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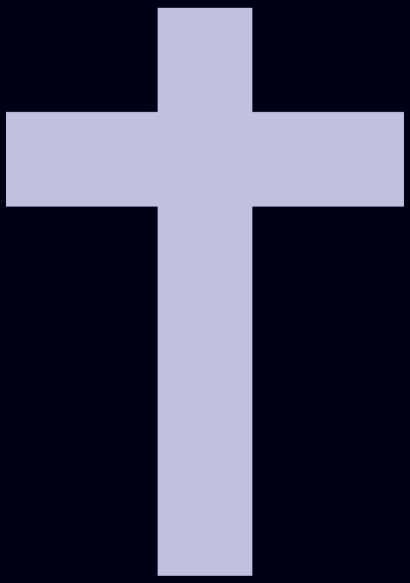

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INTRODUCTION

The Byzantine Text

The Byzantine text is the historically dominant form of the Greek New Testament. Consequently, when Erasmus prepared his first edition of the Greek New Testament using eight manuscripts, it is not surprising that the manuscripts he used were mostly Byzantine. However, one manuscript (GA 1) was not Byzantine in the Gospels, and two other manuscripts (GA 2 and GA 4) were only marginally Byzantine for certain books. As a result, although the edition Erasmus produced was mostly Byzantine, there were many non-Byzantine readings sprinkled throughout. After publishing his first edition in 1516, Erasmus went on to produce four more editions of his text. Other editors, including Stephanus, Beza, the Elzevirs, and Scrivener, later made very minor revisions to the text, resulting in what came to be known as the *Textus Receptus* (received text). Although the *Textus Receptus* was not a good representative of the Byzantine text, it became the dominant form of the printed Greek New Testament from the early sixteenth century to the late nineteenth century.

In 1881, however, the *Textus Receptus* was effectively supplanted by Westcott and Hort's Greek New Testament,* particularly in academic circles. Westcott and Hort prepared their Greek text on the assumption that there was a recension of the Byzantine text in the fourth century that became the basis for all subsequent Byzantine manuscripts. Based on this assumption, Westcott and Hort dismissed the overwhelming majority of Byzantine manuscripts as originating from a single formal recension source, removing them from the equation, so that they could give preference to a small handful of manuscripts, particularly Codex Vaticanus (B) and Codex Sinaiticus (א). Although the assumption of a fourth century recension has now been largely discredited due to a complete lack of evidence, Westcott and Hort's preference for a small handful of manuscripts has endured, and the modern critical editions of Nestle-Aland and UBS have become the standard Greek text accepted in academic circles today.

Yet there is a critical flaw in the underlying methodology of the reasoned eclecticism that is practiced in the editions of Nestle-Aland and UBS. When the text-critical decisions of the editors of Nestle-Aland and UBS (and other similar editions) are considered over the course of a few verses (and sometimes over the course of only one verse), it is often the case that the resulting text as a whole has no support in any Greek manuscript, ancient translation, or quotation from the church fathers; rather, it is a conjectural text. This critical flaw of the modern eclectic approach has never been adequately addressed by its proponents. For this reason and others, some prefer the Byzantine text, which is based on the overwhelming majority of Greek manuscripts.

Due to the shortcomings of modern critical texts as well as the Textus Receptus, the *Byzantine Text Version* has been translated from *The Text-Critical Greek New Testament*. On average,† when there are variants among Greek manuscripts, the Byzantine text supported by 96% of the Greek

* : *The New Testament in the Original Greek* American ed. (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1881).

† : Here the word *average* refers to the median rather than the mean.

manuscripts in the Gospels and 90% of the Greek manuscripts in Acts and the Epistles.‡ These Byzantine manuscripts, which number in the low thousands, represent many individual streams of transmission. And while they are generally later in date, they were all copied from earlier manuscripts of the same text type. Even Westcott and Hort acknowledge that the Byzantine text dates at least as far back as the fourth century, which is contemporaneous with Codex Vaticanus (B) and Codex Sinaiticus (א). Thus the Byzantine textform is ancient, highly uniform, and well attested by a variety of independent streams of transmission. Therefore it has a strong claim toward being the original text of the New Testament.

Translation Philosophy

The *Byzantine Text Version* follows an "optimal equivalence" philosophy of translation, employing a literary style that is reminiscent of the Tyndale-King James legacy while flowing smoothly and naturally in modern English. Within the framework of an "optimal equivalence" philosophy, it is often possible to achieve a clear and natural translation while following an "essentially literal" or "word-for-word" approach. There are occasions, however, when a "word-for-word" approach would result in renderings that are unclear, unnatural, confusing, and/or misleading. In such instances the *Byzantine Text Version* employs a more dynamic approach. Usually this requires only minor adjustments to make the translation conform to natural English usage and style. At times, however, a "thought-for-thought" translation is required to avoid confusing or misleading the reader. For example, an "essentially literal" rendering of Romans 14:22 would read, "Do yoυ§ have faith? Have it privately before God." Although this translation would be clear and natural English, it could potentially mislead the reader into thinking that a person should not share his or her faith with others. As a result, Romans 14:22 has been rendered, "Do yoυ have a firm belief about these things? Have it privately before God." Another example is 1 Timothy 4:13, in which Paul literally tells Timothy to "give attention to reading." A literal translation makes it sound like Paul is advising Timothy to read more books, but in reality he is advising him not to neglect the public reading of Scripture. As a result, the Greek has been rendered, "give attention to the public reading of Scripture."

Matters of Orthography

The translation of 1 Timothy 4:13 serves as a good example that it is sometimes necessary to add words in English that are not present in the Greek. In adding such words in the *Byzantine Text Version*, every effort has been made to avoid introducing a high degree of interpretation into the text, focusing instead on smoothing out the English and avoiding renderings that would confuse or mislead the reader. The practice of italicizing words that are added in English to give clarity to the Greek has not been employed in this translation. While there are some advantages to italicizing (or otherwise marking) words that have been added in English, there are some disadvantages as well.

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‡ : The *Pericope Adulterae* (John 7:53–8:11) and the book of Revelation are special cases in which the Byzantine Greek manuscripts are divided. § : The alternate letter (υ) is used to indicate second person singular as explained below in the section called *Matters of Orthography*.

First, no English translation carries out this practice thoroughly and consistently; in particular, many articles are not italicized when they are added in English translation. Furthermore, if this practice *were* to be carried out thoroughly and consistently, the resultant text would be littered with italicized words, creating a visual distraction. Second, there is no practical way of indicating which Greek words have been left *untranslated*, leaving the impression that, although some words have been added in English, no words have been left untranslated, which is not the case for *any* English translation. Third, in modern English the use of italics implies *emphasis*, and it is awkward when relatively minor words seem to be emphasized. It would make more sense to put such words in brackets, but that would be quite distracting visually. Consequently, words that have been added in English are not marked in the *Byzantine Text Version*.

Although words that have been added in English are not marked, the difference between second person singular and second person plural is marked. One of the greatest advantages of archaic translations like the King James Version is the ability to differentiate between second person singular and second person plural by the use of archaic pronouns such as *thou* and *ye*. In order to maintain these distinctions, the *Byzantine Text Version* differentiates between second person singular and second person plural by using an alternate letter (υ) in second person singular pronouns. Consequently, the words *yoυ*, *yoυr*, and *yoυrs* indicate second person singular, while the words *you*, *your*, and *yours* indicate second person plural. The casual reader will barely notice the difference, while the careful reader will be able to discern whether the pronoun is singular or plural.

Gender Language

The problem of gender in language is primarily a linguistic one. Both Greek and English lack a third person singular pronoun that is neutral with reference to the gender of a person. The closest that English has is the word *they*, but this term is generally awkward as a third person singular pronoun, often implying plurality. When a third person singular pronoun refers to a specific individual, it can often be translated in a more specific way, such as *the man*, *the woman*, *the child*, or *the one*. However, such renderings become more difficult when referring to any person in general. Traditionally, both Greek and English have used the third person singular masculine pronoun to refer to a person in general (whether male or female). This traditional practice is maintained in the *Byzantine Text Version* when it is not feasible or natural to use a more specific rendering.

The Greek word *anthropos* often refers to a *human being* or *person* or *humanity* in general, rather than to a *male person*. Consequently, when referring to an individual or individuals the word *anthropos* is generally translated as *person*, *people*, or *others* unless it clearly refers to a male or males, in which case it is translated as *man* or *men*. However, when referring to humanity as a whole or human beings in contrast to God, the word *anthropos* is generally translated as *man*, *men*, or *mankind*. This is due to stylistic purposes as alternate renderings such as *person*, *people*, *human*, *human being*, *humanity*, and *humankind* can be awkward in these contexts.* Modern English

* : Nevertheless, the term *human* is used when it sounds more natural than *man*, *men*, or *mankind*.

dictionaries list *human being* as one of the definitions of *man*, and that is often the sense in which it is used in this translation. While the word *man* is often used to translate *anthropos*, masculine adjectives that refer to a type of person in general are usually translated with *person* rather than *man*, for example, *a righteous person* rather than *a righteous man*. But if the adjective is clearly describing a male, the word *man* is used instead of *person*.

The Greek term *adelphoi* presents another challenge in English translation as it can refer either specifically to *brothers* or more generally to *brothers and sisters*. Here the book of Acts is a helpful guide as the term *andres adelphoi* is used thirteen times. This term literally means *men brothers*, and it seems to favor interpreting *adelphoi* as referring primarily to *brothers* rather than to *brothers and sisters*. While modern English-speaking cultures may frown upon the exclusion of women in the terms of address used by the apostles, the task of translation should not superimpose modern cultural norms on ancient texts. Thus the *Byzantine Text Version* translates *adelphoi* as *brothers*. Nevertheless, the reader should keep in mind that, from a purely grammatical perspective, *brothers* can also be translated as *brothers and sisters* (except for the thirteen times *andres adelphoi* is used in Acts).

The translation of the word *uioi* as *sons*, even when it refers to a group of men and women, also requires some explanation. In biblical cultures, it was primarily the sons who had the rights of inheritance. Thus when the New Testament refers to Christian believers as *sons*, it carries the connotation that they are heirs who will receive an inheritance (see Galatians 4:7). So when females are referred to as *sons*, they are designated as fellow recipients of the inheritance. Thus it is actually a progressive notion, which elevates the status of women as heirs of the promises of God. To translate the Greek as *children* instead of *sons* would detract from that point. Consequently, the *Byzantine Text Version* usually translates the Greek word *uioi* as *sons*. One notable exception is Luke 20:34, where it would be awkward to translate *uioi* as *sons* because *sons* are not "given in marriage." Consequently, the word *uioi* is translated as *people* in Luke 20:34.

Colophons

Many Greek manuscripts include interesting scribal notes in the colophons of the Gospels and Pauline epistles. In the Gospels these notes give the date of publication. In the Pauline epistles they give details about the place of authorship, who delivered the epistle, and, in the pastoral epistles, details about the recipient. Because these are scribal notes and not the sacred text itself, they should not be considered infallible. However, most readers do not even realize that these notes exist, especially in the Gospels. Consequently, the colophons are included as footnotes in this edition to allow readers to easily access and evaluate them.

The Text-Critical English New Testament

The Text-Critical English New Testament is an edition of the *Byzantine Text Version* that

documents translatable differences† found in the editions of the Greek New Testament listed below. The editions are listed in the footnotes only when they *differ* in English translation from the base text of *The Text-Critical Greek New Testament*. If a particular edition is not listed in a footnote, it means that it agrees with the English translation of the base text of *The Text-Critical Greek New Testament*.

ANT	Greek New Testament of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, edited b
CT	Critical Text (This designation is used when NA, SBL, TH and WH are all in agree
HF	Hodges and Farstad, The Greek New Testament According to the Majority Text, 2
MSS	Manuscripts (This designation is used to cite readings supported by at least 5% of
NA	Nestle-Aland, 29th edition (2026)
PCK	Wilbur Pickering, The Greek New Testament According to Family 35, 3rd edition
RP	Robinson and Pierpont, The New Testament in the Original Greek (2018)
SBL	SBL Greek New Testament (2010)
SCR	Scrivener's Textus Receptus, 1st edition (1881)
ST	Stephanus' Textus Receptus, 3rd edition (1550)
TH	The Greek New Testament, Produced at Tyndale House, Cambridge (2017)
TR	Textus Receptus (This designation is used when SCR and ST are in agreement.)
WH	Westcott-Hort (1881)

The Textus Receptus
While it is common to refer to the Textus Receptus as a single entity, in reality there are various editions of the Textus Receptus, which all differ from one another. Although Erasmus was the first to publish what became known as the Textus Receptus, it was Robert Estienne (Stephanus) who came to shape the text as we know it today. Stephanus' third edition (published in 1550 and known as *Editio Regia* or the "Royal Edition") is a splendid masterpiece of typographical skill. It was also the first printed edition of the Greek New Testament to include text-critical notes in the margins. Modifying Stephanus' text, Theodore Beza published five editions of the Textus Receptus. His fifth edition (published in 1598) was one of the primary source texts of the Greek New Testament used by the translators of the King James Version. At times, however, the King James Version deviates from Beza's fifth edition. Seeking to recreate the Greek text underlying the New Testament translation of the King James Version, Scrivener modified Beza's fifth edition with readings from various editions of the Textus Receptus that the King James translators would have had at their disposal. Scrivener published his modification of Beza's fifth edition in 1881. When people think about the Textus Receptus today, they think primarily of Stephanus' 1550 edition and/or Scrivener's 1881 edition.

Editions of the Critical Text
Westcott and Hort published their Greek New Testament in 1881, basing their text-critical decisions on the *possibility* that a majority of manuscripts could descend from a single formal recension source and thus should not *necessarily* be preferred as correct. Although they never proved this *possibility* from the actual manuscript evidence, their theory paved the way for

† : Some minor differences that would be apparent in a strictly literal translation are not apparent in the *Byzantine Text Version* due to the "optimal equivalence" philosophy of translation. When there is no clearcut distinction in translation, minor differences involving word order, phrasing, conjunctions, articles, prepositions, and the like are generally ignored. Because an "optimal equivalence" translation often requires the use of actual names or referents in place of pronouns, textual differences involving the use of names or referents as opposed to pronouns are also generally ignored unless the specific referent would not be entirely clear from the pronoun alone (as in Matthew 28:6 where *Jesus* would be the more obvious referent, rather than *the Lord*). Variant spellings of proper names are footnoted only for names that are relatively obscure. Variant readings are usually translated using the same philosophy of "optimal equivalence" employed in the main text. However, when editors "follow the harder reading," it is sometimes necessary to use a more literal translation.

future editions of the critical text. Following in the footsteps of Westcott and Hort, the Nestle-Aland editions have become the standard Greek text in most academic circles today. Closely aligned with the Nestle-Aland editions is the *Editio Critica Maior*, which thus far has only published Mark, Acts, the Catholic Epistles, and Revelation. The *Editio Critica Maior* is unique in the sense that it uses a split guiding line for hundreds of readings. This means that, in many instances, there is no single base text. When compared to the twenty-seventh edition of Nestle-Aland, the changes introduced in the *Editio Critica Maior* at times move in the direction of the Byzantine Text. Another modern critical text that presents slightly different readings is the *SBL Greek New Testament*, edited by Michael Holmes. Following the same general methodology as the editors of Nestle-Aland, Holmes differs from Nestle-Aland in over six hundred places, providing an alternate perspective within the eclectic tradition. A fourth critical text that presents slightly different readings is *The Greek New Testament, Produced at Tyndale House, Cambridge*, which its editors say is rooted in the earliest manuscripts and relies upon the study of scribal habits to inform text-critical decisions.

Modern Editions of the Byzantine Text

Although the Byzantine text is quite stable for the vast majority of the New Testament, in the *Pericope Adulterae* (John 7:53–8:11) and the book of Revelation the degree of variation among Byzantine manuscripts increases significantly. Partly in response to this high degree of variation in the *Pericope Adulterae* and the book of Revelation, Wilbur Pickering published *The Greek New Testament according to Family 35*. Family 35 (also known as K^r) is a large family of highly uniform manuscripts within the Byzantine text tradition. It is the only family of manuscripts that has a demonstrable archetype for every book of the New Testament. This means that, even in the *Pericope Adulterae* and the book of Revelation, there is little question as to the reading of Family 35. Many, however, argue that the high level of uniformity among manuscripts in Family 35 is the result of a systematic recension. Whatever the case may be, the readings of Family 35 at times represent fewer than 20% of extant Greek manuscripts, and there are no extant manuscripts for this family prior to the eleventh century. Nevertheless, Pickering's edition provides important documentation of a large but late family within the Byzantine text tradition.

In addition to the Textus Receptus and Family 35, the present volume also documents variants found in *The Greek New Testament According to the Majority Text*, edited by Zane Hodges and Arthur Farstad, and *The New Testament According to the Original Greek: Byzantine Textform 2018*, edited by William Pierpont and Maurice Robinson. Both of these editions rely heavily on the work of Von Soden, who has since been proven unreliable in determining the Byzantine text.

The Greek New Testament of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, edited by Basileios Antoniades, provides one further witness to the Byzantine text family. This edition relies more heavily on readings found in Greek lectionaries than any other edition of the Greek New Testament. At times it includes readings with very little support among Greek manuscripts. Many of these readings are printed in small type

in the 1904 and 1912 editions to indicate doubt on the part of the editor as to their originality. This text, also known as the Patriarchal Text, is used in the Greek-speaking Orthodox Churches.

Manuscript Percentages
Manuscript percentages are taken from *The Text-Critical Greek New Testament*. When variant readings have the same English translation, their percentages are combined.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus
Christ, the son of David, the son of
Abraham.
2 Abraham was the father of
Isaac, Isaac was the father of Jacob,
Jacob was the father of Judah and
his brothers,
3 Judah was the father of Perez
and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the
father of Hezron, Hezron was the
father of Ram,
4 Ram was the father of
Amminadab, Amminadab was the
father of Nahshon, Nahshon was
the father of Salmon,
5 Salmon was the father of Boaz
by Rahab, Boaz was the father of
Obed by Ruth, Obed was the father
of Jesse,
6 and Jesse was the father of
David the king.

David *the king was the father of
Solomon by the wife of Uriah,
7 Solomon was the father of
Rehoboam, Rehoboam was the
father of Abijah, Abijah was the
father of †Asa,
8 Asa was the father of
Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat was the
father of Joram, Joram was the
father of Uzziah,
9 Uzziah was the father of Jotham,
Jotham was the father of Ahaz,
Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah,
10 Hezekiah was the father of
Manasseh, Manasseh was the
father of ‡Amon, Amon was the
father of Josiah,
11 and Josiah was the father of
Jechoniah and his brothers, at the
time of the Babylonian
resettlement.
12 After the Babylonian
resettlement, Jechoniah was the
father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel was the
father of Zerubbabel,
13 Zerubbabel was the father of
Abiud, Abiud was the father of
Eliakim, Eliakim was the father of
Azor,
14 Azor was the father of Zadok,
Zadok was the father of Achim,
Achim was the father of Eliud,
15 Eliud was the father of Eleazar,
Eleazar was the father of Matthan,
Matthan was the father of Jacob,
16 and Jacob was the father of
Joseph the husband of Mary, of
whom was born Jesus, who is
called Christ.
17 So in all there were fourteen
generations from Abraham to
David, fourteen generations from
David to the Babylonian
resettlement, and fourteen
generations from the Babylonian
resettlement to the Christ.

The Birth of Jesus

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took
place in this way. When his mother
Mary had been betrothed to Joseph,
before they came together, she was
found to be with child from the
Holy Spirit.
19 Because her husband Joseph was
a righteous man and did not want
to shame her publicly, he intended
to send her away privately.
20 But as he thought about these
things, behold, an angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a dream and
said, “Joseph, Son of David, do not
be afraid to receive Mary as yoʋr
wife, for the child that is conceived
in her is from the Holy Spirit.
21 She will give birth to a son, and
yoʋ shall 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 “Behold, the virgin will conceive
and give birth to a son,

* **1:6** *the king* ¦ — CT † **1:7** *Asa, Asa* ¦ Asaph, Asaph CT ‡ **1:10** *Amon, Amon* ¦ Amos, Amos CT

and they will name him Immanuel”

(which means, “God with us”).
24 When Joseph woke from his
sleep, he did as the angel of the
Lord had commanded him. He took
his wife
25 but had no marital relations with
her until she had given birth to
§her firstborn son. And he named
him Jesus.

2

The Visit of the Wise Men

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem
of Judea, in the days of Herod the
king, behold, wise men from the
east arrived in Jerusalem,
2 saying, “Where is the child who
has been born king of the Jews?
For we saw his star in the east and
have come to worship him.”
3 When Herod the king heard this,
he was troubled, and all Jerusalem
with him.
4 So he assembled all the chief
priests and scribes of the people,
and inquired of them where the
Christ was to be born.
5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of
Judea, for so it is written by the
prophet,

6 ‘But you Bethlehem, in the 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 ascertained from
them what time the star had
appeared.
8 He sent them to Bethlehem and
said, “Go search diligently for the
child, and when you have found
him, bring me word so that I too
may go and worship him.”
9 They listened to the king and
went on their way, and behold, the
star they had seen in the east went
before them until it came and
stopped over the place where the
child was.
10 When they saw the star, they
rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.
11 As they came into the house
and *saw the child with his mother
Mary, they fell down and
worshiped him. Then they opened
their treasures and offered him
gifts: gold, frankincense, and
myrrh.
12 And being warned in a dream
not to return to Herod, they
departed for their own country by
another way.

The Escape to Egypt

13 After they were gone, behold, an
angel of the Lord appeared to
Joseph in a dream, saying, “Rise,
take the child and his mother and
flee to Egypt, and stay there until I
tell you, for Herod is about to seek
the child, to destroy him.”
14 So Joseph rose, took the child and
his mother by night, and departed
for Egypt,
15 where he stayed until the death
of Herod. This was to fulfill what
the Lord had said through the
prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my
son.”

The Massacre of the Innocent Children

16 When Herod saw that he had
been fooled by the wise men, he
was greatly enraged and sent men
to kill all the boys in Bethlehem
and in its vicinity who were two
years old and under, according to
the time that he had ascertained
from the wise men.
17 Then what had been spoken by
the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

18 “A voice was heard in Ramah,

§ **1:25** *her firstborn* 98.6% ¦ a CT 0.5% * **2:11** *saw* ¦ found ST † **2:18** *wailing, weeping,* 99% ¦ weeping CT 0.7%

†wailing, weeping, and great
lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children,
and she refused to be comforted,
because they are no more."

The Return to Nazareth

19 After Herod died, behold, an
angel of the Lord appeared in a
dream to Joseph in Egypt,
20 saying, "Rise, take the child and
his mother, and go to the land of
Israel, for those who were seeking
the child's life are dead."
21 So Joseph rose, took the child and
his mother, and went to the land of
Israel.
22 But when he heard that
Archelaus was reigning over Judea
in place of his father Herod, he was
afraid to go there. And being
warned in a dream, he withdrew to
the district of Galilee
23 and came and dwelt in a town
called Nazareth, so that what had
been spoken by the prophets might
be fulfilled: "He will be called a
Nazarene."

3

The Preaching of John the Baptist

1 In those days John the Baptist
came preaching in the wilderness
of Judea, saying,
2 "Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven has drawn near."
3 This is the one who was spoken of
by the prophet Isaiah, who said,

"The voice of one crying out in the
wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord;
make his paths straight.' "

4 Now John wore a garment of
camel's hair and a leather belt
around his waist, and his food was
locusts and wild honey.
5 Then Jerusalem was going out to
him, and so were all Judea and all
the region around the Jordan.
6 They were being baptized by him
in the *Jordan, confessing their
sins.
7 But when John saw many of the
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 Produce †fruit consistent with
repentance.
9 And do not think that you can
say to yourselves, 'We have
Abraham as our father,' for I tell
you that God is able from these
stones to raise up children for
Abraham.
10 Even now the axe is laid to the
root of the trees. Every tree
therefore that does not produce
good fruit is cut down and thrown
into the fire.
11 "I baptize you with water for
repentance, but he who is coming
after me is mightier than I, whose
sandals I am not worthy to carry.
He will baptize you with the Holy
‡Spirit.
12 His winnowing fork is in his
hand, and he will thoroughly clean
out his threshing floor and gather
his wheat into the barn, but the
chaff he will burn up with
unquenchable fire."

The Baptism of Jesus

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to
the Jordan to be baptized by John.
14 But John tried to prevent him,
saying, "I need to be baptized by
you, and yet you are coming to
me?"
15 But Jesus answered him, "Permit
it for now, for thus it is fitting for
us to fulfill all righteousness." Then
John permitted him.
16 After being baptized, Jesus
immediately went up from the
water. And behold, the heavens
were opened §to him, and he saw
the Spirit of God descending like a
dove and alighting on him.

* **3:6** *Jordan* ¦ Jordan River CT † **3:8** *fruit* ¦ fruits TR ‡ **3:11** *Spirit* ¦ Spirit and fire ANT CT TR
§ **3:16** *to him* 99.3% ¦ — SBL WH 0.3%

17 And behold, a voice from heaven
said, "This is my beloved Son, in
whom I am well pleased."

4

The Temptation of Jesus

1 Then Jesus was led up into the
wilderness by the Spirit to be
tempted by the devil.
2 After fasting for forty days and
forty nights, he was hungry.
3 Then the tempter came up *to him
and said, "If you are the Son of
God, command these stones to
become bread."
4 But Jesus 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, set him on the pinnacle of
the temple,
6 and 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,

'In their hands they will lift you up,
so that you do not strike your foot
against a stone.' "

7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is
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 And he said to him, "All these
things I will give you, if you will fall
down and worship me."
10 Then Jesus said to him, "†Get
behind me, Satan! For it is written,
'You shall worship the Lord your
God,
and him only shall you serve.' "

11 Then the devil left him, and
behold, angels came and ministered
to him.

Jesus Begins His Ministry

12 Now when Jesus heard that John
had been put in prison, he
withdrew to Galilee.
13 And leaving Nazareth, he went
and dwelt at Capernaum by the sea,
in the region of Zebulun and
Naphtali,
14 so that what had been spoken by
the prophet Isaiah might be
fulfilled:

15 "Land of Zebulun and land of
Naphtali,
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 region
and shadow of death
light has dawned."

17 From that time Jesus began to
preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven has drawn near."

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

18 As Jesus was walking by the Sea
of Galilee, he saw two brothers,
Simon (who is called Peter) and
Andrew his brother, casting a net
into the sea, for they were
fishermen.
19 Jesus said to them, "Follow me,
and I will make you fishers of
men."
20 So they immediately left their
nets and followed him.
21 Going on from there, he saw two
other brothers, James the son of
Zebedee and John his brother, in
the boat with their father Zebedee,
mending their nets, and he called
them.

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* **4:3** *to him and said* ¦ and said to him CT † **4:10** *Get behind me* 87.6% ¦ Go away CT TR 11.7%

22 So they immediately left the boat
and their father and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds

23 Then Jesus went throughout all
of Galilee, teaching in their
synagogues, preaching the gospel of
the kingdom, and healing every
disease and every sickness among
the people.
24 So the news about him went out
into all of Syria, and the people
brought to him all who were sick
with various diseases, those
suffering severe pain, the
demon-possessed, epileptics, and
paralytics. And he healed them.
25 And large crowds followed him
from Galilee, the Decapolis,
Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond
the Jordan.

5

The Beatitudes

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he
went up on the mountain. And
when he sat down, 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 who are
persecuted for righteousness'
sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are you when others
reproach you, persecute you, and
say all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account.
12 Rejoice and be glad, for great is
your reward in heaven; for in the
same way they persecuted the
prophets who were before you.

Salt and Light

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but
if salt loses its flavor, with what
shall it be seasoned? It is no longer
fit for anything but to be thrown
out and trampled under people's
feet.
14 "You are the light of the world.
A city set on a hill cannot be
hidden,
15 nor do people light a lamp and
put it under a basket, but on a
lampstand, and it shines for all who
are in the house.
16 Let your light shine before
others in such a way that they may
see your good works and glorify
your Father in heaven.

Christ Fulfills the Law and the Prophets

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 say to you, until
heaven and earth pass away, not
one letter or stroke of a letter will
by any means pass from the law
until all is accomplished.
19 Therefore whoever does away
with one of the least of these
commandments and teaches others
to do likewise will be called least in
the kingdom of heaven, but
whoever practices them and
teaches them will be called great in
the kingdom of heaven.
20 For I tell you, unless your
righteousness surpasses that of the
scribes and Pharisees, you will
certainly not enter the kingdom of
heaven.

Anger

21 "You have heard that it was said
to those of old, 'You shall not

murder,' and, 'Whoever murders
will be subject to judgment.'
22 But I say to you that everyone
who is *rashly angry with his
brother will be subject to judgment.
Whoever says to his brother, 'You
idiot,' will be subject to the
Sanhedrin. And whoever says, 'You
fool,' will be subject to the fires 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 Make friends with your
adversary quickly while you are on
the way with him, lest your
adversary hand you over to the
judge, and the judge †hand you
over to the guard, and you be
thrown into prison.
26 Truly I say to you, you will
certainly not come out of there
until you have paid the last penny.

Adultery

27 "You have heard that it was ‡said,
'You shall not commit adultery.'
28 But I say to you that anyone who
looks at a woman to lust after her
has already committed adultery
with her in his heart.
29 So if your right eye causes you to
stumble, pluck it out and throw it
away from you. For it is better for
you to have one of your members
perish, than for your whole body to
be thrown into hell.
30 And if your right hand causes
you to stumble, cut it off and throw
it away from you. For it is better
for you to have one of your
members perish, than for your
whole body to §be thrown into hell.

Divorce

31 "It was also said, 'Whoever
divorces his wife must give her a
certificate of divorce.'
32 But I say to you that *whoever
divorces his wife, apart from a
matter of fornication, makes her
commit adultery. And whoever
marries a divorced woman
commits adultery.

Oaths

33 "Again, you have heard that it
was said to those of old, 'You shall
not break an oath, but shall keep
your oaths to the Lord.'
34 But I say to you, do not swear at
all, neither by heaven, for it is the
throne of God;
35 nor by the earth, for it is the
footstool of his feet; nor by
Jerusalem, for it is the city of the
great King.
36 Neither shall you swear by your
head, for you cannot make one hair
white or black.
37 But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and
your 'No' be 'No'; for whatever is
more than these is from the evil
one.

Retaliation

38 "You have heard that it was said,
'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a
tooth.'
39 But I say to you, do not resist one
who is evil. Rather, if anyone slaps
you on †your right cheek, turn to
him the other also.
40 If anyone wants to sue you and
take away your tunic, let him have
your cloak also.
41 And if anyone presses you into
service for one mile, go with him
two.
42 Give to everyone who asks of you,
and do not turn away from anyone
who wants to borrow from you.

Love for Enemies

43 "You have heard that it was said,
'You shall love your neighbor and
hate your enemy.'

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* **5:22** *rashly* 95.4% ¦ — CT 1.9% † **5:25** *hand you over* ¦ — CT ‡ **5:27** *said* ¦ said to those of old ANT TR § **5:30** *be thrown* ¦ go CT * **5:32** *whoever* ¦ anyone who CT † **5:39** *your* ¦ the ANT PCK RP SBL TH

44 But I say to you, love your
enemies, ‡bless those who curse
you, do good to those who hate you,
and pray for those who §mistreat
you and 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
*friends, what are you doing that is
out of the ordinary? Do not even
the †tax collectors do that?
48 You therefore shall be perfect,
just as your ‡Father in heaven is
perfect.

6

Giving to the Needy

1 “Be careful not to *give to the
needy in front of others to be seen
by them, otherwise you have no
reward from your Father in
heaven.
2 So when you give to the needy, do
not sound a trumpet before you, as
the hypocrites do in the synagogues
and in the streets, so that they may
be praised by others. Truly I say to
you, they have received their
reward.
3 But when you give to the needy,
do not let your left hand know
what your right hand is doing,
4 so that your giving may be in
secret. Then your Father who sees
in secret will †himself reward you
openly.

Prayer

5 “When ‡you pray, do not be like
the hypocrites. For they love to
pray standing in the synagogues
and at the street corners so that
they may be seen by others. Truly I
say to you, they have received their
reward.
6 But when you pray, go into your
inner room, shut your door, and
pray to your Father who is in
secret. Then your Father who sees
in secret will reward you §openly.
7 “And when you pray, do not
babble on repetitiously like the
Gentiles do, for they think they will
be heard because of their use of
many words.
8 Do not be like them, for *your
Father knows what you need
before you ask him.
9 Pray then like this:

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 †forgive our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
‡For yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.

14 For if you forgive others their
trespasses, your heavenly Father
will also forgive you.
15 But if you do not forgive others
§their trespasses, neither will your
Father forgive your trespasses.

Fasting

‡ **5:44** *bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you,* 91.2% ¦ — CT 0.8% § **5:44** *mistreat you and* 87.6% ¦ — CT 0.8% * **5:47** *friends* ¦ brothers CT TR † **5:47** *tax collectors do that* 76.6% ¦ tax collectors do the same MSS 13.2% ¦ Gentiles do the same CT 3.7% ‡ **5:48** *Father in heaven* ¦ heavenly Father CT * **6:1** *give to the needy* ¦ practice your righteousness CT † **6:4** *himself reward you openly* 73.5% ¦ reward you openly ANT 18.4% ¦ reward you CT 5.5% ‡ **6:5** *you* ¦ you CT § **6:6** *openly* 96.9% ¦ — CT 1.9% * **6:8** *your* ¦ God your WH † **6:12** *forgive* ¦ have forgiven CT ‡ **6:13** *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.* 92.6% ¦ — CT 1.2% § **6:15** *their trespasses* 97.3% ¦ — NA SBL 1.1%

16 “When you fast, do not be
gloomy like the hypocrites, for they
disfigure their faces so that others
will see that they are fasting. Truly
I say to you, they have received
their reward.
17 But when you fast, anoint your
head and wash your face,
18 so that no one will see that you
are fasting except your Father who
is in secret. Then your Father who
sees in secret will reward *you.

Store Up Treasures in Heaven
19 “Do not store up treasures on
earth, where moth and rust
destroy, and where thieves break in
and steal.
20 But store up treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust
destroys, and where thieves do not
break in and steal.
21 For where †your treasure is,
there will your heart be also.

The Lamp of the Body
22 “The lamp of the body is the eye.
If then your eye is clear, 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 within you is
darkness, how great is the
darkness!

You Cannot Serve Two Masters
24 “No one can serve two masters,
for either he will hate one and love
the other, or he will be devoted to
one and despise the other. You
cannot serve God and money.

Anxiety
25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be
anxious about your life, what you
will eat ‡and what you will drink,
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
do not sow or reap or gather into
barns, yet your heavenly Father
feeds them. Are you not of more
value than they?
27 Which of you by being anxious
can add a single moment to your
span of life?
28 And why are you anxious about
clothing? Consider the lilies of the
field, how they grow: They do not
toil or spin,
29 yet I tell you that not even
Solomon in all his glory was
clothed like one of these.
30 Now if God so clothes the grass of
the field, which is alive today and
tomorrow is thrown into the oven,
will he not much more clothe you,
O you of little faith?
31 Therefore do not be anxious,
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 the kingdom §of
God and his righteousness, and all
these things will be added to you.
34 “Therefore do not be anxious
about tomorrow, for tomorrow will
be anxious about *its own matters.
Sufficient for the day is its own
trouble.

7

Judging Others
1 “Do not judge, so that you will not
be judged.
2 For with the judgment you
pronounce you will be judged, and
with the measure you use it will be
measured to *you.
3 Why do you see the speck in your
brother's eye, but do not consider
the beam in your own eye?
4 Or how will you say to your
brother, ‘Let me take the speck out
of your eye,’ when there is a beam
in your own eye?

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* **6:18** *you* ¦ you openly ANT TR † **6:21** *your … your* ¦ your … your CT ‡ **6:25** *and what you will drink* ¦ or what you will drink NA TH WH ¦ — SBL § **6:33** *of God* 97% ¦ — SBL WH 0.1%
* **6:34** *its own matters* ¦ itself CT * **7:2** *you* ¦ you in return TR

5 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
with their feet, and then turn and
tear you to pieces.

Ask, Seek, Knock

7 "Ask, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find; knock, and
the door will be opened for †you.
8 For everyone who asks receives;
and he who seeks finds; and for
him who knocks, the door will be
opened.
9 Or what man is there among you,
who, if his son asks him for bread,
will give him a stone;
10 ‡and if he asks for a fish, will give
him a serpent?
11 If you then, being 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 "Therefore whatever you wish
that others would do to you, do the
same also to them, for this is the
Law and the Prophets.

