidden before him, but all things are
naked and exposed to the eyes of the one to whom we must
give an account.

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has
passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us
hold fast to our confession.
15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to
sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been
tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin.
16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with
confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to
help in time of need.

5

1 For every high priest, taken from among human beings,
is appointed to act on their behalf in matters relating to
God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward,
since he himself is also subject to weakness.
3 Because of this, he must offer sacrifices for his own sins
just as he does for those of the people.
4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but receives it
when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5 So Christ also did not glorify himself to become high
priest. Rather, he was glorified by the one who said to him,
"You are my Son;
today I have begotten you,"
6 just as he also says elsewhere,
"You are a priest forever according to the order of
Melchizedek."
7 During his life in the flesh, he offered prayers and pleas
with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him
from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.
8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through
what he suffered.
9 And having been made perfect, he became the source of
eternal salvation for all who obey him,
10 having been designated by God as high priest
according to the order of Melchizedek.
11 We have much to say about this, and it is hard to
explain because you have become slow to listen.
12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you
again need someone to teach you the elementary principles
of God's word. You have come to need milk, not solid food.
13 For everyone who feeds on milk is inexperienced in
the word of righteousness, since he is an infant.
14 But solid food is for the mature, whose senses have
been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

6

1 Therefore, leaving the elementary teaching about
Christ, let us be carried on to maturity, not laying again a
foundation of repentance from dead works and faith in
God,
2 of instruction about baptisms and the laying on of
hands, the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.
3 And this we will do, if God permits.
4 For it is impossible for those who were once
enlightened, who tasted the heavenly gift and came to
share in the Holy Spirit,
5 and tasted the good word of God and the powers of the
age to come,
6 and have fallen away, to be renewed again to
repentance, since they crucify the Son of God again for
themselves and expose him to public shame.
7 For land that drinks the rain that often falls on it and
produces plants useful to those for whom it is cultivated
receives a blessing from God.
8 But if it produces thorns and thistles, it is worthless and
near to being cursed; its end is to be burned.
9 But in your case, beloved, we are convinced of better
things, things that accompany salvation, even though we
speak this way.
10 For God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and
the love you have shown toward his name in serving the
saints, as you still do.
11 We desire each of you to show the same diligence to
the end, for the full assurance of hope,
12 so that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those
who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he
had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself,
14 saying, “Surely I will bless you abundantly and
multiply you greatly.”
15 And so, after waiting patiently, Abraham obtained the
promise.
16 For people swear by someone greater than themselves,
and an oath serves as confirmation that ends every dispute
among them.
17 In the same way, God, wishing to show the heirs of the
promise more clearly that his purpose was unchangeable,
intervened with an oath,
18 so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is
impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge

might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.
19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, sure and firm, entering the inner place behind the curtain,
20 where Jesus has entered on our behalf as a forerunner, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

7

1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of God Most High, met Abraham as he returned from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him.
2 Abraham also gave him a tenth of everything. His name means first “king of righteousness,” and then he is also king of Salem, which means “king of peace.”
3 Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest continually.
4 Consider how great this man was, to whom even Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils.
5 Now those descendants of Levi who receive the priesthood have a commandment under the law to collect tithes from the people, that is, their brothers and sisters, although they too came from Abraham's loins.
6 But the one whose genealogy is not traced from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed the one who had the promises.
7 And beyond all dispute, the lesser is blessed by the greater.
8 Here, mortal human beings receive tithes, but there they are received by one of whom it is testified that he lives.
9 And, so to speak, even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham,
10 for he was still in his ancestor's loins when Melchizedek met him.
11 Now if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood—for under it the people received the law—what further need would there be for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than being named according to the order of Aaron?
12 For when the priesthood is changed, a change in the law necessarily takes place as well.
13 For the one of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has served at the altar.
14 For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, a tribe about which Moses said nothing concerning priests.

15 And this is even more evident if another priest arises
in the likeness of Melchizedek,
16 one who has become a priest not according to a legal
requirement of physical descent, but according to the
power of an indestructible life.
17 For it is testified of him, “You are a priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek.”
18 For the former commandment is set aside because of
its weakness and uselessness,
19 since the law made nothing perfect; but a better hope
is introduced, through which we draw near to God.
20 And this was not without an oath. The others became
priests without an oath,
21 but he became one with an oath through the one who
said to him, “The Lord has sworn and will not change his
mind: ‘You are a priest forever.’ ”
22 For this reason, Jesus has become the guarantor of a
better covenant.
23 The others became priests in great numbers because
death prevented them from continuing.
24 But because he remains forever, he holds a permanent
priesthood.
25 Therefore he is also able to save completely those who
approach God through him, since he always lives to
intercede for them.
26 For such a high priest was fitting for us: holy, innocent,
undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the
heavens.
27 He has no need, like the high priests, to offer sacrifices
daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people,
for he did this once for all when he offered himself.
28 For the law appoints human beings subject to weakness
as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came after
the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

8

1 Now the main point of what we are saying is this: we
have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of
the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,
2 a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle,
which the Lord set up, not a human being.
3 For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and
sacrifices, so this high priest too must have something to
offer.
4 Now if he were on earth, he would not even be a priest,
since there are those who offer gifts according to the law.

5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things,
just as Moses was warned when he was about to construct
the tabernacle. For he says, “See that you make everything
according to the pattern shown to you on the mountain.”
6 But now he has obtained a more excellent ministry, just
as he is also the mediator of a better covenant, established
on better promises.
7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, no place
would have been sought for a second.
8 For finding fault with them, he says,
“Look, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will
establish a new covenant with the house of Israel
and the house of Judah,
9 not like the covenant I made with their ancestors on the
day I took them by the hand to lead them out of the
land of Egypt, because they did not remain in my
covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord.
10 For this is the covenant I will make with the house of
Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my
laws into their minds and write them on their hearts.
I will be their God, and they will be my people.
11 No one will teach his fellow citizen, or his brother,
saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know
me, from the least to the greatest among them.
12 For I will be merciful toward their unrighteous deeds,
and I will remember their sins no more.”
13 In saying “new,” he has made the first covenant
obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old
is near to disappearing.

9

1 Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and
an earthly sanctuary.
2 For a tabernacle was prepared. In its first part were the
lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is
called the Holy Place.
3 Behind the second curtain was the part of the
tabernacle called the Most Holy Place,
4 having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the
covenant, covered with gold on every side. In it were a
golden jar holding the manna, Aaron's staff that had
budded, and the tablets of the covenant.
5 Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the
mercy seat. We cannot now speak of these things in detail.

6 With these things arranged in this way, the priests
continually enter the first part of the tabernacle to perform
their worship duties.
7 But only the high priest enters the second part, once a
year, and not without blood, which he offers for himself
and for the sins the people committed in ignorance.
8 By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the
Most Holy Place has not yet been revealed while the first
tabernacle still stands.
9 This is a symbol for the present time, according to
which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect
the worshiper's conscience.
10 They concern only food, drink, and various
washings—regulations for the body imposed until the time
of reform.
11 But Christ came as high priest of the good things that
have come, and through the greater and more perfect
tabernacle, not made by human hands—that is, not of this
creation—
12 he entered the Most Holy Place once for all, not
through the blood of goats and calves, but through his own
blood, having obtained eternal redemption.
13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a
heifer sprinkled on those who are defiled sanctify them for
the cleansing of the flesh,
14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through
the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God,
cleanse our conscience from dead works to serve the living
God!
15 For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant,
so that those who are called may receive the promise of the
eternal inheritance, since a death has taken place for
redemption from the transgressions committed under the
first covenant.
16 For where there is a will, the death of the one who
made it must be established.
17 For a will takes effect upon death, since it is never in
force while the one who made it is alive.
18 Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated
without blood.
19 For when Moses had spoken every commandment
according to the law to all the people, he took the blood of
calves, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled
both the book itself and all the people,
20 saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God has
commanded for you.”

21 In the same way he sprinkled the tabernacle and all
the utensils for worship with blood.
22 Indeed, according to the law, almost everything is
cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood
there is no forgiveness.
23 Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things
in the heavens to be cleansed by these means, but the
heavenly things themselves by better sacrifices than these.
24 For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human
hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, now to
appear in God's presence on our behalf.
25 Nor did he enter to offer himself repeatedly, as the high
priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood
that is not his own.
26 Otherwise he would have had to suffer repeatedly
from the foundation of the world. But now, at the
culmination of the ages, he has appeared once to put away
sin through his own sacrifice.
27 And just as it is appointed for human beings to die
once, and after that comes judgment,
28 so also Christ, having been offered once to bear the
sins of many, will appear a second time, apart from sin, for
the salvation of those who eagerly await him.

10

1 For the law has a shadow of the good things to come,
not the actual image of those realities. It can never, by the
same sacrifices offered continually year after year, make
perfect those who draw near.
2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered,
since the worshipers, once cleansed, would no longer have
any consciousness of sins?
3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every
year,
4 for it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to
take away sins.
5 Therefore, when he comes into the world, he says,
"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you
prepared for me.
6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you took no
pleasure.
7 Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written of me in the scroll of
the book—to do your will, O God.' "
8 After saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and burnt
offerings and sacrifices for sin you did not desire, nor did

you take pleasure in them"—which are offered according to the law—
9 he then said, "Here I am to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second.
10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11 And every priest stands daily at his service, repeatedly offering the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.
12 But he, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,
13 waiting from then on until his enemies are made a footstool for his feet.
14 For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being sanctified.
15 The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us, for after saying,
16 "This is the covenant I will make with them after those
days, says the Lord: I will put my laws on their
hearts and write them on their minds,"
17 he adds,
"And I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no
more."
18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer an offering for sin.

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,
20 by the new and living way he inaugurated for us through the curtain, that is, his flesh,
21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,
22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for the one who promised is faithful.
24 And let us consider one another, to stir up love and good works,
25 not abandoning our gathering together, as some have made a habit of doing, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
27 but a fearful expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire that will devour the adversaries.