The Narrow Gate

13 "Enter through the narrow gate,
for wide §is the gate, and broad is
the way that leads to destruction,
and there are many who enter
through it.
14 *How narrow is the gate, and
restricted the way that leads to life,
and there are few who find it!

Beware of False Prophets

15 "Beware of false prophets, who
come to you in sheep's clothing but
inwardly are ravenous wolves.
16 By their fruits you will know
them. Do people gather grapes
from thorns, or figs from thistles?
17 In the same way, every good tree
produces good fruit, but a bad tree
produces bad fruit.
18 A good tree cannot produce bad
fruit, neither can a bad tree
produce good fruit.
19 Every †tree that does not produce
good fruit is cut down and thrown
into the fire.
20 Therefore by their fruits you will
know them.

I Never Knew You

21 "Not everyone who says to me,
'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom
of heaven, but only he 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, and in your name cast
out demons, and in your name do
many miracles?'
23 Then I will declare to them, 'I
never knew you; depart from me,
you who practice lawlessness.'

The Two Foundations

24 "Everyone then who hears these
words of mine and does them ‡I
will compare to a wise man who
built his house on the rock.
25 The rain fell, the floods came,
and the winds blew and beat on
that house, but it did not fall, for it
was founded on the rock.
26 But everyone who hears these
words of mine and does not do
them will be compared to a foolish
man who built his house on the
sand.
27 The rain fell, the floods came,
and the winds blew and beat
against that house, and it fell, and
great was its fall."
28 When Jesus finished saying
these things, the crowds were
astonished at his teaching,
29 because he was teaching them
as one who had authority, and not
as §the scribes.

† **7:7** *you* ¦ us ANT [Note: The reading of ANT is the result of a typographical error.] ‡ **7:10** *and* ¦ or CT § **7:13** *is the gate,* ¦ — WH * **7:14** *How … it!* ¦ For … it. SBL TR WH † **7:19** *tree* ¦ tree then PCK ‡ **7:24** *I will compare* ¦ will be compared CT § **7:29** *the* ¦ their CT

8

Jesus Cleanses a Man with Leprosy

1 When Jesus came down from the
mountain, large crowds followed
him.
2 And behold, a leper came and
bowed down before him, saying,
"Lord, if you are willing, you can
make me clean."
3 So Jesus stretched out his hand
and touched him, saying, "I am
willing; be made clean."
Immediately his leprosy was
cleansed.
4 Then Jesus said to him, "Be sure
not to tell anyone about this, but go
show yourself to the priest, and
offer the gift that Moses
commanded, as a testimony to
them."

Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant

5 When Jesus entered Capernaum, a
centurion came to him and pleaded
with him,
6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying
paralyzed at home, suffering
terribly."
7 Jesus said to him, "I will come and
heal him."
8 But the centurion replied, "Lord, I
am not worthy to have you enter
under my roof, but just say the
word, and my servant will be
healed.
9 For I too am a man *under
authority, with soldiers under me. I
say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes;
and to another, 'Come,' and he
comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,'
and he does it."
10 When Jesus heard this, he was
amazed and said to those who were
following him, "Truly I say to you,
†not even in Israel have I found
such great faith.
11 I tell you that many will come
from east and west, and recline
with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at
the banquet table in the kingdom of
heaven,
12 but the sons of the kingdom will
be cast into the outer darkness; in
that place there will be weeping
and gnashing of teeth."
13 Then Jesus said to the centurion,
"Go; it will be done for you just as
you have believed." And ‡his
servant was healed in that hour.

Jesus Heals Many

14 When Jesus came into Peter's
house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law
lying in bed with a fever.
15 So he touched her hand, and the
fever left her. Then she rose and
began to serve §him.
16 When evening came, many who
were possessed by demons were
brought to him, and he cast out the
spirits with a word and healed all
who were sick.
17 This was to fulfill what had been
spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He
took our infirmities and bore our
diseases."

Would-Be Followers of Jesus

18 When Jesus saw the *large
crowds around him, he gave orders
to depart to the other side of the
sea.
19 Then a scribe came up and said
to him, "Teacher, I will follow you
wherever you go."
20 Jesus said to him, "Foxes have
holes, and the birds of the sky have
nests, but the Son of Man has
nowhere to lay his head."
21 Then another of †his 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."

Jesus Calms a Storm

23 Then he got into ‡the boat, and
his disciples followed him.

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* **8:9** *under* 97.5% ¦ set under WH 0.7% † **8:10** *not even* 93.6% ¦ with no one CT 0.4% ‡ **8:13** *his* ¦ the SBL TH WH § **8:15** *him* ¦ them TR * **8:18** *large crowds* ¦ crowd NA WH † **8:21** *his* ¦ the PCK SBL TH WH ‡ **8:23** *the* ¦ a SBL TH WH

24 And behold, a great storm arose on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves. But Jesus was asleep.
25 So §the disciples came to him and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”
26 But he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.
27 And the men were amazed, saying, “What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

Jesus Heals Two Demon-Possessed Men

28 When Jesus came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the *Gergesenes, he was met by two demon-possessed men who had come out of the tombs. They were so fierce that no one could pass by that way.
29 And behold, they cried out, “What do you have to do with us, †Jesus, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?”
30 Now at a distance from them there was a herd of many pigs feeding.
31 So the demons begged Jesus, “If you cast us out, ‡let us go into the herd of pigs.”
32 He said to them, “Go.” So they came out and went into the §herd of pigs, and behold, the whole herd *of pigs rushed down the steep bank into the sea and died in the water.
33 Those who had been feeding the pigs then ran off, went into the city, and reported everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men.
34 And behold, the whole city went out to meet Jesus. And when they saw him, they begged him to depart from their region.

9

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

1 After getting into *the boat, Jesus went back across the sea and came to his own city.
2 And behold, some men brought to him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven †you.”
3 And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.”
4 ‡Perceiving their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why are you thinking evil things in your hearts?
5 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are §forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise 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 paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed, and go to your house.”
7 So he rose and went to his house.
8 When the crowds saw it, they were *amazed and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Jesus Calls Matthew

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax booth. Jesus said to him, “Follow me,” so Matthew rose and followed him.
10 Later, as Jesus reclined at the table in Matthew's house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and reclined with him and his disciples.
11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why is

§ **8:25** *the disciples* 79.6% ¦ his disciples ANT TR 19.4% ¦ they CT 0.5% * **8:28** *Gergesenes* ¦ Gadarenes CT † **8:29** *Jesus,* ¦ — CT ‡ **8:31** *let us go* ¦ send us CT § **8:32** *herd of* ¦ — CT * **8:32** *of pigs* ¦ — CT * **9:1** *the* ¦ a ANT CT † **9:2** *you* ¦ — CT ‡ **9:4** *Perceiving* 64% ¦ Knowing PCK SBL TH WH 32.7% § **9:5** *forgiven* $\mathbf{K}^{X(104)}$ ¦ forgiven you $\mathbf{K}^{X(61)}$ TR * **9:8** *amazed* 97.5% ¦ afraid CT 2% † **9:11** *eating* ¦ eating and drinking PCK

your teacher †eating with tax collectors and sinners?"
12 When Jesus heard this, he said ‡to them, "It is not the healthy who need a physician, but the sick.
13 Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners §to repentance."

A Question About Fasting

14 Then the disciples of John came to Jesus and said, "Why is it that we and the Pharisees fast *often, but your disciples do not fast?"
15 Jesus said to them, "Can the bridegroom's attendants mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days are coming when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.
16 No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch would pull away from the garment, and a worse tear would be made.
17 Neither do people put new wine into old wineskins. For the wineskins would burst, spilling the wine and ruining the wineskins. But new wine is put into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

18 As he said these things to them, behold, a ruler came and bowed down before him, saying, "My daughter has just now died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."
19 So Jesus rose and followed him, and so did his disciples.
20 And behold, a woman who had suffered from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment.
21 For she said to herself, "If only I touch his garment, I will be healed."
22 But when Jesus turned †around and saw her, he said, "Take courage, daughter; your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that hour.
23 When Jesus came to the house of the ruler and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,
24 he said ‡to them, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they began laughing at him.
25 But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took hold of the girl's hand, and she arose.
26 And news of this spread throughout that entire region.

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed §him, crying out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"
28 When he went into the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to 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. Then Jesus sternly warned them, "Make sure no one finds out about this."
31 But they went out and spread the news about him throughout that entire region.

Jesus Heals a Mute Man

32 As they were going away, behold, a mute man possessed by a demon was brought to Jesus.
33 When the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke, and the crowds were amazed, saying, "Such a thing has never been seen in Israel."

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‡ **9:12** *to them* ¦ — CT § **9:13** *to repentance* ¦ — CT * **9:14** *often* 98.3% ¦ — WH 1.4% † **9:22** *around* ¦ — CT ‡ **9:24** *to them* ¦ — CT § **9:27** *him* ¦ — WH

34 But the Pharisees said, “By the
ruler of demons he casts out
demons.”

The Compassion of Jesus
35 Then Jesus went throughout all
the cities and villages, teaching in
their synagogues, preaching the
gospel of the kingdom, and healing
every disease and every sickness
*among the people.
36 When he saw the crowds, he was
moved with compassion for 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 Therefore ask the Lord of the
harvest to send out workers into
his harvest.”

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The Twelve Apostles
1 Then Jesus summoned his twelve
disciples and gave them authority
to cast out unclean spirits and to
heal every disease and every
sickness.
2 Now these are the names of the
twelve apostles: first, Simon, who is
called Peter, and Andrew his
brother; James the son of Zebedee,
and John his brother;
3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas
and Matthew the tax collector;
James the son of Alphaeus, and
*Lebbaeus, who was given the
name Thaddaeus;
4 Simon the †Cananite, and Judas
Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles
5 These twelve Jesus sent out,
instructing them, “Do not go
anywhere among the Gentiles, and
do not enter any town of the
Samaritans,
6 but go rather to the lost sheep of
the house of Israel.
7 As you go, preach that the
kingdom of heaven has drawn near.
8 Heal the sick, ‡cleanse lepers, and
cast out demons. Freely you have
received; freely give.
9 Take no gold, silver, or copper in
your belts.
10 Take no knapsack for your
journey, no extra tunic, sandals, or
§staffs, for the worker is worthy of
his food.
11 Whenever you enter a town or
village, inquire who in it is worthy,
and stay there until you leave that
place.
12 As you enter the house, greet the
people who live *there.
13 If the household 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 receive you or
listen to your words, shake off the
dust from your feet as you go out
from that house or town.
15 Truly I say to you, it will be more
tolerable on the day of judgment
for the land of Sodom and
Gomorrah than for that town.

Persecutions Will Come
16 “Behold, I am sending you out
like sheep in the midst of wolves, so
be as wise as serpents and as
innocent as doves.
17 But beware of men, for they will
deliver you up to councils and flog
you in their synagogues.
18 For my sake you will even be
brought before governors and
kings as witnesses to them and to
the Gentiles.
19 When they hand you over, do not
be anxious about how to speak or
what to say, for what you are to say
will be given to you in that hour.

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* **9:35** *among the people* ¦ — CT † **9:36** *harassed* ¦ faint ANT TR * **10:3** *Lebbaeus, who was given the name* 97.6% ¦ — CT 0.4% † **10:4** *Cananite* ¦ Cananaean CT ‡ **10:8** *cleanse lepers,* ¦ cleanse lepers, raise the dead, ANT TR ¦ raise the dead, cleanse lepers, CT § **10:10** *staffs* ¦ staff ANT CT ST * **10:12** *there.* ¦ there, saying, ‘May peace be upon this house!’ ANT

20 For it will not be you speaking,
but the Spirit of your Father
speaking through you.
21 Brother will deliver up brother to
death, and a father his child, and
children will rise up against their
parents and have them put to
death.
22 You will be hated by all because
of my name, but he who endures to
the end will be saved.
23 When they persecute you in one
town, flee to another, for truly I say
to you, you will certainly not finish
going through the towns of Israel
before the Son of Man comes.
24 "A disciple is not above his
teacher, nor is a servant above his
master.
25 It is sufficient for a disciple to
be like his teacher and for a
servant to be like his master. If
they have †called the master of the
house ‡Beelzebul, how much more
will they malign the members of
his household!

Fear God Alone

26 "So do not be afraid of them, for
there is nothing covered that will
not be revealed, and nothing
hidden that will not be made
known.
27 What I tell you in the darkness,
speak in the light; and what you
hear whispered in your ear,
proclaim on the housetops.
28 Do not be afraid of those who kill
the body but cannot kill the soul,
but rather fear him who can
destroy both the soul and the body
in hell.
29 Are not two sparrows sold for a
penny? Yet not one of them will fall
to the ground without your Father's
consent.
30 And even the hairs of your head
are all numbered.
31 So do not be afraid; you are of
more value than many sparrows.

Acknowledging Christ

32 "Therefore everyone who
acknowledges me before men, I
will also acknowledge before my
Father in heaven.
33 But whoever denies me before
men, I will also deny before my
Father in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

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 man's enemies will be the
members of his own household.
37 Whoever loves his father or
mother more than me is not worthy
of me; whoever loves his 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,
but whoever loses his life for my
sake will find it.

Rewards

40 "Whoever receives you receives
me, and whoever receives me
receives him who sent me.
41 Whoever receives a prophet in
the name of a prophet will receive a
prophet's reward; whoever receives
a righteous person in the name of a
righteous person will receive a
righteous person's reward.
42 And whoever gives one of these
little ones even a cup of cold water
to drink in the name of a disciple,
truly I say to you, he will certainly
not lose his reward."

11

1 When Jesus had finished
instructing his twelve disciples, he
departed from there to teach and
preach in the cities of Galilee.

Messengers from John the Baptist

† **10:25** *called the master of the house* ¦ stigmatized the master of the house as PCK ‡ **10:25** *Beelzebul* ¦ Beelzebub SCR * **11:2** *two of* ¦ — CT

2 Now when John heard in prison
about the works Christ had done,
he sent *two of his disciples
3 to ask him, "Are you the one who
is to come, or should we wait for
another?"
4 Jesus answered them, "Go tell
John what you hear and see:
5 The blind receive their sight and
the lame walk, lepers are made
clean and the deaf hear, the dead
are raised and the poor have good
news preached to them.
6 And blessed is anyone who does
not take offense at me."
7 As these men 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 clothed in soft
garments? Behold, those who wear
soft garments are in the palaces of
kings.
9 But †what did you go out to see?
A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more
than a prophet.
10 ‡For this is the one of whom it
is written,

'Behold, I am sending my
messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before
you.'

11 Truly I say to you, among those
born of women there has arisen no
one greater than John the Baptist,
but whoever is least in the kingdom
of heaven is greater than he.
12 From the days of John the Baptist
until now the kingdom of heaven
has been suffering violence, and
the violent try to take it by force.
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 He who has ears §to hear, let him
hear.
16 "But to what should I compare
this generation? It is like *children
sitting in the †marketplaces and
calling out to their companions,

17 'We played the flute for you, but
you did not dance;
we sang a lament ‡for you, but 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, 'Behold, a
glutton and a drunkard, a friend of
tax collectors and sinners!' Yet
wisdom is vindicated by her
§children."

Woe to the Unrepentant

20 Then Jesus began to reproach the
cities in which most of his miracles
had been done, because they did
not repent:
21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to
you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles
that were 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
tolerable on the day of judgment
for Tyre and Sidon than for you.
23 And you, Capernaum, †who have
been exalted to heaven, will ‡be
brought down to Hades. For if the
miracles that were done in you had
been done in Sodom, it would have
remained until this day.
24 But I tell you, it will be more
tolerable on the day of judgment
for the land of Sodom than for
you."

† **11:9** *what did you go out to see? A prophet?* ¦ why did you go out? To see a prophet? SBL WH ‡ **11:10** *For this* ¦ This CT § **11:15** *to hear* ¦ — NA SBL WH * **11:16** *children* ¦ little children TR † **11:16** *marketplaces* $\mathbf{K}^{X(112)}$ ¦ marketplace $\mathbf{K}^{X(60)}$ PCK ‡ **11:17** *for you* 97.4% ¦ — CT 1.4% § **11:19** *children* 97.7% ¦ works CT 0.4% * **11:21** *ago* ¦ ago, sitting ANT † **11:23** *who have been exalted to heaven,* ¦ will you be exalted to heaven? No, you CT ‡ **11:23** *be brought* 97.8% ¦ go NA SBL WH 0.4%

Come to Me, and I Will Give You Rest

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
intelligent, and revealed them to
infants.
26 Yes, Father, for so it was
well-pleasing in your sight.
27 All things have been delivered to
me by my Father. No one knows
the Son except the Father, and no
one knows the Father except the
Son, and anyone to whom the Son
chooses to reveal him.
28 Come to me, all of you 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
lowly in heart, and you will find
rest for your souls.
30 For my yoke is easy, and my
burden is light."

12

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

1 At that time Jesus went through
the grainfields on the Sabbath. His
disciples were hungry and began to
pluck heads of grain and eat them.
2 When the Pharisees saw this, they
said to him, "Behold, 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 was
hungry, *he and those who were
with him,
4 how he entered the house of God
and †ate the bread of the Presence,
which was not lawful for him or
those who were 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
yet are guiltless?
6 But I tell you that ‡something
greater than the temple is here.
7 But 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."

Jesus Heals a Man with a Withered Hand

9 Then he departed from there and
went into their synagogue.
10 And behold, there was a *man
who had a withered hand. In order
to accuse Jesus, the Pharisees asked
him, "Is it lawful to heal on the
Sabbath?"
11 He said to them, "What man
among you who has a sheep that
falls into a pit on the Sabbath will
not take hold of it and lift it out?
12 Of how much more value is a
person than a sheep! So then, it is
lawful to do good on the Sabbath."
13 Then he said to the man, "Stretch
out your hand." So he stretched it
out, and it was restored, becoming
as sound as the other.
14 But the Pharisees went out and
took counsel against Jesus as to
how they might destroy him.

God's Chosen Servant

15 Aware of this, Jesus withdrew
from there. †Large crowds followed
him, and he healed them all
16 and warned them not to make
him known.
17 This was to fulfill what had been
spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

18 "Behold, my servant whom I
have chosen,
my beloved, in whom my soul is
well pleased.
I will put my Spirit upon him,
and he will declare 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
extinguish,

* **12:3** *he* ¦ — CT † **12:4** *ate* ¦ they ate NA SBL WH ‡ **12:6** *something* ¦ someone TR § **12:8** *of* ¦ even of ANT TR * **12:10** *man* ¦ man there ANT † **12:15** *Large crowds* 97.1% ¦ Many SBL WH 0.3%

until he brings justice to victory.
21 And in his name the Gentiles will
hope."

Jesus and Beelzebul

22 Then a demon-possessed man
who was blind and mute was
brought to him, and Jesus healed
him, so that the ‡man who was
blind and mute could speak and
see.
23 All the crowds were amazed and
said, "Can this be the §Son of
David?"
24 But when the Pharisees heard
this, they said, "It is only by
Beelzebul, the ruler of demons, that
this man casts out demons."
25 Knowing their thoughts, Jesus
said to them, "Every kingdom
divided against itself is laid waste,
and no city or house divided
against itself will stand.
26 So 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
followers 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
house of a strong man and plunder
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 for every sin and
blasphemy, but ‡they will not be
forgiven for blasphemy against the
Spirit.
32 Whoever speaks a word against
the Son of Man will be forgiven, but
whoever speaks against the Holy
Spirit will not be forgiven, neither
in §the present age nor in the age
to come.

A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit

33 "A tree is known by its fruit. If a
tree is good, its fruit will also be
good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will
also be bad.
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 person brings good
things out of *his good treasure,
and the evil person brings evil
things out of his evil treasure.
36 But I tell you, on the day of
judgment people will give an
account for every idle word they
speak.
37 For by your words you will be
justified, and by your words you
will be condemned."

The Sign of Jonah

38 Then some of the scribes and
Pharisees †responded, "Teacher, we
want to see a sign from you."
39 But Jesus answered them, "An
evil and adulterous generation asks
for 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 sea creature for
three days and three nights, so will
the Son of Man be in the heart of
the earth for three days and three
nights.
41 The men of Nineveh will rise up
at the judgment with this
generation and condemn it, for
they repented at the preaching of
Jonah, and behold, something
greater than Jonah is here.
42 The queen of the South will rise
up at the judgment with this

‡ **12:22** *man who was blind and mute* ¦ mute man CT § **12:23** *Son* ¦ Christ, the Son ANT PCK * **12:27** *do* ¦ will ANT † **12:29** *can* ¦ will ANT CT HF RP TR ‡ **12:31** *they will not be forgiven for blasphemy against the Spirit* ¦ blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven CT § **12:32** *the present* ¦ this CT TR * **12:35** *his good treasure* ¦ the good treasure of his heart TR † **12:38** *responded* ¦ responded to him CT ‡ **12:40** *Jonah* ¦ the prophet Jonah ANT

generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

An Unclean Spirit Returns

43 "When an unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it goes through waterless places seeking rest, but does not find any.
44 Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept, and put in order.
45 Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and dwell there, and the last state of that person becomes worse than the first. So will it be with this evil generation also."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

46 While Jesus was still speaking to the crowds, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him.
47 §Then someone said to him, "Behold, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak to you."
48 But he replied to the one who spoke to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"
49 And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Behold, my mother and my brothers!
50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

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The Parable of the Sower

1 On that day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea,
2 and large crowds gathered around him. So he got into *the boat and sat down, while the entire crowd stood on the shore.
3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying, "Behold, a sower went out to sow.
4 As he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.
5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up immediately because they had no depth of soil.
6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched. And because they had no root, they withered away.
7 Other seeds fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
8 But other seeds fell on good soil and produced fruit, some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than what was sown.
9 He who has ears †to hear, let him hear."

The Purpose of Speaking in Parables

10 Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"
11 Jesus answered ‡them, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.
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 That is why I speak to them in parables, §because 'they see but do not perceive, and they hear but do not listen or understand.'
14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which says,

§ **12:47** *Then … to speak to you."* ¦ Then … to see you." ANT ¦ — WH * **13:2** *the* ¦ a ANT CT PCK † **13:9** *to hear* ¦ — CT ‡ **13:11** *them* ¦ — WH § **13:13** *because 'they see but do not perceive, and they hear but do not listen or understand.' In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah* ¦ so that 'they may see but not perceive, and hear but not listen or understand, lest they should turn back.' Then the prophecy of Isaiah will be fulfilled in them ANT

‘You will hear but never
understand,
and you will see but never perceive.
15 For the heart of this people has
become calloused;
with their ears they have barely
heard,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts
and turn back,
and I would heal them.’

16 But blessed are your eyes
because they see, and your ears
because they hear.
17 For truly I say to you, many
prophets and righteous people
desired to see the things you see
but did not see them, and to hear
the things you hear but did not
hear them.

The Parable of the Sower Explained

18 “So hear what the parable of the
sower means:
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 seed sown
along the path.
20 The seed sown on rocky ground
is he who hears the word and
immediately †receives it with joy.
21 Yet he has no root in himself, but
is only temporary. When
tribulation or persecution arises on
account of the word, he
immediately falls away.
22 The seed sown among the thorns
is he who hears the word, but the
cares of ‡this world and the
deceitfulness of riches choke the
word, and it becomes unfruitful.
23 But the seed sown on the good
soil is he who hears the word and
understands it, who bears fruit and
produces a hundred, sixty, or thirty
times more than what was sown.”

The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

24 Jesus presented another parable
to them, saying, “The kingdom of
heaven can be compared to a
person who sowed good seed in his
field,
25 but while people were sleeping,
his enemy came and sowed tares
among the wheat, and then went
away.
26 When the plants sprouted and
produced grain, the tares also
appeared.
27 So the servants of the master of
the house came and said to him,
‘Master, did you not sow good seed
in your field? How then does it
have tares?’
28 He said to them, ‘An enemy has
done this.’ So the servants said to
him, ‘Do you want us to go and
gather them up?’
29 He said, ‘No, lest in gathering the
tares you uproot the wheat with
them.
30 Let them both grow together
until the harvest, and at the time of
the harvest I will say to the reapers,
“Gather the tares first and bind
them into bundles to burn them up,
but gather the wheat into my
barn.” ’ ”

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

31 He presented another parable to
them, saying, “The kingdom of
heaven is like a grain of mustard
seed that a man took and sowed in
his field.
32 Although it is the smallest of all
seeds, it grows larger than §the
other garden plants and becomes a
tree, and the birds of the sky come
and nest in its branches.”

The Parable of the Leaven

33 He spoke to them another
parable: “The kingdom of heaven is
like leaven that a woman took and
mixed into three measures of flour
until it had all been leavened.”

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* **13:19** *snatches* ¦ takes ANT † **13:20** *receives* ¦ accepts and receives ANT ‡ **13:22** *this* ¦ the NA TH WH § **13:32** *the* ¦ all the ANT PCK * **13:34** *did not speak* ¦ spoke nothing ANT CT

The Use of Parables

34 All these things Jesus spoke to the
crowds in parables; he *did not
speak to them without using a
parable.
35 This was to fulfill what had been
spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth in parables;
I will declare things hidden from
the foundation †of the
world."

The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares Explained

36 Then Jesus left the crowds and
went into ‡the house, and his
disciples came to him and said,
"Explain to us the parable of the
tares of the field."
37 So he said §to them in response,
"He who sows the good seed is the
Son of Man.
38 The field is the world, and the
good seeds are the sons of the
kingdom. The tares 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 Therefore, just as the tares are
gathered and burned with fire, so it
will be at the end of *this age.
41 The Son of Man will send his
angels, and they will gather out of
his kingdom all stumbling blocks
and those who practice lawlessness.
42 They will throw them into the
fiery furnace. In that place there
will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.
43 Then the righteous will shine like
the sun in the kingdom of their
Father. He who has ears †to hear,
let him hear.

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

44 "‡Again, the kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure hidden in a field,
which a man found and hid again,
and in his joy he went and sold all
that he had and bought the field.

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is
like a merchant seeking fine pearls.
46 When he found one pearl of
great price, he went and sold all
that he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Dragnet

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is
like a dragnet that was cast into the
sea, catching all kinds of fish.
48 When it was full, the fishermen
drew it to shore. Then they sat
down and put the good fish into
containers, but the bad ones they
threw away.
49 So it will be at the end of the age.
The angels will come and separate
the evil from the righteous
50 and throw them into the fiery
furnace. In that place there will be
weeping and gnashing of §teeth."

New and Old Treasures

51 Jesus said to them, "Do you
understand all these things?" They
said to him, "*Yes, Lord."
52 Then he said to them, "Every
scribe that has been trained as a
disciple for the kingdom of heaven
is like a master of a house who
brings out of his treasure things
new and old."

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

53 When Jesus had finished these
parables, he departed from there.
54 Then he went to his hometown
and taught the people in their
synagogue. They were astonished
and said, "Where did this man get
this wisdom and these miraculous
powers?
55 Is this not the carpenter's son? Is
not his mother's name Mary, and

† **13:35** *of the world* 99.2% ¦ — SBL TH WH 0.6% ‡ **13:36** *the* ¦ his ANT § **13:37** *to them* ¦ — CT * **13:40** *this* ¦ the CT † **13:43** *to hear* ¦ — CT ‡ **13:44** *Again, the* ¦ The CT § **13:50** *teeth." Jesus said to them,* ¦ teeth. CT * **13:51** *Yes, Lord.* ¦ Yes. CT † **13:55** *Joses* ¦ Joseph CT

are not his brothers James, †Joses,
Simon, and Judas?
56 Are not all his sisters with us?
Where then did this man get all
these things?"
57 And they took offense at him.
Then Jesus said to them, "A prophet
is not without honor except in his
hometown and in his own
household."
58 And he did not do many miracles
there because of their unbelief.

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The Death of John the Baptist

1 At that time Herod the tetrarch
heard the report about Jesus
2 and said to his servants, "This
man is John the Baptist; he has
been raised from the dead, and that
is why these mighty powers are at
work in him."
3 For Herod had arrested John,
bound him, and put him in prison
on account 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 Although Herod wanted to kill
John, he was afraid of the crowd,
because they regarded John as a
prophet.
6 But when Herod's birthday *was
celebrated, the daughter of
Herodias danced before the guests
and pleased Herod.
7 So he promised with an oath to
give her whatever she might ask.
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 guests, he
commanded it to be given
10 and sent orders to have John
beheaded in prison.
11 John's head was then brought on
a platter and given to the girl, and
she brought it to her mother.
12 Later, John's disciples came and
took his body and buried it. Then
they went and brought word to
Jesus.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

13 When Jesus heard this, he
withdrew from there in a boat to a
desolate place by himself. But the
crowds heard about it and followed
him on foot from the towns.
14 And when Jesus went ashore and
saw a large crowd, he was moved
with compassion for them and
healed their sick.
15 As evening approached, †his
disciples came to him and said,
"This place is desolate, and the
hour is now late. Send the crowds
away so that they can go into the
villages and buy themselves some
food."
16 But Jesus said to them, "They
have no need to go away; you give
them something to eat."
17 They said to him, "We have here
only five loaves and two fish."
18 He said, "Bring them here to me."
19 Then he commanded the crowds
to sit down on the grass, and taking
the five loaves and the two fish, he
looked up to heaven and said the
blessing. Then he broke the loaves
and gave them to the disciples, and
the disciples gave them to the
crowds.
20 They all ate and were filled, and
the disciples picked up what was
left over of the broken pieces,
twelve baskets full.
21 Now those who had eaten were
about five thousand men, besides
women and children.

Jesus Walks on Water

22 Immediately Jesus compelled ‡the
disciples to get into §the boat and
go ahead of him to the other side of
the sea, while he sent the crowds
away.
23 After sending the crowds away,
he went up on the mountain by

* **14:6** *was celebrated* ¦ came CT † **14:15** *his* ¦ the CT ‡ **14:22** *the* ¦ his ANT PCK TR § **14:22** *the* ¦ a SBL WH

himself to pray. When evening
came, he was there alone.
24 Meanwhile, the boat was already
*in the middle of the sea, being
tossed by the waves, for the wind
was against them.
25 And in the fourth watch of the
night Jesus †went to them, walking
on the sea.
26 When the disciples saw him
walking on the sea, they were
terrified and said, "It is a ghost!"
And they cried out in fear.
27 But Jesus immediately said to
them, "Take courage! It is I; do not
be afraid."
28 In response Peter said ‡to him,
"Lord, if it is you, command me to
come to you on the water."
29 So he said, "Come." Then Peter
got down from the boat and walked
on the water §to go to Jesus.
30 But when he saw the *strong
wind, he became frightened, and
beginning to sink, he cried out,
"Lord, save me!"
31 Immediately Jesus reached out
his hand, took hold of him, and said
to him, "O you of little faith, why
did you doubt?"
32 And when they had gotten into
the boat, the wind ceased.
33 Then those who were in the
boat †came and worshiped him,
saying, "Truly you are the Son of
God."

Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret

34 When they had crossed the sea,
they came to ‡the land of
Gennesaret.
35 And when the men of that place
recognized Jesus, they sent word
into the entire surrounding region,
and people brought to him all who
were sick.
36 They begged him to let the sick
touch even the fringe of his
garment, and all who touched it
were completely healed.

15

The Traditions of the Elders

1 Then *the scribes and Pharisees
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 the commandment of
God for the sake of your tradition?
4 For God †commanded, 'Honor
your father and your mother,' and,
'Whoever speaks evil of his father
or mother must surely die.'
5 But you say, 'If anyone says to his
father or mother, "Whatever
benefit you might have received
from me is now a gift devoted to
God," ‡then he certainly need not
honor his father §or his mother.'
6 You have nullified the
*commandment of God for the sake
of your tradition.
7 Hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied
rightly about you when he said,

8 'This people †draws near to me
with their mouth
and honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me.
9 They worship me in vain,
teaching as doctrines the
commandments of men.' "

10 Then Jesus called the crowd
over and said to them, "Listen and
understand:
11 It is not what goes into the
mouth that defiles a person; it is

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* **14:24** *in the middle of the sea* ¦ some distance from the land NA SBL WH † **14:25** *went* ¦ came CT ‡ **14:28** *to him* ¦ — PCK § **14:29** *to go* ¦ and came CT * **14:30** *strong* ¦ — WH † **14:33** *came and* ¦ — CT ‡ **14:34** *the land of* ¦ land at CT * **15:1** *the scribes and Pharisees* ¦ some Pharisees and scribes CT † **15:4** *commanded* ¦ said CT ‡ **15:5** *then* ¦ — CT § **15:5** *or his mother* ¦ — CT * **15:6** *commandment* 98.2% ¦ word CT 0.5% † **15:8** *draws near to me with their mouth and* ¦ — CT ‡ **15:12** *his* ¦ the NA SBL WH

what comes out of the mouth that defiles a person."
12 Then ‡his disciples came and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard what you said?"
13 Jesus answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.
14 Leave them be; they are blind guides §of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."

15 Then Peter said to him in response, "Explain *this parable to us."
16 Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding?
17 Do you not †yet understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled into the latrine?
18 But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these defile a person.
19 For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false testimony, and slander.
20 These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a person."

A Canaanite Woman's Faith
21 Then Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came and cried out ‡to him, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."
23 But he did not respond to her at all. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."
24 In response Jesus said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
25 But she came and bowed down before him, saying, "Lord, help me."
26 He replied, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."
27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the table of their masters."
28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith; it will be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

Jesus Heals Many
29 Departing from there, Jesus went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on the mountain and sat down.
30 Large crowds came to him, having with them the §lame, blind, mute, crippled, and many others. They put them at the feet of Jesus, and he healed them.
31 So the *crowds were amazed when they †saw the mute speaking, ‡the crippled made well, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

The Feeding of the Four Thousand
32 Then Jesus called his disciples over and said, "I have compassion on the crowd because they have stayed with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away without having eaten, lest they faint on the way."
33 §His disciples said to him, "Where can we get so many loaves in such a desolate place to fill such a large crowd?"

§ **15:14** *of the blind* ¦ — WH * **15:15** *this* ¦ the TH WH † **15:17** *yet* ¦ — CT ‡ **15:22** *to him* ¦ — CT § **15:30** *lame, blind, mute, crippled* ¦ lame, blind, crippled, mute NA ¦ mute, blind, lame, crippled SBL ¦ lame, mute, blind, crippled TH ¦ lame, crippled, blind, mute WH * **15:31** *crowds were* ¦ crowd was CT † **15:31** *saw* ¦ saw the deaf hearing, ANT ‡ **15:31** *the crippled made well,* ¦ — WH § **15:33** *His* ¦ The CT

34 Jesus said to them, "How many
loaves do you have?" They said,
"Seven, and a few small fish."
35 So he commanded the crowds to
sit down on the ground,
36 and taking the seven loaves and
the fish, he gave thanks, broke
them, and gave them to *his
disciples, and the disciples gave
them to the †crowd.
37 They all ate and were filled, and
the disciples picked up what was
left over of the broken pieces,
seven baskets full.
38 Besides women and children,
there were four thousand men who
had eaten.
39 After sending the crowds away,
Jesus got into the boat and went to
the region of ‡Magdala.

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The Pharisees and Sadducees Ask For a Sign

1 Now the Pharisees and Sadducees
came and tested Jesus, asking him
to show them a sign from heaven.
2 But he answered them, "When
evening comes you say, 'It will be
fair weather, for the sky is red.'
3 And in the morning you say,
'There will be a storm today, for
the sky is red and threatening.'
*Hypocrites! You know how to
discern the appearance of the sky,
but you cannot †discern the signs of
the times?
4 An evil and adulterous generation
asks for a sign, but no sign will be
given to it except the sign of ‡the
prophet Jonah." Then he left them
and went away.

The Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees

5 When §his disciples reached the
other side of the sea, they realized
that they had forgotten to bring
bread.
6 Then Jesus said to them, "Watch
out and beware of the leaven of the
Pharisees and Sadducees."
7 So they discussed this among
themselves, saying, "He must have
said this because we brought no
bread."
8 Aware of this, Jesus said *to them,
"Why are you discussing among
yourselves, O you of little faith, the
fact that you †brought no bread?
9 Do you not yet understand? Do
you not remember the five loaves
for the five thousand, and how
many baskets you collected?
10 Or the seven loaves for the four
thousand, and how many baskets
you collected?
11 How could you not understand
that I was not ‡talking about bread
when I told you to beware of the
leaven of the Pharisees and
Sadducees?"
12 Then they understood that he
had not told them to beware of the
leaven of bread, but of the teaching
of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Christ

13 Now when Jesus came into the
district of Caesarea Philippi, he
asked his disciples, "Who do people
say that §I, the Son of Man, am?"
14 They said, "Some say John the
Baptist, others say Elijah, and
others say that you are Jeremiah or
one of the prophets."
15 He said to them, "But who do you
say that I am?"
16 Simon Peter answered, "You are
the Christ, the Son of the living
God."
17 And Jesus answered him,
"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah,
for flesh and blood has not

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* **15:36** *his* ¦ the CT † **15:36** *crowd* ¦ crowds ANT CT ‡ **15:39** *Magdala* ¦ Magadan CT * **16:3** *Hypocrites!* ¦ — CT † **16:3** *discern* ¦ recognize ANT ‡ **16:4** *the prophet* ¦ — CT § **16:5** *his* ¦ the CT * **16:8** *to them* ¦ — CT † **16:8** *brought* 97.4% ¦ have NA TH WH 1.7% ‡ **16:11** *talking about bread when I told you to beware … Sadducees?* ¦ speaking to you about bread? But beware … Sadducees. CT § **16:13** *I, the Son of Man, am* ¦ the Son of Man is CT

revealed this to you, but my Father
in heaven.
18 And I tell you that you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build my
church, and the gates of Hades
shall not prevail against it.
19 I will give you the keys of the
kingdom of heaven, and whatever
you bind on earth will be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on
earth will be loosed in heaven."
20 Then he *commanded †his
disciples to tell no one that he was
‡Jesus the Christ.

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection

21 From that time §Jesus began to
show his disciples that he must go
to Jerusalem and suffer many
things at the hands of the elders,
chief priests, and scribes, and that
he must be killed and on the third
day be raised up.
22 So Peter took him aside and
began to rebuke him, saying, "God
forbid, Lord! This shall certainly
not happen to you."
23 But he turned around and said to
Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You
are a stumbling block to me, for you
are not thinking about the things of
God, but the things of men."
24 Then Jesus said to his disciples,
"If anyone wants to be one of my
disciples, he must 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 for my sake will find it.
26 For what *does it benefit a
person if he gains the whole world
but forfeits his soul? Or what can a
person give in exchange for his
soul?
27 For the Son of Man will come
with his angels in the glory of his
Father, and then he will repay each
person according to what he has
done.
28 Truly I say to you, there are
some standing here who will
certainly not taste death until they
see the Son of Man coming in his
kingdom."

17

The Transfiguration

1 After six days Jesus took Peter,
James, and John the brother of
James, and led them up on a high
mountain by themselves.
2 There he was transfigured before
them; his face shone like the sun,
and his garments became as white
as light.
3 And behold, Moses and Elijah
appeared to them, talking with him.
4 So Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is
good for us to be here. If you want,
*we will make three shelters here,
one for you, one for Moses, and one
for Elijah."
5 While he was still speaking,
behold, 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 on their faces and were
utterly afraid.
7 But Jesus came over and touched
them, saying, "Rise; do not be
afraid."
8 And lifting up their eyes, they saw
no one but Jesus.
9 As they were coming down from
the mountain, Jesus commanded
them, "Do not tell anyone about the
vision you saw until the Son of Man
has †risen from the dead."
10 Then ‡his disciples asked him,
"Why do the scribes say that Elijah
must come first?"
11 Jesus answered §them, "Elijah
does indeed come *first, and he will
restore all things.

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* **16:20** *commanded* ¦ warned WH † **16:20** *his* ¦ the CT ‡ **16:20** *Jesus* ¦ — CT PCK § **16:21** *Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ WH * **16:26** *does* ¦ will CT * **17:4** *we* ¦ I CT † **17:9** *risen* ¦ been raised NA SBL WH ‡ **17:10** *his* ¦ the NA SBL WH § **17:11** *them* ¦ — CT * **17:11** *first* ¦ — CT

12 But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wanted. Even so the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands."
13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Boy

14 When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus, kneeling before him
15 and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and †suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water.
16 I brought him to yoʋr disciples, but they could not heal him."
17 Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to me."
18 Then Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that hour.
19 Afterward the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"
20 Jesus said to them, "Because of your ‡unbelief. For truly I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of 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 go out except by prayer and fasting."

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection a Second Time

22 While they were *staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered up into the hands of men.
23 They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised up."
And the disciples were greatly distressed.

Paying the Temple Tax

24 When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax came to Peter and said, "Your teacher pays the two-drachma tax, doesn't he?"
25 He said, "Yes." And when †Peter came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do yoʋ think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive toll or tax? From their own sons or from strangers?"
26 ‡Peter said to him, "From strangers." And Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free.
27 But so that we may not offend them, go to the sea, cast a hook, and take the first fish yoʋ catch. When yoʋ open its mouth, yoʋ will find a stater coin. Take it and give it to them for yoʋ and me."

18

True Greatness

1 In that hour the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who is greater in the kingdom of heaven?"
2 So Jesus called over a little child, placed him among them,
3 and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you change and become like little children, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.
4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this little child is greater in the kingdom of heaven.
5 And whoever receives one little child such as this in my name receives me.
6 But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

† **17:15** *suffers terribly* 99.4% ¦ is sick TH WH 0.6% ‡ **17:20** *unbelief* 97.6% ¦ little faith CT 1.5%
§ **17:21** *But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.* 97.6% ¦ — CT 0.6% * **17:22** *staying* ¦ gathering together CT † **17:25** *Peter* ¦ they PCK ‡ **17:26** *Peter said to him, "From strangers." And* ¦ When he said, "From strangers," CT

Temptations to Sin

7 "Woe to the world because of
stumbling blocks! It is necessary
that stumbling blocks come, yet
woe to *that man through whom
the stumbling block comes!
8 If your hand or your foot causes
you to stumble, cut †them off and
throw them away from you. It is
better for you to enter life ‡lame or
crippled than to have two hands or
two feet and be thrown into the
eternal fire.
9 And if your eye causes you to
stumble, pluck it out and throw it
away from you. It is better for you
to enter life with one eye than to
have two eyes and be thrown into
the fires of hell.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

10 "Be careful not to despise one of
these little ones, for I tell you that
their angels in heaven continually
see the face of my Father in heaven.
11 §For the Son of Man came to save
the lost.
12 What do you think? If a man has
a hundred sheep, and one of them
goes astray, *does he not leave the
other ninety-nine †and go seek on
the mountains the one that has
gone astray?
13 And if he happens to find it, truly
I say to you, he rejoices more over
it than over the ninety-nine that
have not gone astray.
14 In the same way, it is not the will
of ‡your Father in heaven that one
of these little ones should perish.

Restoring a Brother Who Sins Against You

15 "If your brother sins §against
you, go show him 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. And if he refuses
to listen even to the church, treat
him as you would a pagan or a tax
collector.
18 Truly I say to you, whatever you
bind on earth will be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on
earth will be loosed in heaven.
19 *Again, truly I say to you, if two
of you agree on earth about
anything you ask, it will be done
for you by my Father in heaven.
20 For where two or three are
gathered together in my name, I am
there among them."

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

21 Then Peter came †to Jesus and
said, "Lord, how many times must I
forgive my brother when he keeps
sinning against me? Up to seven
times?"
22 Jesus said to him, "Not, I tell you,
up to seven times, but up to seventy
times seven.
23 "For this reason the kingdom
of heaven may be compared to a
king who wished to settle accounts
with his servants.
24 As he began to settle accounts,
one servant who had a debt of ten
thousand talents was brought to
him.
25 But since he did not have
anything with which to repay the
debt, his master commanded him
to be sold along with his wife, his
children, and all that he had, so
that the debt could be repaid.
26 So the servant fell down and
bowed before him, saying, '‡Master,

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* **18:7** *that* ¦ the CT † **18:8** *them off and throw them* ¦ it off and throw it CT ‡ **18:8** *lame or crippled* ¦ crippled or lame NA SBL WH § **18:11** *For the Son of Man came to save the lost.* 82.6% ¦ For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost. MSS 15.2% ¦ — CT 1.5% * **18:12** *does* ¦ will CT † **18:12** *and go seek on the mountains* ¦ on the mountains and go seek CT ‡ **18:14** *your* ¦ my WH § **18:15** *against you* ¦ — WH * **18:19** *Again, truly* ¦ Again TR † **18:21** *to Jesus and said* ¦ and said to Jesus NA WH ‡ **18:26** *Master, be* ¦ Be NA SBL WH

be patient with me, and I will repay
you all that I owe.'
27 Moved with compassion, the
master of that servant released him
and forgave him the debt.
28 But that servant went out and
found one of his fellow servants
who owed him a hundred denarii.
He grabbed him and began to
choke him, saying, 'Repay §me
what you owe.'
29 So his fellow servant fell down
*at his feet and begged him, 'Be
patient with me, and I will repay
†you.'
30 But he was not willing to do so.
Instead, he went and threw him
into prison until he should repay
what was owed.
31 When his fellow servants saw
what had taken place, they were
greatly distressed and went and
reported to their master all that
had happened.
32 Then the master summoned the
servant and said to him, 'You evil
servant! I forgave you all that debt
because you begged me to do so.
33 Should you not also have had
mercy on your fellow servant, even
as I had mercy on you?'
34 And in anger his master
handed him over to the jailers to be
tortured until he should repay all
that was owed ‡him.
35 My heavenly Father will also do
the same to you if each one of you,
from your hearts, does not forgive
his brother §for his trespasses."

19

Questions About Divorce

1 When Jesus had finished saying
these things, he departed from
Galilee and came into the region of
Judea beyond the Jordan.
2 Large crowds followed him, and
he healed them there.
3 Then *the Pharisees came up to
Jesus and tested him by asking
†him, "Is it lawful for a man to
divorce his wife for any reason?"
4 He answered ‡them, "Have you
not read that he who §made them
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 then, 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 us to give her a
certificate of divorce and send her
away?"
8 He said to them, "Because of
your hardness of heart Moses
allowed you to divorce your wives,
but from the beginning it was not
so.
9 I tell you that whoever divorces
his wife, except for fornication, and
marries another, commits adultery.
*And whoever marries a divorced
woman commits adultery."
10 †His disciples said to him, "If
such is the case of a man with his
wife, it is better not to marry."
11 But Jesus said to them, "Not all
men can accept this statement, but
only those to whom it is given.
12 For there are eunuchs who
were born that way from their
mother's womb, and there are
eunuchs who have been made
eunuchs by men, and there are
eunuchs who have made
themselves eunuchs for the sake of
the kingdom of heaven. Whoever is
able to accept this should accept it."

Let the Little Children Come to Me

13 Then little children were brought
to Jesus so that he might lay his
hands on them and pray, but the

§ **18:28** *me* ¦ — CT * **18:29** *at his feet* ¦ — CT † **18:29** *you* ¦ you everything TR ‡ **18:34** *him* ¦ — NA SBL WH § **18:35** *for his trespasses* ¦ — CT * **19:3** *the* ¦ some CT † **19:3** *him* ¦ — CT ‡ **19:4** *them* ¦ — CT § **19:4** *made* ¦ created CT * **19:9** *And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.* ¦ — NA WH † **19:10** *His* ¦ The SBL WH

disciples rebuked those who
brought them.
14 Yet Jesus said, “Let the little
children come to me and do not
hinder them, for the kingdom of
heaven belongs to such as these.”
15 And after laying his hands on
them, he departed from there.

The Rich Young Ruler

16 And behold, a man came ‡and
said to him, “§Good Teacher, what
good thing must I do to have
eternal life?”
17 Jesus said to him, “Why *do you
call me good? No one is good except
God alone. But if you wish to enter
life, keep the commandments.”
18 The man said to him, “Which
ones?” Jesus said, “You shall not
murder, You shall not commit
adultery, You shall not steal, You
shall not give false testimony,
19 Honor your father and your
mother, and, You shall love your
neighbor as yourself.”
20 The young man said to him, “I
have kept all these commandments
†from the time I was a young boy;
what do I still lack?”
21 Jesus said to him, “If you wish to
be perfect, go sell what you have
and give to the poor, and you will
have treasure in heaven; then come
follow me.”
22 But when the young man heard
this, he went away sorrowful, for
he had many possessions.

23 Then Jesus said to his disciples,
“Truly I say to you, only with
difficulty will a rich person enter
the kingdom of heaven.
24 Again I say to you, 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.”
25 When §his disciples heard this,
they were greatly astonished and
said, “Who then can be saved?”
26 Jesus looked at them and said
to them, “With men it is impossible,
but with God all things are
possible.”
27 Then Peter said to him in
response, “Behold, we have left
everything and followed you; what
then will there be for us?”
28 Jesus said to them, “Truly I say
to you, when all things are made
new and the Son of Man sits on his
throne of glory, you who have
followed me will also sit on twelve
thrones, judging the twelve tribes
of Israel.
29 And everyone who has left
houses, brothers, sisters, father,
mother, *wife, children, or fields
for my name's sake, will receive †a
hundred times more and will
inherit eternal life.
30 But many who are first will be
last, and many who are last will be
first.

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The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like
a master of a house who went out
early in the morning to hire
workers for his vineyard.
2 After agreeing with the workers
that they would each receive a
denarius for the day, he sent them
into his vineyard.
3 About the third hour he went out
and saw others standing idle in the
marketplace.
4 He said to them, ‘You go into my
vineyard as well, and I will give
you whatever is right.’
5 So they went. He went out again
about the sixth hour and the ninth
hour and did likewise.

‡ **19:16** *and said to him* ¦ to him and said CT § **19:16** *Good* ¦ — CT * **19:17** *do you call me good? No one is good except God alone* 97.7% ¦ do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good CT 0.2% † **19:20** *from the time I was a young boy* ¦ — CT ‡ **19:24** *go through* ¦ enter SBL WH § **19:25** *his* ¦ the CT * **19:29** *wife,* ¦ — NA WH † **19:29** *a hundred* ¦ many WH * **20:6** *idle* ¦ around CT

6 About the eleventh hour he went
out and found others standing *idle
and said to them, 'Why have you
been standing here idle all day?'
7 They said to him, 'Because no one
has hired us.' He said to them, 'You
go into my vineyard as †well, and
you will receive whatever is right.'
8 "When evening came, the
owner of the vineyard said to his
foreman, 'Call the workers and pay
‡them their wages, beginning with
the last and going on to the first.'
9 When those who had been hired
about the eleventh hour came, they
each received a denarius.
10 So when those who had been
hired first came, they thought they
would receive more, but they also
received a denarius each.
11 When they received it, they
grumbled against the master of the
house,
12 saying, 'These last men worked
for one hour, and you have made
them equal to us, who have borne
the burden of the day and the
scorching heat.'
13 But he replied to one of them,
'Friend, I am doing you no wrong.
Did you not agree with me to work
for a denarius?
14 Take what is yours and go. I
wish to give to this last man just as
I gave to you.
15 §Or is it not lawful for me to do
what I wish with what is mine?
*Are you envious because I am
good?'
16 So the last will be first, and the
first will be last. †For many are
called, but few are chosen."

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection a Third Time

17 As Jesus was ‡going up to
Jerusalem, he took the twelve
disciples aside §privately on the
way and said to them,
18 "Behold, we are going up to
Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will
be delivered up to the chief priests
and scribes. They will condemn
him to death
19 and hand him over to the
Gentiles to be mocked, flogged, and
crucified. But on the third day he
will *rise again."

The Request of the Mother of James and John

20 Then the mother of the sons of
Zebedee came with her sons to
Jesus, and bowing down she asked
him for a favor.
21 So he said to her, "What do you
want?" She said to him, "Declare
that one of these two sons of mine
may sit on your right and the other
on your left in your kingdom."
22 Jesus answered, "You do not
know what you are asking. Are you
able to drink the cup that I am
about to †drink, or to be baptized
with the baptism that I am baptized
with?" The two brothers said to
him, "We are able."
23 So he said to them, "You will
indeed drink my ‡cup and be
baptized with the baptism that I am
baptized with, but to sit on my right
and on 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 So Jesus called them over and
said, "You know that the rulers of
the Gentiles lord it over them, and
their great men exercise authority
over them.

† **20:7** *well, and you will receive whatever is right.* ¦ well. CT ‡ **20:8** *them* ¦ — WH § **20:15** *Or is* ¦ Is SBL SCR ST WH * **20:15** *Are* ¦ Or are CT † **20:16** *For many are called, but few are chosen.* 97.5% ¦ — CT 1.4% ‡ **20:17** *going* ¦ about to go WH § **20:17** *privately on the way and* ¦ privately, and on the way he CT * **20:19** *rise again* ¦ be raised up CT † **20:22** *drink, or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?* ¦ drink, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? TR ¦ drink? CT ‡ **20:23** *cup and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with,* ¦ cup, CT § **20:26** *shall not be* ¦ is not WH

26 But it §shall not be so among you.
Instead, whoever wants to be great
among you must be your servant,
27 and whoever wants to be first
among you must be your slave,
28 just as the Son of Man came not
to be served but to serve, and to
give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

29 As they were leaving Jericho, a
large crowd followed him.
30 And behold, there were two blind
men sitting by the road. When they
heard that Jesus was passing by,
they cried out, "*Have mercy on us,
Lord, Son of David!"
31 But the crowd rebuked them,
telling them to be silent. Yet they
cried out even more loudly, "†Have
mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!"
32 So Jesus stopped, called them
over, 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, and
immediately ‡their eyes received
sight, and they followed him.

21

The Triumphal Entry

1 When they drew near to
Jerusalem and came to
*Bethsphage, at the Mount of
Olives, Jesus sent two disciples
ahead,
2 telling them, "Go into the village
ahead of you, and immediately you
will find a donkey tied there and a
colt with it. Untie them and bring
them to me.
3 If anyone says anything to you,
say, 'The Lord has need of them.'
And immediately he will send
them."
4 Now †all this took place to fulfill
what the Lord had spoken through
the prophet:

5 "Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and ‡a colt, the foal of a beast of
burden.' "

6 So the disciples went and did just
as Jesus had directed them.
7 They brought the donkey and the
colt and laid on them their
garments, and §Jesus sat on them.
8 A very large crowd spread their
garments on the road, and others
cut down branches from the trees
and also spread them on the road.
9 The crowds that went ahead of
him and those that followed were
crying out,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!"

10 As he came into Jerusalem, the
whole city was stirred up, saying,
"Who is this?"
11 So the crowds were saying,
"This is the prophet Jesus, who is
from Nazareth of Galilee."

Jesus Cleanses the Temple Courts

12 Then Jesus entered the *courts of
God's temple and drove out all who
were selling and buying there. He
overturned the tables of the money
changers and the seats of those
who were selling doves.
13 And he said to them, "It is
written, 'My house shall be called a
house of prayer,' but you †have
made it a den of robbers."

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* **20:30** *Have mercy on us, Lord,* ¦ Lord, have mercy on us, SBL WH ¦ Have mercy on us, Jesus, TH † **20:31** *Have mercy on us, Lord,* ¦ Lord, have mercy on us, SBL TH WH ‡ **20:34** *their eyes received sight, and they* ¦ they received their sight and CT * **21:1** *Bethsphage* ¦ Bethphage CT TR † **21:4** *all* ¦ — CT ‡ **21:5** *a* ¦ on a CT § **21:7** *Jesus sat* ¦ they set Jesus SCR * **21:12** *courts of God's temple* 96.3% ¦ temple courts CT 3.4% † **21:13** *have made* ¦ are making CT ‡ **21:14** *lame and the blind* ¦ blind and the lame CT TR

14 Then the ‡lame and the blind
came to him in the temple courts,
and he healed them.
15 But when the chief priests and
the scribes saw the wonderful
things that he did and the children
crying out in the temple courts,
“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,

‘Out of the mouths of babies and
nursing infants
you have prepared praise’?”

17 And leaving them, he went out of
the city to Bethany and spent the
night there.

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

18 Early in the morning, as Jesus
was returning to the city, he was
hungry.
19 Seeing a lone fig tree by the road,
he came to it and found nothing on
it but leaves. Then he said to it,
“May there never be any fruit from
you again!” And at once the fig tree
withered.
20 When the disciples saw it, they
were amazed, saying, “How did the
fig tree wither all at once?”
21 Jesus answered them, “Truly I
say to you, if you have faith and do
not doubt, not only will you do
what has been done to the fig tree,
but even if you say to this
mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown
into the sea,’ it will happen.
22 And if you have faith, you will
receive whatever you ask for in
prayer.”

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

23 When he entered the temple
courts, the chief priests and the
elders of the people came up 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 will also
ask you one question. If you tell me
the answer, I will also tell you by
what authority I am doing these
things.
25 Where did John's authority to
baptize come from? From heaven
or from men?” So 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 we are afraid of what the
crowd might do if we say, ‘From
men,’ for everyone regards John as
a prophet.”
27 So they answered Jesus, “We do
not know.” Then he said to them,
“Neither will I tell you by what
authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

28 “But what do you think? A man
had two sons. He went to his first
son and said, ‘Son, go work today
in §my vineyard.’
29 His son answered, ‘I will *not,’
but afterward he changed his mind
and went.
30 Then the man went to his †other
son and said the same thing. His
other son answered, ‘I will ‡go, sir,’
but he did not go.
31 Which of the two did the will of
his father?” They said §to him,
“The *first.” Jesus said to them,
“Truly I say to you, tax collectors
and prostitutes are entering 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 tax collectors and
prostitutes believed him. Yet even
after you saw it, you did not change
your minds and believe him.

§ **21:28** *my* ¦ the CT * **21:29** *not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went* ¦ go, sir,’ but he did not go WH † **21:30** *other* **K**$^{X(102)}$ ¦ second **K**$^{X(69)}$ ANT RP SBL TH TR WH ‡ **21:30** *go, sir,’ but he did not go* ¦ not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went WH § **21:31** *to him* ¦ — CT * **21:31** *first* ¦ latter WH

The Parable of the Vineyard Owner

33 "Listen to another parable: There
was a master of a house who
planted a vineyard, put a fence
around it, dug a winepress in it,
built a tower, leased it to farmers,
and left the country.
34 When the season for fruit drew
near, he sent his servants to the
farmers to receive his fruit.
35 But the farmers seized his
servants; they beat one, killed
another, and stoned yet another.
36 Again he sent other servants,
more than the first group. But the
farmers treated them in the same
way.
37 Last of all, he sent them his son,
saying, 'They will have respect for
my son.'
38 But when the farmers saw the
son, they said among themselves,
'This is the heir. Come, let us kill
him and take possession of his
inheritance.'
39 So they took him, threw him out
of the vineyard, and killed him.
40 Now when the owner of the
vineyard comes, what will he do to
those farmers?"
41 They said to him, "He will bring
those wretches to a wretched end
and lease the vineyard to other
farmers who will give him the
fruits in their seasons."
42 Jesus said to them, "Have you
never read in the Scriptures,

'The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

43 Therefore I tell you that the
kingdom of God will be taken away
from you and given to a people
who will produce its fruit.
44 He who falls on this stone will be
broken to pieces, but anyone on
whom it falls will be crushed."
45 When the chief priests and the
Pharisees heard Jesus' parables,
they knew he was speaking about
them.
46 Although they were looking for
a way to arrest him, they were
afraid of the crowds, because the
people regarded him as a prophet.

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The Parable of the Wedding Feast

1 Once again Jesus spoke to them in
parables, saying,
2 "The kingdom of heaven can be
compared to a king who prepared a
wedding feast for his son.
3 He sent his servants to call those
who had been invited to the
wedding feast, but they would not
come.
4 Again he sent other servants,
saying, 'Tell those who are invited,
"Behold, I have prepared my
dinner, my oxen and the fattened
cattle 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
and another to his business.
6 The rest seized his servants,
mistreated them, and killed them.
7 *When the king heard about it, he
was furious. So he sent his armies,
who destroyed those murderers
and burned down their city.
8 Then he said to his servants, 'The
wedding feast is ready, but those
who were invited were not worthy.
9 Go therefore to where the roads
exit the city and invite to the
wedding feast anyone you find.'
10 So the servants went out to the
roads and gathered together all
whom 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 clothed with a
wedding garment.
12 So he said to him, 'Friend, how
did you get in here without a

* **22:7** *When the king heard about it, he* ¦ The king CT

wedding garment?' But the man
was speechless.
13 Then the king said to the
servants, 'Bind his †feet and hands,
‡take him away, and throw him
into the outer darkness. In that
place there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.'
14 For many are called, but few
are chosen."

The Question About Paying Taxes to Caesar

15 Then the Pharisees went and
took counsel as to how they might
ensnare Jesus in what he said.
16 They sent their disciples to him,
along with the Herodians, who said
to him, "Teacher, we know that you
are true and teach the way of God
in truth and defer to no one, for
you do not show partiality.
17 Tell us then, what do you think?
Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or
not?"
18 But Jesus knew their evil intent
and said, "Why are you testing me,
you hypocrites?
19 Show me the coin for the tax." So
they brought him a denarius.
20 Then he said to them, "Whose
image and inscription is this?"
21 They said §to him, "Caesar's." So
he said to them, "Then render to
Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are
God's."
22 When they heard this, they were
amazed. Then they left him and
went away.

The Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

23 On that day some Sadducees
*(who say there is no resurrection)
came to Jesus and asked him,
24 "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man
dies without having children, his
brother must marry the widow and
raise up offspring for him.'
25 Now there were seven brothers
among us. The first married and
died, and having no offspring, he
left his wife to his brother.
26 The same thing happened to the
second and to the third, down to
the seventh.
27 Last of all, the woman †also died.
28 In the resurrection, therefore,
which of the seven will she be the
wife of? For they all had her."
29 Jesus answered them, "You are
in error because you know neither
the Scriptures nor the power of
God.
30 For in the resurrection people
neither marry nor are they given in
marriage. Instead, they are like
angels ‡of God in heaven.
31 But as for the resurrection of
the dead, have you not read what
God said to you:
32 'I am the God of Abraham, the
God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?
He is not the God of the dead, but
of the living."
33 And when the crowds heard
this, they were astonished at his
teaching.

The Greatest Commandment

34 Now when the Pharisees heard
that Jesus had silenced the
Sadducees, they gathered together.
35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked
Jesus a question to test him:
36 "Teacher, which is the greatest
commandment in the law?"
37 Jesus said to him, " 'You shall
love the Lord your God with all
your heart, with all your soul, and
with all your mind.'
38 This is the §most important and
greatest commandment.
39 And a second *like it is this: 'You
shall love your neighbor as
yourself.'

† **22:13** *feet and hands* **K**$^{X(98)}$ ¦ hands and feet **K**$^{X(71)}$ PCK ‡ **22:13** *take him away,* ¦ — NA SBL WH § **22:21** *to him* ¦ — WH * **22:23** *(who say there is no resurrection) came to Jesus and* **K**$^{X(85)}$ ¦ came to Jesus, saying there is no resurrection, and they **K**$^{X(85)}$ CT † **22:27** *also* ¦ — CT ‡ **22:30** *of God* ¦ — NA WH § **22:38** *most important and greatest* ¦ greatest and most important CT * **22:39** *like it is this* ¦ is like it ANT HF NA RP SBL TR WH

40 All the Law and the Prophets
hang on these two
commandments.”

Whose Son Is the Christ?
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 is it then
that David, in the Spirit, calls him
‘Lord,’ saying,

44 ‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand
until I †make yoʋr enemies a
footstool for yoʋr feet” ’?

45 If David calls him ‘Lord,’ how is
he his son?”
46 No one was able to say anything
in reply, nor did anyone dare to ask
him questions anymore from that
day forward.

23

Woe to the Scribes and Pharisees
1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and
to his disciples,
2 “The scribes and the Pharisees sit
on Moses' seat.
3 Therefore *observe and do all that
they tell you to observe. But do not
do what they do, for they say things
and do not do them.
4 They bind †burdens that are
heavy and hard to bear and lay
them on people's shoulders, but
they themselves are not willing to
lift a finger to move them.
5 They do all their works to be seen
by others. ‡They make their
phylacteries wide and §the fringes
of their garments long.
6 They love the place of honor at
banquets, the best seats in the
synagogues,
7 greetings in the marketplaces, and
when others call them ‘*Rabbi,
Rabbi.’
8 But you are not to be called
‘Rabbi,’ for there is one who is your
†instructor, ‡the Christ, and you are
all brothers.
9 And do not call anyone on earth
your father, for there is one who is
your Father, §he who is in heaven.
10 Neither are you to be called
instructors, for there is one who is
your instructor, the Christ.
11 But he who is greater among you
must be your servant.
12 For whoever exalts himself will
be humbled, and whoever humbles
himself will be exalted.
13 “But woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites! For you
*devour widows' houses and for a
pretense make long prayers.
Therefore you will receive a more
severe judgment.
14 “Woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut
people out of the kingdom of
heaven. You yourselves do not

† **22:44** *make yoʋr enemies a footstool for* ¦ put yoʋr enemies under CT * **23:3** *observe and do all that they tell you to observe* 95% ¦ do and observe all that they tell you CT 0.5% † **23:4** *burdens that are heavy and hard to bear* ¦ heavy burdens SBL WH ‡ **23:5** *They* ¦ For they ANT CT § **23:5** *the fringes of their garments* ¦ their fringes CT * **23:7** *Rabbi,* ¦ — CT † **23:8** *instructor* ¦ teacher ANT CT PCK ‡ **23:8** *the Christ,* ¦ — CT § **23:9** *he who is in heaven* ¦ the heavenly one CT * **23:13** *devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive a more severe judgment. “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut people out of the kingdom of heaven. You yourselves do not enter, nor do you let in those who are trying to enter.* ¦ shut people out of the kingdom of heaven. You yourselves do not enter, nor do you let in those who are trying to enter. “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive a more severe judgment. NA SCR ¦ shut people out of the kingdom of heaven. You yourselves do not enter, nor do you let in those who are trying to enter. SBL TH WH {Note: NA encloses with double brackets the words *Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive a more severe judgment.*}

enter, nor do you let in those who
are trying to enter.
15 “Woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cross
sea and land to make a single
convert, and when he has become
one, you make him twice as much a
son of hell as yourselves.
16 “Woe to you, blind guides, who
say, ‘If anyone swears by the
temple, it is nothing; but if anyone
swears by the gold of the temple,
he is bound by his oath.’
17 You fools and blind men!
Which is greater, the gold or the
temple that †makes the gold sacred?
18 You also say, ‘If anyone swears
by the altar, it is nothing; but if
anyone swears by the gift on the
altar, he is bound by his oath.’
19 You ‡fools and blind men!
Which is greater, the gift or the
altar that makes the gift sacred?
20 Therefore, whoever swears by
the altar swears by it and by
everything on it.
21 And whoever swears by the
temple swears by it and by him
who dwells in it.
22 And whoever swears by
heaven swears by the throne of
God and by him who sits upon it.
23 “Woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe
mint, dill, and cumin, yet you have
neglected the weightier matters of
the law: justice, mercy, and faith.
These you ought to have practiced
without neglecting the other things.
24 You blind guides, §who strain
out a gnat but swallow a camel!
25 “Woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites! For you
cleanse the outside of the cup and
the dish, but the inside is filled with
the fruits of your robbery and
*unrighteousness.
26 You blind Pharisee! First clean
the inside of the cup †and the dish,
and then the outside of ‡them will
also be clean.
27 “Woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are
like whitewashed tombs, which
appear beautiful on the outside, but
inside they are full of the bones of
the dead and all uncleanness.
28 In the same way, you also
appear righteous to others on the
outside, 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 graves of the righteous,
30 and you say, ‘If we had been
alive in the days of our fathers, we
would not have been participants
with them in shedding the blood of
the prophets.’
31 Therefore you bear witness
against yourselves that you are the
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 being
sentenced to hell?
34 Therefore, behold, I am
sending you prophets, sages, and
scribes. Some of them you will kill
and crucify, and some of them you
will flog in your synagogues and
persecute from town to town.
35 As a result, all the righteous
blood that has been shed on earth
will come upon you, from the blood
of righteous Abel to the blood of
Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom
you murdered between the temple
and the altar.
36 Truly I say to you, all these
things will come upon this
generation.

The Lament over Jerusalem

37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city
that kills the prophets and stones

† **23:17** *makes* ¦ has made CT ‡ **23:19** *fools and* ¦ — CT § **23:24** *who strain … swallow* ¦ straining … swallowing WH * **23:25** *unrighteousness* ¦ self-indulgence CT TR † **23:26** *and the dish* ¦ — NA ‡ **23:26** *them* ¦ it NA SBL WH

those who are sent to you! How
often I have wanted to gather your
children together as a hen gathers
her chicks under her wings, but
you were not willing!
38 Behold, your house is left to you
§desolate.
39 For I tell you, from now on you
will certainly not see me until you
say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!' "

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Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple

1 As Jesus came out from the temple
courts and was walking away, his
disciples came to him to show him
the buildings of the temple.
2 But Jesus *said to them, "You see
all these buildings? Truly I say to
you, not one stone will be left here
upon another; all of them will be
torn down."

Signs of the End of the Age

3 Later, as Jesus was sitting 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, "Make sure
no one leads you astray.
5 For many will come in my name,
saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they
will lead many astray.
6 You will †hear of wars and rumors
of wars. Do not be alarmed, for ‡all
these things must take place, but
the end is not yet.
7 For nation will rise up against
nation, and kingdom against
kingdom. There will be §famines,
plagues, and earthquakes in
various places.
8 But all these things are the
beginning of the labor pains.
9 "Then they will hand you over
to be tortured and will put you to
death, and you will be hated by all
nations because of my name.
10 Many will fall away and will
betray one another and hate one
another.
11 Many false prophets will rise
up and lead many astray.
12 Because lawlessness will be
increased, the love of many will
grow cold,
13 but he who endures to the end
will be saved.
14 And this gospel of the kingdom
will be proclaimed in the whole
world as a testimony to all nations,
and then the end will come.

The Great Tribulation

15 "So when you see the
abomination of desolation, which
was spoken of by the prophet
Daniel, standing in the holy place"
(let the reader understand),
16 "then those who are in Judea
must flee to the mountains.
17 He who is on the housetop must
not come down to get anything out
of his house.
18 And he who is in the field must
not turn back to get his *garments.
19 Woe to those who are with child
and to those who are nursing
infants in those days!
20 Pray that your flight will not
happen in winter or on a Sabbath.
21 For at that time there will be a
great tribulation unlike any other
from the beginning of the world
until now, and it will never be
equaled again.
22 If those days had not been cut
short, no flesh would be saved. But
for the sake of the chosen those
days will be cut short.
23 If anyone says to you at that
time, 'Behold, here is the Christ!'
or, 'Here he is!' do not believe him.

§ **23:38** *desolate* ¦ — WH * **24:2** *said to* ¦ answered CT † **24:6** *hear* ¦ be concerned when you hear PCK ‡ **24:6** *all* 92.3% ¦ — CT 1% § **24:7** *famines, plagues,* ¦ famines CT * **24:18** *garments* ¦ garment CT PCK † **24:24** *as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen* ¦ that, if possible, even the chosen might be led astray WH

24 For false christs and false
prophets will rise up and perform
great signs and wonders so †as to
lead astray, if possible, even the
chosen.
25 Behold, I have told you in
advance.
26 So if they say to you, 'Behold, he
is in the wilderness,' do not go out,
or, 'Behold, he is in the inner
rooms,' do not believe it.
27 For just as lightning comes from
the east and shines to the west, so
will be the coming of the Son of
Man.
28 ‡For where the carcass is, there
the vultures will be gathered
together.

The Coming of the Son of Man

29 "But immediately after the
tribulation of those days, the sun
will be darkened, and 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 the heavens, and all
the tribes of the earth will mourn
when they see the Son of Man
coming on the clouds of heaven
with power and great glory.
31 And he will send his angels with
a loud trumpet call, and they will
gather together his chosen from the
four winds, from one end of the
heavens to the other.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

32 "Now learn this lesson from the
fig tree: As soon as its branches
become tender and put out leaves,
you know that summer is near.
33 So also, when you see all these
things, know that he is near, at the
very gates.
34 Truly I say to you, this generation
will certainly not pass away until
all these things have taken place.
35 Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will certainly not
pass away.

Be Ready

36 "No one knows about that day or
hour, not even the angels of
§heaven, but only *my Father.
37 †As were the days of Noah, so will
be the coming of the Son of Man.
38 For in ‡the days before the flood,
people were eating and drinking,
marrying and giving in marriage,
until the day when Noah went into
the ark.
39 They knew nothing about what
would happen until the flood came
and took them all away. So will it
be at the coming of the Son of Man.
40 Two men will be in the field; one
will be taken and one will be left.
41 Two women will be grinding
grain at the mill; one will be taken
and one will be left.
42 Therefore keep watch, for you do
not know §in what hour 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 not
allowed his house to be broken into.
44 Therefore you also must be
ready, for the Son of Man is coming
at an hour when you do not expect
him.