28 Anyone who has rejected the law of Moses dies without
mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.
29 How much worse punishment do you think will be
deserved by the one who has trampled the Son of God
underfoot, regarded the blood of the covenant by which he
was sanctified as profane, and insulted the Spirit of grace?
30 For we know the one who said, “Vengeance is mine; I
will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.”
31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living
God.
32 But remember the former days, when, after being
enlightened, you endured a great struggle with suffering,
33 sometimes publicly exposed to insults and afflictions,
and sometimes becoming companions of those who were
treated that way.
34 For you sympathized with the prisoners and joyfully
accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that
you yourselves have a better and lasting possession.
35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which
has a great reward.
36 For you need endurance, so that after doing the will of
God you may receive what was promised.
37 For “In just a very little while, the one who is coming
will come and will not delay.
38 But my righteous one will live by faith, and if he draws
back, my soul takes no pleasure in him.”
39 But we are not among those who draw back to
destruction, but among those who have faith for the
preservation of the soul.

11

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the
conviction of things not seen.
2 For by it the people of old were commended.
3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed
by the word of God, so that what is seen did not come into
being from visible things.
4 By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain
did. Through it he was commended as righteous, God
testifying to his gifts, and through it, though he died, he still
speaks.
5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he would not see
death, and he could not be found because God had taken
him away. For before he was taken, he had been
commended as having pleased God.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for
whoever approaches God must believe that he exists and
that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
7 By faith Noah, warned about things not yet seen, in
reverent fear built an ark to save his household. Through
that faith he condemned the world and became an heir of
the righteousness that is according to faith.
8 By faith Abraham, when called, obeyed by going out to a
place he was to receive as an inheritance. He went out
without knowing where he was going.
9 By faith he lived as a foreigner in the land of promise,
as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob,
fellow heirs of the same promise.
10 For he was awaiting the city with foundations, whose
architect and builder is God.
11 By faith he also, together with Sarah herself, received
power to father offspring, even beyond the proper age,
because he considered the one who had promised faithful.
12 Therefore from one man, and one as good as dead,
descendants were born as numerous as the stars of heaven
and as countless as the sand on the seashore.
13 All these died in faith without receiving the promises,
but they saw and welcomed them from afar, acknowledging
that they were strangers and sojourners on the earth.
14 For those who say such things make it clear that they
are seeking a homeland.
15 And if they had been thinking of the country they left,
they would have had an opportunity to return.
16 But now they long for a better country, that is, a
heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called
their God, for he has prepared a city for them.
17 By faith Abraham, when tested, offered Isaac. The one
who had received the promises was offering his only son,
18 even though he had been told, “Through Isaac your
offspring will be named.”
19 He reasoned that God was able even to raise him from
the dead, and from there, figuratively speaking, he received
him back.
20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau even concerning
things to come.
21 By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's
sons and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.
22 By faith Joseph, as his end drew near, mentioned the
departure of the children of Israel and gave instructions
about his bones.

23 By faith Moses was hidden for three months by his
parents when he was born, because they saw that the child
was beautiful and did not fear the king's decree.
24 By faith Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called
the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
25 choosing to be mistreated with the people of God
rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasure of sin.
26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth
than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the
reward.
27 By faith he left Egypt without fearing the king's wrath,
for he endured as though seeing the one who is invisible.
28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of
blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not
touch them.
29 By faith they crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but
when the Egyptians attempted it, they were swallowed up.
30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after being encircled
for seven days.
31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those
who disobeyed, because she welcomed the spies in peace.
32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to
tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel,
and the prophets,
33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, practiced
righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,
34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the
sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty
in war, and put foreign armies to flight.
35 Women received their dead back through resurrection.
Others were tortured, refusing release so that they might
obtain a better resurrection.
36 Others experienced mockings and floggings, and even
chains and imprisonment.
37 They were stoned, sawed in two, and killed by the
sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins,
destitute, afflicted, and mistreated.
38 The world was not worthy of them. They wandered in
deserts and mountains, in caves and holes in the earth.
39 And all these, though commended through faith, did
not receive the promise,
40 because God had provided something better for us, so
that they would not be made perfect apart from us.

12

1 Therefore, since we too are surrounded by so great a

cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin
that so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance
the race set before us,
2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of
faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross,
despising its shame, and has sat down at the right hand of
the throne of God.
3 For consider the one who has endured such hostility
from sinners against themselves, so that you do not grow
weary and lose heart.
4 In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to
the point of shedding blood,
5 and you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses
you as sons:
"My son, do not take the Lord's discipline lightly, or lose
heart when he rebukes you,
6 for the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he scourges
every son he receives."
7 It is for discipline that you endure. God is treating you
as sons, for what son is not disciplined by his father?
8 But if you are without discipline, in which all have
shared, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.
9 Moreover, we had earthly fathers who disciplined us,
and we respected them. Shall we not much more submit to
the Father of spirits and live?
10 For they disciplined us for a few days as seemed best to
them, but he does so for our good, so that we may share in
his holiness.
11 For the present, no discipline seems joyful, but painful.
Later, however, it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness
to those trained by it.
12 Therefore lift up the drooping hands and strengthen
the weakened knees,
13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is
lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.
14 Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without
which no one will see the Lord.
15 See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God, that
no root of bitterness springs up to cause trouble and defile
many,
16 and that no one is sexually immoral or profane like
Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.
17 For you know that even afterward, when he wanted to
inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no
opportunity for repentance, though he sought it with tears.

18 For you have not come to something that can be
touched, to blazing fire, darkness, gloom, and a storm,
19 to the sound of a trumpet and a voice speaking words,
whose hearers begged that no further word be spoken to
them.
20 For they could not bear what was commanded: “Even
if an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned.”
21 And so fearful was the sight that Moses said, “I am
terrified and trembling.”
22 But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the
living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of
angels in a festive gathering,
23 to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in
heaven, to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the
righteous made perfect,
24 to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to
sprinkled blood that speaks better than Abel.
25 See that you do not refuse the one who speaks. For if
those who refused the one who warned them on earth did
not escape, much less will we if we turn away from the one
who warns from heaven.
26 His voice shook the earth then, but now he has
promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but
also heaven.”
27 The words “once more” indicate the removal of the
things that are shaken, as things that have been made, so
that the things that are not shaken may remain.
28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that
cannot be shaken, let us be grateful, and so offer God
acceptable worship with reverence and awe,
29 for our God is a consuming fire.

13

1 Let brotherly love continue.
2 Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have
hosted angels without knowing it.
3 Remember the prisoners as though imprisoned with
them, and those who are mistreated, since you yourselves
are also in a body.
4 Let marriage be honored by all, and let the marriage
bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral
and adulterers.
5 Let your way of life be free from the love of money,
being content with what you have, for he himself has said,
“I will never leave you, and I will never forsake you.”
6 So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear.
What can man do to me?”

7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.
8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
9 Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those who occupied themselves with them.
10 We have an altar from which those who serve in the tabernacle have no right to eat.
11 For the bodies of the animals whose blood the high priest brings into the sanctuary for sin are burned outside the camp.
12 Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the gate to sanctify the people through his own blood.
13 So let us go to him outside the camp, bearing his reproach.
14 For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the one to come.
15 Through him, then, let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.
16 And do not forget to do good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.
17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no benefit to you.
18 Pray for us, for we are convinced that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in every way.
19 I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you sooner.
20 Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus, through the blood of the eternal covenant,
21 equip you with everything good to do his will, working in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever. Amen.
22 I urge you, brothers and sisters, to bear with this word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly.
23 Know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he comes soon, I will see you with him.

24 Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those from
Italy greet you.
25 Grace be with all of you.

James

1 James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the
twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.
2 Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you
encounter trials of various kinds,
3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces
endurance.
4 And let endurance finish its work, so that you may be
mature and complete, lacking in nothing.
5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives
generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to
him.
6 But let him ask in faith, without doubting, for the one
who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by
the wind.
7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive
anything from the Lord,
8 being double-minded, unstable in all his ways.
9 Let the brother in humble circumstances boast in his
exaltation,
10 and the rich person in his humiliation, because he will
pass away like a flower of the grass.
11 For the sun rises with scorching heat and dries up the
grass. Its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So too the
rich person will wither in the midst of his pursuits.
12 Blessed is the man who endures a trial, for when he
has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that he
promised to those who love him.
13 Let no one say when tempted, “I am tempted by God,”
for God cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts
no one.
14 But each person is tempted when drawn away and
enticed by his own desire.
15 Then desire, when it has conceived, gives birth to sin,
and sin, when fully grown, gives birth to death.
16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers and sisters.
17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is
no variation or shadow caused by turning.
18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of
truth, so that we might be a kind of firstfruits of his
creation.
19 Know this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let
everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger,

20 for human anger does not produce the righteousness
of God.
21 Therefore put away all filthiness and overflowing
wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted
word, which is able to save your souls.
22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves.
23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he
is like a man looking at his natural face in a mirror.
24 For he looks at himself and goes away, and
immediately forgets what he was like.
25 But the one who looks intently into the perfect law, the
law of liberty, and remains in it, becoming not a forgetful
hearer but a doer who acts, will be blessed in what he does.
26 If anyone thinks he is religious but does not bridle his
tongue, deceiving his own heart instead, his religion is
worthless.
27 Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is
this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction, and
to keep oneself unstained by the world.

2

1 My brothers and sisters, do not show favoritism as you
hold faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.
2 For if a man wearing gold rings and splendid clothing
comes into your gathering, and a poor man in filthy
clothing also comes in,
3 and you pay special attention to the one wearing the
splendid clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,”
while you say to the poor man, “You stand, or sit there
beneath my footstool,”
4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves and
become judges with evil thoughts?
5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters: has not God
chosen those who are poor in the world's eyes to be rich in
faith and heirs of the kingdom he promised to those who
love him?
6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who
oppress you and drag you into court?
7 Is it not they who blaspheme the good name invoked
over you?
8 If you indeed fulfill the royal law according to the
Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you
do well.
9 But if you show favoritism, you commit sin and are
convicted by the law as transgressors.

10 For whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles in one
point has become guilty of all of it.
11 For the one who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also
said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do
murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.
12 Speak and act as those who are to be judged by the law
of liberty.
13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has
shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone
says he has faith but has no works? Can that faith save
him?
15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and lacks daily
food,
16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; be warmed
and filled,” but you do not give them what the body needs,
what good is it?
17 So also faith, if it has no works, is dead by itself.

18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have
works.” Show me your faith apart from works, and I will
show you my faith by my works.
19 Do you believe that God is one? You do well. Even the
demons believe—and shudder.
20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith
apart from works is useless?
21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when
he offered his son Isaac on the altar?
22 You see that faith was working together with his
works, and by works faith was made complete,
23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham
believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness,”
and he was called a friend of God.
24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by
faith alone.
25 And likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also
justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and
sent them out another way?
26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also
faith without works is dead.

3

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers
and sisters, knowing that we will receive a stricter
judgment.

2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not
stumble in speech, he is a mature man, able also to bridle
his whole body.
3 Now if we put bits into horses' mouths so that they obey
us, we also direct their whole bodies.
4 Look also at the ships: though they are so large and
driven by fierce winds, they are steered by a very small
rudder wherever the pilot wishes.
5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of
great things. See how small a fire sets so great a forest
ablaze!
6 The tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The
tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body,
setting the wheel of life on fire, and itself set on fire by hell.
7 For every kind of wild animal and bird, of creeping
creature and sea creature, is tamed and has been tamed by
humankind.
8 But no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless
evil, full of deadly poison.
9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we
curse human beings who have been made in the likeness of
God.
10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My
brothers and sisters, these things ought not to be so.
11 Does a spring pour out fresh and bitter water from the
same opening?
12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, produce olives,
or a grapevine figs? Neither can salt water produce fresh
water.
13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him
show his works by his good conduct in the meekness of
wisdom.
14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in
your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.
15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above,
but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.
16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there are
disorder and every evil practice.
17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then
peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good
fruits, impartial and without hypocrisy.
18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for
those who make peace.

4

1 Where do wars and fights among you come from? Do
they not come from your pleasures that wage war in your

members?
2 You desire and do not have. You murder and envy and
cannot obtain. You fight and wage war. You do not have
because you do not ask.
3 You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, to
spend it on your pleasures.
4 Adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the
world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be
a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
5 Or do you think that the Scripture speaks in vain: “He
yearns jealously for the spirit he made to dwell in us”?
6 But he gives greater grace. Therefore it says, “God
opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”
7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil,
and he will flee from you.
8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you
double-minded.
9 Be distressed and mourn and weep. Let your laughter
be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.
10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt
you.
11 Do not speak against one another, brothers and sisters.
The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother
speaks against the law and judges the law. But if you judge
the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.
12 There is one lawgiver and judge, the one who can save
and destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?
13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will
go to such and such a city, spend a year there, trade, and
make a profit.”
14 Yet you do not know what your life will be tomorrow.
For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then
vanishes.
15 Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live
and do this or that.”
16 But as it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such
boasting is evil.
17 So for anyone who knows the right thing to do and
does not do it, it is sin.

5

1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl over the miseries
coming upon you.
2 Your wealth has rotted, and your clothes have become
moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion
will be a witness against you and eat your flesh like fire.
You have stored up treasure in the last days.
4 Look, the wages of the workers who harvested your
fields, which you have withheld, are crying out, and the
cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of
hosts.
5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence.
You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.
6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous one.
Does he not oppose you?
7 Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the
coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the
precious fruit of the earth, being patient for it until he
receives the early and late rains.
8 You too be patient and strengthen your hearts, for the
coming of the Lord has drawn near.
9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers and
sisters, so that you may not be judged. Look, the judge is
standing at the doors.
10 Brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in
the name of the Lord as an example of suffering and
patience.
11 Look, we count as blessed those who endured. You
have heard of Job's endurance and have seen the outcome
the Lord brought about, for the Lord is full of compassion
and mercy.
12 But above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear,
either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath. Let your
“Yes” be yes and your “No” be no, so that you may not fall
under judgment.
13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is
anyone cheerful? Let him sing praises.
14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders
of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him
with oil in the name of the Lord.
15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and
the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins,
he will be forgiven.
16 Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray
for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective
prayer of a righteous person has great power.
17 Elijah was a human being with a nature like ours, and
he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not
rain on the land for three years and six months.

18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the
earth produced its fruit.
19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders
from the truth and someone turns him back,
20 let him know that whoever turns a sinner back from
the error of his way will save his soul from death and cover
a multitude of sins.

1 Peter

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen
sojourners of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia,
Asia, and Bithynia,
2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the
sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling
with the blood of Jesus Christ: may grace and peace be
multiplied to you.
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has caused us to be born again to a
living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead,
4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and
unfading, kept in heaven for you,
5 who are guarded by the power of God through faith for
a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while,
if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,
7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith, more
precious than gold that perishes though tested by fire, may
result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus
Christ.
8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though
you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice
with inexpressible and glorious joy,
9 receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your
souls.
10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who
prophesied about the grace for you searched and inquired
diligently,
11 inquiring what time or what circumstances the Spirit
of Christ in them was indicating when he foretold the
sufferings destined for Christ and the glories to follow.
12 It was revealed to them that they were serving these
things not for themselves but for you. These things have
now been announced to you through those who preached
the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven,
things into which angels long to look.
13 Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and
set your hope fully on the grace being brought to you at the
revelation of Jesus Christ.
14 As obedient children, do not conform yourselves to the
desires you formerly had in your ignorance,

15 but as the one who called you is holy, you also be holy
in all your conduct,
16 for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”
17 And if you call on as Father the one who judges
impartially according to each person's work, conduct
yourselves in fear throughout the time of your sojourning,
18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile way
of life handed down from your ancestors, not with
perishable things such as silver or gold,
19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a
lamb without blemish or spot.
20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world
but was revealed in the last times for your sake,
21 you who through him believe in God, who raised him
from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and
hope are in God.
22 Having purified your souls by obedience to the truth
for sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from
the heart,
23 having been born again, not from perishable seed but
imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.
24 For
“All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of
grass.
The grass withered, and the flower fell,
25 but the word of the Lord remains forever.”
And this is the word that was preached to you as good
news.

2

1 Therefore put away all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy,
envy, and all slander.
2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
so that by it you may grow into salvation,
3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by human
beings but chosen and precious in God's sight,
5 you yourselves, like living stones, are being built as a
spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual
sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
6 For it stands in Scripture:
“Look, I am laying in Zion a chosen and precious
cornerstone, and whoever believes in him will never
be put to shame.”
7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who
do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone,”
8 and
“A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.”
They stumble as they disobey the word; to this they were also appointed.
9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
11 Beloved, I urge you as foreigners and sojourners to abstain from fleshly desires, which wage war against the soul.
12 Keep your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, so that, though they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good works and glorify God on the day of visitation.
13 Submit yourselves to every human institution for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme,
14 or to governors as those sent by him to punish evildoers and praise those who do good.
15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you silence the ignorance of foolish people.
16 Live as free people, not using your freedom as a cover for evil, but as slaves of God.
17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.
18 Household slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle but also to the crooked.
19 For it is commendable if someone, because he is conscious of God, endures grief while suffering unjustly.
20 For what credit is there if you endure beatings for sinning? But if you endure suffering for doing good, this is commendable before God.
21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you might follow in his footsteps.
22 He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.
23 When he was insulted, he did not insult in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so
that, having died to sins, we might live to righteousness. By
his wound you were healed.
25 For you were straying like sheep, but now you have
returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

3

1 Likewise, wives, submit yourselves to your own
husbands, so that even if some disobey the word, they may
be won without a word through their wives' conduct,
2 when they observe your pure and respectful conduct.
3 Let your adornment not be outward—the braiding of
hair, the wearing of gold, or the putting on of clothes—
4 but the hidden person of the heart, in the imperishable
beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious
in God's sight.
5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God
adorned themselves in former times, submitting
themselves to their own husbands,
6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. You have
become her children if you do good and do not fear any
terror.
7 Husbands, likewise, live with your wives with
understanding, showing them honor as the weaker vessel
and as fellow heirs of the grace of life, so that your prayers
may not be hindered.
8 Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving
as brothers and sisters, tenderhearted, and humble,
9 not repaying evil for evil or insult for insult, but on the
contrary blessing, because to this you were called, so that
you might inherit a blessing.
10 For
"Whoever wants to love life and see good days must keep
his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking
deceit.
11 Let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.
12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his
ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the
Lord is against those who do evil."
13 And who will harm you if you become zealous for
what is good?
14 But even if you suffer for righteousness, you are
blessed. Do not fear what they fear, nor be troubled,

15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being
ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you for a
reason for the hope within you,
16 but with gentleness and respect, keeping a good
conscience, so that when you are slandered, those who
revile your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.
17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is God's
will, than for doing evil.
18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for
the unrighteous, to bring you to God, put to death in the
flesh but made alive in the spirit,
19 in which he also went and proclaimed to the spirits in
prison,
20 who once disobeyed, when God's patience waited in the
days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared. In it a few,
that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.
21 Baptism, corresponding to this, now also saves
you—not the removal of dirt from the body, but an appeal
to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ,
22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into
heaven, with angels, authorities, and powers subjected to
him.

4

1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm
yourselves also with the same thought, for whoever has
suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,
2 so as to live the remaining time in the flesh no longer
for human desires but for the will of God.
3 For you have spent enough time in the past doing what
the Gentiles desire, living in debauchery, lusts,
drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and unlawful
idolatries.
4 They are surprised that you do not run with them into
the same flood of debauchery, and they slander you.
5 They will give an account to the one who is ready to
judge the living and the dead.
6 For this reason the gospel was preached even to the
dead, so that they might be judged in the flesh according to
human beings but live in the spirit according to God.
7 The end of all things has drawn near. Therefore be
self-controlled and sober for your prayers.
8 Above all, maintain earnest love for one another,
because love covers a multitude of sins.
9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace.
11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as one speaking the
words of God. If anyone serves, let him serve from the
strength God supplies, so that in everything God may be
glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory
and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial taking
place among you to test you, as though something strange
were happening to you.
13 But rejoice insofar as you share in Christ's sufferings,
so that you may also rejoice with great joy at the revelation
of his glory.
14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are
blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.
15 For let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an
evildoer, or a meddler in others' affairs.
16 But if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be
ashamed, but let him glorify God in this name.
17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the house of
God. And if it begins with us first, what will be the end of
those who disobey the gospel of God?
18 And "If the righteous person is saved with difficulty,
where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?"
19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will
entrust their souls to the faithful Creator while doing good.

5

1 Therefore I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow
elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings, and a sharer in
the glory to be revealed:
2 shepherd the flock of God among you, overseeing it not
under compulsion but willingly, as God desires, not for
shameful gain but eagerly,
3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but becoming
examples to the flock.
4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive
the unfading crown of glory.
5 Likewise, you who are younger, submit to the elders.
And all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one
another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the
humble."
6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of
God, so that he may exalt you in due time,
7 casting all your cares on him, for he cares for you.