45 "Who then is the faithful and
wise servant, whom his master has
set over his household, to give them
their food at the proper time?
46 Blessed is that servant whom
his master finds doing so when he
comes.
47 Truly I say to you, he will set
him over all his possessions.
48 But if that evil servant says in
his heart, 'My master is delayed *in
coming,'

‡ **24:28** *For where* ¦ Where CT § **24:36** *heaven,* 93.8% ¦ heaven, nor the Son, CT 6.1% * **24:36** *my* ¦ the CT † **24:37** *As* ¦ For as CT ‡ **24:38** *the* ¦ those NA WH § **24:42** *in what hour* ¦ on what day CT * **24:48** *in coming* ¦ — CT † **24:49** *to eat and drink* ¦ eats and drinks ANT CT

49 and begins to beat his fellow
servants and †to eat and drink with
the drunkards,
50 the master of that servant will
come on a day when he does not
expect him and at an hour he does
not foresee,
51 and will cut him in two and
assign his portion to be with the
hypocrites. In that place there will
be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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The Parable of the Ten Virgins

1 "At that time 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 *wise, and five
were foolish.
3 When †those who were foolish
took their lamps, they did not take
oil with them,
4 but the wise took oil in their flasks
along with their lamps.
5 When the bridegroom was
delayed, they all became drowsy
and slept.
6 But in the middle of the night
there was a shout: 'Behold, the
bridegroom ‡is coming! Come out
to meet him.'
7 Then all the virgins rose and
trimmed their lamps.
8 And the foolish ones said to the
wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for
our lamps are going out.'
9 But the wise replied, 'No, there
will §not be enough for us and for
you. Instead, go to those who sell
oil and buy some for yourselves.'
10 But while they were on their way
to buy it, the bridegroom came, and
those who were ready went in with
him to the wedding feast. Then the
door was shut.
11 Afterward the other virgins also
came, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open the
door for us.'
12 But he answered, 'Truly I say to
you, I do not know you.'
13 Therefore keep watch, for you do
not know the day or the hour *in
which the Son of Man is coming.

The Parable of the Talents

14 "For it is just like a man about to
go on a journey, who called his
servants and entrusted his
possessions to them.
15 To one he gave five talents, to
another two talents, and to another
one talent, each according to his
ability. And he immediately went
on his journey.
16 The man who had received the
five talents went and traded with
them, and †made five more ‡talents.
17 In the same way, the man who
had received the two talents §also
earned two more.
18 But the man who had received
the one talent went and dug a hole
in the ground and hid his master's
money.
19 "After a long time the master
of those servants came and settled
accounts with them.
20 The man who had received the
five talents came to him and
brought the other five talents,
saying, 'Master, you entrusted me
with five talents; behold, I have
earned five more talents *besides
them.'
21 His master said to him, 'Well
done, good and faithful servant!
You have been faithful over a few
things; I will set you over many
things. Enter into the joy of your
master.'
22 The man who had received the
two talents also came to him and
said, 'Master, you entrusted me
with two talents; behold, I have
earned two more talents †besides
them.'

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* **25:2** *wise, and five were foolish* ¦ foolish, and five were wise CT † **25:3** *those who were* ¦ the CT ‡ **25:6** *is coming* ¦ — CT § **25:9** *not* ¦ certainly not CT * **25:13** *in which the Son of Man is coming* 89.3% ¦ — CT 10.4% † **25:16** *made* ¦ earned CT ‡ **25:16** *talents* ¦ — CT § **25:17** *also* ¦ — CT * **25:20** *besides them* ¦ — CT † **25:22** *besides them* ¦ — CT

23 His master said to him, ‘Well
done, good and faithful servant!
You have been faithful over a few
things; I will set you over many
things. Enter into the joy of your
master.’
24 Then the man who had
received the one talent came to him
and said, ‘Master, I knew that you
were a hard man, reaping where
you did not sow and gathering
where you scattered no seed.
25 So I was afraid and went and
hid your talent in the ground.
Behold, you have what is yours.’
26 But his master answered him,
‘You evil and lazy servant! You
knew, did you, that I reap where I
have not sown and gather where I
have scattered no seed?
27 Then you should have
deposited my money with the
bankers, and when I came I would
have received what is mine with
interest.
28 Therefore take the talent from
him and give it to the one who has
ten talents.
29 For everyone who has will be
given more, and he will have an
abundance. But the one who does
not have, even what he ‡has will be
taken away from him.
30 And throw that worthless
servant into the outer darkness. In
that place there will be weeping
and gnashing of teeth.’

The Final Judgment

31 “When the Son of Man comes in
his glory, and all the §holy angels
with him, he will sit down on his
throne of glory.
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 set the sheep on his right
and the goats on his 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 something to eat; I was thirsty,
and you gave me something to
drink; I was a stranger, and you
took me in;
36 I was naked, and you clothed me;
I was sick, and you looked after me;
I was in prison, and you came to
visit me.’
37 Then the righteous will answer
him, ‘Lord, when did we see you
hungry and feed you, or thirsty and
give you something to drink?
38 When did we see you as a
stranger and take you in, or naked
and clothe you?
39 When did we see you sick or in
prison and come to visit you?’
40 The King will answer them,
‘Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you
did it to one of the least of these my
brothers, you did it to me.’
41 “Then he will say to those on
his left, ‘Depart from me, you who
are accursed, into the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his
angels.
42 For I was hungry, and you did
not give me anything to eat; I was
thirsty, and you did not give me
anything to drink;
43 I was a stranger, and you did
not take me in; I was naked, and
you did not clothe me; I was sick
and in prison, and you did not look
after me.’
44 Then they too will *answer,
‘Lord, when did we see you hungry
or thirsty or as a stranger or naked
or sick or in prison, and not take
care of you?’
45 He will answer them, ‘Truly I
say to you, inasmuch 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.”

‡ **25:29** *has* ¦ thinks he has PCK § **25:31** *holy* ¦ — CT * **25:44** *answer* ¦ answer him ANT TR

26

The Plot to Kill Jesus

1 When Jesus had finished saying
*all these things, he said to his
disciples,
2 "You know that after two days the
Passover is coming, and the Son of
Man will be delivered up to be
crucified."
3 Then the chief †priests, the
scribes, and the elders of the people
were gathered together in the
courtyard of the high priest, whose
name was Caiaphas,
4 and they plotted together to
arrest Jesus secretly and kill him.
5 But they said, "Not during the
feast, lest there be a riot among the
people."

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany,
in the house of Simon the leper,
7 a woman came to him with an
alabaster jar of very expensive
ointment, and she poured it on his
head as he reclined at the table.
8 When ‡his disciples saw it, they
were indignant and said, "Why this
waste?
9 This §ointment could have been
sold for a large sum, and the money
could have been given to the poor."
10 Aware of this, Jesus said to them,
"Why are you causing trouble for
this woman? She has done a good
deed to me.
11 You always have the poor with
you, but you will not always have
me.
12 She has put this ointment on my
body to prepare me for burial.
13 Truly I say to you, wherever this
gospel is preached in the whole
world, what this woman has done
will also be spoken of as a
memorial to her."

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

14 Then one of the twelve, the one
called Judas Iscariot, went to the
chief priests
15 and said, "What are you willing
to give me if I deliver him up to
you?" So they set out for him thirty
pieces of silver.
16 And from then on he was looking
for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

The Passover with the Disciples

17 On the first day of the Feast of
Unleavened Bread, the disciples
came to Jesus and said *to him,
"Where do you want us to make
preparations for you to eat the
Passover?"
18 He said, "Go into the city to a
certain man and say to him, 'The
Teacher says, "My time is near. I
am going to keep the Passover with
you, along with my disciples." ' "
19 So the disciples did as Jesus had
directed them and prepared the
Passover.
20 When evening came, Jesus was
reclining at the table with the
†twelve.
21 As they were eating, he said,
"Truly I say to you, one of you will
betray me."
22 Greatly distressed, they began
to say to him one after another,
"Surely not I, Lord?"
23 Jesus answered, "The one who
has dipped his hand with me into
the dish will betray me.
24 The Son of Man indeed goes
just as it is written of 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 Then Judas, who betrayed him,
replied, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" Jesus
said to him, "You have said it
yourself."

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

* **26:1** *all* ¦ — PCK † **26:3** *priests, the scribes,* ¦ priests CT ‡ **26:8** *his* ¦ the CT § **26:9** *ointment* ¦ — CT * **26:17** *to him* ¦ — CT † **26:20** *twelve* ¦ twelve disciples SBL WH ‡ **26:26** *the* ¦ — CT § **26:26** *given thanks* ¦ blessed it CT PCK TR

26 As they were eating, Jesus took ‡the bread, and when he had §given thanks, he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take and eat this bread; this is my body."
27 Then he took *the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you,
28 for this is my blood of the †new covenant, which is poured out for many for the remission of sins.
29 But I tell you, from this point forward I will certainly not drink again from this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it with you anew in the kingdom of my Father."
30 And after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

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 have been raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."
33 Peter answered him, "Even if everyone else falls away because of you, I will never fall away."
34 Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you that on this night, before a rooster crows, you will deny me three times."
35 But Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will certainly not deny you." And all the disciples said the same thing.

Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."
37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and distressed.
38 Then Jesus said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death; stay here and keep watch with me."
39 And going a little farther, he fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."
40 Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?
41 Keep watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
42 Again, he went away for a second time and prayed, "My Father, if this ‡cup cannot pass §from me unless I drink it, may your will be done."
43 Then he came *and found them sleeping again, for their eyes were heavy.
44 So he left †them and went away again and prayed for a third time, saying the same ‡thing.
45 Then he came to §his disciples and said to them, "Sleep on now and take your rest! Behold, the hour has drawn near, and the Son of Man is delivered up into the hands of sinners.
46 Rise, let us go. Behold, my betrayer *has drawn near."

Jesus Arrested

47 While he was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came. With him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and elders of the people.

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* **26:27** *the* ¦ a CT † **26:28** *new* ¦ — CT ‡ **26:42** *cup* ¦ — CT § **26:42** *from me* ¦ — CT * **26:43** *and found them sleeping again* ¦ again and found them sleeping CT † **26:44** *them and went away again* ¦ them again and went away CT ‡ **26:44** *thing* ¦ thing again NA SBL WH § **26:45** *his* ¦ the CT * **26:46** *has drawn near* ¦ is here PCK

48 Now his betrayer had given them
a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, he
is the one; arrest him.”
49 Immediately he went up to Jesus
and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And
he kissed him.
50 Jesus said to him, “Friend, †why
have you come?” Then they came
forward, took hold of Jesus, and
arrested him.
51 And behold, one of the men with
Jesus stretched out his hand, drew
his sword, and struck the servant of
the high priest, cutting off his ear.
52 Then Jesus said to him, “Put your
sword back in its place, for all who
take the sword will ‡die by the
sword.
53 Or do you think that I cannot call
on my §Father right now, and he
will provide me with more than
twelve legions of angels?
54 How then would the Scriptures
be fulfilled that say it must happen
this way?”
55 In that hour Jesus said to the
crowds, “Have you come out to
arrest me with swords and clubs as
you would against a robber? I sat
daily *with you, teaching in the
temple courts, and you did not
arrest me.
56 But all this has taken place so
that the Scriptures of the prophets
would be fulfilled.” Then all the
disciples left him and fled.

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

57 Now those who had arrested
Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the
high priest, where the scribes and
the elders were assembled.
58 But Peter was following him at a
distance, coming as far as the
courtyard of the high priest. After
going inside, he sat with the
officers to see the outcome.
59 Now the chief †priests, the elders,
and the whole Sanhedrin were
seeking false testimony against
Jesus, so that they could put him to
death,
60 but they did not find ‡any. Even
though many false witnesses came
forward, they did not find any. But
at last two §false witnesses came
forward
61 and declared, “This man said, ‘I
am able to destroy the temple of
God and rebuild it in three days.’ ”
62 So the high priest stood up and
said to him, “Do you make no
answer? What are these men
testifying against you?”
63 But Jesus was silent. Then the
high priest said to him, “I adjure
you by the living God to tell us if
you are the Christ, the Son of God.”
64 Jesus said to him, “You have said
it yourself. Nevertheless I say to
you, from now on you will see the
Son of Man sitting 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? Behold, you
have now heard *his blasphemy.
66 What do you think?” They
answered, “He deserves death.”
67 Then they spit in his face and
struck him. Others slapped him,
68 saying, “Prophesy to us, you
Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

Peter Denies Jesus

69 Now Peter was sitting outside in
the courtyard, and a servant girl
came to him and said, “You also
were with Jesus the Galilean.”
70 But he denied it before them all,
saying, “I do not know what you
are talking about!”
71 Then he went out to the gateway,
and another servant girl saw him
and said to the people there, “This

† **26:50** *why have you come?* ¦ do what you have come to do. CT ‡ **26:52** *die* ¦ perish CT TR § **26:53** *Father right now, and he will* ¦ Father, and he will at once CT * **26:55** *with you,* ¦ — CT † **26:59** *priests, the elders,* ¦ priests CT ‡ **26:60** *any. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they did not find any.* ¦ any, even though many false witnesses came forward. CT § **26:60** *false witnesses* ¦ — CT * **26:65** *his* ¦ the CT

man †also was with Jesus of Nazareth."
72 But again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man."
73 After a little while, the people standing there came up and said to Peter, "Truly you also are one of them, for even your accent gives you away."
74 Then he began to invoke curses and to swear, saying, "I do not know the man." And immediately a rooster crowed.
75 Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said ‡to him: "Before a rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

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Jesus Handed Over to Pontius Pilate

1 Now 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 †Pontius Pilate, the governor.

Judas Hangs Himself

3 When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus had been condemned, he regretted what he had done and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders,
4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying ‡innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself."
5 So he threw the pieces of silver into the temple and departed. Then he went away and hanged himself.
6 The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since they are a price paid for blood."
7 So they took counsel and used the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners.
8 Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.
9 Then what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the sons of Israel had set a price,
10 and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

Jesus Faces Pilate

11 Meanwhile, Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said §to him, "You have said it yourself."
12 But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer.
13 Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear all the things they are testifying against you?"
14 But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so the governor was greatly amazed.

The Crowd Calls For Jesus' Crucifixion

15 Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release one prisoner for the crowd, whomever they wanted.
16 At that time they had a notorious prisoner named *Barabbas.
17 So when the crowds were gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you? †Barabbas, or Jesus, who is called Christ?"
18 (For he knew they had handed Jesus over out of envy.)
19 While Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him this message: "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have

† **26:71** *also* ¦ — CT ‡ **26:75** *to him* ¦ — CT * **27:1** *of the people* ¦ — PCK † **27:2** *Pontius* ¦ — CT ‡ **27:4** *innocent* ¦ righteous WH § **27:11** *to him* ¦ — NA SBL WH * **27:16** *Barabbas* ¦ Jesus Barabbas NA SBL † **27:17** *Barabbas* ¦ Jesus Barabbas NA SBL

suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."
20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas to be released and for Jesus to be executed.
21 In response the governor said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" They said, "Barabbas."
22 So Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?" They all said ‡to him, "Let him be crucified!"
23 Then the governor said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they cried out all the more, "Let him be crucified!"
24 When Pilate saw that he was achieving nothing and that a riot was breaking out, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this §righteous man. See to it yourselves."
25 All the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"
26 Then he released for them Barabbas, but he scourged Jesus and handed him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the governor's headquarters and gathered against him the entire cohort of soldiers.
28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,
29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand, and kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
30 Then they spit on him, took the reed, and beat him repeatedly on his head.
31 When they had finished mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own garments back on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

The Crucifixion

32 As they went out, they found a Cyrenian man named Simon. They pressed him into service, forcing him to carry Jesus' cross.
33 When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means, "Place of the Skull"),
34 they gave Jesus *sour wine to drink, mixed with gall. But when he tasted it, he refused to drink it.
35 After crucifying him, they divided his garments among themselves by casting †lots.
36 Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.
37 Over his head they placed the written charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."
38 Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.
39 Those who passed by reviled him, shaking their heads
40 and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!"
41 In the same way the chief priests ‡also, along with the §scribes, elders, and Pharisees, were mocking him, saying,
42 "He saved others, but he cannot save himself. *If he is the king of Israel, let him come down now from the cross, and we †will believe ‡in him.
43 He has put his trust in God; let God deliver him now if he wants

‡ **27:22** *to him* ¦ — CT § **27:24** *righteous* ¦ — NA SBL WH * **27:34** *sour* ¦ — CT † **27:35** *lots.* ¦ lots. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the prophet: "They divided my garments among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." TR ‡ **27:41** *also* ¦ — TH § **27:41** *scribes, elders, and Pharisees* ¦ scribes and elders CT TR * **27:42** *If he is the king of Israel,* ¦ He is the king of Israel; CT † **27:42** *will* ¦ might ANT ‡ **27:42** *in* ¦ — TR

him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.' "
44 The robbers who were
crucified with him were also
reviling him in the same way.

The Death of Jesus

45 From the sixth hour until the
ninth hour, there was darkness
over the whole land.
46 And about the ninth hour Jesus
cried out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli,
§lima 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 for Elijah."
48 Immediately one of them ran, got
a sponge, filled it with sour wine,
put it on a reed, and gave it to him
to drink.
49 But the rest said, "Leave him
alone. Let us see if Elijah comes to
save *him."
50 Then Jesus cried out again with a
loud voice and gave up his spirit.
51 And behold, the veil of the
temple was torn in two from top to
bottom. The earth was shaken, and
the rocks were split.
52 The tombs were opened, and the
bodies of many saints who had
fallen asleep were raised.
53 (They came out of the tombs, and
after his resurrection they went
into the holy city and appeared to
many.)
54 Now when the centurion and
those who were keeping watch
with him over Jesus saw the
earthquake and the things that had
happened, they became very
frightened and said, "Truly this
man was the Son of God."
55 Many women who had
followed Jesus from Galilee and
provided for him †were there
looking on from a distance,
56 among whom were Mary
Magdalene, Mary the mother of
James and ‡Joses, and the mother of
the sons of Zebedee.

The Burial of Jesus

57 When it was evening, there came
a rich man from Arimathea named
Joseph, who was himself also a
disciple of Jesus.
58 He went to Pilate and asked for
Jesus' body. So Pilate commanded
that the body be given to him.
59 Joseph took the body, wrapped it
in a clean linen cloth,
60 and laid it in his own new tomb,
which he had hewn in a rock. Then
he rolled a large stone against the
entrance of the tomb and went
away.
61 Mary Magdalene was there, and
so was the other Mary, sitting
across from the tomb.

The Guard at the Tomb

62 The next day (that is, after the
day of Preparation), the chief
priests and the Pharisees gathered
together before Pilate
63 and said, "Sir, we remember that
while he was still alive that
deceiver said, 'After three days I
will rise again.'
64 Therefore command that the
tomb be secured until the third day,
lest §his disciples come *by night,
steal him away, and say to the
people, 'He has been raised from
the dead.' This last deception
would be worse than the first."
65 Pilate said to them, "You have a
guard of soldiers. Go and make it
as secure as you know how."
66 So they went and secured the
tomb by sealing the stone and
posting the guard of soldiers.

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The Resurrection

§ **27:46** *lima* ¦ lama TR ¦ lema CT * **27:49** *him."* 96.7% ¦ him." Someone else took a spear and pierced his side, and out came water and blood. WH 1.1% † **27:55** *were* ¦ were also ANT PCK ‡ **27:56** *Joses* ¦ Joseph NA SBL WH § **27:64** *his* ¦ the WH * **27:64** *by night, steal him away,* ¦ and steal him away CT

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the
first day of the week, Mary
Magdalene came to see the tomb
along with the other Mary.
2 And behold, there was a great
earthquake, for an angel of the
Lord descended from heaven and
came and rolled away the stone
*from the entrance and sat on it.
3 His appearance was like lightning,
and his clothing was as white as
snow.
4 The guards were so afraid of him
that they trembled and became like
dead men.
5 Then the angel said to the women,
"Do not be afraid, for I know that
you are looking for Jesus, who has
been crucified.
6 He is not here, for he is risen, just
as he said. Come see the place
where †the Lord lay.
7 Now go quickly and tell his
disciples that he is risen from the
dead. And behold, he is going
ahead of you to Galilee; there you
will see him. Listen to what I have
told you."
8 So they went ‡out quickly from
the tomb with fear and great joy,
and ran to tell his disciples.
9 §As they went on their way to tell
his disciples, behold, Jesus met
them and said, "Greetings!" So they
came to him, took hold of his feet,
and worshiped him.
10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not
be afraid; go tell my brothers to go
to Galilee, and there they will see
me."

The Soldiers Bribed to Lie

11 As they went, behold, some of the
guards went into the city and
brought word to the chief priests of
all that had taken place.
12 After the chief priests had
assembled with the elders and
taken counsel, they gave a large
sum of money to the soldiers
13 and said, "Tell people, 'His
disciples came by night and stole
him away while we were sleeping.'
14 If this matter is heard before the
governor, we will persuade him
and keep you free from concern."
15 So they took the money and did
as they had been instructed. And
this story is still being spread
among the Jews today.

The Great Commission

16 Meanwhile, the eleven disciples
went to Galilee, to the mountain
where Jesus had directed them to
go.
17 When they saw him, they
worshiped him, but some doubted.
18 Then Jesus came and said to
them, "All authority in heaven and
on earth has been given to me.
19 *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 and teaching them to obey
everything I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age."
†Amen.

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* **28:2** *from the entrance* ¦ — CT † **28:6** *the Lord* ¦ he CT ‡ **28:8** *out* ¦ away CT § **28:9** *As they went on their way to tell his disciples,* 81.6% ¦ And CT 11.6% * **28:19** *Go* ¦ Go therefore CT TR † **28:20** *Amen.* ¦ — CT

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

The Preaching of John the Baptist

1 The beginning of the gospel of
Jesus *Christ, the Son of God.
2 As it is written in the †Prophets,

"Behold, I am sending my
messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way ‡before
you,
3 the voice of one crying out in the
wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord;
make his paths straight,' "

4 John §came baptizing in the
wilderness and preaching a
baptism of repentance for the
remission of sins.
5 The whole Judean countryside
was going out to him, and so were
*the people of Jerusalem. They
were all being baptized by him in
the Jordan River, confessing their
sins.
6 Now John was clothed with
camel's hair and wore a leather
belt around his waist; he ate locusts
and wild honey.
7 He proclaimed, "After me comes
one who is mightier than I, the
strap of whose sandals I am not
worthy to stoop down and untie.
8 I have baptized you with water,
but he will baptize you with the
Holy Spirit."

The Baptism of Jesus

9 In those days Jesus came from
Nazareth of Galilee and was
baptized by John in the Jordan.
10 Immediately as he was coming
up †from the water, he saw the
heavens being split apart and the
Spirit descending on him like a
dove.
11 Then a voice came from heaven:
"You are my beloved ‡Son, in whom
I am well pleased."

The Temptation of Jesus

12 Immediately the Spirit drove him
out into the wilderness,
13 and he was §there in the
wilderness for forty days, being
tempted by Satan. He was with the
wild beasts, and the angels
ministered to him.

Jesus Begins His Ministry

14 After John was put in prison,
Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the
gospel *of the kingdom of God
15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God has drawn
near. Repent and believe in the
gospel."

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

16 As Jesus was †walking by the Sea
of Galilee, he saw Simon and
Andrew ‡his brother (that is,
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 fishers of
men."
18 So they immediately left their
nets and followed him.
19 Going on a little farther §from
there, he saw James the son of
Zebedee and John his brother as
they were in the boat mending
their nets.
20 Immediately he called them, and
they left their father Zebedee in the
boat with the hired men and
followed him.

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* **1:1** *Christ, the Son of God.* 98.7% ¦ Christ. SBL WH 0.8% † **1:2** *Prophets* 96.2% ¦ prophet Isaiah CT 1.3% ‡ **1:2** *before you* 96.6% ¦ — CT 3.3% § **1:4** *came baptizing in the wilderness and* 98.2% ¦ the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, SBL TH WH 0.6% * **1:5** *the people of Jerusalem. They were all* ¦ all the people of Jerusalem. They were CT † **1:10** *from* ¦ out of CT ‡ **1:11** *Son, in whom* ¦ Son; in you ANT CT § **1:13** *there* ¦ — CT * **1:14** *of the kingdom* 95.5% ¦ — CT 2.1% † **1:16** *walking by* ¦ passing along CT ‡ **1:16** *his brother (that is, Simon's brother)* ¦ his brother TR ¦ the brother of Simon CT § **1:19** *from there* ¦ — CT

Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit

21 They went to Capernaum, and
immediately on the Sabbath Jesus
*went into †the synagogue and
began teaching.
22 The people were astonished at
his teaching, because he was
teaching them as one who had
authority, and not as the scribes.
23 ‡Now in their synagogue there
was a man possessed by an unclean
spirit. He cried out,
24 "§Leave us alone! What do you
have to do with us, Jesus of
Nazareth? Have you come to
destroy us? I know who you
are—the Holy One of God."
25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying,
"Be silent, and come out of him!"
26 So the unclean spirit convulsed
the man and came out of him,
crying out with a loud voice.
27 All the people were amazed so
that they questioned *among
themselves, saying, "What is this?
†What new teaching is this that
with authority he commands even
the unclean spirits, and they obey
him?"
28 And the news about him
immediately ‡spread throughout all
the surrounding region of Galilee.

Jesus Heals Many

29 After leaving the synagogue, they
immediately went with James and
John to the house of Simon and
Andrew.
30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay
sick with a fever, and they
immediately told Jesus about her.
31 So he went over to her and
raised her up, taking hold of her
hand. §Immediately the fever left
her, and she began to serve them.
32 When evening came, after the
sun had set, they brought to Jesus
all who were sick and those who
were possessed by demons.
33 The whole city was gathered
together at the door,
34 and he healed many who were
sick with various diseases. He also
cast out many demons, but he
would not allow the demons to
speak, because they knew *who he
was.

Jesus Preaches in Galilee

35 Early the next morning, while it
was still very dark, Jesus rose and
departed. He went off to a desolate
place and prayed there.
36 †Simon and his companions
searched diligently for him,
37 and when they found him, they
said to him, "Everyone is looking
for you."
38 Jesus said to them, "Let us ‡go
into the neighboring towns so that I
may preach there also, for that is
why I have come."
39 So he §was preaching in their
synagogues in all of Galilee and
casting out demons.

Jesus Cleanses a Man with Leprosy

40 Then a leper came up and *knelt
before him, begging him, "If you
are willing, you can make me
clean."
41 †Moved with compassion, Jesus
stretched out his hand, touched the
man, and said to him, "I am
willing; be made clean."

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* **1:21** *went into* 97.7% ¦ — SBL 1% † **1:21** *the synagogue and began teaching* 97.7% ¦ began teaching in the synagogue SBL 0.9% ‡ **1:23** *Now* ¦ Immediately CT § **1:24** *Leave us alone!* ¦ — CT * **1:27** *among themselves* 96.7% ¦ it WH 0.2% † **1:27** *What new teaching is this that with authority he … him?* ¦ A new teaching with authority; he … him. CT ‡ **1:28** *spread* ¦ spread everywhere CT § **1:31** *Immediately the* ¦ The CT * **1:34** *who he was* 57.6% ¦ that he was the Christ ANT PCK WH 37.5% † **1:36** *Simon and his companions searched diligently for him,* ¦ Simon searched diligently for him, along with his companions, CT ‡ **1:38** *go* ¦ go elsewhere CT § **1:39** *was preaching in their synagogues in all of Galilee* 99.4% ¦ went into all of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues CT 0.5% * **1:40** *knelt before him, begging him* 85.9% ¦ begged him on his knees CT 6.1% † **1:41** *Moved with compassion* 99.5% ¦ Becoming angry SBL 0.1%

42 ‡When he said this, the leprosy
immediately departed from the
man, and he was made clean.
43 Then Jesus sternly warned him
and immediately sent him away,
44 saying to him, "Be sure not to say
anything to anyone, but go show
yoʋrself to the priest and offer for
yoʋr cleansing what Moses
commanded, as a testimony to
them."
45 But the man went out and began
to proclaim it widely and to spread
the news, so that Jesus could no
longer openly enter a town, but
was out in desolate places. Yet
people were coming to him from
everywhere.

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Jesus Heals a Paralytic

1 A few days *later Jesus went to
Capernaum again, and the people
heard that he was at home.
2 †Immediately many were gathered
together, so that there was no
longer any room, not even at the
door, and he was speaking the
word to them.
3 Then some people came to him,
bringing a paralytic carried by four
men.
4 Since they were not able to ‡come
near Jesus because of the crowd,
they uncovered the roof where he
was. After digging through it, they
let down the mat on which the
paralytic was lying.
5 When Jesus saw their faith, he
said to the paralytic, "Son, yoʋr sins
are forgiven §yoʋ."
6 Now some of the scribes were
sitting there and questioning in
their hearts:
7 "Why does this man *speak
such blasphemies? Who can
forgive sins but God alone?"
8 Immediately Jesus knew in his
spirit that they were discussing
these questions among themselves,
so he said to them, "Why are you
questioning these things in your
hearts?
9 Which is easier, to say to the
paralytic, 'Yoʋr sins are †forgiven,'
or to say, 'Rise, take up yoʋr 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 paralytic—
11 "I say to yoʋ, rise, pick up yoʋr
mat, and go to yoʋr house."
12 So the man ‡immediately rose,
picked up his mat, and went out in
front of them all, so that they were
all amazed and began glorifying
God, saying, "We have never seen
anything like this!"

Jesus Calls Levi

13 Once again Jesus went out by the
sea. The entire crowd came to him,
and he taught them.
14 As he was walking along, he saw
Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at
the tax booth. Jesus said to him,
"Follow me," so Levi rose and
followed him.
15 Later, as Jesus was reclining at
the table in Levi's house, many tax
collectors and sinners reclined with
him and his disciples, for there
were many who followed him.
16 When the scribes §and the
Pharisees saw Jesus eating with
*tax collectors and sinners, they
said to his disciples, "Why is he
eating †and drinking with tax
collectors and sinners?"

‡ **1:42** *When he said this, the* 95.8% ¦ The CT 2.3% * **2:1** *later Jesus went to Capernaum again, and* ¦ later, when Jesus went to Capernaum again, CT † **2:2** *Immediately many* ¦ Many CT ‡ **2:4** *come near* ¦ bring him to CT § **2:5** *yoʋ* ¦ — CT * **2:7** *speak such blasphemies?* ¦ speak like that? He is blaspheming. CT † **2:9** *forgiven* ¦ forgiven yoʋ TR ‡ **2:12** *immediately rose, picked up his mat,* ¦ rose and immediately picked up his mat CT § **2:16** *and* 96.6% ¦ of CT 0.2% * **2:16** *tax collectors and sinners* 97.7% ¦ sinners and tax collectors CT 0.2% † **2:16** *and drinking* 92.9% ¦ — CT 0.7%

17 When Jesus heard this, he said
to them, "It is not the healthy who
need a physician, but the sick. I did
not come to call the righteous, but
sinners ‡to repentance."

A Question About Fasting

18 Now the disciples of John and
§the disciples of the Pharisees were
fasting. So some people came and
said to Jesus, "Why is it that the
disciples of John and the disciples
of the Pharisees fast, but your
disciples do not fast?"
19 Jesus said to them, "Can the
bridegroom's attendants fast while
the bridegroom is with them? As
long as they have the bridegroom
with them they cannot fast.
20 But the days are coming when
the bridegroom will be taken away
from them, and then they will fast
in *those days.
21 "No one sews a piece of
unshrunk cloth on an old garment.
For †the garment's new patch
would pull away from the old cloth,
and a worse tear would be made.
22 And no one puts new wine into
old wineskins. For the ‡new wine
would burst the wineskins; the
wine would be §spilled, and the
wineskins would be ruined. But
new wine *must be put into new
wineskins."

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

23 On the Sabbath Jesus was going
through the grainfields, and his
disciples began to make their way,
plucking heads of grain.
24 So the Pharisees said to him,
"Behold, why are they doing what
is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?"
25 He said to them, "Have you never
read what David did when he had
need and was hungry, he and those
who were with him,
26 how he entered the house of God
in the time of Abiathar the high
priest and ate the bread of the
Presence, which is not lawful for
anyone to eat except for the priests,
and how he also gave it to those
who were with him?"
27 Then he said to them, "The
Sabbath was made for man, not
man for the Sabbath.
28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of
the Sabbath."

3

Jesus Heals a Man with a Withered Hand

1 Once again Jesus went into *the
synagogue, and a man was there
who had a withered hand.
2 Now the Pharisees were watching
Jesus closely to see if he would heal
the man on the Sabbath, so that
they could accuse him.
3 And he said to the man with the
withered hand, "Rise and come
forward."
4 Then Jesus said to them, "Is it
lawful on the Sabbath to do good or
to do evil, to save life or to kill?"
But they were silent.
5 After looking around at them with
anger, grieved by the hardness of
their hearts, he said to the man,
"Stretch out your hand." So he
stretched it out, and his hand was
†restored, becoming as sound as the
other.
6 Then the Pharisees went out and
immediately took counsel with the
Herodians against Jesus as to how
they might destroy him.

A Great Multitude Follows Jesus

7 But Jesus withdrew with his
disciples to the sea, and a great
multitude from Galilee followed
‡him, and also from Judea,

‡ **2:17** *to repentance* ¦ — CT § **2:18** *the disciples of* 92% ¦ — CT 6.4% * **2:20** *those days* ¦ that day CT † **2:21** *the garment's new patch would pull away from the old cloth* ¦ the patch would pull away from it, the new from the old CT ‡ **2:22** *new* ¦ — CT § **2:22** *spilled, and the wineskins would be ruined* ¦ ruined, and so would the wineskins NA SBL WH * **2:22** *must be put into* 97.5% ¦ is for CT 0.3% * **3:1** *the* ¦ a SBL WH † **3:5** *restored, becoming as sound as the other.* ¦ restored. CT ‡ **3:7** *him* 93.8% ¦ — CT 0.2%

8 Jerusalem, Idumea, and beyond
the Jordan. A great multitude of
people from around Tyre and Sidon
also came to him when they heard
about everything he was doing.
9 Then he told his disciples to have
a small boat ready for him, so that
the crowd would not crush him.
10 For he had healed many, so that
all who had afflictions were
pressing toward him to touch him.
11 Whenever the unclean spirits
saw him, they would fall down
before him and cry out, "You are
the Son of God."
12 But he would strictly warn them
not to make him known.

The Twelve Apostles

13 Afterward Jesus went up on the
mountain and called for those
whom he wanted, and they came to
him.
14 He appointed §twelve so that
they might be with him and so that
he might send them out to preach
15 and to have authority to *heal
diseases and cast out demons.
16 He †appointed Simon (whom he
gave the name Peter);
17 James the son of Zebedee and
John the brother of James (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
‡Cananite,
19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed
him.

Jesus and Beelzebul

20 Then §they entered a house, and
*a crowd came together again, so
that Jesus and his disciples could
not even eat bread.
21 When his family heard about it,
they went out to restrain him, for
they said, "He is out of his mind."
22 But the scribes who had come
down from Jerusalem said, "He is
possessed by Beelzebul," and, "By
the ruler of demons he casts out
demons."
23 So Jesus called them over and
said 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 †cannot stand.
26 And if Satan has risen up against
himself and is divided, he cannot
stand, but has come to an end.
27 ‡No one can enter the house of a
strong man and plunder his goods
unless he first binds the strong
man. Then he §can plunder his
house.
28 "Truly I say to you, all sins will
be forgiven the sons of men, and
whatever blasphemies they utter.
29 But whoever blasphemes
against the Holy Spirit never has
forgiveness, but is *subject to
eternal judgment."
30 He said this because they were
saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

31 Then Jesus' †brothers and mother
came, and standing outside, they
sent word to him and called for
him.
32 There was a crowd sitting around
Jesus, and they said to him,
"Behold, your ‡mother, your
brothers, and your sisters are
outside looking for you."
33 But he answered them, "Who is
my mother, §or my brothers?"