8 Be sober and watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls
about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
9 Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that your
brotherhood throughout the world is experiencing the
same sufferings.
10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal
glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will
himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.
11 To him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.
12 Through Silvanus, whom I regard as a faithful brother,
I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that
this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.
13 She who is in Babylon, chosen with you, greets you,
and so does Mark my son.
14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of
you who are in Christ.

2 Peter

1 Simeon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to
those who have received a faith as precious as ours through
the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:
2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the
knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
3 His divine power has granted us everything needed for
life and godliness through the knowledge of the one who
called us by his own glory and excellence.
4 Through these he has granted us precious and very
great promises, so that through them you may become
partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the
corruption in the world because of desire.
5 For this very reason, make every effort to add virtue to
your faith, and knowledge to virtue,
6 and self-control to knowledge, and endurance to
self-control, and godliness to endurance,
7 and brotherly affection to godliness, and love to
brotherly affection.
8 For if these things are yours and abound, they keep you
from being idle or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord
Jesus Christ.
9 For whoever lacks these things is blind, shortsighted,
having forgotten the cleansing of his former sins.
10 Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more diligent
to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these
things you will never stumble.
11 For in this way entrance into the eternal kingdom of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for
you.
12 Therefore I will always be ready to remind you of these
things, though you know them and are established in the
truth that is with you.
13 And I consider it right, as long as I am in this tent, to
stir you up by way of reminder,
14 knowing that I must soon put off my tent, just as our
Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.
15 And I will make every effort so that after my departure
you may be able to recall these things at any time.
16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we
made known to you the power and coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father
when this voice came to him from the Majestic Glory: “This
is my Son, my beloved, in whom I am well pleased.”
18 And we ourselves heard this voice coming from
heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.
19 And we have the prophetic word more firmly
confirmed, to which you do well to pay attention as to a
lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the
morning star rises in your hearts.
20 Know this above all: no prophecy of Scripture arises
from one's own interpretation,
21 for no prophecy was ever brought by human will, but
people spoke from God as they were carried along by the
Holy Spirit.

2

1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as
there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly
bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who
bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves.
2 And many will follow their debauchery, and because of
them the way of truth will be slandered.
3 And in their greed they will exploit you with fabricated
words. Their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their
destruction does not slumber.
4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but
cast them into Tartarus and handed them over to chains of
gloom, kept for judgment,
5 and did not spare the ancient world, but protected
Noah, a herald of righteousness, along with seven others,
when he brought a flood on the world of the ungodly,
6 and reduced the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to
ashes, condemning them to destruction, setting them as an
example of what is coming to the ungodly,
7 and rescued righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the
debauched conduct of the lawless—
8 for as he lived among them, this righteous man
tormented his righteous soul day after day over their
lawless deeds by what he saw and heard—
9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trial
and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the
day of judgment,
10 especially those who follow the flesh in defiling desire
and despise authority. Bold and self-willed, they do not
tremble when they blaspheme glorious beings,

11 whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do
not bring a blasphemous judgment against them.
12 But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct
born for capture and destruction, blaspheme what they do
not understand and will also be destroyed in their
corruption,
13 suffering harm as the wages of unrighteousness. They
consider daytime luxury a pleasure. They are spots and
blemishes, reveling in their deceptions while feasting with
you.
14 They have eyes full of adultery and never cease from
sin. They entice unstable souls and have a heart trained in
greed. They are children of a curse.
15 Leaving the straight way, they have gone astray,
following the way of Balaam son of Bosor, who loved the
wages of unrighteousness,
16 but was rebuked for his own transgression: a
speechless beast of burden, speaking with a human voice,
restrained the prophet's madness.
17 These are waterless springs and mists driven by a
storm, for whom the gloom of darkness has been reserved.
18 For, speaking arrogant, empty words, they entice by
fleshly desires and debauchery those who are barely
escaping from those who live in error.
19 They promise them freedom while they themselves are
slaves of corruption, for a person is enslaved to whatever
has overcome him.
20 For if, after escaping the defilements of the world
through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
they become entangled in them again and are overcome,
their last state has become worse than the first.
21 For it would have been better for them not to have
known the way of righteousness than, after knowing it, to
turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.
22 What the true proverb says has happened to them: “A
dog returns to its own vomit,” and, “A washed sow returns
to wallowing in the mud.”

3

1 This is now the second letter I am writing to you,
beloved. In both, I stir up your sincere minds by way of
reminder,
2 so that you remember the words spoken beforehand by
the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and
Savior through your apostles.

3 Know this above all: in the last days scoffers will come
with scoffing, following their own desires
4 and saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? For
ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they
have from the beginning of creation.”
5 For they deliberately overlook this: that the heavens
existed long ago, and earth was formed out of water and
through water by the word of God.
6 Through these the world of that time perished, flooded
with water.
7 But the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire
by the same word, kept for the day of judgment and
destruction of ungodly people.

8 But do not overlook this one thing, beloved: with the
Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand
years like one day.
9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise, as some
consider slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing
that any should perish but that all should come to
repentance.
10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. On that
day the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the
elements will be dissolved as they burn, and the earth and
the works in it will be exposed.

11 Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way,
what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and
godliness,
12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of
God? Because of that day the heavens will be dissolved in
fire, and the elements will melt as they burn.
13 But according to his promise, we await new heavens
and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

14 Therefore, beloved, as you await these things, be
diligent to be found by him spotless and blameless, in
peace,
15 and consider the patience of our Lord as salvation, just
as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to
the wisdom given to him,
16 as he does in all his letters, speaking in them of these
things. In them are some things hard to understand, which
the unlearned and unstable twist, as they do the other
Scriptures, to their own destruction.
17 You, therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand,
guard yourselves so that you are not carried away by the
error of the lawless and fall from your own steadfastness.

18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and to the
day of eternity. Amen.

1 John

1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard,
what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon
and our hands touched, concerning the Word of life—
2 and the life was revealed, and we have seen it and
testify and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with
the Father and was revealed to us—
3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you,
so that you too may have fellowship with us. And indeed
our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus
Christ.
4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be
complete.
5 This is the message we have heard from him and
announce to you: God is light, and in him there is no
darkness at all.
6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while
walking in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
7 But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have
fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son
cleanses us from all sin.
8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and
the truth is not in us.
9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive
us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar,
and his word is not in us.

2

1 My little children, I write these things to you so that you
may not sin. But if anyone sins, we have an advocate with
the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
2 And he himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and
not for ours alone but also for the sins of the whole world.
3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if
we keep his commandments.
4 Whoever says, “I have come to know him,” but does not
keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in
him.
5 But in the one who keeps his word, the love of God has
truly been made complete. By this we know that we are in
him:
6 whoever says he remains in him ought himself to walk
as he walked.

7 Beloved, I am not writing you a new commandment,
but an old commandment that you have had from the
beginning. The old commandment is the word you heard.
8 Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is
true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing
away and the true light is already shining.
9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is
still in darkness.
10 Whoever loves his brother remains in the light, and
there is no cause for stumbling in him.
11 But whoever hates his brother is in darkness and
walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going,
because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

12 I write to you, little children, because your sins have
been forgiven for his name's sake.
13 I write to you, fathers, because you have known the one
who is from the beginning.
I write to you, young men, because you have overcome
the evil one.
14 I have written to you, children, because you have known
the Father.
I have written to you, fathers, because you have known
the one who is from the beginning.
I have written to you, young men, because you are
strong, and the word of God remains in you, and you
have overcome the evil one.
15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If
anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
16 For all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the
desire of the eyes, and pride in possessions—is not from the
Father but is from the world.
17 And the world is passing away, and its desire, but
whoever does the will of God remains forever.
18 Children, it is the last hour, and as you heard that
antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have
arisen. From this we know that it is the last hour.
19 They went out from us, but they were not of us, for if
they had been of us, they would have remained with us.
But they went out so that it might be made plain that they
are not all of us.
20 And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you
all have knowledge.
21 I have not written to you because you do not know the
truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is from
the truth.

22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the
Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father
and the Son.
23 Everyone who denies the Son does not have the Father
either. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.
24 As for you, let what you heard from the beginning
remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning
remains in you, you too will remain in the Son and in the
Father.
25 And this is the promise he himself promised us:
eternal life.
26 I have written these things to you about those who
deceive you.
27 As for you, the anointing you received from him
remains in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach
you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things, and
is true and is not a lie, and just as it taught you, remain in
him.
28 And now, little children, remain in him, so that when
he is revealed we may have confidence and not shrink
from him in shame at his coming.
29 If you know that he is righteous, know that everyone
who practices righteousness has been born of him.

3

1 See what kind of love the Father has given us, that we
should be called children of God! And we are. For this
reason the world does not know us, because it did not
know him.
2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and what we will
be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is
revealed we will be like him, because we will see him as he
is.
3 And everyone who has this hope set on him purifies
himself, just as he is pure.
4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness,
and sin is lawlessness.
5 And you know that he was revealed to take away sins,
and in him there is no sin.
6 Everyone who remains in him does not sin. Everyone
who sins has neither seen him nor known him.
7 Little children, let no one deceive you. The one who
practices righteousness is righteous, just as he is righteous.
8 The one who practices sin is of the devil, because the
devil has been sinning from the beginning. For this
purpose the Son of God was revealed: to destroy the works
of the devil.

9 Everyone who has been born of God does not practice
sin, because God's seed remains in him; and he cannot sin,
because he has been born of God.
10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil
are evident: everyone who does not practice righteousness
is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.
11 For this is the message you heard from the beginning,
that we should love one another,
12 not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered
his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his
deeds were evil, but his brother's were righteous.
13 Do not be surprised, brothers and sisters, if the world
hates you.
14 We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love the brothers and sisters. Whoever does
not love remains in death.
15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you
know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.
16 By this we have come to know love: he laid down his
life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the
brothers and sisters.
17 But if anyone has this world's goods, sees his brother in
need, and closes his heart to him, how does the love of God
remain in him?
18 Little children, let us love not in word or speech, but in
deed and truth.
19 By this we will know that we are of the truth, and will
reassure our heart before him,
20 because if our heart condemns us, God is greater than
our heart and knows all things.
21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have
confidence before God,
22 and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we
keep his commandments and do what is pleasing in his
sight.
23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the
name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as
he commanded us.
24 Whoever keeps his commandments remains in him,
and he in that person. And by this we know that he
remains in us, by the Spirit whom he gave us.

4

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits
to see whether they are from God, because many false
prophets have gone out into the world.

2 By this you recognize the Spirit of God: every spirit that
confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from
God,
3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from
God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have
heard is coming, and now it is already in the world.
4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome
them, because he who is in you is greater than he who is in
the world.
5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the
world, and the world listens to them.
6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us;
whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we
recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.
7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from
God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and
knows God.
8 Whoever does not love has not known God, because
God is love.
9 By this the love of God was revealed among us: God has
sent his only Son into the world so that we might live
through him.
10 In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he
loved us and sent his Son as the atoning sacrifice for our
sins.
11 Beloved, if God loved us in this way, we too ought to
love one another.
12 No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God
remains in us, and his love has been made complete in us.
13 By this we know that we remain in him and he in us,
because he has given us of his Spirit.
14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent
the Son as Savior of the world.
15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God
remains in him, and he in God.
16 And we have come to know and believe the love God
has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love
remains in God, and God remains in him.
17 By this, love has been made complete among us, so that
we may have confidence on the day of judgment, because
as he is, so also are we in this world.
18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear,
because fear involves punishment, and whoever fears has
not been made perfect in love.
19 We love because he first loved us.
20 If anyone says, “I love God,” but hates his brother, he is
a liar; for whoever does not love his brother whom he has
seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

21 And this commandment we have from him, that whoever loves God must also love his brother.

5

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of him.
2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and carry out his commandments.
3 For this is love for God, that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome,
4 because whatever has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith.
5 And who is the one who overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
6 This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ—not with the water alone but with the water and with the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.
7 For there are three who testify:
8 the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are in agreement.
9 If we receive human testimony, God's testimony is greater, for this is God's testimony, that he has testified about his Son.
10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.
11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.
13 I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.
14 And this is the confidence we have before him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
15 And if we know that he hears us whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him.
16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he will ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death; I do not say that he should ask about that.
17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

18 We know that everyone who has been born of God
does not sin, but the one who was born of God protects
him, and the evil one does not touch him.
19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies
in the power of the evil one.
20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has
given us understanding so that we may know the one who
is true. And we are in the one who is true, in his Son Jesus
Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.
21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

2 John

1 The elder, to the chosen lady and her children, whom I
love in truth, and not I alone but also all who have come to
know the truth,
2 because of the truth that remains in us and will be with
us forever.
3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the
Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth
and love.
4 I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking
in truth, just as we received a commandment from the
Father.
5 And now I ask you, lady, not as though writing you a
new commandment, but one we have had from the
beginning, that we love one another.
6 And this is love, that we walk according to his
commandments. This is the commandment, just as you
heard from the beginning, that you walk in it.
7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those
who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This
is the deceiver and the antichrist.
8 Watch yourselves, so that you do not lose what we have
accomplished, but receive a full reward.
9 Everyone who goes ahead and does not remain in the
teaching of Christ does not have God. Whoever remains in
the teaching has both the Father and the Son.
10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this
teaching, do not receive him into your house or welcome
him,
11 for whoever welcomes him shares in his evil deeds.
12 Though I have many things to write to you, I did not
want to do so with paper and ink. Instead I hope to be with
you and speak face to face, so that your joy may be
complete.
13 The children of your chosen sister greet you.

3 John

1 The elder, to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.
2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and
be in good health, just as your soul prospers.
3 For I rejoiced greatly when brothers came and testified
to your faithfulness to the truth, as indeed you walk in
truth.
4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are
walking in the truth.
5 Beloved, you act faithfully in whatever you do for the
brothers, even though they are strangers,
6 who have testified to your love before the church. You
will do well to help them on their journey in a manner
worthy of God,
7 for they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting
nothing from the Gentiles.
8 Therefore we ought to support such people, so that we
may become fellow workers for the truth.
9 I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, who
loves to be first among them, does not welcome us.
10 For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to what
he is doing: he speaks against us with malicious words. Not
content with that, he does not welcome the brothers
himself, and he stops those who want to receive them and
expels those people from the church.
11 Beloved, do not imitate evil but good. Whoever does
good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.
12 Demetrius has been commended by everyone, and by
the truth itself. We also testify, and you know that our
testimony is true.
13 I had many things to write to you, but I do not want to
write to you with ink and pen.
14 But I hope to see you soon, and we will speak face to
face.
15 Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the
friends by name.

Jude

1 Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to
those who are called, loved in God the Father and kept for
Jesus Christ:
2 May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.
3 Beloved, while making every effort to write to you
about the salvation we share, I found it necessary to write
urging you to contend earnestly for the faith once for all
delivered to the saints.
4 For certain people have slipped in unnoticed, whose
condemnation was written about long ago. They are
ungodly, turning the grace of our God into debauchery and
denying our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.
5 Now I want to remind you, though you already know all
this, that Jesus, after saving a people out of the land of
Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe,
6 and the angels who did not keep their own position of
authority but left their own dwelling, he has kept in eternal
chains under gloom for the judgment of the great day.
7 Likewise Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around
them, which in the same way as these indulged in sexual
immorality and went after different flesh, serve as an
example, undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.
8 Yet these dreamers likewise defile the flesh, reject
authority, and blaspheme glorious beings.
9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the
devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare
bring a blasphemous judgment against him, but said, “May
the Lord rebuke you.”
10 But these blaspheme whatever they do not know, and
they are destroyed by what they understand by instinct,
like irrational animals.
11 Woe to them! For they have walked in the way of Cain,
rushed into Balaam's error for pay, and perished in Korah's
rebellion.
12 These are reefs at your love feasts, feasting with you,
shepherding themselves without fear; waterless clouds
swept along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, twice
dead, uprooted;
13 wild waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame;
wandering stars, for whom the gloom of darkness has been
reserved forever.

14 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, also prophesied about
these, saying, “Look, the Lord has come with tens of
thousands of his holy ones,
15 to execute judgment against all and to convict all the
ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have
committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh words
that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”
16 These are grumblers and faultfinders, following their
own desires. Their mouths speak arrogant words, flattering
people to gain advantage.
17 But you, beloved, remember the words spoken
beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.
18 They were telling you, “In the last time there will be
scoffers following their own ungodly desires.”
19 These are the ones who cause divisions, unspiritual,
not having the Spirit.
20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most
holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,
21 keep yourselves in the love of God, awaiting the mercy
of our Lord Jesus Christ for eternal life.
22 And have mercy on those who doubt;
23 save others, snatching them out of the fire, and have
mercy on others with fear, hating even the tunic stained by
the flesh.
24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and
to present you blameless before his glory with great
joy,
25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all
time and now and forever. Amen.

Revelation

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to
show his slaves what must take place soon. He made it
known by sending his angel to his slave John,
2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the
testimony of Jesus Christ, to all that he saw.
3 Blessed is the one who reads, and blessed are those who
hear the words of the prophecy and keep what is written in
it, for the time is near.
4 John, to the seven churches in Asia: grace and peace to
you from the one who is and who was and who is coming,
and from the seven spirits before his throne,
5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn
of the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him
who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood—
6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and
Father—to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.
7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will
see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of
the earth will mourn because of him. Yes, amen.
8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,
“who is and who was and who is coming, the Almighty.”
9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and
kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called
Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of
Jesus.
10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard
behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,
11 saying, “Write in a book what you see and send it to the
seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira,
Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.”
12 And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with
me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,
13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of
man, clothed in a robe reaching to his feet and with a
golden sash around his chest.
14 His head and his hair were white, like white wool, like
snow, and his eyes were like a flame of fire.
15 His feet were like burnished bronze, as if refined in a
furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters.

16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his
mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was
like the sun shining in its strength.
17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.
He laid his right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid. I
am the First and the Last,
18 and the Living One. I was dead, and look, I am alive
forever and ever, and I have the keys of death and Hades.
19 Write therefore what you saw, what is, and what is to
take place after these things.
20 As for the mystery of the seven stars you saw in my
right hand and the seven golden lampstands: the seven
stars are angels of the seven churches, and the seven
lampstands are seven churches.”

2

1 To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: “Thus says
the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who
walks among the seven golden lampstands:
2 I know your works, your toil and your endurance, and
that you cannot tolerate evil people. You tested those who
call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be
liars.
3 You have endurance, and you have borne up for my
name's sake, and you have not grown weary.
4 But I have this against you: you have abandoned your
first love.
5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen;
repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I am
coming to you, and I will remove your lampstand from its
place, unless you repent.
6 But you have this: you hate the works of the
Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
7 Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to
the churches. To the one who overcomes I will grant to eat
from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”
8 And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: “Thus
says the First and the Last, who was dead and came to life:
9 I know your tribulation and poverty—but you are
rich—and the slander from those who say they are Jews
and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.
10 Do not fear anything you are about to suffer. Look, the
devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you
may be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days.
Be faithful to the point of death, and I will give you the
crown of life.

11 Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says
to the churches. The one who overcomes will never be
harmed by the second death."
12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write:
"Thus says the one who has the sharp two-edged sword:
13 I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. You
hold fast my name, and you did not deny faith in me, even
in the days of Antipas, my witness, my faithful one, who
was killed among you, where Satan dwells.
14 But I have a few things against you, because you have
some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught
Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel,
so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and commit
sexual immorality.
15 So you also have those who hold the teaching of the
Nicolaitans in the same way.
16 Repent therefore. If not, I am coming to you soon, and I
will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.
17 Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says
to the churches. To the one who overcomes I will give some
of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone
inscribed with a new name that no one knows except the
one who receives it."
18 And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: "Thus
says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and
whose feet are like burnished bronze:
19 I know your works, your love and faith and service
and endurance, and that your later works are more than
your first.
20 But I have this against you: you tolerate the woman
Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. She teaches my
slaves and deceives them into committing sexual
immorality and eating food sacrificed to idols.
21 I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to
repent of her sexual immorality.
22 Look, I am casting her onto a bed, and those who
commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless
they repent of her works.
23 I will strike her children dead, and all the churches will
know that I am the one who searches minds and hearts,
and I will give to each of you according to your works.
24 But to you, the rest in Thyatira, who do not hold this
teaching and have not known 'the deep things of Satan,' as
they say, I say: I put no other burden on you.
25 Only hold fast what you have until I come.