§ **3:14** *twelve* 97.1% ¦ twelve, whom he also named apostles, WH 1.5% * **3:15** *heal diseases and* ¦ — CT † **3:16** *appointed* 98.8% ¦ appointed the twelve: SBL WH 0.4% ‡ **3:18** *Cananite* ¦ Cananaean CT § **3:20** *they* ¦ he CT * **3:20** *a* 89.5% ¦ the SBL TH WH 7.4% † **3:25** *cannot* ¦ will not be able to CT ‡ **3:27** *No* ¦ But no CT § **3:27** *can* ¦ will ANT CT TR * **3:29** *subject to eternal judgment* 97% ¦ guilty of an eternal sin CT 0.7% † **3:31** *brothers and mother* 94.3% ¦ mother and brothers ANT CT 2.7% ‡ **3:32** *mother, your brothers, and your sisters* 70.2% ¦ mother and your brothers ANT CT TR 28.9% § **3:33** *or* ¦ and who are NA TH WH

34 And looking around in a circle at
the people sitting there, he said,
"Behold, these are my mother and
my brothers!
35 *For whoever does the will of
God is my brother and †my sister
and ‡mother."

4

The Parable of the Sower

1 Once again Jesus began to teach
by the sea, and a *large crowd was
gathered around him. So he got
into †the boat and sat in it on the
sea, while the entire crowd was
beside the sea on the shore.
2 Then he taught them many things
in parables, and in his teaching he
said to them,
3 "Listen! A sower went out to sow.
4 As he sowed, some seed fell ‡along
the path, and the §birds came and
devoured it.
5 Other seed fell on rocky ground,
where it did not have much soil,
and it sprang up immediately
because it had no depth of soil.
6 But when the sun rose, it was
scorched; and because it had no
root, it withered away.
7 Other seed fell among the thorns,
and the thorns grew up and choked
it, and it produced no fruit.
8 But other *seed fell into good soil,
and as the seeds grew and
increased, they produced fruit and
bore †thirty, sixty, or even a
hundred times more than what was
sown."
9 Then he ‡said, "He who has ears
to hear, let him hear."

The Purpose of Speaking in Parables

10 When he was alone with the
twelve and the others who were
around him, they asked him about
the §parable.
11 So he said to them, "To you *it
has been given to know the
mystery of the kingdom of God, but
to those who are outside everything
is spoken in parables,
12 so that

'they may see but not perceive,
and hear but not understand,
lest they should turn back and be
forgiven †of their sins.' "

The Parable of the Sower Explained

13 Then he said to them, "Do you
not understand this parable? How
then will you understand all the
other parables?
14 The sower sows the word.
15 Now some people are like the
seed along the path, where the
word is sown. When they hear,
Satan immediately comes and takes
away the word that is sown in
‡their hearts.
16 Likewise, some people are like
the seed sown on rocky ground.
When they hear the word, they
immediately receive it with joy.
17 Yet they have no root in
themselves, but are only
temporary. When tribulation or
persecution arises on account of the
word, they immediately fall away.
18 Others are like the seed sown
among the thorns. §They hear the
word,
19 but the cares of *this world, the
deceitfulness of riches, and the
desire for other things enter in and
choke the word, and it becomes
unfruitful.
20 But others are like the seed sown
on the good soil. They hear the

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* **3:35** *For whoever* 99.4% ¦ Whoever WH 0.3% † **3:35** *my* ¦ — CT ‡ **3:35** *mother* ¦ my mother PCK * **4:1** *large* ¦ very large CT † **4:1** *the* ¦ a CT ‡ **4:4** *along* ¦ on ANT § **4:4** *birds* ¦ birds of the sky TR * **4:8** *seed* ¦ seeds CT † **4:8** *thirty, sixty, or even* ¦ some thirty, some sixty, and some HF NA SBL TR ‡ **4:9** *said* ¦ said to them ANT TR § **4:10** *parable* ¦ parables CT * **4:11** *it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God* ¦ it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God ANT ¦ the mystery of the kingdom of God has been given CT † **4:12** *of their sins* ¦ — CT ‡ **4:15** *their hearts* ¦ them CT § **4:18** *They* ¦ These are the ones who CT ST * **4:19** *this* ¦ the CT † **4:20** *thirty, sixty, or even* ¦ some thirty, some sixty, and some HF NA SBL TR

word, receive it, and bear †thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times more fruit than was sown."

A Lamp Under a Basket

21 He also said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed? Is it not brought in to be set on a lampstand?
22 For there is nothing hidden ‡that will not be made manifest, nor has anything been made secret except to come to light.
23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."
24 Then he said to them, "Consider what you hear. With the measure you use it will be measured to §you, *and more will be added to you who hear.
25 For whoever has will be given more, but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

The Parable of the Growing Seed

26 He also 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; he does not know how.
28 †For the earth produces a crop by itself: first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.
29 When the crop is ready, the man immediately sends in the sickle, for the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

30 Then Jesus said, "To what ‡can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use to §describe it?
31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth.
32 Yet when it is sown, it grows and becomes larger than all the garden plants and produces large branches, so that the birds of the sky can nest in its shade."

The Use of Parables

33 With many similar parables he spoke the word to them, to the extent that they were able to understand it.
34 He did not *speak to them without using a parable, but privately he explained everything to †his disciples.

Jesus Calms a Storm

35 On that day, when evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us cross over to the other side of the sea."
36 So they left the crowd and took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other ‡little boats were also with him.
37 Now a great windstorm arose, and the waves were beating against the boat, so that §it was nearly swamped.
38 But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. So they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"
39 Then he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" So the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.
40 Then he said to them, "Why are you *so afraid? †How is it that you have no faith?"
41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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‡ **4:22** *that will not* ¦ except to CT § **4:24** *you* ¦ you again PCK * **4:24** *and more will be added to you who hear* 88.8% ¦ who hear MSS 6.4% ¦ and more will be added to you CT 0.6% {Note: The reading of MSS would require that the preceding comma be removed.} † **4:28** *For the* ¦ The CT ‡ **4:30** *can* ¦ shall HF PCK § **4:30** *describe* ¦ present CT * **4:34** *speak* ¦ speak the word ANT † **4:34** *his* ¦ his own CT ‡ **4:36** *little* ¦ — ANT CT § **4:37** *it was nearly swamped* ¦ it was already beginning to sink ANT ¦ the boat was nearly swamped CT * **4:40** *so* 96.7% ¦ — CT 1% † **4:40** *How is it that you* 97.4% ¦ Do you still CT 1.9%

5

Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man

1 Then they came to the other side
of the sea, to the region of the
*Gadarenes.
2 As Jesus got out of the boat, he
was immediately met by a man
from the tombs who had an
unclean spirit.
3 This man lived among the tombs,
and no one could bind †him, not
even with chains.
4 For he had often been bound with
shackles and chains, but he tore the
chains apart and broke the shackles
in pieces. No one was strong
enough to subdue him.
5 Night and day, ‡on the mountains
and among the tombs, he would
continually cry out and cut himself
with stones.
6 When he saw Jesus from a
distance, he ran and bowed down
before him.
7 Then he cried out with a loud
voice and said, "What do you have
to do with me, Jesus, Son of the
Most High God? I adjure you by
God, do not torment me."
8 For Jesus had said to him,
"Come out of the man, you unclean
spirit!"
9 Then Jesus asked him, "What is
your name?" He §answered, "My
name is Legion, for we are many."
10 And he earnestly begged Jesus
not to send them out of that region.
11 Now there was a large herd of
pigs feeding there near the
*mountain.
12 †All the demons begged Jesus,
"Send us into the pigs, so that we
may go into them."
13 So he ‡immediately gave them
permission, and the unclean spirits
came out and went into the pigs.
Then the herd, about two thousand
in number, rushed down the steep
bank into the sea and drowned in
the sea.
14 Those who had been feeding
the pigs then ran off and reported it
in the city and in the countryside.
So the people went out to see what
had happened.
15 They came to Jesus and saw the
man who had been possessed by
demons sitting there, clothed and
in his right mind—the man who
had been possessed by the
"Legion"—and they were afraid.
16 Those who had seen it told
them what had happened to the
man who had been possessed by
demons, and they also told them
about the pigs.
17 Then the people began begging
Jesus to depart from their region.
18 When Jesus got into the boat,
the man who had been possessed
by demons begged to go with him.
19 But Jesus did not permit him to
do so. Instead, he said to him, "Go
to your house and to your people,
and report to them all that the Lord
has done for you and how he has
had mercy on you."
20 So the man went away and
began to proclaim in the Decapolis
all that Jesus had done for him, and
all the people were amazed.

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

21 When Jesus had again crossed
over in the boat to the other side of
the sea, a large crowd was gathered
around him, and he was by the sea.
22 §And behold, one of the rulers of
the synagogue came, whose name
was Jairus. When he saw Jesus, he
fell down at his feet
23 and begged him earnestly, "My
little daughter is at the point of
death. Please come and lay your

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* **5:1** *Gadarenes* 95% ¦ Gergesenes ANT 4% ¦ Gerasenes CT 0.3% † **5:3** *him* ¦ him anymore CT ‡ **5:5** *on the mountains and among the tombs* ¦ among the tombs and on the mountains ANT CT PCK § **5:9** *answered* ¦ said to him CT * **5:11** *mountain* ¦ mountains TR † **5:12** *All the demons* ¦ They CT ‡ **5:13** *immediately* ¦ — CT § **5:22** *And behold,* ¦ Then ANT CT * **5:23** *healed. Then she will live* ¦ healed and live CT

hands on her so that she may be *healed. Then she will live."
24 So Jesus went with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

25 Now there was a woman who had suffered from a flow of blood for twelve years.
26 She had suffered a great deal under many physicians and had spent all she had, yet received no benefit from it, but had only grown worse.
27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment.
28 For she †said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be healed."
29 Immediately her flow of blood was dried up, and she knew in her body that she had been healed from her affliction.
30 Jesus immediately perceived in himself that power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?"
31 His disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?' "
32 But he kept looking around to see who had done it.
33 Now the woman was frightened and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, so she came and fell down before him and told him the whole truth.
34 Then Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the ruler of the synagogue's house and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any further?"

36 But when Jesus ‡heard what they said, he immediately said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; just believe."
37 From that point he did not allow anyone to accompany him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.
38 When §he came to the ruler of the synagogue's house, he saw a commotion, with people weeping and wailing loudly.
39 Then he went in and said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping."
40 And they began laughing at him. But he put them all outside, took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in to where the child was *lying.
41 Then he took hold of the child's hand and said to her, "Talitha, †koumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."
42 Immediately the girl got up and began to walk (for she was twelve years old), and they were ‡overcome with great amazement.
43 Then he gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about it, and he told them to give her something to eat.

6

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

1 Then Jesus left that place and went to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.
2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things?" and, "What is this wisdom that has been given

† **5:28** *said* ¦ said to herself ANT ‡ **5:36** *heard what they said, he immediately* ¦ overheard what they said, he CT § **5:38** *he* ¦ they CT * **5:40** *lying* ¦ — CT † **5:41** *koumi* 79.8% ¦ koum CT 16.2% ‡ **5:42** *overcome* 95.6% ¦ immediately overcome NA SBL WH 0.5% * **6:2** *him?" and, "Such miracles as these are … hands!* ¦ him, that even such miracles as these are … hands? TR ¦ him, and such miracles as these … hands? NA SBL WH

to *him?" and, "Such miracles as
these are being done by his hands!
3 Is this not the carpenter, the son
of Mary, and the brother of James,
Joses, Judas, and Simon? Are not
his sisters here with us?" And they
took offense at him.
4 Then Jesus said to them, "A
prophet is not without honor
except in his hometown, among his
relatives, and in his own
household."
5 So he could do no miracles there,
except that he laid his hands on a
few sick people and healed them.
6 And he was amazed at their
unbelief.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

Then Jesus went around among the
villages teaching.
7 He summoned the twelve and
began to send them out two by two,
giving them authority over unclean
spirits.
8 He instructed them to take
nothing for their journey except a
staff—no †knapsack, no bread, and
no copper money in their belts.
9 He told them to wear sandals but
not an extra tunic.
10 He also said to them, "Whenever
you enter a house, stay there until
you leave that place.
11 If ‡anyone will not receive you or
listen to you, shake the dust off
your feet as you leave that place as
a testimony against them. §Truly I
say to you, it will be more tolerable
for Sodom and Gomorrah on the
day of judgment than for that city."
12 So they went out and preached
that people should repent.
13 They also cast out many demons
and anointed with oil many who
were sick and healed them.

The Death of John the Baptist

14 Now King Herod heard about
this, for Jesus' name had become
known, and *he said, "John the
Baptist has been raised from the
dead, and that is why these mighty
powers are at work in him."
15 Others said, "He is Elijah." And
others said, "He is a prophet, †like
one of the prophets of old."
16 But when Herod heard this, he
said, "‡This is John, whom I
beheaded; he has been raised
§from the dead."
17 For Herod himself had sent
men to arrest John and chain him
in prison on account of Herodias,
his brother Philip's wife, whom
Herod had married.
18 For John had been saying to
Herod, "It is not lawful for you to
have your brother's wife."
19 So Herodias held a grudge
against John and wanted to kill
him, but she was not able to do so.
20 For Herod feared John,
knowing that he was a righteous
and holy man, and he protected
him. When Herod listened to John,
he would listen to him gladly *and
do many things.
21 But an opportune day came.
On his birthday Herod prepared a
banquet for his nobles, military
commanders, and the prominent
men of Galilee.
22 When †the daughter of
Herodias came in and danced, she
pleased Herod and his guests. So
the king said to the girl, "Ask me
for whatever you wish, and I will
give it to you."
23 He swore to her, "Whatever
you ask me, I will give to you, up to
half my kingdom."
24 So she went out and said to her
mother, "What should I ask for?"

† **6:8** *knapsack, no bread* ¦ bread, no knapsack CT ‡ **6:11** *anyone* ¦ any place CT § **6:11** *Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that city.* ¦ — CT * **6:14** *he* 99% ¦ some NA SBL WH 0.7% † **6:15** *like* ¦ or like TR ‡ **6:16** *This is John, whom I beheaded; he* 95.9% ¦ John, whom I beheaded, CT 0.8% § **6:16** *from the dead* ¦ up CT * **6:20** *and do many things* 98.4% ¦ even though he was greatly perplexed CT 0.4% † **6:22** *the daughter of* 96.4% ¦ his daughter NA WH 0.4%

Her mother said, “The head of John
the Baptist.”
25 Immediately the girl came in
with haste to the king and made
her request, saying, “I want you to
give me at once the head of John
the Baptist on a platter.”
26 The king was very sad, but
because of his oaths and his guests
he did not want to reject her.
27 So the king immediately sent
an executioner and commanded
that John's head be brought back.
28 The executioner then went and
beheaded John in the prison,
brought his head on a platter, and
gave it to the girl. And the girl gave
it to her mother.
29 When John's disciples heard
about it, they came and took his
body and laid it in a tomb.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

30 Meanwhile, the apostles gathered
around Jesus and told him about all
they had done and taught.
31 Then he said to them, “Come
away by yourselves to a desolate
place and rest for a little while.”
For many people were coming and
going, and Jesus and his apostles
did not even have an opportunity
to eat.
32 So they went away in ‡the boat to
a desolate place by themselves.
33 Now §many saw them going
away and recognized *Jesus. They
ran together on foot from all the
†towns, got there ahead of them,
and then gathered around him.
34 When Jesus went ashore and saw
a large crowd, he was moved with
compassion for them, because they
were like sheep without a
shepherd. So he began to teach
them many things.
35 When the hour was already
quite late, his disciples came to him
and said, “This place is desolate,
and the hour is now late.
36 Send the people away so that
they can go into the surrounding
countryside and villages and buy
themselves ‡some bread, for they
have nothing to eat.”
37 But Jesus answered them, “You
give them something to eat.” They
said to him, “Are we to go and buy
two hundred denarii worth of
bread and give it to them 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 Then he directed them to have
all the people sit down in groups on
the green grass.
40 So they sat down in groups of
hundreds and fifties.
41 Then he took the five loaves
and the two fish, and looking up to
heaven, he said the blessing. He
broke the loaves and gave 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 and the disciples picked up
twelve baskets full of the broken
pieces and of the fish.
44 Now those who had eaten the
loaves were *five thousand men.

Jesus Walks on Water

45 Immediately Jesus compelled his
disciples to get into the boat and go
ahead of him to the other side of
the sea, to Bethsaida, while he sent
the crowd away.
46 After taking leave of them, he
went to the mountain to pray.

‡ **6:32** *the* ¦ a ANT NA SBL WH § **6:33** *many saw them going away and* ¦ the crowds saw them going away and many TR * **6:33** *Jesus* ¦ them ANT CT PCK {Note: CT does not actually have a pronoun here, but most English translations of the critical text supply the word *them* because it is used earlier in the verse.} † **6:33** *towns, got there ahead of them, and then gathered around him* ¦ towns and got there ahead of them CT ‡ **6:36** *some bread, for they have nothing* ¦ something CT § **6:41** *his* ¦ the ANT WH * **6:44** *five* ¦ about five TR

47 When evening came, the boat
was in the middle of the sea, and
he was alone on the land.
48 †He saw the disciples straining as
they rowed, for the wind was
against them. About the fourth
watch of the night he came to them,
walking on the sea, and intended to
pass them by.
49 But when they saw him walking
on the sea, they thought it was a
ghost and cried out.
50 For they all saw him and were
terrified. But Jesus immediately
said to them, "Take courage! It is I;
do not be afraid."
51 Then he got into the boat with
them, and the wind ceased. And
they were utterly ‡and completely
amazed §and in awe;
52 for they did not understand the
significance of what had happened
with the loaves, *because their
hearts were hardened.

Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret

53 When they had crossed the sea,
they came to †the land of
Gennesaret and moored the boat.
54 When they got out of the boat,
people immediately recognized
Jesus.
55 So the people ran around
throughout the entire ‡surrounding
region and began to carry the sick
on mats to wherever they heard he
was.
56 And wherever he went, to
villages, cities, or the countryside,
they would lay the sick in the
marketplaces and beg him to let the
sick touch even the fringe of his
garment. And all who touched it
were healed.

7

The Traditions of the Elders

1 Now the Pharisees and some of
the scribes who had come from
Jerusalem were gathered around
*Jesus.
2 When they saw some of his
disciples eating bread with hands
that were defiled (that is,
unwashed), they criticized them.
3 (For none of the Pharisees or Jews
eat unless they wash their hands
properly, holding to the tradition of
the elders.
4 And when they come from the
marketplace they do not eat unless
they have †washed. There are also
many other traditions they observe,
such as the washing of cups, ‡pots,
copper vessels, and dining couches.)
5 Now the Pharisees and the scribes
asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples
not walk according to the tradition
of the elders, but eat bread with
§unwashed hands?"
6 He *answered them, "Isaiah
prophesied rightly 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 as doctrines the
commandments of men.'

8 †For you have neglected the
commandment of God and are
holding to the tradition of ‡men,
such as various washings of pots
and cups. And you do many other
similar things such as these."
9 Then he said to them, "You have
a fine way of setting aside the

† **6:48** *He … against them. About* ¦ When he … against them, about ANT CT ‡ **6:51** *and completely* 93.3% ¦ — TH WH 0.5% § **6:51** *and in awe* 97.6% ¦ — CT 1.2% * **6:52** *because* ¦ but ANT CT † **6:53** *the land of* ¦ land at CT ‡ **6:55** *surrounding* ¦ — CT * **7:1** *Jesus. When they saw some of his disciples eating … unwashed), they criticized them.* ¦ Jesus, and they saw that some of his disciples were eating … unwashed). CT † **7:4** *washed* 94% ¦ sprinkled themselves WH 3.4% ‡ **7:4** *pots, copper vessels, and dining couches* 98.6% ¦ pots and copper vessels TH WH 0.6% § **7:5** *unwashed* ¦ defiled CT * **7:6** *answered* ¦ said to CT † **7:8** *For you* ¦ You CT ‡ **7:8** *men, such as various washings of pots and cups. And you do many other similar things such as these.* 80.1% ¦ men. CT 1.7%

commandment of God so that you
may keep your tradition!
10 For Moses said, ‘Honor your
father and your mother,’ and,
‘Whoever speaks evil of his father
or mother must surely die.’
11 But you teach that it is
acceptable for a man to say to his
father or mother, ‘Whatever benefit
you might have received from me
is Corban’ ” (that is, a gift devoted
to God).
12 “In this way you no longer
permit him to do anything for his
father or his mother,
13 thus nullifying the word of God
by your tradition that you have
handed down. And you do many
similar things such as these.”
14 Then Jesus called §over the
entire crowd and said to them,
“Listen to me, all of you, and
understand:
15 There is nothing outside of a
person that can defile him by going
into him, but the things that come
out of a person are what defile him.
16 *If anyone has ears to hear, let
him hear.”
17 After Jesus had left the crowd
and gone into a house, his disciples
asked him about the parable.
18 He said to them, “So are you
also without understanding? Do
you †not understand that whatever
goes into a person from the outside
cannot defile him?
19 For it does not go into his heart
but into his stomach; then it goes
out into the ‡latrine, thus purifying
all foods.”
20 He also said, “It is what comes
out of a person that defiles a
person.
21 For from within, from the
hearts of men, come evil thoughts,
§adultery, fornication, murder,
22 theft, covetousness,
wickedness, deceit, sensuality,
envy, slander, pride, and
foolishness.
23 All these evil things come from
within and defile a person.”

A Syrophoenician Woman's Faith

24 Then Jesus rose from there and
went away to the region of Tyre
*and Sidon. He went into †a house
and did not want anyone to know
it, yet he could not escape notice.
25 ‡For a woman whose little
daughter had an unclean spirit
heard about him and came and fell
at his feet.
26 (This woman was a Greek, a
Syrophoenician by birth.) She
asked Jesus to cast the demon out
of her daughter.
27 But Jesus said to her, “Let the
children first be filled, for it is not
good to take the children's bread
and throw it to the dogs.”
28 She answered him, “§Yes, Lord,
*yet even the dogs under the table
eat the children's crumbs.”
29 Then he said to her, “Because of
this reply, you may go; the demon
has come out of your daughter.”
30 And when she went to her house,
she found †the demon gone and her
daughter lying in bed.

Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man

31 Then Jesus came back from the
region of Tyre and ‡Sidon and went
to the Sea of Galilee, within the
region of the Decapolis.
32 Some people brought to him a
deaf man who had a speech

§ **7:14** *over the entire crowd* ¦ the crowd over again CT * **7:16** *If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.* 97.6% ¦ — ANT CT 1.1% {Note: NA encloses this text with double brackets.} † **7:18** *not* ¦ not yet ANT ‡ **7:19** *latrine, thus purifying all foods.”* ¦ latrine.” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) § **7:21** *adultery, fornication, murder, theft* ¦ fornication, theft, murder, adultery CT * **7:24** *and Sidon* ¦ — NA SBL † **7:24** *a* ¦ the TR ‡ **7:25** *For a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit* ¦ Instead, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately CT § **7:28** *Yes,* ¦ — NA SBL * **7:28** *yet* ¦ — ANT CT † **7:30** *the demon gone and her daughter lying in bed* ¦ the child lying in bed and the demon gone ANT CT ‡ **7:31** *Sidon and went* 98% ¦ went through Sidon CT 0.7%

impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on the man.
33 So Jesus took him aside privately, away from the crowd. Then he put his fingers into the man's ears, spit, and touched the man's tongue.
34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha" (that is, "Be opened").
35 §Immediately the man's ears were opened, the impediment of his tongue was removed, and he began speaking clearly.
36 Then Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone. But as much as he ordered them not to do so, they proclaimed it all the more.
37 And they were completely astonished, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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The Feeding of the Four Thousand

1 In those days, when there was *a very large crowd that had nothing to eat, Jesus called †his disciples over and said to them,
2 "I have compassion on the crowd because they have stayed with me now for three days and have nothing to eat.
3 If I send them away to their homes without having eaten, they will faint on the way, ‡for some of them §have come from far away."
4 His disciples answered him, "How can anyone feed these people with bread here in the wilderness?"
5 He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven."
6 So he commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground, and taking the seven loaves, he gave thanks, broke them, and gave them to his disciples to distribute, and they set them before the crowd.
7 They also had a few small fish. After blessing the fish, Jesus told the disciples to set them before the crowd as well.
8 The people ate and were filled, and the disciples picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, seven baskets full.
9 There were about four thousand men *who had eaten. After sending them away,
10 Jesus immediately got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

The Pharisees Ask For a Sign

11 Then the Pharisees came and began to argue with Jesus, asking him for a sign from heaven, to test him.
12 Sighing deeply in his spirit, he said, "Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I say †to you, no sign will be given to this generation."
13 Then he left ‡them, got into the boat again, and went away to the other side of the sea.

The Leaven of the Pharisees and Herod

14 Now the disciples had forgotten to bring bread, and they had nothing with them in the boat except for one loaf.
15 Then Jesus gave them strict orders, saying, "Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."
16 So they discussed §this with one another, saying, "He must have said this because we have no bread."
17 Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you

§ **7:35** *Immediately the* ¦ The CT * **8:1** *a very* 95.5% ¦ again a ANT CT 3.4% † **8:1** *his* ¦ the CT ‡ **8:3** *for* ¦ and CT § **8:3** *have come* ¦ are WH * **8:9** *who had eaten* ¦ — ANT CT † **8:12** *to you* 99.5% ¦ — WH 0.3% ‡ **8:13** *them, got into the boat again, and went away to the other side of the sea* ¦ them and went away in the boat again ANT ¦ them, embarked, and went away to the other side of the sea NA SBL WH § **8:16** *this with one another, saying, "He must have said this because we have no bread."* ¦ with one another the fact that they had no bread. CT * **8:17** *still* ¦ — CT

not yet perceive or understand?
Are your hearts *still hardened?
18 Having eyes do you not see, and
having ears do you not hear? Do
you not remember?
19 When I broke the five loaves for
the five thousand, how many
baskets full of broken pieces did
you pick up?" They said to him,
"Twelve."
20 "And when I broke the seven
loaves for the four thousand, how
many baskets full of broken pieces
did you pick up?" They †said,
"Seven."
21 Then he said to them, "‡How is it
that you do not understand?"

Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida

22 When §Jesus came to Bethsaida,
some people brought to him a blind
man and begged Jesus to touch him.
23 So he took the blind man by the
hand and led him out of the village.
Then he spit on the man's eyes, laid
his hands on him, and asked *him
if he saw anything.
24 The man looked up and said, "I
can see people, but they look like
trees walking around."
25 So Jesus put his hands on the
man's eyes †again and had him look
up. Then the man's sight was
restored, and he saw ‡everyone
clearly.
26 And Jesus sent him away to his
house, saying, "Do not §go into the
village or tell anyone in the village
what has happened."

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Christ

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

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection

31 Then he began to teach them that
the Son of Man must suffer many
things and be rejected by the
elders, the chief priests, and the
scribes, and that he must be killed
and after three days rise again.
32 He was stating the matter plainly,
so Peter took him aside and began
to rebuke him.
33 But turning around and looking
at his disciples, he rebuked Peter,
saying, "Get behind me, Satan! For
you are not thinking about the
things of God, but the things of
men."
34 Then he called the crowd over,
along with his disciples, and said to
them, "‡Whoever wants to be one
of my disciples must 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 sake
of the gospel will save it.
36 For what §will it benefit a
person *if he gains the whole world
but forfeits his soul?
37 †Or what can a person give in
exchange for his soul?

† **8:20** *said* 98.2% ¦ said to him NA SBL WH 1.1% ‡ **8:21** *How is it that you do not* ¦ How is it that you do not yet PCK TH ¦ Do you not yet ANT NA SBL WH § **8:22** *Jesus* ¦ they CT * **8:23** *him if he saw anything.* 98.2% ¦ him, "Do you see anything?" CT 0.7% † **8:25** *again and had him look up* ¦ again, and the man looked intently CT ‡ **8:25** *everyone* ¦ everything CT § **8:26** *go into the village or tell anyone in the village what has happened.* 93.6% ¦ even go into the village. NA SBL WH 0.6% * **8:28** *answered* ¦ said to him CT † **8:29** *said to* ¦ asked CT ‡ **8:34** *Whoever … disciples* ¦ If anyone … disciples, he CT § **8:36** *will* ¦ does CT * **8:36** *if he gains the whole world but forfeits* ¦ to gain the whole word but forfeit CT † **8:37** *Or* ¦ For CT

38 If anyone 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."

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1 And he said to them, "Truly I
say to you, there are some standing
here who will certainly not taste
death until they see the kingdom of
God come with power."

The Transfiguration

2 After six days Jesus took Peter,
James, and John, and led them up
on a high mountain by themselves.
There he was transfigured before
them.
3 His garments became radiant and
extremely white, *like snow, such
as no launderer on earth could
whiten them.
4 Then Elijah appeared to them
with Moses, and they were talking
with Jesus.
5 So 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 they were terrified, and he
did not know †what to say.)
7 Then a cloud came and
overshadowed them, and a voice
came from the ‡cloud: "This is my
beloved Son; listen to him!"
8 And suddenly, when they looked
around, they no longer saw anyone
with them but Jesus.

9 As they were coming down
from the mountain, Jesus ordered
them to tell no one what they had
seen until the Son of Man had risen
from the dead.
10 So they kept the matter to
themselves, discussing what this
"rising from the dead" could mean.

11 Then they asked him, "Why do
the scribes say that Elijah must
come first?"
12 He §answered them, "Elijah
does indeed come first to restore all
things. How then is it written that
the Son of Man 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."

Jesus Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit

14 When *Jesus came back to the
other disciples, he saw a large
crowd around them, and some
scribes arguing with them.
15 When the whole crowd saw him,
they were greatly amazed and
immediately ran up and greeted
him.
16 Then he asked †the scribes,
"What are you arguing ‡with them
about?"
17 One man from among the crowd
§answered, "Teacher, I brought you
my son, who has a spirit that makes
him mute.
18 Whenever it seizes him, it throws
him down, and he foams at the
mouth, grinds his teeth, and
becomes rigid. I asked your
disciples to cast it out, but they
were not able to do so."
19 Jesus answered *him, "O faithless
generation, how long shall I be
with you? How long shall I bear
with you? Bring him to me."
20 So they brought the boy to him.
When the spirit saw Jesus, it
immediately threw the boy into
convulsions, and he fell on the
ground and rolled around, foaming
at the mouth.
21 Then Jesus asked the boy's father,
"How long has this been happening

* **9:3** *like snow,* 94.7% ¦ — CT 0.9% † **9:6** *what to say* ¦ how to respond CT ‡ **9:7** *cloud:* ¦ cloud, saying, ANT TR § **9:12** *answered* ¦ said to CT * **9:14** *Jesus came back to the other disciples, he* ¦ they came back to the other disciples, they CT † **9:16** *the scribes* ¦ them CT ‡ **9:16** *with them about* ¦ about among yourselves ANT SBL § **9:17** *answered* ¦ answered him CT * **9:19** *him* ¦ them CT

to him?" The father said, "From childhood.
22 It often throws him into the fire
and into the water to destroy him.
But if you are able to do anything,
help us and have compassion on
us."
23 Jesus said to him, "†The question
is whether you are able to believe;
all things are possible for the one
who believes."
24 Immediately the child's father
cried out and said ‡with tears, "I
§believe, Lord; help my unbelief!"
25 When Jesus saw that *the crowd
came running together, he rebuked
the unclean spirit and said to it,
"You spirit that makes this boy
mute and deaf, I command you,
come out of him and never enter
him again!"
26 After crying out, the spirit
convulsed the boy greatly and came
out, and the boy became as though
he were dead, so that many said,
"He is dead!"
27 But Jesus took him by the hand
and raised him up, and the boy
arose.
28 Now when Jesus came into the
house, his disciples asked him
privately, "Why could we not cast it
out?"
29 He said to them, "This kind
cannot come out by anything
except prayer †and fasting."

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection a Second Time

30 Then they went away from there
and ‡passed through Galilee, but
Jesus did not want anyone to know
it.
31 For he was teaching his disciples
and telling them, "The Son of Man
is going to be delivered up into the
hands of men, and they will kill
him. Yet §after he has been killed,
he will rise on the third day."
32 But they did not understand
what this meant, and they were
afraid to ask him about it.

True Greatness

33 Then *Jesus came to Capernaum,
and when he was in the house, he
asked the disciples, "What were
you discussing †among yourselves
on the way?"
34 But they were silent, because on
the way they had been arguing
with one another about who was
greater.
35 So Jesus sat down, called the
twelve over, and said to them, "If
anyone wants to be first, he must
be last of all and a servant to all."
36 Then he took a child and placed
him before them. And taking the
child in his arms, he said to them,
37 "Whoever receives one child such
as this in my name receives me;
and whoever receives me, receives
not me, but him who sent me."

Whoever Is Not Against You Is for You

38 John said to him ‡in response,
"Teacher, we saw someone §who
does not follow us casting out
demons in your name, and we told
him to stop because he does not
follow us."
39 But Jesus said, "Do not stop him,
for no one who does a miracle in
my name will be able to speak evil
of me soon afterward.
40 For whoever is not against *you
is for you.

† **9:23** *The question is whether you are able to believe.* ¦ 'If you are able'? CT ‡ **9:24** *with tears* 96.5% ¦ — CT 0.9% § **9:24** *believe, Lord;* ¦ believe; CT * **9:25** *the* ¦ a ANT CT HF RP TR † **9:29** *and fasting* 99.7% ¦ — NA SBL WH 0.2% ‡ **9:30** *passed* ¦ went WH § **9:31** *after he has been killed, he will rise on the third day* ¦ when he is killed, after three days he will rise CT * **9:33** *Jesus* ¦ they CT † **9:33** *among yourselves* ¦ — CT ‡ **9:38** *in response* ¦ — CT § **9:38** *who does not follow us casting out demons in your name, and we told him to stop because he does not follow us.* 82.4% ¦ who does not follow us casting out demons in your name. MSS 7.2% ¦ casting out demons in your name, and we told him to stop because he was not following us. CT 0.7% * **9:40** *you is for you* ¦ us is for us CT SCR † **9:41** *in my name, because you belong to Christ,* 94% ¦ because you bear the name of Christ CT 4.6%

41 Truly I say to you, whoever gives
you a cup of water to drink †in my
name, because you belong to Christ,
will certainly not lose his reward.

Temptations to Sin

42 "If anyone causes one of ‡the
little ones who believe §in me to
stumble, it would be better for him
if a *millstone were hung around
his neck and he were thrown into
the sea.
43 If your hand causes you to
stumble, cut it off. It is better for
you to enter life crippled than to
have two hands and go into hell,
into 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,
into the unquenchable fire,
46 'where their worm does not die
and the fire is not quenched.'
47 And if your eye causes you to
stumble, tear 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 *the fires of
hell,
48 'where †their worm does not die
and the fire is not quenched.'
49 For everyone will be salted with
‡fire, and every sacrifice will be
seasoned with salt.
50 Salt is good, but if it becomes
unsalty, with what shall you season
it? Have salt in yourselves, and be
at peace with one another."

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Questions About Divorce

1 Jesus then rose from there and
went to the region of *Judea,
traveling through the region
beyond the Jordan, and crowds
gathered around him again. And
again he taught them, as he was
accustomed to do.
2 Then †some Pharisees came up
to Jesus and tested him by asking,
"Is it lawful for a man to divorce
his wife?"
3 He answered them, "What did
Moses command you?"
4 They said, "Moses allowed a
man to write a certificate of divorce
and send her away."
5 But Jesus ‡answered them,
"Because of your hardness of heart
he wrote you this commandment.
6 But from the beginning of
creation, God '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 then, they are no longer
two, but one flesh.
9 Therefore what God has joined
together, let no one separate."
10 When they were back in the
house, *Jesus' disciples asked him
about †the same subject.
11 So he said to them, "Whoever
divorces his wife and marries
another commits adultery against
her.

‡ **9:42** *the* ¦ these ANT CT SCR § **9:42** *in me* ¦ — WH * **9:42** *millstone* ¦ heavy millstone CT † **9:43** *fire, 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'* ¦ fire. SBL TH WH {Note: NA encloses *where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched* with double brackets.} ‡ **9:45** *hell, into the unquenchable fire, 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'* ¦ hell, 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' NA ¦ hell. SBL TH WH {Note: NA encloses *where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched* with double brackets.} § **9:47** *be thrown* ¦ go away ANT * **9:47** *the fires of hell* 97% ¦ hell CT 1.2% † **9:48** *their* ¦ the PCK ‡ **9:49** *fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.* 83.3% ¦ fire. CT 6.6% * **10:1** *Judea, traveling through the region* 84.3% ¦ Judea, MSS 13.1% ¦ Judea and CT 0.7% † **10:2** *some Pharisees came up to Jesus and tested him* 55.4% ¦ the Pharisees came up to Jesus and tested him ANT TR 42.3% ¦ they tested Jesus SBL 0.2% ‡ **10:5** *answered* ¦ said to CT § **10:7** *and be joined to his wife* ¦ — WH * **10:10** *Jesus'* ¦ the ANT CT † **10:10** *the same* ¦ this ANT CT

12 And if ‡a woman divorces her
husband and gets married to
another, she commits adultery."

Let the Little Children Come to Me

13 Now people were bringing
children to Jesus so that he might
touch them, but the disciples
rebuked §those who were bringing
them.
14 When Jesus saw this, he was
indignant and said to them, "Let
the little children come to me; do
not hinder them, for the kingdom
of God belongs to such as these.
15 Truly I say to you, whoever does
not receive the kingdom of God like
a little child will certainly not enter
it."
16 And taking the children in his
arms, he laid his hands on them
and blessed them.