26 And to the one who overcomes and keeps my works to
the end, I will give authority over the nations,
27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as clay vessels
are shattered,
28 just as I also have received authority from my Father.
And I will give him the morning star.
29 Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says
to the churches."

3

1 To the angel of the church in Sardis write: "Thus says
the one who has the seven spirits of God and the seven
stars: I know your works. You have a reputation for being
alive, but you are dead.
2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and was about
to die, for I have not found your works complete before my
God.
3 Remember, then, how you received and heard; keep it
and repent. If you do not stay awake, I will come like a
thief, and you will never know at what hour I will come
upon you.
4 But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled
their garments. They will walk with me in white, for they
are worthy.
5 The one who overcomes will be clothed like this in
white garments. I will never erase his name from the book
of life, and I will acknowledge his name before my Father
and before his angels.
6 Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to
the churches."
7 To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: "Thus
says the Holy One, the True One, who has the key of David,
who opens and no one will shut, and shuts and no one
opens:
8 I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open
door that no one can shut. You have little strength, yet you
have kept my word and have not denied my name.
9 Look, I am giving you some from the synagogue of
Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but are lying.
Look, I will make them come and bow down before your
feet and know that I have loved you.
10 Because you have kept my word of endurance, I will
also keep you from the hour of trial that is about to come
upon the whole inhabited world, to test those who dwell on
the earth.
11 I am coming soon. Hold fast to what you have, so that
no one may take your crown.

12 The one who overcomes—I will make him a pillar in
the temple of my God, and he will never go out again. I will
write on him the name of my God and the name of the city
of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of
heaven from my God, and my new name.
13 Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says
to the churches."
14 To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: "Thus
says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning
of God's creation:
15 I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. I
wish you were cold or hot!
16 So, because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor
cold, I am about to vomit you out of my mouth.
17 For you say, 'I am rich, I have grown wealthy, and I
need nothing,' and you do not know that you are wretched,
pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.
18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so
that you may be rich, white garments to clothe yourself so
that the shame of your nakedness may not be exposed, and
eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.
19 All those I love, I rebuke and discipline. So be zealous
and repent.
20 Look, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears
my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine
with him, and he with me.
21 The one who overcomes—I will grant him to sit with
me on my throne, just as I also overcame and sat down
with my Father on his throne.
22 Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says
to the churches."

4

1 After these things I looked, and there was an open door
in heaven! The first voice I had heard, speaking to me like
a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what
must take place." After these things,
2 I was immediately in the Spirit. And look, a throne
stood in heaven, and someone was seated on the throne.
3 The one seated there was like jasper and carnelian in
appearance, and a rainbow around the throne was like an
emerald in appearance.
4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and
seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in
white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.

5 From the throne come flashes of lightning, voices, and
peals of thunder. Before the throne burn seven torches of
fire, which are the seven spirits of God.
6 Before the throne is something like a sea of glass, like
crystal. In the midst of the throne and around the throne
are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind.
7 The first living creature is like a lion, the second living
creature like a calf, the third living creature has a face like
a man's, and the fourth living creature is like a flying eagle.
8 Each of the four living creatures has six wings, and they
are full of eyes all around and within. Day and night they
never rest, saying,
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was
and who is and who is coming."
9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and
thanks to the one seated on the throne, who lives forever
and ever,
10 the twenty-four elders will fall down before the one
seated on the throne and worship the one who lives
forever and ever. They will cast their crowns before the
throne, saying,
11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and
honor and power, for you created all things, and by
your will they existed and were created."

5

1 Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the
throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back,
sealed with seven seals.
2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice,
"Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"
3 No one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could
open the scroll or look at it.
4 I wept bitterly because no one was found worthy to
open the scroll or look at it.
5 Then one of the elders says to me, "Do not weep. Look,
the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has
overcome, so that he may open the scroll and its seven
seals."
6 And I saw, in the midst of the throne and the four living
creatures and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing
as though slain. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which
are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.
7 He came and took the scroll from the right hand of the
one seated on the throne.

8 When he took the scroll, the four living creatures and
the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each
holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are
the prayers of the saints.
9 And they sing a new song, saying,
"You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, for you
were slain, and by your blood you purchased for God
people from every tribe and language and people
and nation.
10 You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and
they reign on the earth."
11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels
around the throne and the living creatures and the elders.
Their number was tens of thousands of tens of thousands,
and thousands of thousands,
12 saying with a loud voice,
"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and
riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory
and blessing!"
13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and
under the earth and on the sea, and everything in them,
saying,
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be
blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever
and ever!"
14 The four living creatures were saying, "Amen," and the
elders fell down and worshiped.

6

1 I watched as the Lamb opened one of the seven seals,
and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice
like thunder, "Come!"
2 I looked, and there was a white horse! Its rider held a
bow, and a crown was given to him. He went out
conquering and to conquer.
3 When he opened the second seal, I heard the second
living creature say, "Come!"
4 Another horse came out, fiery red. Its rider was
permitted to take peace from the earth so that people would
slaughter one another, and a great sword was given to him.
5 When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living
creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there was a black horse!
Its rider held a pair of scales in his hand.
6 And I heard what sounded like a voice in the midst of
the four living creatures, saying, "About a quart of wheat

for a day's wage, and about three quarts of barley for a day's wage! Do not harm the oil and the wine."
7 When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!"
8 I looked, and there was a pale green horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades followed him. They were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, pestilence, and the wild beasts of the earth.
9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and because of the testimony they held.
10 They cried out with a loud voice, "How long, holy and true Master, until you judge those who dwell on the earth and avenge our blood?"
11 A white robe was given to each of them, and they were told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow slaves and brothers and sisters who were to be killed as they were was complete.
12 I watched as he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood.
13 The stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its unripe figs when shaken by a strong wind.
14 The sky withdrew like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved from its place.
15 The kings of the earth, the great men, the military commanders, the rich, the mighty, and everyone, slave and free, hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains.
16 And they say to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb,
17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

7

1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.
2 And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out with a loud voice to the four angels who had been permitted to harm the earth and the sea,
3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the slaves of our God on their foreheads."

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed:
144,000, sealed from every tribe of the children of Israel:
5 From the tribe of Judah, 12,000 sealed; from the tribe of
Reuben, 12,000; from the tribe of Gad, 12,000;
6 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000; from the tribe of
Naphtali, 12,000; from the tribe of Manasseh, 12,000;
7 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000; from the tribe of Levi,
12,000; from the tribe of Issachar, 12,000;
8 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000; from the tribe of
Joseph, 12,000; from the tribe of Benjamin, 12,000 sealed.
9 After these things I looked, and there was a great
multitude that no one could count, from every nation, and
from all tribes, peoples, and languages. They stood before
the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes,
with palm branches in their hands.
10 They cry out with a loud voice,
"Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!"
11 All the angels were standing around the throne and the
elders and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces
before the throne and worshiped God,
12 saying,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and
honor and power and strength be to our God forever
and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These who are
clothed in white robes—who are they, and where did they
come from?"
14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me,
"These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They washed their robes and made them white in the blood
of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and
serve him day and night in his temple, and the one seated
on the throne will spread his tent over them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more. The sun
will never beat down on them, nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb in the midst of the throne will shepherd
them and guide them to springs of the water of life. And
God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

8

1 When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in
heaven for about half an hour.
2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and
seven trumpets were given to them.

3 Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a
golden censer. He was given much incense to offer with the
prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the
throne.
4 The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints,
rose from the angel's hand before God.
5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from
the altar, and threw it to the earth. There were peals of
thunder, voices, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.
6 The seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared
to sound them.
7 The first sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and
fire mixed with blood, and it was thrown to the earth. A
third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees was
burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.
8 The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something
like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into
the sea. A third of the sea became blood,
9 a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a
third of the ships were destroyed.
10 The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star
fell from heaven, burning like a torch. It fell on a third of
the rivers and on the springs of water.
11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the
waters became wormwood, and many people died from the
waters because they had been made bitter.
12 The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of
the sun was struck, and a third of the moon and a third of
the stars, so that a third of them was darkened, and the day
would not shine for a third of its duration, and the night
likewise.
13 Then I looked and heard a single eagle flying in
midheaven, saying with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe to
those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining
trumpet blasts of the three angels who are about to sound!”

9

1 The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star
that had fallen from heaven to the earth. The key to the
shaft of the abyss was given to him.
2 He opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke rose from
the shaft like smoke from a great furnace. The sun and the
air were darkened by the smoke from the shaft.
3 Out of the smoke came locusts onto the earth, and they
were given power like the power of the earth's scorpions.

4 They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or
anything green or any tree, but only those people who did
not have the seal of God on their foreheads.
5 They were not permitted to kill them, but only to
torment them for five months. Their torment was like the
torment of a scorpion when it stings a person.
6 In those days people will seek death and will never find
it. They will long to die, but death flees from them.

7 The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On
their heads was something like crowns resembling gold,
and their faces were like human faces.
8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were
like lions' teeth.
9 They had breastplates like iron breastplates, and the
sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with
many horses rushing into battle.
10 They have tails like scorpions, with stingers, and in
their tails is their power to harm people for five months.
11 They have as king over them the angel of the abyss. His
name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he has the name
Apollyon.

12 The first woe has passed. Look, two more woes are
coming after these things.

13 The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a
single voice from the horns of the golden altar before God,
14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release
the four angels who are bound at the great river
Euphrates.”
15 So the four angels who had been prepared for the hour
and day and month and year were released to kill a third of
humanity.
16 The number of the cavalry troops was two hundred
million; I heard their number.
17 This is how I saw the horses in the vision and those
riding them: they had breastplates of fiery red, dark blue,
and sulfur yellow. The horses' heads were like lions' heads,
and from their mouths come fire, smoke, and sulfur.
18 A third of humanity was killed by these three plagues:
by the fire, the smoke, and the sulfur coming from their
mouths.
19 For the horses' power is in their mouths and in their
tails. Their tails are like snakes, with heads, and with them
they inflict harm.

20 The rest of humanity, who were not killed by these
plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands and stop

worshiping demons and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.
21 Nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

10

1 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head. His face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.
2 He held a little scroll open in his hand. He set his right foot on the sea and his left on the land,
3 and he cried out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he cried out, the seven thunders spoke with their own voices.
4 When the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders said, and do not write it down.”
5 The angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand toward heaven
6 and swore by the one who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and everything in it, the earth and everything in it, and the sea and everything in it, “There will be no more delay,
7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be completed, just as he proclaimed the good news to his own slaves the prophets.”