The Rich Young Ruler

17 As he was setting out on the
road, *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 †commit adultery, Do not
murder, Do not steal, Do not give
false testimony, Do not defraud,
Honor your father and mother.' "
20 The man ‡answered him,
"Teacher, I have kept all these
commandments from the time I
was a young boy."
21 As Jesus looked at him, he felt
love for the man and said to him,
"One thing you lack: §Go and sell
all that you have and give to the
poor, and you will have treasure in
heaven. Then *take up your cross
and come follow me."
22 But the man was dejected by
what Jesus said and went away
sorrowful, for he had many
possessions.

23 Then Jesus looked around and
said to his disciples, "How difficult
it will be for those who have riches
to enter the kingdom of God!"
24 The disciples were amazed at
his words. But Jesus said to them
again, "Children, how difficult it is
†for those who trust in riches 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 completely
astonished at this and said to §one
another, "Who then can be saved?"
27 Jesus looked at them and said,
"With men it is impossible, but not
with God. For all things are
possible with God."
28 Peter began to say to him,
"Behold, we have left everything
and followed you."
29 Jesus *answered, "Truly I say
to you, there is no one who has left
house, brothers, sisters, †father,
mother, ‡wife, children, or fields,
for my sake and for the sake of the
gospel,
30 who will not receive now in
this age a hundred times as many
houses, brothers, sisters, §mothers,
children, and fields—along with
persecutions—and in the age to
come, eternal life.
31 But many who are first will be
last, and many who are last will be
first."

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‡ **10:12** *a woman divorces her husband and gets married to* 93.6 ¦ she divorces her husband and marries CT 0.4% § **10:13** *those who were bringing* ¦ — CT * **10:17** *a man* ¦ someone PCK † **10:19** *commit adultery, Do not murder* 91.5% ¦ murder, Do not commit adultery NA SBL WH 4.1% ‡ **10:20** *answered* ¦ said to CT § **10:21** *Go* ¦ If you wish to be perfect, go ANT * **10:21** *take up your cross and* 96.8% ¦ — CT 1.5% † **10:24** *for those who trust in riches* 95.6% ¦ — CT 0.3% ‡ **10:25** *It* ¦ For it PCK § **10:26** *one another* 95.8% ¦ him WH 2.3% * **10:29** *answered* ¦ said CT † **10:29** *father, mother* ¦ mother, father CT ‡ **10:29** *wife,* 96.5% ¦ — CT 1.5% § **10:30** *mothers* ¦ fathers, mothers ANT PCK

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection a Third Time

32 Now they were on the road going
up to Jerusalem. Jesus was walking
ahead of them, and they were
amazed. But *as they followed they
became afraid. Again he took the
twelve aside and began to tell them
what was going to happen to him:
33 "Behold, we are going up to
Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will
be delivered up to the chief priests
and scribes. They will condemn
him to death and hand him over to
the Gentiles.
34 They will mock him, †flog him,
spit on him, and kill him. But ‡on
the third day he will rise again."

The Request of James and John

35 Then James and John, §the sons
of Zebedee, came to him and *said,
"Teacher, we want you to do for us
whatever we †ask."
36 So he said to them, "What do you
want me to do for you?"
37 They said to him, "Grant that one
of us may sit on your right and the
other on your left in your glory."
38 But Jesus said to them, "You do
not know what you are asking. Are
you able to drink the cup that I
drink, ‡and to be baptized with the
baptism that I am baptized with?"
39 They said to him, "We are able."
Then Jesus said to them, "You will
§indeed drink the cup that I drink,
and be baptized with the baptism
that I am baptized with,
40 but to sit on my right *and on my
left is not mine to give, but is for
those for whom it has been
prepared."
41 When the ten heard this, they
started becoming indignant with
James and John.
42 So Jesus called them over and
said to them, "You know that those
who are recognized as rulers of the
Gentiles lord it over them, and their
great men exercise authority over
them.
43 But it †shall not be so among you.
Instead, whoever wants to be great
among you must be your servant,
44 and whoever wants to be first
among you must be a slave to all.
45 For even the Son of Man came
not to be served but to serve, and to
give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

46 Then they came to Jericho. Now
as Jesus was leaving Jericho, along
with his disciples and a large
crowd, ‡the blind man Bartimaeus,
son of Timaeus, §was sitting by the
road begging.
47 When he heard that it was Jesus
of Nazareth, he began to cry out,
"Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on
me!"
48 Many people began rebuking
him, telling him to be silent, but he
cried out all the more, "Son of
David, have mercy on me!"
49 Then Jesus stopped and *asked
for him to be called over. So they
called out to the blind man and
said to him, "Take courage and get
up; he is calling for you."
50 Throwing off his cloak, he †rose
and came to Jesus.
51 Then Jesus said to him, "What do
you want me to do for you?" The
blind man said to him, "Rabboni, I
want to receive my sight."

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* **10:32** *as they followed they became* ¦ those who followed were CT † **10:34** *flog him, spit on* ¦ spit on him, flog CT ‡ **10:34** *on the third day* 99% ¦ after three days CT 0.7% § **10:35** *the* 99.6% ¦ the two WH 0.2% * **10:35** *said* ¦ said to him CT † **10:35** *ask* ¦ ask of you CT ‡ **10:38** *and* ¦ or CT § **10:39** *indeed* ¦ — CT * **10:40** *and* ¦ or CT † **10:43** *shall not be* 97.5% ¦ is not CT 1.6% ‡ **10:46** *the blind man Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus,* ¦ Bartimaeus the son of Timaeus, a blind man, ANT ¦ Bartimaeus the son of Timaeus, a blind CT § **10:46** *was sitting by the road begging* 98.5% ¦ beggar, was sitting by the road CT 0.4% * **10:49** *asked for him to be called over.* ¦ said, "Call him over." ANT CT † **10:50** *rose* ¦ jumped up CT

52 Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith
has healed you.” Immediately he
received his sight and began
following Jesus on the road.

11

The Triumphal Entry

1 When they drew near to
Jerusalem and came to *Bethsphage
and Bethany, at the Mount of
Olives, Jesus sent two of his
disciples ahead
2 and said to them, “Go into the
village ahead of you, and
immediately as you enter it you
will find a colt tied there, on which
no one †has sat. Untie it and bring
it here.
3 If anyone says to you, ‘Why are
you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has
need of ‡it.’ Then he will
immediately send it here.”
4 So they went and found §a colt
outside in the street, tied at a door,
and they untied it.
5 But some of the people who were
standing there said to them, “What
are you doing, untying the colt?”
6 They answered them just as Jesus
had *instructed, and the people let
them go.
7 Then they brought the colt to
Jesus and put their garments on it,
and he sat on it.
8 Many people spread their
garments on the road, and others
†cut down leafy branches from the
trees and also spread them on the
road.
9 Those who went ahead of him and
those who followed were crying
out,

“Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!
10 Blessed is the ‡kingdom of our
father David that is coming
in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!”

11 Then Jesus entered Jerusalem
and went into the temple courts.
When he had looked around at
everything, he went out to Bethany
with the twelve, since the hour was
already late.

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

12 On the next day, as they went out
from Bethany, Jesus was hungry.
13 Seeing in the distance a fig tree
that had leaves, he went to find out
if it had any fruit. When he came
to it, he found nothing but leaves,
because it was not the season for
figs.
14 In response Jesus said to the fig
tree, “May no one ever eat fruit
from you again!” And his disciples
heard it.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple Courts

15 Then they §came to Jerusalem,
and Jesus entered the temple courts
and began driving out those who
were selling and buying there. He
overturned the tables of the money
changers and the seats of those
who were selling doves,
16 and he would not allow anyone
to carry anything through the
temple courts.
17 Then he began to teach *the
people, saying, “Is it not written,
‘My house shall be called a house
of prayer for all nations’? But you
have made it a den of robbers.”
18 When the †scribes and the chief
priests heard this, they began

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* **11:1** *Bethsphage* ¦ Bethphage CT TR † **11:2** *has* ¦ has ever CT ‡ **11:3** *it.’ Then he will immediately send it here.* ¦ it and will send it back here immediately.’ ANT CT § **11:4** *a* ¦ the ANT PCK TR * **11:6** *instructed* ¦ said CT † **11:8** *cut down leafy branches from the trees and also spread them on the road* 94.5% ¦ spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields CT 0.4% ‡ **11:10** *kingdom of our father David that is coming in the name of the Lord* ¦ coming kingdom of our father David CT § **11:15** *came* ¦ came again ANT * **11:17** *the people* ¦ — WH † **11:18** *scribes and the chief priests* ¦ scribes, the Pharisees, and the chief priests ANT ¦ chief priests and the scribes CT

looking for a way to destroy him,
for they were afraid of him,
because the entire crowd was
astonished at his teaching.
19 And when evening came, ‡he
went out of the city.

The Withered Fig Tree

20 In the morning, as they went
along, they saw that the fig tree had
withered from its roots.
21 Then Peter remembered what
had happened and said to Jesus,
“Rabbi, behold, the fig tree that you
cursed has withered!”
22 In response Jesus said to them,
“Have faith in God.
23 §For truly I say to you, if anyone
says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up
and thrown into the sea,’ and does
not doubt in his heart but believes
that what he says is going to
happen, *whatever he says will be
granted to him.
24 Therefore I tell you, whatever
you ask for in prayer, believe that
you †are receiving it, and it will be
yours.
25 And whenever you stand
praying, if you have anything
against anyone, forgive him, so that
your Father in heaven will also
forgive you your trespasses.
26 ‡But if you do not forgive, neither
will your Father in heaven forgive
your trespasses.”

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

27 Again they came to Jerusalem,
and as Jesus was walking in the
temple courts, the chief priests, the
scribes, and the elders came up to
him
28 and said to him, “By what
authority are you doing these
things? §And who gave you this
authority to do them?”
29 Jesus *answered them, “I will
†also ask you one question; answer
me, and I will tell you by what
authority I am doing these things:
30 Did John's authority to baptize
come from heaven or from men?
‡Answer me.”
31 So they §considered it among
themselves, saying, “*If we say,
‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why
then did you not believe him?’
32 But †shall we say, ‘From
men’?”—they were afraid of the
‡people, for everyone thought that
John was §truly a prophet.
33 So they answered Jesus, “We do
not know.” *In response Jesus said
to them, “Neither will I tell you by
what authority I am doing these
things.”

12

The Parable of the Vineyard Owner

1 Then Jesus began to speak to them
in parables: “A man planted a
vineyard, put a fence around it, dug
a pit for the winepress, built a
tower, leased it to farmers, and left
the country.
2 At harvest time he sent a servant
to the farmers to receive from them
some of the fruit of the vineyard.
3 But they seized that servant, beat
him, and sent him away
empty-handed.
4 Again he sent to them another
servant, and they *threw stones at

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‡ **11:19** *he* ¦ they NA SBL WH § **11:23** *For truly* ¦ Truly SBL TH WH * **11:23** *whatever he says* 93.2% ¦ it CT 0.3% † **11:24** *are receiving* 97.7% ¦ have received CT 0.7% ‡ **11:26** *But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.* ¦ But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. ANT ¦ — SBL TH WH {Note: NA encloses the main text with double brackets.} § **11:28** *And* ¦ Or ANT CT * **11:29** *answered* ¦ said to CT † **11:29** *also* ¦ — CT ‡ **11:30** *Answer me.* ¦ — PCK § **11:31** *considered* ¦ discussed CT * **11:31** *If* ¦ What should we say? If SBL † **11:32** *shall we say, ‘From men’?”—* ¦ if we say, ‘from men’ ”— TR ‡ **11:32** *people* 95.1% ¦ crowd SBL TH WH 4.6% § **11:32** *truly* 92.3% ¦ — ANT 3.2% * **11:33** *In response* ¦ — CT * **12:4** *threw stones at him, struck him on the head,* ¦ struck him on the head CT † **12:4** *sent him away after dishonoring* ¦ dishonored CT

him, struck him on the head, and
†sent him away after dishonoring
him.
5 ‡Again he sent another, and that
one they killed. He also sent many
others, some of whom they beat,
and some of whom they killed.
6 Now he still had §his one beloved
son. He sent him to them *as well,
last of all, saying, 'They will have
respect for my son.'
7 But †the farmers said to one
another, 'This is the heir. Come, let
us kill him, and the inheritance will
be ours.'
8 So they took him, killed him, and
threw him out of the vineyard.
9 What ‡then will the owner of the
vineyard do? He will come and
destroy those farmers and give the
vineyard to others.
10 Have you not read this Scripture:

'The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
11 this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

12 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders were looking for a way to arrest Jesus because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd, so they left him and went away.

The Question About Paying Taxes to Caesar

13 Later they sent some of the Pharisees and the Herodians to Jesus to trap him in what he said.
14 They came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and defer to no one, for you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in truth. §Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we give or should we not give?"
15 But knowing their hypocrisy, Jesus said to them, "Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it."
16 So they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said *to him, "Caesar's."
17 †In response Jesus said ‡to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were §amazed at him.

The Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

18 Then some Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to Jesus and asked him,
19 "Teacher, Moses wrote for us: 'If a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, that man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.'
20 Now there were seven brothers. The first married a woman and died, leaving no offspring.
21 The second married her and died, *and he also left no offspring; the third did likewise.
22 In fact, †the seven all married her and left no offspring. Last of all, the woman also died.
23 ‡In the resurrection, when they rise again, which of them will she be the wife of? For the seven all had her as a wife."

24 Jesus §answered them, "Is this not why you are in error, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?
25 For when people rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are

‡ **12:5** *Again he* ¦ He CT § **12:6** *his one* ¦ one other, a CT * **12:6** *as well,* ¦ — CT † **12:7** *the farmers* ¦ when the farmers saw him coming, they ANT ‡ **12:9** *then* ¦ — SBL WH § **12:14** *Is* ¦ Tell us then, is ANT * **12:16** *to him* ¦ — ANT † **12:17** *In response* ¦ — CT ‡ **12:17** *to them* ¦ — WH § **12:17** *amazed* ¦ completely amazed CT * **12:21** *and he also left* 93.5% ¦ leaving CT 0.5% † **12:22** *the seven all married her and left no* ¦ none of the seven left any CT ‡ **12:23** *In the resurrection, when they rise again,* 61% ¦ Therefore, in the resurrection, when they rise again, ANT TR 31.6% ¦ In the resurrection TH WH 0.7% § **12:24** *answered* ¦ said to CT * **12:25** *the* ¦ — NA PCK SBL WH

they given in marriage. Instead,
they are like *the angels in heaven.
26 But as for the dead being
raised, have you not read in the
Book of Moses, in the passage about
the burning bush, how God said to
Moses, 'I am the God of Abraham,
the God of Isaac, and the God of
Jacob'?
27 He is not the God of the dead,
but †the God of the living. ‡You
have therefore made a serious
error."

The Most Important Commandment

28 Now one of the scribes came up
and heard them debating, and
when he §realized that Jesus had
answered them well, he asked him,
"Which is the most important
commandment of all?"
29 Jesus answered *him, "The most
important †of all the
commandments is this: '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.' §This is the
most important commandment.
31 *And a second like it is this: 'You
shall love your neighbor as
yourself.' There is no other
commandment greater than these."
32 Then the scribe said to him, "You
are right, Teacher. In truth you
have said that God is one, and that
there is no other besides him,
33 and that to love him with all your
heart, with all your understanding,
†with all your soul, and with all
your strength, and to love your
neighbor as yourself is greater than
every whole burnt offering and
sacrifice."
34 When Jesus saw that the man had
answered wisely, he said to him,
"You are not far from the kingdom
of God." And no one dared to ask
him questions anymore.

Whose Son Is the Christ?

35 As Jesus taught in the temple
courts, he said, "How can the
scribes say that the Christ is the Son
of David?
36 ‡For David himself said in the
Holy Spirit,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand
until I §make your enemies a
footstool for your feet." '

37 David himself calls him 'Lord,' so
how is he his son?" And the large
crowd was listening to him gladly.

Beware of the Scribes

38 Jesus also said *to them in his
teaching, "Beware of the scribes
who like to walk around in long
robes and to receive greetings in
the marketplaces
39 and to have the best seats in the
synagogues and the places of honor
at banquets,
40 who devour widows' houses and
for a pretense make long prayers.
They will receive a more severe
judgment."

The Widow's Offering

41 Later Jesus sat down across from
the treasury and watched how the
crowd was putting money into the
treasury. Many rich people put in
large amounts.

† **12:27** *the God* ¦ — ANT CT ‡ **12:27** *You have therefore made a serious* 87.9% ¦ You, who are many, have therefore made an MSS 6.5% ¦ You have made a serious CT 0.5% {Note: The reading of MSS could also be interpreted to support the main Greek text if a spelling error is assumed.} § **12:28** *realized* ¦ saw ANT NA SBL * **12:29** *him* ¦ — CT † **12:29** *of all the commandments* ¦ commandment of all ANT ¦ — CT ‡ **12:29** *our* ¦ your PCK § **12:30** *This is the most important commandment.* 84% ¦ This is the most important commandment of all. MSS 12% ¦ — NA SBL WH 1% * **12:31** *And a second like it is this* ¦ And a second is like it HF ¦ The second is this NA SBL WH † **12:33** *with all your soul,* ¦ — CT ‡ **12:36** *For* ¦ — CT § **12:36** *make your enemies a footstool for* ¦ put your enemies under NA SBL WH * **12:38** *to them* ¦ — CT

42 Then a poor widow came and put
in two small copper coins, which
are worth a penny.
43 So Jesus called his disciples over
and said to them, "Truly I say to
you, this poor widow has put more
money into the treasury than all
the others.
44 For they have all put in money
out of their abundance, but she, out
of her poverty, has put in all that
she had, her entire livelihood."

13

Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple

1 As Jesus was coming out from the
temple courts, one of his disciples
said to him, "Teacher, look! What
wonderful stones and what
wonderful buildings!"
2 Jesus *answered him, "Do you see
these great buildings? Not one
stone will be †left upon another; all
of them will be torn down."

Signs of the End of the Age

3 Later, as Jesus was sitting on the
Mount of Olives, across from the
temple, Peter, James, John, and
Andrew asked him privately,
4 "Tell us, when will these things
happen? And what will be the sign
that all these things are about to be
fulfilled?"
5 Jesus began to say to them ‡in
response, "Make sure no one leads
you astray.
6 §For 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, for these things must
take place, but the end is not yet.
8 For nation will rise up against
nation, and kingdom against
kingdom. There will be
earthquakes in various places,
along with famines †and riots.
These are the ‡beginnings of the
labor pains.
9 "You must watch out for
§yourselves, for they will deliver
you up to councils, and you will be
beaten in *synagogues. For my sake
you will even be †set before
governors and kings as witnesses to
them.
10 And the gospel must first be
proclaimed to all nations.
11 When they lead you away and
hand you over, do not be anxious
beforehand about what you should
‡say. Do not give it much thought,
but say whatever is given to you in
that hour, for it will not be you
speaking, but the Holy Spirit.
12 Brother will deliver up brother
to death, and a father his child, and
children will rise up against their
parents and have them put to
death.
13 You will be hated by all
because of my name, but he who
endures to the end will be saved.

The Great Tribulation

14 "When you see the abomination
of §desolation, which was spoken
of by the prophet Daniel, standing
where it should not be" (let the
reader understand), "then those
who are in Judea must flee to the
mountains.
15 He who is on the housetop must
not come down *into his house or
go inside to get anything out of his
house.
16 And he who is in the field must
not turn back to get his cloak.

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* **13:2** *answered* ¦ said to CT † **13:2** *left* 78.4% ¦ left here ANT CT PCK 21.4% ‡ **13:5** *in response* ¦ — CT § **13:6** *For many* ¦ Many CT * **13:7** *alarmed, for these* ¦ alarmed. These CT † **13:8** *and riots* 96% ¦ — CT 0.5% ‡ **13:8** *beginnings* ¦ beginning CT § **13:9** *yourselves, for they* ¦ yourselves. They CT * **13:9** *synagogues* ¦ their synagogues ANT † **13:9** *set* ¦ brought PCK SCR ‡ **13:11** *say. Do not give it much thought,* ¦ say, CT § **13:14** *desolation, which was spoken of by the prophet Daniel,* ¦ desolation CT * **13:15** *into his house* 94.3% ¦ — CT 2.6%

17 Woe to those who are with child
and to those who are nursing
infants in those days!
18 Pray that †your flight will not
happen in winter.
19 For those days will be a time of
tribulation unlike any other from
the beginning of God's creation
until now, and it will never be
equaled again.
20 If the Lord had not cut those days
short, no flesh would be saved. But
for the sake of the chosen, whom
he has selected, he has cut those
days short.
21 If anyone says to you at that
time, 'Behold, here is the ‡Christ!'
or, 'Behold, there he is!' do not
believe him.
22 For false christs and false
prophets will rise up and perform
signs and wonders to lead astray, if
possible, §even the chosen.
23 So you must watch out! *Behold,
I have told you everything in
advance.

The Coming of the Son of Man

24 "But in those days, after that time
of tribulation, the sun will be
darkened, and the moon will not
give its light.
25 The stars †of heaven will be
falling, and the powers that are in
the heavens will be shaken.
26 Then people will see the Son of
Man coming in the clouds with
great power and glory.
27 And he will send ‡his angels and
gather together §his chosen from
the four winds, from the ends of
the earth to the ends of heaven.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

28 "Now learn this lesson from the
fig tree: As soon as its branches
become tender and put out leaves,
*you know that summer is near.
29 So also, when you see these
things taking place, know that he is
near, at the very gates.
30 Truly I say to you, this generation
will certainly not pass away until
all these things have taken place.
31 Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will †certainly not
pass away.

Keep Watch

32 "No one knows about that day ‡or
hour, not even the angels in heaven
or the Son, but only the Father.
33 Be on guard; stay alert §and
pray! For you do not know when
the time is coming.
34 It is like a man away on a
journey: When he leaves his house
and gives authority to his servants,
assigning to each one his task, he
also 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 in the morning.
36 Otherwise, he may come
suddenly and find you sleeping.
37 What I say to you, I say to
everyone: Keep watch!"

14

The Plot to Kill Jesus

1 Now the Passover and the Feast of
Unleavened Bread were two days
away, and the chief priests and the
scribes were looking for a way to
arrest Jesus secretly and kill him.
2 *But they said, "Not during the
feast, otherwise there will be a riot
among the people."

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

3 Meanwhile Jesus was in Bethany,
reclining at the table in the house
of Simon the leper, and a woman

† **13:18** *your flight* ¦ it CT ‡ **13:21** *Christ!' or, 'Behold* ¦ Christ! Behold ANT CT PCK § **13:22** *even* ¦ — CT * **13:23** *Behold,* ¦ — CT † **13:25** *of heaven will be falling* ¦ will be falling from heaven ANT CT ‡ **13:27** *his* ¦ the CT § **13:27** *his* ¦ the SBL * **13:28** *you know* ¦ one knows PCK † **13:31** *certainly* ¦ — WH ‡ **13:32** *or* ¦ and TR § **13:33** *and pray* 95.9% ¦ — NA SBL WH 0.6% * **14:2** *But* ¦ For CT

came with an alabaster jar of very expensive ointment made of pure nard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured the ointment on his head.
4 But some were expressing indignation to one †another, saying, "Why has this ointment been wasted?
5 ‡It could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money could have been given to the poor." So they began scolding her.
6 But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why are you causing trouble for her? She has done a good deed to me.
7 For you always have the poor with you, and you §can do good to them whenever you want, but you will not always have me.
8 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand to prepare me for burial.
9 Truly I say to you, wherever *this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of as a memorial to her."

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to deliver Jesus up to them.
11 When they heard why he had come, they were glad and promised to give him money. So he began looking for a way to betray Jesus at an opportune time.

The Passover with the Disciples

12 On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"
13 So he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jug of water will meet you. Follow him.
14 Wherever he enters, tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher asks, "Where is †the guest room where I can eat the Passover with my disciples?" '
15 He will then show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared; make preparations for us there."
16 So ‡his disciples left, went into the city, and found it just as Jesus had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

17 When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve.
18 As they were reclining at the table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, one of you who is eating with me will betray me."
19 So they began to be sorrowful and to say one after another, "Surely not I?" §and, "Surely not I?"
20 Jesus *answered them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread with me into the †dish.
21 ‡The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of 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."

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

22 As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had blessed it, he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "§Take and eat this bread; this is my body."
23 Then he took *the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

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† **14:4** *another, saying,* ¦ another: CT ‡ **14:5** *It* ¦ This ointment ANT CT § **14:7** *can* ¦ can always WH * **14:9** *this* ¦ the CT † **14:14** *the* ¦ my ANT CT ‡ **14:16** *his* ¦ the CT § **14:19** *and, "Surely not I?"* 87.5% ¦ — CT 8.2% * **14:20** *answered* ¦ said to CT † **14:20** *dish* 96% ¦ one dish WH 0.2% ‡ **14:21** *The* ¦ For the CT § **14:22** *Take and eat* ¦ Take CT * **14:23** *the* ¦ a CT † **14:24** *new* 98.9% ¦ — CT 0.5%

24 He said to them, "This is my
blood of the †new covenant, which
is poured out for many.
25 Truly I say to you, I will certainly
not drink again from the fruit of
the vine until that day when I drink
it anew in the kingdom of God."
26 And after singing a hymn, they
went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

27 Then Jesus said to them, "All of
you will fall ‡away, for it is written,
'I will strike the shepherd, and the
sheep will be scattered.'
28 However, after I have been raised
up, I will go ahead of you to
Galilee."
29 But Peter said to him, "Even if
everyone else falls away, I will not."
30 Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to
you that today, on this night, before
a rooster crows twice, you will
deny me three times."
31 But Peter said §all the more
vehemently, "Even if I must die
with you, I will certainly not deny
you." And they all said the same
thing.

Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane

32 Then they went to a place called
Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his
disciples, "Sit here while I go and
pray."
33 He took with him Peter, James,
and John, and began to be greatly
disturbed and *distressed.
34 He said to them, "My soul is very
sorrowful, even to the point of
death; stay here and keep watch."
35 Going a little farther, he fell on
†the ground and prayed that, if it
were possible, the hour might pass
from him.
36 He said, "Abba, Father, all things
are possible for you. Take this cup
away from me; nevertheless, not
what I will, but what you will."
37 Then he came and found them
sleeping, and he said to Peter,
"Simon, are you sleeping? Could
‡you not keep watch for one hour?
38 Keep watch and pray, lest you
enter into temptation. The spirit
indeed is willing, but the flesh is
weak."
39 Once again he went away and
prayed the same prayer.
40 When he §returned, he found
them sleeping again, for their eyes
were *heavy, and they did not
know what to say in response.
41 Then he came a third time and
said to them, "Sleep on now and
take your rest! That is enough; the
hour has come. Behold, the Son of
Man is delivered up into the hands
of sinners.
42 Rise, let us go! Behold, my
betrayer has drawn near."

Jesus Arrested

43 Immediately, as he was still
speaking, †Judas arrived, ‡who was
one of the twelve. With him was a
§large crowd with swords and
clubs, sent by the chief priests, the
scribes, and the elders.
44 Now his betrayer had given them
a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss,
he is the one; arrest him and lead
him away under guard."
45 When Judas came, he
immediately went up to Jesus and
said *to him, "†Rabbi! Rabbi!" And
he kissed him.
46 Then they took hold of Jesus and
arrested him.
47 But one of the bystanders drew
his sword and struck the servant of
the high priest, cutting off his ear.
48 Then Jesus said to them, "Have
you come out to arrest me with

‡ **14:27** *away* ¦ away because of me this night ANT HF PCK RP TR § **14:31** *all the more* ¦ — CT * **14:33** *distressed. He said* ¦ distressed, and to say ANT † **14:35** *the* ¦ his face on the ANT ‡ **14:37** *you* ¦ you ANT § **14:40** *returned, he found them sleeping again* 94.5% ¦ came again, he found them sleeping CT 0.5% * **14:40** *heavy* ¦ very heavy ANT CT PCK † **14:43** *Judas* ¦ Judas Iscariot ANT ‡ **14:43** *who was* ¦ — ANT CT § **14:43** *large* ¦ — CT * **14:45** *to him* ¦ — ANT CT TR † **14:45** *Rabbi!* ¦ Greetings, ANT ¦ — CT

swords and clubs as you would
against a robber?
49 I was with you daily, teaching in
the temple courts, and you did not
arrest me. But these things are
happening so that the Scriptures
may be fulfilled."
50 Then they all the disciples left
him and fled.

A Young Man Flees

51 Now a certain young man was
following Jesus, wearing nothing
but a linen cloth. ‡The young men
tried to seize him,
52 but he left the linen cloth behind
and ran away §from them naked.

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

53 Then they led Jesus away to the
high priest, and all the chief priests,
the elders, and the scribes were
assembled *together with him.
54 Peter had followed Jesus at a
distance, right into the courtyard of
the high priest. There he sat with
the officers, warming himself in the
light of the fire.
55 Now the chief priests and the
whole Sanhedrin were seeking
testimony against Jesus so that they
could put him to death, but they
did not find any.
56 For many were giving false
testimony against him, but their
testimonies did not agree.
57 Then some stood up and gave
false testimony against him,
declaring,
58 "We heard him say, 'I will
destroy this man-made temple, and
in three days I will build another
not made by man.' "
59 Yet even then their testimony did
not agree.
60 Then the high priest stood up
before them and asked Jesus, "Do
you make no answer? What are
these men testifying against you?"
61 But he was silent and made no
answer. 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 sitting at the
right hand of Power and coming
†with the clouds of heaven."
63 Then the high priest tore his
garments and said, "What further
need do we have of witnesses?
64 You have ‡heard his blasphemy.
What seems right to you?" And
they all condemned him as
deserving death.
65 Then some began to spit on him,
to blindfold him, and to beat him,
saying to him, "§Prophesy!" And
the officers *kept striking him with
the palms of their hands.

Peter Denies Jesus

66 Now as Peter was in the
courtyard below, one of the servant
girls of the high priest came.
67 When she saw Peter warming
himself, she looked at him and said,
"You also were with Jesus of
Nazareth."
68 But he denied it, saying, "I
neither know nor understand what
you are talking about!" Then he
went outside to the †gateway, and a
rooster crowed.
69 When the servant girl saw ‡him
again, she began saying to the
people standing nearby, "This man
is one of them."
70 But again he denied it. After a
little while, the people standing
nearby said to Peter once again,
"Truly you are one of them, for you

‡ **14:51** *The young men* ¦ They CT § **14:52** *from them* 96.7% ¦ — CT 0.3% * **14:53** *together with him* ¦ — NA SBL WH † **14:62** *with* ¦ on ANT ‡ **14:64** *heard* ¦ certainly heard ANT § **14:65** *Prophesy!* ¦ Prophesy to us! Who is it that struck you? ANT * **14:65** *kept striking him with the palms of their hands* 55.1% ¦ struck him with the palms of their hands ANT 37% ¦ received him with slaps CT 5.7% † **14:68** *gateway, and a rooster crowed.* 97.2% ¦ gateway. WH 0.5% ‡ **14:69** *him again, she began* ¦ him, she again began CT § **14:70** *Galilean, and your accent is like theirs.* ¦ Galilean. NA TH WH

also are a §Galilean, and your
accent is like theirs."
71 But he began to invoke curses
and to swear, saying, "I do not
know this man of whom you
speak."
72 *Then a rooster crowed a second
time, and Peter remembered what
Jesus had said to him: "Before a
rooster crows twice, you will deny
me three times." And he broke
down and wept.

15

Jesus Handed Over to Pontius Pilate

1 As soon as it was morning, the
chief priests took counsel with the
elders, scribes, and the whole
Sanhedrin. They bound Jesus, led
him away, and handed him over to
Pilate.
2 So Pilate asked him, "Are you the
king of the Jews?" Jesus answered
him, "You have said it yourself."
3 Then the chief priests accused him
of many *things.
4 So Pilate asked him again, "Do you
make no answer? See how many
things they are †testifying against
you!"
5 But Jesus made no further
answer, so Pilate was amazed.

The Crowd Calls For Jesus' Crucifixion

6 Now at the feast Pilate would
release one prisoner for the people,
whomever they requested.
7 And there was a man named
Barabbas who was in prison with
‡his fellow insurrectionists who had
committed murder in the
insurrection.
8 So the crowd §cried out and
began to ask Pilate to do what he
*had always done 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 Jesus over out
of envy.)
11 But the chief priests stirred up
the crowd to have Pilate release for
them Barabbas instead.
12 In response Pilate said to them
again, "What then †do you want me
to do with the man you call King of
the Jews?"
13 They cried out again, "Crucify
him!"
14 Pilate said to them, "Why? What
evil has he done?" But they cried
out all the more, "Crucify him!"
15 Then Pilate, wishing to satisfy the
crowd, released for them Barabbas.
But he scourged Jesus and handed
him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

16 So the soldiers led him away into
the palace (that is, the governor's
headquarters) and called together
the entire cohort of soldiers.
17 They clothed him with a purple
robe, and they twisted together a
crown of thorns and put it on him.
18 Then they began to salute ‡him:
"Hail, King of the Jews!"
19 They kept beating him on the
head with a reed, spitting on him,
and bending down on their knees
to pay homage to him.
20 When they had finished mocking
him, they stripped him of the
purple robe and put his own
garments back on him. Then they
led him out to crucify him.

The Crucifixion

21 Now a certain man from Cyrene,
Simon, the father of Alexander and
Rufus, was passing by on his way in
from the countryside. The soldiers
pressed him into service, forcing
him to carry Jesus' cross,

* **14:72** *Then* 96.6% ¦ Immediately CT 0.8% * **15:3** *things.* ¦ things, but he made no answer. ANT SCR † **15:4** *testifying against you* ¦ accusing you of CT ‡ **15:7** *his fellow* ¦ the CT § **15:8** *cried out* ¦ came up CT * **15:8** *had always done* ¦ usually did NA SBL WH † **15:12** *do you want me to* ¦ should I NA TH WH ‡ **15:18** *him:* ¦ him, saying, PCK

22 and they brought Jesus to the
place called Golgotha (which
means, “Place of the Skull”).
23 Then they gave him wine §to
drink, mixed with myrrh, but he
did not take it.
24 And they crucified him. Then
they divided his garments, casting
lots for them to see who would take
what.
25 It was the third hour when they
crucified him.
26 The inscription of the charge
against him was written as follows:
“The King of the Jews.”
27 With him they crucified two
robbers, one on his right and one
on his left.
28 *So the Scripture was fulfilled
that says, “He was numbered with
the lawless.”
29 Those who passed by reviled him,
shaking their heads and saying,
“Ha! You who would destroy the
temple and build it in three days,
30 save yourself and come down
from the cross!”
31 In the same way the chief priests
also, along with the scribes, were
mocking him among themselves,
saying, “He saved others, but he
cannot save himself.
32 Let the Christ, the king of Israel,
come down now from the cross, so
that we may see it and †believe.”
The men who were crucified with
him were also insulting him.

The Death of Jesus

33 From the sixth hour until the
ninth hour, there was darkness
over the whole land.
34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried
out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi,
‡lima sabachthani?” which means,
“§My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?”
35 When some of those standing
nearby heard this, they said,
“Behold, he is calling for Elijah.”
36 Then a man ran and filled a
sponge with sour wine, put it on a
reed, and gave it to him to drink,
saying, “Leave him alone. Let us
see if Elijah comes to take him
down.”
37 But Jesus let out a loud cry and
breathed his last breath.
38 Then the veil of the temple was
torn in two from top to bottom.
39 Now when the centurion who
was standing in front of Jesus saw
how he *cried out and breathed his
last breath, he said, “Truly this man
was the Son of God.”
40 There were also some women
looking on from a distance, among
whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary
the mother of James the younger
and of Joses, and Salome.
41 These women had followed
Jesus and provided for him when
he was in Galilee. There were also
many other women who had come
up with him to Jerusalem.

The Burial of Jesus

42 When evening had come, since it
was the day of Preparation (that is,
the day before the Sabbath),
43 Joseph of Arimathea, a respected
council member, who was himself
also waiting for the kingdom of
God, came and boldly went in
before Pilate to ask for Jesus' body.
44 Pilate was surprised that Jesus
was already dead, so he called the
centurion over and asked him if
Jesus †had been dead for some time.
45 When he found out from the
centurion that it was so, he granted
the body to Joseph.
46 After buying a linen cloth and
taking him down, Joseph wrapped
him in the linen cloth and laid him
in a tomb that had been hewn in a

§ **15:23** *to drink,* ¦ — CT * **15:28** *So the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “He was numbered with the lawless.”* 84.9% ¦ — SBL TH WH 11% {Note: NA encloses this text with double brackets.} † **15:32** *believe* ¦ believe him ANT HF PCK RP ‡ **15:34** *lima* ¦ lamma TR ¦ lema NA SBL ¦ lama TH WH § **15:34** *My* ¦ O PCK * **15:39** *cried out and* 96.5% ¦ — CT 0.4% † **15:44** *had been dead for some time* 97.8% ¦ was already dead TH WH 1.5%

rock. Then he rolled a stone against
the entrance of the tomb.
47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary
the mother of Joses saw where he
was laid.

16

The Resurrection

1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary
Magdalene, Mary the mother of
James, and Salome bought spices,
so that they might go and anoint
Jesus' body.
2 Very early in the morning *of the
first day of the week, when the sun
had risen, they went to the tomb.
3 On the way they were saying to
one another, "Who will roll the
stone away from the entrance of
the tomb for us?"
4 But when they arrived, they
looked up and saw that the stone,
which was very large, had already
been rolled away.
5 As they went into the tomb, they
saw a young man sitting on the
right side, clothed in a long white
robe, and they were alarmed.
6 But he said to them, "Do not be
alarmed; you seek Jesus of
Nazareth, who was crucified. He is
risen; he is not here. Behold, this is
the place where they laid him.
7 Now go tell his disciples and Peter
that he is going ahead of you to
Galilee. There you will see him, just
as he told you."
8 So they went †out and fled from
the tomb, ‡and trembling and
amazement seized them. But they
did not say anything to anyone, for
they were §afraid.*

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

9 †In the morning on the first day of
the week, after Jesus had risen, he
appeared first to Mary Magdalene,
from whom he had cast out seven
demons.
10 She then went and told those
who had been with him, while they
were mourning and weeping.
11 But when they heard that he was
alive and that she had seen him,
they did not believe it.

Jesus Appears to Two Disciples

12 After this, Jesus appeared in a
different form to two of his
followers as they were walking
along in the countryside.
13 They went back and told the
others, but they did not believe
them either.

The Great Commission

14 Later Jesus appeared to the
eleven as they were reclining at the
table, and he rebuked them for
their unbelief and hardness of
heart, because they had not
believed those who had seen him
after he had ‡risen.
15 He said to them, "Go into all the
world and preach the gospel to all
creation.
16 Whoever believes and is baptized
will be saved, but whoever does not
believe will be condemned.
17 And these signs will §accompany
those who believe: They will cast
out demons in my name; they will
speak in *new tongues;

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* **16:2** *of* ¦ on CT † **16:8** *out* ¦ out quickly TR ‡ **16:8** *and trembling and amazement* ¦ for trembling and amazement had CT § **16:8** *afraid* 99.6% ¦ afraid. Now they promptly reported to those around Peter all that they had been instructed. After this, Jesus himself sent out through them, from the east and to the west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. (Amen. NA SBL) WH 0.4% {Note: NA, SBL, and WH enclose this text with double brackets. WH includes this text after verse 20.} * **16:8** TH includes a scribal note that reads, "In some of the copies the evangelist concludes at this point, and up to this point Eusebius the student of Pamphilus wrote his canons. But many copies contain the following words also." Variations of this note are found in 12 manuscripts (0.7%). The exact Greek text of TH is found in 2 manuscripts (0.1%). † **16:9** {include verses 9–20} 99.8% ¦ {omit verses 9–20} 0.2% {Note: NA, SBL, and WH enclose this text with double brackets.} ‡ **16:14** *risen* 88.9% ¦ risen from the dead WH 10.5% § **16:17** *accompany* 98% ¦ follow TH WH 0.4% * **16:17** *new* ¦ — TH WH † **16:18** *serpents* 97.2% ¦ serpents in their hands NA TH WH 2.2%

18 they will pick up †serpents; and if
they drink any deadly poison, it
will certainly not harm them; they
will lay hands on the sick, and the
sick will get well.”

The Ascension

19 After the ‡Lord had spoken to
them, he was taken up into heaven,
and he sat down at the right hand
of God.
20 Then the disciples went out and
preached everywhere, while the
Lord worked through them and
confirmed the message by the signs
that accompanied it.
§Amen.

‡ **16:19** *Lord* 94.2% ¦ Lord Jesus SBL TH WH 5.3% § **16:20** *Amen.* 97.5% ¦ — NA SBL WH 2.1%

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Dedication to Theophilus

1 Since many have undertaken to
compile an account of the events
that have been fulfilled among us,
2 just as those who from the
beginning were eyewitnesses and
ministers of the word have
delivered them to us,
3 it seemed good to me also, having
carefully investigated all things
from the beginning, to write an
orderly account for you, most
excellent Theophilus,
4 so that you may know the
certainty of the things about which
you have been instructed.

Gabriel Announces John's Birth to Zechariah

5 In the days of Herod, the king of
Judea, there was a priest named
Zechariah who belonged to the
division of Abijah. His wife was of
the daughters of Aaron, and her
name was Elizabeth.
6 They were both righteous before
God, walking blamelessly in all the
commandments and regulations of
the Lord.
7 But they had no children because
Elizabeth was barren, and they
were both advanced in their days.
8 While Zechariah was serving as
a priest before God when his
division was on duty,
9 he was chosen by lot, according
to the custom of the priesthood, to
enter the temple of the Lord and
burn incense.
10 At the hour of incense a great
crowd was assembled outside,
praying.
11 Then an angel of the Lord
appeared to Zechariah, standing at
the right side of the altar of incense.
12 When Zechariah saw him, he
was startled, 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 shall name him John.
14 You will have joy and gladness,
and many will rejoice at his birth,
15 for he will be great in the sight
of the Lord. He must never drink
any 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 sons
of Israel to the Lord their God.
17 And he will go before the Lord
in the spirit and power of Elijah, to
turn the hearts of fathers back 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 certain?
For I am an old man, and my wife
is advanced in her days.”
19 The angel answered him, “I am
Gabriel. I stand in the presence of
God and was sent to speak to you
and bring you this good news.
20 But behold, you will be silent
and unable to speak until the day
these things take place, because you
did not believe my words, which
will be fulfilled at their appointed
time.”
21 Meanwhile, the people were
waiting for Zechariah and
wondering about his delay in the
temple.
22 When he came out, he was
unable to speak to them, and they
perceived that he had seen a vision
in the temple, because he kept
making signs to them and
remained unable to speak.
23 And when the days of his
service had come to an end, he
returned to his home.
24 After those days his wife
Elizabeth conceived and kept

herself in seclusion for five months, saying,
25 "The Lord has done this for me.
In these days he has looked upon
me with favor and taken away my
reproach among the people."

Gabriel Announces Jesus' Birth to Mary

26 In the sixth month the angel
Gabriel was sent by God to a town
of Galilee called Nazareth,
27 to a virgin betrothed to a man
named Joseph, of the house of
David. The virgin's name was Mary.
28 The angel came to her and said,
"Greetings, O favored one, the Lord
is with you! *Blessed are you
among women!"
29 But †when Mary saw him, she
was greatly perplexed by ‡his
statement and began wondering
what sort of greeting this could be.
30 Then the angel said to her, "Do
not be afraid, Mary, for you have
found favor with God.
31 And behold, you will conceive in
your womb and give birth to a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.
32 He will be great and will be
called the Son of the Most High,
and the Lord God will give him the
throne of his father David.
33 He will reign over the house of
Jacob forever, and of his kingdom
there will be no end."
34 Mary said to the angel, "How will
this §be, since I am a virgin?"
35 The angel answered her, "The
Holy Spirit will come upon you, and
the power of the Most High will
overshadow you; therefore the holy
child that is to be *born will be
called the Son of God.
36 And behold, 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 nothing is impossible with
God."
38 Then Mary said, "Behold, I am
the servant of the Lord; may it
happen to me according to your
word." And the angel left her.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

39 In those days Mary arose and
went with haste to the hill country,
to a town of Judah,
40 where she entered the house of
Zechariah 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 Then she exclaimed with a loud
†voice, "Blessed are you among
women, and blessed is the fruit of
your womb!
43 How has this happened to me
that the mother of my Lord should
come to me?
44 For behold, when the sound of
your greeting came into my ears,
the baby in my womb leaped for
joy.
45 Blessed is she who has believed
that what the Lord has spoken to
her will be fulfilled."

Mary's Song of Praise

46 Then Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my
Savior,
48 because he has looked favorably
on the humble state of his
servant.
For behold, from now on all
generations will call me
blessed,
49 because the Mighty One has done
great things for me;
holy is his name.
50 From generation to generation
his mercy is upon
those who fear him.
51 He has done a mighty deed with
his arm;

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* **1:28** *Blessed are you among women!* ¦ — CT † **1:29** *when Mary saw him,* ¦ — CT ‡ **1:29** *his* ¦ this CT § **1:34** *be* ¦ happen to me ANT * **1:35** *born* ¦ born of you SCR † **1:42** *voice* ¦ cry CT

he has scattered the proud in the
thoughts of their hearts.
52 He has brought down rulers from
their thrones
and exalted the lowly.
53 He has filled the hungry with
good things,
but the rich he has sent away
empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering his mercy,
55 just as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring
‡forever.”

56 And Mary remained with
Elizabeth for about three months
and then returned to her house.

The Birth of John the Baptist

57 Now the time was fulfilled for
Elizabeth to give birth, and she
bore a son.
58 Then her neighbors and her
relatives heard that the Lord had
magnified his mercy with her, 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 the child's mother responded,
“No! He is to be called John.”
61 But they said to her, “There is no
one among yoʋr relatives who has
that name.”
62 Then they began making signs to
the child's father to find out what
he wanted to name him.
63 So he asked for a tablet and
wrote, “His name §is John.” And
they were all amazed.
64 At once Zechariah's mouth was
opened and his tongue was
released, and he began to speak,
blessing God.
65 Then fear came upon all who
dwelt around them, and in the
entire hill country of Judea all these
things were being discussed.
66 All who heard about it laid it up
in their hearts, saying, “What then
will this child become?” *And the
hand of the Lord was with him.

Zechariah's Prophecy

67 Then Zechariah, the child's
father, 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 for us a horn of
salvation
in the house of his servant David,
70 just as he spoke through the
mouth of his holy prophets
long ago,
71 salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate
us—
72 to deal mercifully with our
fathers
and to remember his holy
covenant,
73 the oath he swore to Abraham
our father,
to grant us
74 that we, having been rescued
from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness
before him all †the days of our lives.
76 And yoʋ, child, will be called a
prophet of the Most High,
for yoʋ will go before ‡the presence
of the Lord to prepare his
ways,
77 to give his people knowledge of
salvation
through the remission of their sins,
78 through the tender mercy of our
God,
by which the sunrise §has visited
us from on high,
79 to give light to those who sit in
darkness and in the shadow
of death,
to guide our feet into the way of
peace.”

‡ **1:55** *forever* ¦ until eternity PCK § **1:63** *is* ¦ shall be PCK * **1:66** *And* ¦ For CT † **1:75** *the days of our lives* ¦ our days CT ‡ **1:76** *the presence of* ¦ — CT § **1:78** *has visited* ¦ will visit CT

80 And the child grew and
became strong in spirit, and he was
in the wilderness until the day of
his public appearance to Israel.

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The Birth of Jesus

1 In those days a decree went out
from Caesar Augustus that all the
world should be registered in a
census.
2 This was the first census, and it
took place when Quirinius was
governor of Syria.
3 So 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, which is
called Bethlehem, because he was
of the house and family of David,
5 to register himself along with
Mary, his betrothed *wife, who was
with child.
6 While they were there, the days
were fulfilled for her to give birth,
7 and she gave birth to her firstborn
son. Then she wrapped him in
swaddling cloths and laid him in
†the manger, because there was no
room for them in the inn.

Angels Announce Jesus' Birth to Shepherds

8 In the same region there were
shepherds living out in the fields,
keeping watch over their flock by
night.
9 And ‡behold, an angel of the Lord
stood before them, and the glory of
the Lord shone around them, and
they were filled with great fear.
10 But the angel said to them, “Do
not be afraid, for behold, I bring
you good news of great joy, which
will be for all the people.
11 For to you is born this day in the
city of David a Savior, who is Christ
the Lord.
12 This will be §the sign for you:
You will find a baby wrapped in
swaddling cloths and lying in *a
manger.”
13 Suddenly there was with the
angel a multitude of the heavenly
host, praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest,
and peace on †earth,
good will among men.”

15 When the angels had gone
away from them 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 So they went with haste and
found Mary and Joseph, and the
baby lying in the manger.
17 After seeing him, they made
‡widely known what they had been
told about the child,
18 and all who heard it were
amazed at what the shepherds told
them.
19 But Mary treasured up all these
things, pondering them in her
heart.
20 Then the shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God for all
the things they had heard and seen,
which were just as they had been
told.
21 When the eight days were
completed for §his circumcision, he
was called Jesus, the name given by
the angel before he was conceived
in the womb.

Jesus Presented at the Temple

22 When the days of *their
purification were completed
according to the law of Moses,
Joseph and Mary brought Jesus up
to Jerusalem to present him to the
Lord
23 (just as it is written in the law of
the Lord, “Every male who opens

* **2:5** *wife* ¦ — CT † **2:7** *the* ¦ a CT ‡ **2:9** *behold,* ¦ — CT § **2:12** *the* ¦ a WH * **2:12** *a* ¦ the TR † **2:14** *earth, good will among men* 98.8% ¦ earth among men of good will CT 0.4% ‡ **2:17** *widely* ¦ — CT § **2:21** *his* ¦ the child's ANT TR * **2:22** *their* ¦ her SCR

the womb shall be called holy to
the Lord").
24 They also went up to offer a
sacrifice according to what is said
in the law of the Lord: "a pair of
turtledoves or two young pigeons."
25 And behold, there was a man
in Jerusalem named Simeon who
was righteous and devout. He was
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 So he came in the Spirit into
the temple courts, and when the
parents brought in the child Jesus
to do for him what was customary
under the law,
28 Simeon took him in his arms
and blessed God, saying,

29 "Now, Master, you are releasing
your servant in peace
according to your word,
30 for my eyes have seen your
salvation,
31 which you have prepared in the
presence of all peoples,
32 a light for revelation to the
Gentiles
and for the glory of your people
Israel."

33 †Joseph and the child's mother
were amazed at what was being
said about him.
34 Then Simeon blessed them and
said to Mary, the child's mother,
"Behold, this child is appointed to
bring about the falling and rising of
many in Israel and to be a sign that
will be spoken against,
35 so that the thoughts of many
hearts will be revealed. And a
sword will pierce your own soul ‡as
well."
36 There was also a prophetess,
Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of
the tribe of Asher. She was far
advanced in days. Her husband
had died seven years after they
were married,
37 and she §was a widow of about
eighty-four years of age. She did
not depart from the temple, but
served night and day with fasting
and prayer.
38 She came at that very hour and
began giving praise to *the Lord
and speaking about the child to all
who were waiting for †redemption
in Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

39 When Joseph and Mary had
finished everything that was
required by the law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee, to their
own town of Nazareth.
40 And the child grew and became
strong ‡in spirit; he was filled with
wisdom, and the favor of God was
upon him.

The Boy Jesus at the Temple

41 Now Jesus' parents went to
Jerusalem every year at the feast of
the Passover.
42 When he was twelve years old,
they went up §to Jerusalem
according to the custom of the feast.
43 And when they had completed
their days there and started
returning home, the boy Jesus
stayed behind in Jerusalem. But
*Joseph did not know it, and
neither did Jesus' mother.
44 They assumed that he was in the
company of travelers, so they went
a day's journey before they began
looking for him among their
relatives and acquaintances.

† **2:33** *Joseph and the child's* 96.1% ¦ The child's father and CT 0.5% ‡ **2:35** *as well* ¦ — WH § **2:37** *was a widow of about eighty-four years of age* ¦ lived as a widow until the age of eighty-four CT * **2:38** *the Lord* ¦ God CT † **2:38** *redemption in* ¦ the redemption of CT ‡ **2:40** *in spirit* ¦ — CT § **2:42** *to Jerusalem* ¦ — CT * **2:43** *Joseph did not know it, and neither did Jesus' mother* ¦ his parents did not know it CT

45 When they did not find him, they
returned to Jerusalem, looking for
him.
46 After three days, they found him
in the temple courts, sitting among
the teachers, listening to them and
asking them questions.
47 And all who heard him were
amazed at his understanding and
his answers.
48 When his parents saw him, they
were astonished. His mother said
to him, "Child, why have you
treated us like this? Behold, your
father and I have been looking for
you in great distress."
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 Then he went down with them
and came to Nazareth and was
obedient to them. And his mother
kept all these things in her heart.
52 And Jesus advanced in wisdom
and in stature, and in favor with
God and men.

3

The Preaching of John the Baptist

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign
of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius
Pilate was governor of Judea, and
Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and
Philip his brother was tetrarch of
the region of Ituraea and
Trachonitis, and Lysanias was
tetrarch of Abilene,
2 during the *high priesthood of
Annas and Caiaphas, the word of
God came to John the son of
Zechariah in the wilderness.
3 He went into all the region
around the Jordan, preaching a
baptism of repentance for the
remission of sins,
4 as it is written in the book of the
words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the
wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord;
make his paths straight.
5 Every valley will be filled,
and every mountain and hill will
be brought low.
The crooked roads will be made
straight,
and the rough ways will be made
smooth.
6 And all flesh will see the salvation
of God.' "

7 John said to the crowds that
were coming out to be baptized by
him, "You brood of vipers, who
warned you to flee from the
coming wrath?
8 Produce fruit consistent with
repentance, and do not begin to say
to yourselves, 'We have Abraham
as our father,' for I tell you that
God is able from these stones to
raise up children for Abraham.
9 Even now the axe is laid to the
root of the trees. Every tree
therefore that does not produce
good fruit is cut down and thrown
into the fire."
10 So the crowds asked him,
"What then should we do?"
11 John answered them,
"Whoever has two tunics must
share with him who has none, and
whoever has food must do
likewise."
12 Some tax collectors also came
to be †baptized, and they said to
him, "Teacher, what should we
do?"
13 He said to them, "Collect no
more than what you have been
authorized to collect."
14 Then some soldiers asked him,
"And what should we do?" He said
to them, "Do not extort money
from anyone by ‡threats or false
accusations, and be content with
your wages."
15 Now as the people were
waiting in expectation and were all

* **3:2** *high priesthood of* ¦ time of the high priests TR † **3:12** *baptized* ¦ baptized by him PCK
‡ **3:14** *threats or false accusations* ¦ false accusations or threats ANT

questioning in their hearts whether John might be the Christ,
16 John answered them all, "I
baptize you with water, but one is
coming who is mightier than I, the
strap of whose sandals I am not
worthy to untie; he will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit and fire.
17 His winnowing fork is in his
§hand, and he will thoroughly
clean out his threshing floor and
gather the wheat into his barn, but
the chaff he will burn up with
unquenchable fire."
18 With these and many other
exhortations John preached good
news to the people.
19 But when John rebuked Herod
the tetrarch because of his
marriage to Herodias, his
*brother's wife, and because of all
the evils he had done,
20 Herod added this to everything
else: He locked John up in prison.

The Baptism of Jesus

21 Now when all the people were
baptized, and when Jesus had also
been baptized and was praying, the
heavens were opened,
22 and the Holy Spirit descended on
him in bodily form like a dove.
Then a voice came from †heaven,
saying, "You are my beloved Son; in
you I am well pleased."

The Genealogy of Jesus

23 Jesus was about thirty years of
age when he began his ministry,
being the son (so it was thought) of
Joseph, the son of Eli,
24 the son of ‡Matthat, the son of
Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of
§Janna, the son of Joseph,
25 the son of Mattathias, the son of
Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of
*Esli, the son of Naggai,
26 the son of Maath, the son of
Mattathias, the son of †Semeei, the
son of ‡Joseph, the son of §Judah,
27 the son of *Joannan, the son of
Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the
son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,
28 the son of Melchi, the son of
Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of
†Elmodam, the son of Er,
29 the son of ‡Jose, the son of
Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of
§Matthat, the son of Levi,
30 the son of Simeon, the son of
Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of
*Jonan, the son of Eliakim,
31 the son of Melea, the son of
†Mainan, the son of Mattatha, the
son of Nathan, the son of David,
32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed,
the son of Boaz, the son of ‡Salmon,
the son of Nahshon,
33 the son of §Amminadab, the son
of *Ram, the son of Joram, the son
of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son
of Judah,
34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac,
the son of Abraham, the son of
Terah, the son of Nahor,
35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu,
the son of Peleg, the son of Eber,
the son of Shelah,
36 the son of Cainan, the son of
Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son
of Noah, the son of Lamech,
37 the son of Methuselah, the son of
Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of
Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan,

§ **3:17** *hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor and* ¦ hand to thoroughly clean out his threshing floor and to CT * **3:19** *brother's* ¦ brother Philip's TR † **3:22** *heaven, saying,* ¦ heaven: CT ‡ **3:24** *Matthat* ¦ Matthan ANT PCK ¦ Maththat NA SBL § **3:24** *Janna* ¦ Joanna ANT ¦ Jannai CT * **3:25** *Esli* ¦ Eslim ANT † **3:26** *Semeei* ¦ Semei PCK RP TR ¦ Semeu ANT ¦ Semein NA SBL ¦ Semeein TH WH ‡ **3:26** *Joseph* ¦ Josech ANT CT § **3:26** *Judah* ¦ Joda ANT CT * **3:27** *Joannan* ¦ Joanan CT HF RP ¦ Jonan ¦ Joanna TR † **3:28** *Elmodam* ¦ Elmadam CT ‡ **3:29** *Jose* ¦ Joshua CT § **3:29** *Matthat* ¦ Maththat CT * **3:30** *Jonan* ¦ Jonam CT PCK ¦ Jona ANT † **3:31** *Mainan* ¦ Menam SCR ¦ Menna CT ‡ **3:32** *Salmon* ¦ Sala CT § **3:33** *Amminadab,* ¦ Amminadab, the son of Admin, NA SBL TH ¦ Admin, WH * **3:33** *Ram, the son of Joram,* ¦ Ram, RP TR ¦ Arni, CT

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

4

The Temptation of Jesus

1 Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,
returned from the Jordan and was
led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
2 where he was tempted by the
devil for forty days. He ate nothing
in those days, and *afterward,
when they had ended, he was
hungry.
3 Then the devil said to him, "If you
are the Son of God, command this
stone to become bread."
4 But Jesus answered him, "It is
written, 'Man shall not live by
bread †alone, but by every word of
God.' "
5 So the devil brought him up ‡to a
high mountain and showed him all
the kingdoms of the world in a
moment of time.
6 Then the devil said to him, "To
you I will give all this authority and
glory, for it has been delivered to
me, and I can give it to anyone I
want.
7 If you, then, will worship me, it
will all be yours."
8 Jesus answered him, "§Get behind
me, Satan! *It is written,

'You shall worship the Lord your
God,
and him only shall you serve.' "

9 Then the devil brought him to
Jerusalem, set 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,

'In their hands they will lift you up,
so that you do 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 And when the devil had finished
all these temptations, he left him
until an opportune time.

Jesus Begins His Ministry

14 Then Jesus returned to Galilee in
the power of the Spirit, and news
about him spread throughout the
entire surrounding region.
15 And he was teaching in their
synagogues, being praised by all.

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

16 When he came to Nazareth,
where he had been brought up, he
went into the synagogue on the
Sabbath day, as was his custom,
and stood up to read.
17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah
was handed to him, so he †unrolled
the scroll and found the place
where it is written,

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon
me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me ‡to heal the
brokenhearted,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free the oppressed,
19 and to proclaim the year of the
Lord's favor."

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave
it back to the attendant, and sat
down. The eyes of everyone in the
synagogue were fixed upon him,

* **4:2** *afterward,* ¦ — CT † **4:4** *alone, but by every word of God.* 89.7% ¦ alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. ANT 7.2% ¦ alone. CT 0.4% ‡ **4:5** *to a high mountain* ¦ — CT § **4:8** *Get behind me, Satan!* ¦ — CT * **4:8** *It* ¦ For it ANT TR † **4:17** *unrolled* ¦ opened WH ‡ **4:18** *to heal the brokenhearted,* ¦ — CT

21 and he began speaking to them,
saying, “Today this Scripture has
been fulfilled in your hearing.”
22 They were all speaking well of
him and were amazed at the
gracious words coming out of his
mouth. They said, “Is this not
Joseph's son?”
23 Then Jesus said to them,
“Doubtless you will quote to me
this proverb: ‘Physician, heal
yourself.’ Do here in your
hometown what we have heard
that you did in Capernaum.”
24 He also said, “Truly I say to you,
no prophet is accepted in his
hometown.
25 But in truth I tell you, there were
many widows in Israel in the days
of Elijah, when the sky was shut for
three years and six months and a
severe famine came over all the
land,
26 yet Elijah was sent to none of
them except a widow in Zarephath
in the region of Sidon.
27 There were also many lepers in
Israel in the time of the prophet
Elisha, yet not one of them was
cleansed except Naaman the
Syrian.”
28 When they heard this, all the
people in the synagogue were filled
with rage.
29 They rose up, drove him out of
town, and brought him to the brow
of the hill on which their town was
built, to throw him down from the
cliff.
30 But Jesus passed through the
crowd and went away.

Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit

31 Then he went down to
Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and
on the Sabbath he began teaching
the people.
32 They were astonished at his
teaching, because his message was
spoken with authority.
33 Now in the synagogue there was
a man who had an unclean
demonic spirit, and he cried out
with a loud voice,
34 “Leave us alone! What do you
have to do with us, Jesus of
Nazareth? Have you come to
destroy us? I know who you
are—the Holy One of God.”
35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying,
“Be silent and come out of him!”
Then the demon threw the man
down before them all and came out
of him, having done him no harm.
36 Amazement came over all the
people, and they said to one
another, “What kind of message is
this? For with authority and power
he commands the unclean spirits
and they come out!”
37 And news about him went out to
every place in the surrounding
region.

Jesus Heals Many

38 Then Jesus arose, left the
synagogue, and entered Simon's
house. Now Simon's mother-in-law
was suffering from a high fever,
and they asked Jesus to help her.
39 So he stood over her and rebuked
the fever, and it left her. At once
she rose and began to serve them.
40 When the sun was setting,
people brought to Jesus those who
were sick with various diseases,
and he laid his hands on each one
of them and healed them.
41 Demons also came out of
many, crying out, “You are §the
Christ, the Son of God.” But he
rebuked them and would not allow
them to speak, because they knew
that he was the Christ.

Jesus Preaches in Galilee

42 When daybreak came, Jesus
departed and went to a desolate
place. The crowds were seeking
him, and they came to him and
tried to keep him from leaving
them.
43 But Jesus said to them, “I must
preach the good news of the
kingdom of God to the other towns
as well, for that is why I was sent.”

§ **4:41** *the Christ,* ¦ — CT

44 So he continued preaching in the synagogues of *Galilee.

5

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

1 On one occasion, Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him *to listen to the word of God.
2 He saw two boats moored beside the lake, but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.
3 He got into one of the boats, the one that was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and began teaching the crowds from the boat.
4 When he finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."
5 Simon answered †him, "Master, we have worked hard throughout the entire night and have caught nothing, but at your word I will let down the ‡net."
6 When he and the men with him did so, they enclosed such a large number of fish that their §net began to break.
7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and assist them, and they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.
8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."
9 For he and all who were with him were gripped with astonishment at the catch of fish they had taken,
10 including James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's business partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."
11 So they brought their boats to shore, left everything, and followed Jesus.

Jesus Cleanses a Man with Leprosy

12 While Jesus was in one of the towns, behold, there was a man full of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."
13 So Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be made clean." Immediately the leprosy left him.
14 Then Jesus ordered him to tell no one, but said, "Go show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."
15 But the news about Jesus spread even more, and large crowds would gather together to hear him and to be healed *by him of their infirmities.
16 But he would often withdraw to desolate places and pray.

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

17 On one of those days, as he was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem, and the power of the Lord was present †to heal the people.
18 And behold, some men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed. They were trying to bring him in and place him before Jesus.
19 But when they could not find a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down through the tiles, together with his mat, into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus.

* **4:44** *Galilee* 93.5% ¦ Judea CT 0.8% * **5:1** *to listen* ¦ and listening CT † **5:5** *him* ¦ — CT ‡ **5:5** *net* ¦ nets CT § **5:6** *net* ¦ nets CT * **5:15** *by him* ¦ — CT † **5:17** *to heal the people* 98.4% ¦ for him to heal CT 0.9% ‡ **5:20** *to the man* ¦ — CT

20 When Jesus saw their faith, he
said ‡to the man, "Man, your sins
are forgiven you."
21 But the scribes and the Pharisees
began to question what Jesus said:
"Who is this that speaks
blasphemies? Who can forgive sins
but God alone?"
22 Aware of their thoughts, Jesus
answered them, "Why are you
questioning in your hearts?
23 Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins
are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise
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 say to you,
rise, pick up your mat, and go to
your house."
25 Immediately the man rose up
before them, picked up what he
had been lying on, and went to his
house, glorifying God.
26 Amazement seized them all, and
they too began glorifying God.
Filled with awe, they said, "We
have seen extraordinary things
today."

Jesus Calls Levi

27 After this Jesus went out and saw
a tax collector named Levi sitting at
the tax booth. Jesus said to him,
"Follow me,"
28 and leaving everything behind,
Levi rose and followed him.
29 Then Levi gave a great banquet
for Jesus in his house, and there
was a large crowd of tax collectors
and others reclining at the table
with them.
30 But the §scribes of the people
and the Pharisees were grumbling
at his disciples, saying, "Why are
you eating and drinking with tax
collectors and sinners?"
31 Jesus answered them, "It is not
those who are well who need a
physician, but those who are sick.
32 I did not come to call the
righteous, but sinners to
repentance."

A Question About Fasting

33 Then they said to him, "*Why is
it that the disciples of John often
fast and offer prayers, and likewise
the disciples of the Pharisees, but
yours eat and drink?"
34 Jesus said to them, "Can you
make the bridegroom's attendants
fast while the bridegroom is with
them?
35 But those days are coming, and
when the bridegroom is taken away
from them, they will fast in those
days."
36 He also told them a parable: "No
one †puts a patch from a new
garment on an old garment. For
not only would he tear the new
garment, but the patch from the
new garment would not match the
old garment.
37 And no one puts new wine into
old wineskins. For the new wine
would burst the wineskins and
would itself be spilled, and the
wineskins would be ruined.
38 But new wine must be put into
new ‡wineskins, and then both are
preserved.
39 And no one after drinking old
wine §immediately desires new
wine, for he says, 'The old is
*better.' "

6

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

1 On the *second major Sabbath,
Jesus was going through †the
grainfields, and his disciples were
plucking heads of grain, rubbing off

§ **5:30** *scribes of the people and the Pharisees* ¦ Pharisees and their scribes CT * **5:33** *Why is it that the … drink?* ¦ The … drink. CT † **5:36** *puts a patch from a new garment* ¦ tears a patch from a new garment and puts it CT ‡ **5:38** *wineskins, and then both are preserved.* 96.8% ¦ wineskins. CT 1.1% § **5:39** *immediately* ¦ — CT * **5:39** *better* ¦ good CT * **6:1** *second major* 96.8% ¦ — CT 1.6% † **6:1** *the* ¦ some CT

the husks in their hands, and eating them.
2 But some of the Pharisees said ‡to them, “Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?”
3 Jesus answered them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him,
4 how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for anyone to eat except for the priests, and how he §also gave it to those who were with him?”
5 Then he said to them, “The Son of Man is Lord *even of the Sabbath.”

Jesus Heals a Man with a Withered Hand

6 On another Sabbath, Jesus went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered.
7 Now the scribes and the Pharisees were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they could find †an accusation against him.
8 But he knew their thoughts and said to the man with the withered hand, “Rise and stand here.” So he rose and stood there.
9 Then Jesus said to them, “‡Let me ask you something: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to §kill?”
10 And after looking around at them all, he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” The man did so, and his hand was *restored, becoming as sound as the other.
11 But the scribes and Pharisees were filled with mindless rage and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

The Twelve Apostles

12 One day soon afterward Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, and spent the whole night in prayer to God.
13 When daybreak came, he called his disciples and chose twelve from among 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 the son of Alphaeus, and Simon (who was called the Zealot),
16 Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot (who became a traitor).

Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds

17 Then Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place. A †crowd of his disciples was there along with a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon (who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases),
18 ‡as well as people who were harassed by unclean spirits. And they were healed.
19 The entire crowd was trying to touch him, because power was coming out from him and healing them all.

The Beatitudes

20 Then 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 others hate you, when they exclude you, reproach you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

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‡ **6:2** *to them* ¦ — CT § **6:4** *also* ¦ — CT * **6:5** *even* ¦ — CT † **6:7** *an accusation against* ¦ a reason to accuse CT ‡ **6:9** *Let me ask you something: Is* ¦ I ask you, is CT § **6:9** *kill* ¦ destroy it CT TR * **6:10** *restored, becoming as sound as the other.* ¦ restored like the other. ANT ¦ restored. CT † **6:17** *crowd* ¦ large crowd CT ‡ **6:18** *as well as people who were harassed by unclean spirits. And they* ¦ and those who were harassed by unclean spirits CT

23 Rejoice in that day and leap for
joy, for behold, great is your reward
in heaven, for their fathers treated
the prophets in the same way.

24 But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your comfort.
25 Woe to you who are §filled,
for you will hunger.
Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

26 Woe to you when *others speak
well of you, for their fathers treated
the false prophets in the same way.

Love for Enemies

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, and
pray for those who mistreat you.
29 If anyone strikes you on one
cheek, offer him the other also. If
anyone takes away your cloak, do
not withhold your tunic from him
either.
30 Give to everyone who asks of
you, and if anyone takes away your
belongings, do not demand them
back.
31 As you wish that others would do
to you, do the same also to them.
32 If you love those who love you,
what benefit is that to you? For
even sinners love those who love
them.
33 †And if you do good to those who
do good to you, what benefit is that
to you? ‡For even sinners do the
same.
34 And if you lend to those from
whom you expect to receive
something §back, what benefit is
that to you? *For even sinners lend
to other sinners in order to receive
back the same amount.
35 But love your enemies, do good
to them, and lend to them without
expecting anything in return. Then
your reward will be great, and you
will be sons of the Most High, for
he is kind to the ungrateful and the
evil.
36 †Therefore be merciful, just as
your Father is merciful.

Judging Others

37 "Do not judge, and you will
certainly not be judged. Do not
condemn, and you will certainly
not be condemned. Forgive, and
you will be forgiven.
38 Give, and it will be given to you.
A good measure, pressed down,
shaken together, and running over,
will be put into your lap. For with
the ‡same measure you use it will
be measured to you in return."

39 He also told them a parable:
"Can one blind person guide
another? 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 do not
consider the beam in your own
eye?
42 §Or 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 own 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.

A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit

43 "No good tree produces bad fruit,
*nor does a bad tree produce good
fruit.
44 Each tree is known by its own
fruit. People do not gather figs
from thorns, nor do they pick
grapes from a bramble bush.

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§ **6:25** *filled* ¦ filled now CT * **6:26** *others speak* 59.8% ¦ everyone speaks ANT CT PCK TR 38.9% † **6:33** *And* ¦ For NA TH WH ‡ **6:33** *For even* ¦ Even CT § **6:34** *back* ¦ — CT * **6:34** *For even* ¦ Even NA SBL WH † **6:36** *Therefore be* ¦ Be CT ‡ **6:38** *same* 90.2% ¦ — CT 6.8% § **6:42** *Or how* ¦ How NA SBL WH * **6:43** *nor* ¦ nor again CT

45 The good person brings good
things out of the good treasure of
his heart, and the evil person
brings evil things out of †the evil
treasure of his heart, for out of the
abundance of his heart his mouth
speaks.