8 Then the voice I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, “Go, take the open scroll in the hand of the angel standing on the sea and on the land.”
9 I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He says to me, “Take it and eat it up. It will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.”
10 I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it up. In my mouth it was sweet as honey, but when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

11 And they say to me, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages, and kings.”

11

1 I was given a reed like a rod and was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship in it.

2 But leave out the courtyard outside the temple, and do
not measure it, for it has been given to the nations, and
they will trample the holy city for forty-two months.
3 I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will
prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."
4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands
that stand before the Lord of the earth.
5 If anyone wants to harm them, fire comes from their
mouths and devours their enemies. If anyone wants to
harm them, he must be killed in this way.
6 They have authority to shut the sky so that no rain falls
during the days of their prophecy. They also have authority
over the waters to turn them to blood and to strike the
earth with every kind of plague as often as they wish.
7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that comes
up from the abyss will make war against them and
overcome them and kill them.
8 Their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city
that is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord
was also crucified.
9 Those from the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations
look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and they
do not allow their bodies to be placed in a tomb.
10 Those who dwell on the earth rejoice over them and
celebrate, and they will send gifts to one another, because
these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the
earth.
11 After the three and a half days, a breath of life from
God entered them, and they stood on their feet. Great fear
fell on those who watched them.
12 They heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them,
"Come up here!" And they went up into heaven in the
cloud, while their enemies watched them.
13 In that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth
of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the
earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to
the God of heaven.
14 The second woe has passed. Look, the third woe is
coming soon.
15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there
were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the
world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his
Christ, and he will reign forever and ever."
16 The twenty-four elders seated on their thrones before
God fell on their faces and worshiped God,
17 saying,

"We give you thanks, Lord God, the Almighty, who is and
who was, because you have taken your great power
and begun to reign.
18 The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for
the dead to be judged, and to give the reward to your
slaves the prophets, to the saints, and to those who
fear your name, small and great, and to destroy those
who destroy the earth."
19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark
of his covenant was seen in his temple. There were flashes
of lightning, voices, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and
great hail.

12

1 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with
the sun, with the moon beneath her feet and a crown of
twelve stars on her head.
2 She is pregnant and cries out in labor, suffering the
agony of giving birth.
3 Another sign appeared in heaven, and look, a great fiery
red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven
diadems on his heads!
4 His tail sweeps away a third of the stars of heaven, and
he threw them to the earth. The dragon stands before the
woman who is about to give birth, so that he may devour
her child when she gives birth.
5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all
the nations with a rod of iron. Her child was caught up to
God and to his throne.
6 The woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a
place prepared by God, so that they may nourish her there
for 1,260 days.
7 Then war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels
fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels
fought back,
8 but he did not prevail, and no place was found for them
in heaven any longer.
9 The great dragon was thrown down, the ancient
serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, who deceives
the whole inhabited world. He was thrown down to the
earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, "Now have
come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our
God, and the authority of his Christ, for the accuser of our
brothers and sisters has been thrown down, the one who
accuses them before our God day and night.

11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by
the word of their testimony, and they did not love their
lives even in the face of death.
12 Therefore rejoice, heavens and those who dwell in
them! Woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come
down to you with great fury, knowing that he has little
time."
13 When the dragon saw that he had been thrown down
to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to
the male child.
14 The woman was given the two wings of the great eagle
so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where
she is nourished for a time, times, and half a time, away
from the presence of the serpent.
15 The serpent poured water like a river from his mouth
after the woman, to sweep her away with the river.
16 But the earth helped the woman. The earth opened its
mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured
from his mouth.
17 Then the dragon became furious with the woman and
went off to make war against the rest of her offspring,
those who keep the commandments of God and hold the
testimony of Jesus.

13

1 And he stood on the sand of the sea. Then I saw a beast
coming up out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads,
ten diadems on its horns, and blasphemous names on its
heads.
2 The beast I saw was like a leopard, its feet like a bear's,
and its mouth like a lion's mouth. The dragon gave it his
power and his throne and great authority.
3 One of its heads appeared to have been slain, but its
mortal wound was healed. The whole earth marveled and
followed the beast.
4 They worshiped the dragon because he had given
authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast,
saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can wage war
against it?"
5 It was given a mouth speaking boasts and blasphemies,
and it was given authority to act for forty-two months.
6 It opened its mouth in blasphemies against God, to
blaspheme his name and his dwelling, that is, those who
dwell in heaven.
7 It was permitted to make war against the saints and
overcome them, and it was given authority over every tribe
and people and language and nation.

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship it, everyone
whose name has not been written from the foundation of
the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.
9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.
10 If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he goes.
If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he
is to be killed. Here is the endurance and faith of the saints.
11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. It
had two horns like a lamb's, but it spoke like a dragon.
12 It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its
presence, and it makes the earth and those who dwell in it
worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed.
13 It performs great signs, even making fire come down
from heaven to the earth before people's eyes.
14 It deceives those who dwell on the earth by the signs it
was permitted to perform in the beast's presence, telling
those who dwell on the earth to make an image of the beast
that has the sword wound and came to life.
15 It was permitted to give breath to the image of the
beast, so that the image of the beast might speak and cause
all who would not worship the image of the beast to be
killed.
16 It causes everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free
and slave, to be given a mark on their right hand or on
their forehead,
17 so that no one can buy or sell except the one who has
the mark: the name of the beast or the number of its name.
18 Here is wisdom. Let the one who has understanding
calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a
man, and its number is six hundred sixty-six.

14

1 Then I looked, and there was the Lamb standing on
Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and
his Father's name written on their foreheads.
2 And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of many
waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I
heard was like harpists playing their harps.
3 They sing what is like a new song before the throne and
before the four living creatures and the elders. No one
could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been
purchased from the earth.
4 These are the ones who have not been defiled with
women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow
the Lamb wherever he goes. These were purchased from
humanity as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.
5 No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

6 Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an
eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth
and to every nation and tribe and language and people.
7 He said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory,
because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship the
one who made heaven and earth and sea and springs of
water.”
8 Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen
is Babylon the great, who made all the nations drink the
wine of the passion of her sexual immorality!”
9 Another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a
loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and
receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,
10 he too will drink the wine of God's fury, poured
undiluted into the cup of his wrath, and he will be
tormented with fire and sulfur before the holy angels and
before the Lamb.
11 The smoke of their torment rises forever and ever, and
they have no rest day or night, those who worship the beast
and its image, and anyone who receives the mark of its
name.”
12 Here is the endurance of the saints, those who keep the
commandments of God and faith in Jesus.
13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write:
‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ”
“Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their toil, for their
works follow them.”
14 Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated
on the cloud was one like a son of man, with a golden
crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.
15 Another angel came out of the temple, crying with a
loud voice to the one seated on the cloud, “Put in your
sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the
earth's harvest is ripe.”
16 The one seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the
earth, and the earth was reaped.
17 Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven,
and he too had a sharp sickle.
18 And another angel came from the altar, the one who
has authority over the fire. He called with a loud voice to
the one who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Put in your sharp
sickle and gather the clusters of the earth's vine, for its
grapes are ripe.”
19 So the angel swung his sickle into the earth, harvested
the earth's vine, and threw the grapes into the great
winepress of God's fury.

20 The winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood
flowed from the winepress as high as the horses' bridles for
about 180 miles.

15

1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and
marvelous: seven angels with seven plagues, the last, for in
them God's fury was brought to completion.
2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire,
and those who had overcome the beast and its image and
the number of its name standing on the sea of glass,
holding harps of God.
3 They sing the song of Moses, the slave of God, and the
song of the Lamb, saying,
"Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God, the
Almighty!
Righteous and true are your ways, King of the ages!
4 Who will not fear you, Lord, and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All the nations will come and worship before you, for
your righteous acts have been revealed."
5 After these things I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent
of testimony in heaven was opened.
6 The seven angels with the seven plagues came out of
the sanctuary, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden
sashes around their chests.
7 One of the four living creatures gave the seven angels
seven golden bowls full of the fury of God, who lives
forever and ever.
8 The sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of
God and from his power, and no one could enter the
sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were
completed.

16

1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the
seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of God's
fury on the earth."
2 The first went and poured out his bowl on the earth,
and an ugly and painful sore broke out on the people who
had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.
3 The second poured out his bowl into the sea, and it
became blood like that of a dead person, and every living
creature in the sea died.
4 The third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the
springs of water, and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying,
“Righteous are you, the one who is and who was, the Holy
One, because you have made these judgments.
6 For they shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you
have given them blood to drink.
They deserve it.”
7 And I heard the altar saying,
“Yes, Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are your
judgments!”
8 The fourth poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was permitted to scorch people with fire.
9 People were scorched by intense heat, and they blasphemed the name of God, who has authority over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory.
10 The fifth poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. They gnawed their tongues in pain
11 and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they did not repent of their works.
12 The sixth poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the rising of the sun.
13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming from the mouth of the dragon, from the mouth of the beast, and from the mouth of the false prophet.
14 For they are spirits of demons performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole inhabited world to gather them for the battle of the great day of God, the Almighty.
15 “Look, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, so that he will not walk naked and have his shame exposed.”
16 And they gathered them to the place called in Hebrew Armageddon.
17 The seventh poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came from the temple, from the throne, saying, “It is done!”
18 There were flashes of lightning, voices, and peals of thunder, and there was a great earthquake, such as had not occurred since people came to be on the earth—so mighty an earthquake, so great.
19 The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of his furious wrath.
20 Every island fled, and the mountains were not found.

21 Huge hailstones, weighing about seventy-five pounds
each, fall from heaven on people. They blasphemed God
because of the plague of hail, for its plague is exceedingly
great.

17

1 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came
and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the
judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters,
2 with whom the kings of the earth committed sexual
immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality
those who dwell on the earth became drunk.”
3 He carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. And
I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of
blasphemous names, with seven heads and ten horns.
4 The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet and
adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls. In her hand
she held a golden cup full of abominations and the
impurities of her sexual immorality.
5 On her forehead was written a name, a mystery:
“Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes and of the
abominations of the earth.”
6 I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints and
with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I
marveled greatly.
7 The angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell
you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries
her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.
8 The beast you saw was and is not, and is about to come
up from the abyss, and goes to destruction. Those who
dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the
book of life from the foundation of the world, will marvel
when they see the beast, because it was and is not and will
be present.
9 Here is the mind that has wisdom. The seven heads are
seven mountains on which the woman sits. They are also
seven kings:
10 five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come.
When he comes, he must remain a little while.
11 The beast that was and is not is itself an eighth king,
and is one of the seven, and goes to destruction.
12 The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet
received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings for
one hour with the beast.
13 They have one purpose and give their power and
authority to the beast.

14 They will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb
will overcome them, for he is Lord of lords and King of
kings, and those with him are called and chosen and
faithful."
15 And he says to me, "The waters you saw, where the
prostitute sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and
languages.
16 The ten horns you saw and the beast will hate the
prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, eat her
flesh, and burn her up with fire.
17 For God put it into their hearts to carry out his
purpose, to have one purpose, and to give their kingdom to
the beast until the words of God are fulfilled.
18 The woman you saw is the great city that reigns over
the kings of the earth."

18

1 After these things I saw another angel coming down
from heaven, with great authority, and the earth was
illuminated by his glory.
2 He cried out with a mighty voice, saying,
"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!
She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt
for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean
bird, and a haunt for every unclean and hated beast.
3 For all the nations have fallen because of the wine of the
passion of her sexual immorality.
The kings of the earth committed sexual immorality
with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich
through the power of her luxury."

4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,
"Come out of her, my people, so that you do not share in her
sins and do not receive any of her plagues.
5 For her sins have piled up to heaven, and God has
remembered her wrongs.
6 Repay her as she herself repaid, and repay her double
according to her works.
In the cup she mixed, mix a double portion for her.
7 As much as she glorified herself and lived in luxury, give
her that much torment and mourning.
For she says in her heart, 'I sit as a queen, I am not a
widow, and I will never see mourning.'
8 For this reason her plagues will come in a single day:
death and mourning and famine.

She will be burned up with fire, for mighty is the Lord
God who judged her."
9 The kings of the earth who committed sexual
immorality and lived in luxury with her will weep and
mourn over her when they see the smoke of her burning.
10 They will stand far off for fear of her torment, saying,
"Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the mighty city!
For in one hour your judgment has come."
11 The merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her,
because no one buys their cargo anymore:
12 cargo of gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, fine linen,
purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all thyine wood, every
object of ivory, and every object of very costly wood,
bronze, iron, and marble;
13 cinnamon, aromatic spice, incense, fragrant ointment,
frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep,
horses and carriages, slaves, and human lives.
14 "The fruit your soul longed for has departed from you,
and all your luxuries and splendor have vanished
from you, and they will never find them again."
15 The merchants of these things, who grew rich from her,
will stand far off for fear of her torment, weeping and
mourning,
16 saying,
"Woe, woe, the great city, clothed in fine linen, purple, and
scarlet, and adorned with gold, precious stones, and
pearls!
17 For in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!"
And every shipmaster, everyone who sails from place to
place, sailors, and all who work at sea stood far off
18 and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning,
saying,
"What city is like the great city?"
19 They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping
and mourning, saying,
"Woe, woe, the great city, where all who had ships at sea
grew rich from her costly wealth!
For in one hour she has been laid waste."

20 Rejoice over her, heaven, and you saints and apostles and
prophets, for God has judged your case against her!

21 Then a mighty angel lifted a stone like a great millstone
and threw it into the sea, saying,

"So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with
violence, and she will never be found again.
22 The sound of harpists and musicians and flute players
and trumpeters will never be heard in you again.
No craftsman of any craft will ever be found in you
again, and the sound of a mill will never be heard in
you again.
23 The light of a lamp will never shine in you again, and the
voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in
you again.
For your merchants were the great men of the earth,
and by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.
24 In her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of
all who had been slain on the earth."

19

1 After these things I heard what sounded like the loud
voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,
"Hallelujah!
Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
2 for his judgments are true and righteous.
He has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the
earth with her sexual immorality, and he has
avenged the blood of his slaves at her hand."
3 A second time they said,
"Hallelujah!
Her smoke rises forever and ever."
4 The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell
down and worshiped God, who is seated on the throne,
saying,
"Amen! Hallelujah!"

5 A voice came from the throne, saying,
"Praise our God, all his slaves, and those who fear him,
small and great."
6 And I heard what sounded like the voice of a great
multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the
sound of mighty thunder, saying,
"Hallelujah!
For the Lord God, the Almighty, reigns.
7 Let us rejoice and exult, and we will give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife
has made herself ready.
8 She was granted to clothe herself in fine linen, bright
and pure." For the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the
saints.

9 And he says to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those invited to
the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ ” And he says to me,
“These are true words of God.”
10 I fell at his feet to worship him, but he says to me, “Do
not do that! I am a fellow slave with you and your brothers
and sisters who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God!
For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white
horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and in
righteousness he judges and wages war.
12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on his head are many
diadems. He has a name written that no one knows except
himself.
13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is
called the Word of God.
14 The armies in heaven followed him on white horses,
clothed in fine linen, white and pure.
15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it
he may strike the nations. He will rule them with a rod of
iron, and he treads the winepress of the wine of the furious
wrath of God, the Almighty.
16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written:
“King of kings and Lord of lords.”

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun. He cried out
with a loud voice to all the birds flying in midheaven,
“Come, gather for the great supper of God,
18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of military
commanders, the flesh of the mighty, the flesh of horses
and their riders, and the flesh of all, free and slave, small
and great.”
19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and
their armies gathered to wage war against the one riding
the horse and against his army.
20 The beast was captured, and with it the false prophet
who had performed signs in its presence, by which he
deceived those who received the mark of the beast and
those who worshiped its image. The two were thrown alive
into the lake of fire burning with sulfur.
21 The rest were killed by the sword that came from the
mouth of the one riding the horse, and all the birds were
filled with their flesh.

20

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding
the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand.

2 He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the
Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.
3 He threw him into the abyss, shut it, and sealed it over
him so that he would deceive the nations no more until the
thousand years were completed. After these things he must
be released for a little while.

4 Then I saw thrones, and those who sat on them were
given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who
had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and
because of the word of God, and those who had not
worshiped the beast or its image and had not received the
mark on their forehead or on their hand. They came to life
and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.
5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the
thousand years were completed. This is the first
resurrection.
6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a share in the first
resurrection. Over these the second death has no authority,
but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will
reign with him for a thousand years.

7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be
released from his prison
8 and will go out to deceive the nations at the four
corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for
battle. Their number is like the sand of the sea.
9 They went up over the breadth of the earth and
surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city.
Fire came down from heaven and devoured them.
10 The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake
of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet are
also, and they will be tormented day and night forever and
ever.

11 Then I saw a great white throne and the one seated on
it. Earth and heaven fled from his face, and no place was
found for them.
12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before
the throne, and books were opened. Another book was
opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged by
what was written in the books, according to their works.
13 The sea gave up the dead in it, and death and Hades
gave up the dead in them. Each was judged according to
their works.
14 Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.
This is the second death, the lake of fire.
15 Anyone not found written in the book of life was
thrown into the lake of fire.

21

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first
heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea is
no more.
2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming
down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride
adorned for her husband.
3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Look, the dwelling of God is with humanity.
He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them.
4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more.
The former things have passed away."
5 The one seated on the throne said, "Look, I am making
all things new." And he says, "Write, for these words are
faithful and true."
6 And he said to me, "These things have come to pass! I
am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.
To the one who thirsts I will give freely from the spring of
the water of life.
7 The one who overcomes will inherit these things, and I
will be his God, and he will be my son.
8 But as for the cowardly, the unbelieving, the detestable,
murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and
all liars, their portion will be in the lake burning with fire
and sulfur, which is the second death."
9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls
full of the seven last plagues came and spoke to me, saying,
"Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."
10 He carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high
mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming
down out of heaven from God,
11 having the glory of God. Its radiance was like a very
precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal.
12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the
gates twelve angels, and names inscribed, which are the
names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.
13 On the east were three gates, on the north three gates,
on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.
14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on
them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
15 The one speaking with me had a golden measuring
reed to measure the city and its gates and its wall.

16 The city lies square, its length the same as its width. He measured the city with the reed: about 1,400 miles. Its length and width and height are equal.
17 He also measured its wall: about 216 feet, by human measure, which is also the angel's.
18 The wall was built of jasper, and the city was pure gold, like pure glass.
19 The foundations of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,
20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.
21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls; each gate was made of a single pearl. The street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.
22 I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb are its temple.
23 The city has no need of the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God illuminated it, and the Lamb is its lamp.
24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it.
25 Its gates will never be shut by day, for there will be no night there,
26 and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.
27 Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those written in the Lamb's book of life.

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1 Then he showed me a river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
2 down the middle of the city's street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
3 There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his slaves will serve him.
4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.
5 There will be no more night. They have no need of lamplight or sunlight, for the Lord God will shine on them, and they will reign forever and ever.

6 And he said to me, “These words are faithful and true.
The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his
angel to show his slaves what must take place soon.”
7 “And look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who
keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”
8 I, John, am the one who hears and sees these things.
When I heard and saw them, I fell at the feet of the angel
who was showing me these things to worship him.
9 But he says to me, “Do not do that! I am a fellow slave
with you and your brothers and sisters who are prophets,
and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship
God!”
10 And he says to me, “Do not seal up the words of the
prophecy of this book, for the time is near.
11 Let the one who does wrong go on doing wrong, and
the filthy go on being filthy; let the righteous go on
practicing righteousness, and the holy go on being holy.”
12 “Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me, to
repay each one according to their work.
13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,
the Beginning and the End.”
14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they
may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city
through the gates.
15 Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually
immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who
loves and practices falsehood.
16 “I, Jesus, sent my angel to testify to you about these
things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of
David, the bright Morning Star.”
17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”
Let the one who hears say, “Come.”
Let the one who thirsts come;
let the one who wishes take the water of life freely.
18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the
prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to these things, God
will add to him the plagues written in this book.
19 And if anyone takes away from the words of the book
of this prophecy, God will take away his portion from the
tree of life and from the holy city, which are described in
this book.
20 The one who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am
coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.