The Two Foundations
46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord,
Lord,' and not do what I say?
47 I will show you what someone is
like who comes to me, hears my
words, and acts on them.
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 burst against
that house but could not shake it,
‡for it was founded on the rock.
49 But he who hears my words and
does not act accordingly is like a
man who built §a house on the
ground without a foundation. As
soon as the river burst against that
house, it fell and was utterly
destroyed."

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Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant
1 When Jesus had finished saying
all this in the hearing of the people,
he entered Capernaum.
2 There a centurion's servant, who
was highly regarded by his master,
was sick and about to die.
3 The centurion heard about Jesus
and sent some Jewish elders to him,
asking him to come and heal his
servant.
4 When they came to Jesus, they
earnestly pleaded with him, saying,
"This man is worthy to have you do
this for him,
5 for he loves our nation and built
our synagogue for us."
6 So 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
enter under my roof;
7 therefore I did not even consider
myself worthy to come to you. But
just say the word, and *my servant
will be healed.
8 For I too am a man set under
authority, with soldiers under me. I
say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes;
and to another, 'Come,' and he
comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,'
and he does it."
9 When Jesus heard this, he was
amazed at the centurion. And
turning to the crowd that was
following him, he said, "I tell you,
not even in Israel have I found
such great faith."
10 Then the men the centurion had
sent returned to the house and
found that the servant †who had
been sick was well.

Jesus Raises a Widow's Son
11 Soon afterward Jesus went to a
town called Nain, and ‡many of his
disciples went with him, along with
a large crowd.
12 As he drew near to the gate of
the town, behold, a man who had
died was being carried out, the one
and only son of his mother (who
was a widow). And a large crowd
from the town was with her.
13 When the Lord saw her, he was
moved with compassion for her
and said to her, "Do not weep."
14 Then he came up and touched
the bier, and those who were
carrying it stood still. He said,
"Young man, I say to you, arise!"
15 So the dead man sat up and
began to speak, and Jesus gave him
back to his mother.
16 Then all the people were filled
with awe and began glorifying God,
saying, "A great prophet has arisen
among us," and, "God has visited
his people."

† **6:45** *the evil treasure of his heart* ¦ his evil treasure CT ‡ **6:48** *for it was founded on the rock* ¦ because it had been well built CT § **6:49** *a* ¦ his PCK * **7:7** *my servant will* ¦ let my servant CT
† **7:10** *who had been sick* ¦ — CT ‡ **7:11** *many of* 98.1% ¦ — CT 1.1%

17 This news about Jesus then
spread throughout Judea and all
the surrounding region.

Messengers from John the Baptist

18 John's disciples told him about all
these things.
19 So John called two of his disciples
and sent them to ask §Jesus, "Are
you the one who is to come, or
should we wait for 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 wait for
another?' "
21 *Now in that very hour Jesus had
healed many people of diseases,
afflictions, and evil spirits, and had
given sight to many who were
blind.
22 So Jesus replied to John's
disciples, "Go tell John what you
have seen and heard: The blind
receive their sight, the lame walk,
lepers are made clean, the deaf
hear, the dead are raised, and the
poor have good news preached to
them.
23 And blessed is anyone who does
not take offense at me."

24 When John's †messengers had
gone 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?
25 What then did you go out to
see? A man clothed in soft
garments? Behold, those who are
dressed in splendid clothing and
who live in luxury are in royal
palaces.
26 But what did you go out to see?
A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more
than a prophet.
27 This is the one of whom it is
written,

'Behold, I am sending my
messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before
you.'

28 ‡For I tell you, among those born
of women there is no §prophet
greater than John *the Baptist, but
whoever is least in the kingdom of
God is greater than he."
29 (When all the people heard this,
including the tax collectors, they
affirmed that God's way was right,
because they had been baptized
with the baptism of John.
30 But the Pharisees and the
lawyers rejected the will of God for
themselves, because they had not
been baptized by John.)

31 †Jesus went on to say, "To what
then should I compare the people
of this generation, and what are
they like?
32 They are like children who sit
in the marketplace and call out to
one another,

'We played the flute for you, but
you did not dance;
we sang a lament ‡for you, but 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, 'Behold, a
glutton and a drunkard, a friend of
tax collectors and sinners!'
35 Yet wisdom is vindicated by all
her children."

Jesus Forgives a Sinful Woman

36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus
to eat with him, so he went into the
Pharisee's house and reclined at the
table.

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§ **7:19** *Jesus* ¦ the Lord CT * **7:21** *Now in that very* ¦ In that CT † **7:24** *messengers* ¦ disciples ANT ‡ **7:28** *For* ¦ — CT § **7:28** *prophet* ¦ one CT * **7:28** *the Baptist* ¦ — CT † **7:31** *Jesus went on to say* ¦ Then the Lord said TR {Note: The main Greek text does not include the words *Jesus went on to say*. These words have been added for stylistic purposes.} ‡ **7:32** *for you* ¦ — CT

37 And behold, when a woman in
that city who was a sinner found
out that Jesus was reclining at the
table in the Pharisee's house, she
brought an alabaster jar of
ointment.
38 As she stood behind him at his
feet, weeping, she began to wet his
feet with her tears. Then she wiped
them with the hair of her head,
kissed his feet, and anointed them
with the ointment.
39 When the Pharisee who had
invited him saw it, he said to
himself, "If this man were §a
prophet, he would know who is
touching him and what kind of
woman she is—that she is a
sinner."
40 Jesus said to him in response,
"Simon, I have something to say to
you." So he said, "Say it, Teacher."
41 "A certain moneylender had two
debtors. The one owed him five
hundred denarii, and the other
owed him fifty.
42 When they did not have the
means to repay, he forgave the
debts of them both. So *tell me,
which of them will love him more?"
43 Simon answered, "I suppose that
it would be the one for whom he
forgave the larger debt." Jesus said
to him, "You have judged correctly."
44 Then he turned toward the
woman and said to Simon, "Do you
see this woman? When I came into
your house, you did not give me
water for my feet, but this woman
has wet my feet with her tears and
wiped them with †the hair of her
head.
45 You did not give me a kiss, but
from the time ‡I came in, this
woman has not stopped kissing my
feet.
46 You did not anoint my head with
oil, but this woman has anointed
my feet with ointment.
47 Therefore I tell you, her many
sins are forgiven; that is why she
has shown great love. But he to
whom little is forgiven shows little
love."
48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins
are forgiven."
49 Those who were reclining at the
table with him began to say among
themselves, "Who is this man that
even forgives sins?"
50 And Jesus said to the woman,
"Your faith has saved you; go in
peace."

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Some Women Accompany Jesus

1 Soon afterward Jesus was going
through every city and village,
preaching and proclaiming the
good news of the kingdom of God.
The twelve were with him,
2 as well as some women who had
been healed of *evil spirits and
infirmities: Mary (called
Magdalene) from whom seven
demons had gone out,
3 Joanna the wife of Chuza (Herod's
steward), Susanna, and many
others. These women provided for
Jesus †and his disciples out of their
own resources.

The Parable of the Sower

4 As a large crowd was gathering
and people were coming to Jesus
from town after town, he said in a
parable:
5 "A sower went out to sow his
seed. As he sowed, some seed fell
along the path and was trampled
underfoot, and the birds of the sky
devoured it.
6 Other seed fell on rock, and as it
grew up, it withered away because
it had no moisture.
7 Other seed fell among the thorns,
and the thorns grew up with it and
choked it.
8 But other seed fell ‡into good soil,
and when it grew, it produced a
hundred times more than what was

§ **7:39** *a prophet* ¦ the Prophet WH * **7:42** *tell me,* ¦ — CT † **7:44** *the hair of her head* ¦ her hair CT ‡ **7:45** *I* ¦ she ANT * **8:2** *evil spirits* ¦ diseases, afflictions, evil spirits, ANT † **8:3** *and his disciples* ¦ — ANT PCK TR ‡ **8:8** *into* ¦ on TR

sown." As he said this, he called
out, "He who has ears to hear, let
him hear."

The Purpose of Speaking in Parables

9 Then his disciples asked him,
"What does this parable mean?"
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 'they may
see but not perceive, and hear but
not understand.'

The Parable of the Sower Explained

11 "Now this is the meaning of the
parable: The seed is the word of
God.
12 The ones along the path are those
who hear; then the devil comes and
takes away the word from their
heart, so that they may not believe
and be saved.
13 The ones on the rock are those
who, when they hear the word,
receive it with joy. Yet they have no
root; they believe for a while, but
in a time of testing they fall away.
14 The seed that fell among the
thorns are those who have heard,
but as they go on their way they
are choked by the cares, riches, and
pleasures of this life, and their fruit
does not mature.
15 But the seed in the good soil are
those who hear the word, hold fast
to it with an honest and good heart,
and bear fruit with patient
endurance.

A Lamp Under a Container

16 §"No one lights a lamp and
covers it with a container or puts it
under a bed. Instead, it is put on a
lampstand, so that those who come
in can see its light.
17 For nothing is hidden that will
not be made manifest, nor is
anything hidden away that will *not
be made known and come to light.
18 Therefore consider how you
hear, for whoever has will be given
more, but whoever does not have,
even what he thinks he has will be
taken away from him."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

19 Then Jesus' †mother and brothers
came to him, but they were not able
to reach him because of the crowd.
20 So some people told him, "Your
mother and your 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
obey it."

Jesus Calms a Storm

22 One day Jesus got into a boat
with his disciples and said to them,
"Let us cross over to the other side
of the lake." So they set out,
23 and as they were sailing along,
he fell asleep. Then a windstorm
came down on the lake, and they
were in danger as the boat was
being swamped by the waves.
24 So they came to Jesus and woke
him up, saying, "Master, Master, we
are perishing!" Then he ‡rose and
rebuked the wind and the raging
water. They ceased, and all was
calm.
25 Then he said to his disciples,
"Where is your faith?" But they
were afraid and amazed, saying to
one another, "Who then is this, that
he commands even the winds and
the water, and they obey him?"

Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man

26 Then §they sailed to the region of
the *Gadarenes, which is across the
lake from Galilee.

§ **8:16** *"No* ¦ As he said this he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear. No PCK * **8:17** *not* ¦ certainly not CT † **8:19** *mother and brothers came to him,* ¦ mother came to him, along with his brothers, CT ‡ **8:24** *rose* ¦ woke up CT § **8:26** *they* ¦ he ANT * **8:26** *Gadarenes* ¦ Gerasenes CT † **8:27** *had been possessed by demons for a long time. This man did not wear clothes or live* 97.9% ¦ was possessed by demons. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived CT 0.8%

27 When Jesus stepped ashore, he
was met by a man from the city
who †had been possessed by
demons for a long time. This man
did not wear clothes or live in a
house but among the tombs.
28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out,
fell down before him, and said with
a loud voice, "What do you have to
do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most
High God? I beg you, do not
torment me."
29 For Jesus had commanded the
unclean spirit to come out of the
man. Many times it had seized him,
and he would be bound with chains
and shackles and kept under guard,
but he would break the chains and
be driven by the demon into
desolate places.
30 Jesus then asked him, "What is
your name?" He said, "Legion," for
many demons had entered him.
31 And ‡he begged Jesus not to
command them to go away into the
abyss.

32 Now there was a herd of many
pigs feeding there on the mountain.
The demons begged Jesus to permit
them to enter the pigs. So he gave
them permission.
33 Then the demons came out of
the man and went into the pigs,
and the herd rushed down the
steep bank into the lake and were
drowned.

34 When those who had been
feeding the pigs saw what
happened, they ran §off and
reported it in the city and in the
countryside.
35 So the people came out to see
what had happened. When they
came to Jesus, they 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 demon-possessed
man had been delivered.
37 Then the entire multitude from
the surrounding region of the
*Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart
from them, for they were seized
with great fear. So he got into †the
boat and left.
38 Now the man from whom the
demons had gone out begged to go
with him. But Jesus sent him away,
saying,
39 "Return to your house, and
declare all that God has done for
you." So the man went away,
proclaiming throughout the entire
city all that Jesus had done for him.

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

40 Now when Jesus returned, the
crowd welcomed him, for they had
all been waiting for him.
41 And behold, there came a man
named Jairus, who was a ruler of
the synagogue. He fell down at
Jesus' feet and begged him to come
to his house,
42 because he had an only daughter,
about twelve years old, and she
was dying.

As Jesus went on his way, the
crowds were pressing in on him.
43 Now there was a woman who
had suffered from a flow of blood
for twelve ‡years, and even though
she had spent her entire livelihood
on physicians, she could not be
healed by anyone.
44 She came up behind Jesus and
touched the fringe of his garment,
and the flow of her blood stopped
at once.
45 Then Jesus said, "Who touched
me?" When everyone denied it,
Peter §and those who were with
him said, "Master, the crowds are
surrounding you and pressing

‡ **8:31** *he* ¦ they CT SCR § **8:34** *off* ¦ off, went away, TR * **8:37** *Gadarenes* ¦ Gerasenes CT
† **8:37** *the* ¦ a CT ‡ **8:43** *years, and even though she had spent her entire livelihood on physicians, she* ¦ years and WH § **8:45** *and those who were with him* ¦ — NA SBL WH * **8:45** *you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'* ¦ you. CT

against *you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?' "
46 But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I know that power has gone out from me."
47 When the woman saw that she could not escape notice, she came trembling and fell down before him, and in the presence of all the people she †told him the reason why she had touched him, and how she had been healed at once.
48 Then Jesus said to her, "‡Take courage, daughter; your faith has healed you. Go in peace."
49 While he was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house and said §to him, "Your daughter has died; do not trouble the *teacher."
50 But when Jesus heard this, he said to him in response, "Do not be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed."
51 When he came to the house, Jesus †allowed no one to go in, except Peter, ‡John, James, and the child's father and mother.
52 Meanwhile, all the people were weeping and mourning for her, but Jesus said, "Do not §weep; she is not dead but sleeping."
53 And they began laughing at him, knowing that she was dead.
54 But Jesus *put them all outside, took hold of the girl's hand, and called out, "Child, arise!"
55 Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he told them to give her something to eat.
56 Her parents were amazed, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

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Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

1 Then Jesus called *the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to heal diseases,
2 and he sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.
3 He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey—no †staffs, no knapsack, no bread, no money—and ‡bring only one tunic each.
4 Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that place.
5 If any will not receive you, shake off the very dust from your feet as you leave that town as a testimony against them."
6 So they set out and went throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere.

Herod is Perplexed About Jesus

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard about everything that §Jesus was doing, and he was greatly perplexed, because some were saying that John had been raised from the dead,
8 others were saying that Elijah had appeared, and others were saying that one of the ancient prophets had risen.
9 But Herod said, "John I beheaded; who then is this man about whom I hear such things?" So he was looking for an opportunity to see him.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

10 When the apostles returned, they told Jesus about all they had done. Then he took them and withdrew privately to *a desolate place

† **8:47** *told him* ¦ declared CT ‡ **8:48** *Take courage, daughter;* ¦ Daughter, CT § **8:49** *to him* ¦ — CT * **8:49** *teacher* ¦ teacher any further CT † **8:51** *allowed no one to go in* ¦ did not allow anyone to go in with him CT ‡ **8:51** *John, James* ¦ James, John TR § **8:52** *weep;* 88.5% ¦ weep, for CT 11.3% * **8:54** *put them all outside, took hold of the girl's hand,* ¦ took hold of the girl's hand CT * **9:1** *the twelve* ¦ his twelve disciples ANT TR † **9:3** *staffs* ¦ staff CT ‡ **9:3** *bring only one tunic each* 98.9% ¦ do not bring an extra tunic TH WH 1% § **9:7** *Jesus was doing* ¦ was happening CT * **9:10** *a desolate place belonging to* ¦ — CT

belonging to a town called
Bethsaida.
11 But when the crowds found out
about it, they followed him. So he
welcomed them and spoke to them
about the kingdom of God, and
cured those who had need of
healing.
12 As the day began to draw to a
close, the twelve came up and said
to Jesus, "Send the crowd away so
that they can go into the
surrounding villages and
countryside and find lodging and
provisions, for we are in a desolate
place here."
13 But he said to them, "You give
them something to eat." They said,
"We have only five loaves and two
fish—unless we are to go and buy
food for this entire group of
people."
14 (For there were about five
thousand men.) Then he said to his
disciples, "Have them sit down in
groups of †fifty each."
15 The disciples did so, and had
everyone sit down.
16 Then Jesus took the five loaves
and the two fish, and looking up to
heaven, he said a blessing over
them. Then he broke the loaves
and fish into pieces and gave them
to the disciples to set before the
crowd.
17 They all ate and were filled,
and what was left over was picked
up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Christ

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

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection

21 Jesus then warned them and
instructed them to tell this to no
one,
22 saying, "The Son of Man must
suffer many things and be rejected
by the elders, chief priests, and
scribes, and he must be killed and
on the third day ‡be raised up."
23 Then he said to them all, "If
anyone wants to be one of my
disciples, he must deny himself,
take up his §cross, 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 For what does it benefit a
person if he gains the whole world
but loses or forfeits himself?
26 If anyone 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 say to you, there are
some standing here who will
certainly not taste death until they
see the kingdom of God."

The Transfiguration

28 About eight days after he had
spoken these words, he took Peter,
John, and James, and went up on a
mountain to pray.
29 As he was praying, the
appearance of his face was altered,
and his clothing became dazzling
white.
30 And behold, two men were
talking with him; they were Moses
and Elijah,
31 who appeared in glory and were
speaking about his departure,
which he was about to bring to
fulfillment in Jerusalem.
32 Now Peter and those who were
with him were heavy with sleep,
but when they became fully awake,
they saw his glory and the two men
standing with him.

† **9:14** *fifty* ¦ about fifty CT ‡ **9:22** *be raised up* ¦ rise again RP § **9:23** *cross* ¦ cross daily ANT CT TR

33 As the men were parting from
Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it
is good for us to be here. Let us
make three shelters, one for you,
one for Moses, and one for Elijah,”
not knowing what he was saying.
34 But as he was saying this, a cloud
came and overshadowed them, and
they were afraid as they entered
the cloud.
35 Then a voice came from the
cloud, saying, “This is my *beloved
Son; listen to him!”
36 When the voice finished
speaking, they found that Jesus was
alone. And the disciples kept silent,
not telling anyone in those days
about any of the things they had
seen.

Jesus Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit

37 On the next day, when they came
down from the mountain, Jesus was
met by a large crowd.
38 And behold, a man from among
the crowd cried out, “Teacher, I beg
†you to look at my son, for he is my
one and only child.
39 A spirit seizes him, and he
suddenly cries out; it convulses him
so that he foams at the mouth. It
hardly ever leaves him alone,
bruising him severely.
40 I begged your disciples to cast it
out, but they could not.”
41 Jesus answered, “O faithless and
perverse generation, how long shall
I be with you and bear with you?
Bring your son here.”
42 Now as the boy was approaching,
the demon threw him down and
shook him with convulsions. But
Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit,
healed the boy, and gave him back
to his father.
43 And they were all astonished at
the majesty of God.

Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time

But while everyone was marveling
at all that Jesus ‡had done, he said
to his disciples,
44 “Let these words sink into your
ears: The Son of Man is about to be
delivered up into the hands of
men.”
45 But they did not understand
what this meant. It was concealed
from them, so that they could not
grasp it, and they were afraid to
ask him about it.

True Greatness

46 Now an argument arose among
the disciples as to which of them
was greater.
47 But Jesus, §perceiving the
thoughts of their hearts, took a
child and placed him by his side.
48 Then he said to them, “Whoever
receives this child in my name
receives me, and whoever receives
me receives him who sent me. For
he who is least among you all is the
one who *will be great.”

Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us

49 John responded, “Master, we saw
someone casting out demons in
your name, and we told him to stop
because he does not follow us.”
50 But Jesus said to him, “Do not
stop †him, for whoever is not
against ‡us is for us.”

A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

51 Now when the days were
approaching for Jesus' ascension,
he set his face to go to Jerusalem.
52 He sent messengers on ahead,
who went and entered a village of
the Samaritans to make
preparations for him.
53 But the people there refused to
welcome him, because his face was
set to go to Jerusalem.

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* **9:35** *beloved Son* ¦ Son, the Chosen One CT † **9:38** *you to* ¦ you, ANT PCK TR ‡ **9:43** *had done* ¦ was doing CT § **9:47** *perceiving* ¦ knowing CT * **9:48** *will be* ¦ is ANT CT † **9:50** *him, for* ¦ him, for he is not against you. For ANT ‡ **9:50** *us is for us* ¦ you is for you ANT CT § **9:54** *his* ¦ the CT

54 When §his disciples James and
John saw this, they said, “Lord, do
you want us to command fire to
come down from heaven and
consume *them, just like Elijah
did?”
55 But he turned and rebuked
†them, saying, “You do not know
what kind of spirit you belong to.
56 ‡For the Son of Man did not come
to destroy people's lives but to save
them.” And they went on to
another village.

Would-Be Followers of Jesus

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

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Jesus Sends Out the Seventy

1 After this, the Lord appointed
*seventy others and sent them on
ahead, two by two, 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.
Therefore ask the Lord of the
harvest to send out workers into
his harvest.
3 Now go on your way. Behold, I am
sending you out like lambs in the
midst of wolves.
4 Carry no moneybag, no knapsack,
and no sandals; and do not greet
anyone on the road.
5 Whenever you enter a house, first
say, ‘May peace be upon this
house!’
6 If there is a man of peace there,
your peace will rest upon him. But
if not, it will return to you.
7 Remain in the same house, eating
and drinking whatever they
provide, for the worker is worthy
of his wages. Do not go from house
to house.
8 Whenever you enter a town and
they receive you, eat what is set
before you.
9 Heal the sick in that city and say
to them, ‘The kingdom of God has
drawn near to you.’
10 But whenever you enter a town
and they do not receive you, go out
into its streets and say,
11 ‘Even the dust that clings to †us
from your town we wipe off against
you. Yet know this: The kingdom of
God has drawn near ‡to you.’
12 I tell you, on that day it will be
more tolerable for Sodom than for
that town.

Woe to the Unrepentant

13 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to
you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles
that were done in you had been
done in Tyre and Sidon, they would
have repented long ago, sitting in
sackcloth and ashes.

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* **9:54** *them, just like Elijah did?* 96.8% ¦ them? CT 1% † **9:55** *them, saying, “You do not know what kind of spirit you belong to.* 64.1% ¦ them. CT 24.8% ‡ **9:56** *For the Son of Man did not come to destroy people's lives but to save them.* 50.7% ¦ The Son of Man did not come to destroy people's lives but to save them. ANT 10.4% ¦ The Son of Man did not come to kill people's lives but to save them. MSS 7.2% ¦ — CT 25.9% § **9:57** *go, Lord.* ¦ go. CT * **9:59** *Lord, let* ¦ Let WH † **9:62** *to him* ¦ — SBL * **10:1** *seventy* ¦ seventy-two NA SBL WH † **10:11** *us* ¦ our feet ANT CT ‡ **10:11** *to you* ¦ — CT

14 But it will be more tolerable at
the judgment for Tyre and Sidon
than for you.
15 And you, Capernaum, §who have
been exalted to heaven, will *be
brought down to Hades.
16 "He who listens to you listens
to me; he who rejects you rejects
me, and he who rejects me rejects
him who sent me."

The Return of the Seventy

17 When the †seventy returned, they
were joyful and said, "Lord, even
the demons submit to us in your
name."
18 He said to them, "I watched Satan
fall from heaven like lightning.
19 Behold, I ‡am giving you
authority to tread on serpents and
scorpions, and to overcome all the
power of the enemy, and nothing at
all will harm you.
20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice that
the spirits submit to you, §but
rejoice that your names are written
in heaven."

Jesus Rejoices in the Spirit

21 At that same hour Jesus rejoiced
in the *Spirit and said, "I praise
you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth, because you have hidden
these things from the wise and
intelligent, and revealed them to
infants. Yes, Father, for so it was
well-pleasing in your †sight."
22 Then he turned to the disciples
and said, "All things have been
delivered to me by my Father. No
one knows who the Son is except
the Father, and no one knows who
the Father is except the Son, and
anyone to whom the Son chooses to
reveal him."
23 Then he turned to the disciples
and said privately, "Blessed are the
eyes that see what you see!
24 For I tell you that many
prophets and kings wished to see
the things you see but did not see
them, and to hear the things you
hear but did not hear them."

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to
test Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what
must I do to inherit eternal life?"
26 Jesus 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 you shall love your neighbor as
yourself."
28 Jesus said to him, "You have
answered correctly; do this and you
will live."
29 But wishing to justify himself,
he said to Jesus, "And who is my
neighbor?"
30 Jesus replied, "A man was
going down to Jericho from
Jerusalem and fell into the hands of
robbers. They stripped him, beat
him, and went away, leaving him
‡as he was, half dead.
31 Now a priest happened to be
going down that road, but when he
saw the man, he passed by on the
other side.
32 In the same way, a Levite,
when he came to that place and
saw him, passed by on the other
side.
33 But a Samaritan, who was on a
journey, came to where the man
was, and when he saw him, he was
moved with compassion.
34 He went over to him and
bandaged his wounds, pouring oil
and wine on them. Then he put
him on his own animal, brought
him to an inn, and took care of him.

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§ **10:15** *who have been exalted to heaven,* ¦ will you be exalted to heaven? You CT * **10:15** *be brought* ¦ go NA WH † **10:17** *seventy* ¦ seventy-two NA SBL WH ‡ **10:19** *am giving* ¦ have given CT § **10:20** *but* ¦ but rather TR * **10:21** *Spirit* 92.4% ¦ Holy Spirit CT 0.3% † **10:21** *sight." Then he turned to the disciples and said, "All* 76.1% ¦ sight." Then he turned to his disciples and said, "All MSS 11.8% ¦ sight. All CT SCR 9.5% ‡ **10:30** *as he was,* ¦ — CT

35 On the next §day, when he was
departing, he took out two denarii,
gave them to the innkeeper, and
said *to him, 'Take care of him, and
whatever more you spend I will
repay to you when I return.'
36 †Now which of these three do
you think was a neighbor to the
man who fell into the hands of
robbers?"
37 The lawyer said, "The one who
showed him mercy." Jesus said to
him, "Go and do likewise."

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

38 As Jesus and his disciples went
along, he entered a village, and a
woman named Martha welcomed
him ‡into her home.
39 She had a sister named Mary,
who sat at §Jesus' feet and listened
to what he was saying.
40 But Martha was distracted by the
many preparations that had to be
made. So she came up to Jesus and
said, "Lord, do you not care that my
sister has left me to make all the
preparations by myself? Tell her
then to assist me."
41 But *Jesus answered her,
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious
and troubled about many things,
42 but only †one thing is necessary.
Mary has chosen the good portion,
and it will not be taken away from
her."

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Instruction About Prayer

1 One day Jesus was praying in a
certain place, and when he
finished, one of his disciples said to
him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as
John taught his disciples."
2 So he said to them, "When you
pray, say,

'*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
†Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
3 Give us each day our daily bread.
4 And forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who is
indebted to us.
And lead us not into ‡temptation,
but deliver us from evil.' "

5 Then he said to them, "Suppose
one of you has a friend, and you go
to him at midnight and say to him,
'Friend, lend me three loaves,
6 for a §friend on a journey has
come to me, and I have nothing to
set before him,'
7 and he answers from inside and
says, 'Do not bother me! The door
is already shut, and my children
are with me in bed. I cannot get up
to give you anything.'
8 I tell you, even if he will not get
up and give you anything because
you are his friend, yet because of
your shameless persistence, he will
get up and give you as much as you
need.
9 So I tell you: Ask, and it will be
given to you; seek, and you will
find; knock, and the door will be
opened for you.
10 For everyone who asks
receives; and he who seeks finds;
and for him who knocks, the door
will be opened.
11 Now what father among *you,
when his son asks for bread, will
give him a stone; or again, when he

§ **10:35** *day, when he was departing,* ¦ day CT * **10:35** *to him* ¦ — CT † **10:36** *Now which* ¦ Which CT ‡ **10:38** *into her home* 98.7% ¦ — NA SBL 0.2% § **10:39** *Jesus'* ¦ the Lord's NA WH * **10:41** *Jesus* ¦ the Lord CT † **10:42** *one thing is necessary.* ¦ a few things are necessary, or one. SBL WH * **11:2** *Our Father in heaven* ¦ Father CT † **11:2** *Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.* ¦ — CT ‡ **11:4** *temptation, but deliver us from evil.* ¦ temptation. CT § **11:6** *friend* ¦ friend of mine ANT CT TR * **11:11** *you, when his son asks for bread, will give him a stone; or again, when he asks for a fish,* ¦ you, when his son asks for bread, will give him a stone; and if he asks for a fish, TR ¦ you will his son ask for a fish, and he NA SBL TH ¦ you, when his son asks for a fish, WH

asks for a fish, will give him a
serpent instead of a fish;
12 or again, if he asks for an egg,
will give him a scorpion?
13 If you then, being evil, know
how to give good gifts to your
children, how much more will your
heavenly Father give †the Holy
Spirit to those who ask him!"

Jesus and Beelzebul

14 Now Jesus was casting out a
demon that made a certain man
mute. When the demon came out,
the mute man began to speak, and
the crowds were amazed.
15 But some of them said, "By
Beelzebul, the ruler of demons, he
casts out demons."
16 Others were asking him for a
sign from heaven, to test him.
17 Knowing their thoughts, Jesus
said to them, "Every kingdom
divided against itself is laid waste,
and a house divided against itself
falls.
18 So if Satan is also divided against
himself, how will his kingdom
stand? For you say that I cast out
demons by Beelzebul.
19 Now if I cast out demons by
Beelzebul, by whom ‡do your
followers cast them out? Therefore
they will be your judges.
20 But if I cast 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 palace, his
possessions are secure.
22 But when a stronger man attacks
and overpowers him, he takes away
all the armor in which the man
trusted and then distributes the
plunder.
23 Whoever is not with me is
against me, and whoever does not
gather with me scatters.

An Unclean Spirit Returns

24 "When an unclean spirit has
gone out of a person, it goes
through waterless places seeking
rest. But when it does not find any,
it says, 'I will return to the house I
left.'
25 When it arrives, it finds the
house §swept and put in order.
26 Then it goes and takes along
seven other spirits more evil than
itself, and they *go and dwell there,
and the last state of that person
becomes worse than the first."

True Blessedness

27 As Jesus was saying these things,
a woman from among the crowd
lifted up her voice and said to him,
"Blessed is the womb that bore you,
and the breasts at which you
nursed."
28 But he said, "Blessed rather are
those who hear the word of God
and obey it."

The Sign of Jonah

29 Now as the crowds were
increasing, Jesus began to say,
"This generation is †evil. It asks for
a sign, but no sign will be given to
it except the sign of ‡the prophet
Jonah.
30 For just as Jonah became a sign
to the people of Nineveh, so also
will the Son of Man §be to this
generation.
31 The queen of the South will rise
up at the judgment with the men of
this generation and condemn them,
for she came from the ends of the
earth to hear the wisdom of
Solomon, and behold, something
greater than Solomon is here.
32 The men of Nineveh will rise up
at the judgment with this
generation and condemn it, for
they repented at the preaching of
Jonah, and behold, something
greater than Jonah is here.

The Lamp of the Body

† **11:13** *the Holy Spirit* ¦ a good spirit ANT ‡ **11:19** *do* ¦ will ANT § **11:25** *swept* ¦ unoccupied, swept, WH * **11:26** *go* ¦ go in ANT CT TR † **11:29** *evil* ¦ an evil generation ANT CT ‡ **11:29** *the prophet* ¦ — CT § **11:30** *be* ¦ be a sign ANT * **11:33** *or under a basket* ¦ — TH

33 “No one lights a lamp and puts it
in a hidden place *or under a
basket. Instead, it is put on a
lampstand, so that those who come
in can see its light.
34 †The lamp of the body is the eye.
‡So when your eye is clear, your
whole body is full of light. But
when your eye is bad, your body is
full of darkness.
35 Therefore make sure that the
light within you is not darkness.
36 If then your whole body is full of
light, having no part dark, it will be
entirely light, like when a lamp
gives you light with its rays.”

Woe to the Pharisees and Lawyers

37 As Jesus was §speaking, a
Pharisee invited him to have a
meal with him, so Jesus went in
and reclined at the table.
38 The Pharisee was amazed when
he saw that Jesus did not first
perform the ritual washing before
the meal.
39 So the Lord said to him, “You
Pharisees clean the outside of the
cup and the platter, but inside you
are filled with thoughts of robbery
and wickedness.
40 You fools! Did not he who made
the outside also make the inside?
41 But give as alms the things that
are on the inside, and behold,
everything will be clean for you.
42 “But woe to you, Pharisees! For
you tithe mint, rue, and every herb,
yet you ignore justice and the love
of God. These you ought to have
practiced without neglecting the
other things.
43 Woe to you, Pharisees! For you
love the best seats in the
synagogues and greetings in the
marketplaces.
44 Woe to *you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are
like unmarked graves, which
people walk over without realizing
it.”

45 In response one of the lawyers
said to him, “Teacher, by saying
these things, you insult us as well.”
46 But Jesus said, “Woe also to
you lawyers! For you burden
people with burdens that are hard
to bear, but you yourselves do not
touch the burdens with even one of
your fingers.
47 Woe to you! For you build the
tombs of the prophets, but it was
your fathers who killed them.
48 So you †bear witness to and
approve of the works of your
fathers; for they killed the prophets,
and you build their tombs.
49 That is why the wisdom of God
said, ‘I will send them prophets and
apostles, some of whom they will
kill and some of whom they will
persecute.’
50 As a result, this generation will
be held accountable for the blood of
all the prophets that has been shed
from the foundation of the world,
51 from the blood of Abel to the
blood of Zechariah, who perished
between the altar and the house of
God. Yes, I tell you, this generation
will be held accountable.
52 Woe to you lawyers! For you
have taken away the key of
knowledge. You yourselves have
not entered, and you have hindered
those who were trying to enter.”

53 As he ‡was saying these things
to them, the scribes and the
Pharisees began to oppose him
fiercely and to question him closely
about many things,
54 lying in wait for him §and
seeking to catch him in some word
coming out of his *mouth, so that
they might accuse him.

† **11:34** *The lamp of the body is the eye* ¦ Your eye is the lamp of your body CT ‡ **11:34** *So when* ¦ When CT § **11:37** *speaking* ¦ saying these things ANT * **11:44** *you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!* ¦ you! CT † **11:48** *bear witness to* ¦ are witnesses CT ‡ **11:53** *was saying these things to them* ¦ went away from there CT § **11:54** *and seeking* ¦ — CT * **11:54** *mouth, so that they might accuse him.* ¦ mouth. CT

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Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees

1 Meanwhile, when the crowd had
gathered together by the thousands,
so that they were trampling on one
another, Jesus began to speak first
to his disciples: "Beware of the
leaven of the Pharisees, which is
hypocrisy.
2 There is nothing covered up that
will not be revealed, and nothing
hidden that will not be made
known.
3 Therefore whatever you have said
in the darkness will be heard in the
light, and what you have whispered
in anyone's ear in private rooms
will be proclaimed on the
housetops.

Fear God Alone

4 "I tell you, my friends, do not be
afraid of those who kill the body,
and after that have nothing more
they can do.
5 But I will tell you whom you
should fear: Fear him who has
authority to throw you into hell
after your body has been killed.
Yes, I tell you, fear him!
6 Are not five sparrows sold for two
pennies? Yet not one of them is
forgotten in the sight of God.
7 Indeed, even the hairs of your
head are all numbered. *So do not
be afraid; you are of †more value
than many sparrows.

Acknowledging Christ

8 "I tell you, everyone who
acknowledges me before men, the
Son of Man will also acknowledge
before the angels of God,
9 but whoever denies me before
men will be denied before the
angels of God.
10 And 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 you are brought before
synagogues, rulers, and authorities,
do not be anxious about how or
what you should speak in your own
defense, or what you should say,
12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you
in that very hour what you should
say."

The Parable of the Rich Fool

13 Then someone from among the
crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell
my brother to divide the family
inheritance with me."
14 But Jesus said to him, "Man, who
appointed me as a judge or
arbitrator over you?"
15 Then he said to them, "Watch out
and be on your guard against
‡covetousness, for one's life does
not consist in the abundance of his
possessions."
16 And he told them a parable: "The
land of a certain rich man
produced abundantly.
17 So he thought to himself, 'What
should I do, for I do not have
anywhere 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 my §produce and my
goods.
19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul,
you have many goods laid up for
many years; relax, eat, drink, and
be merry." '
20 But God said to him, 'You fool!
This very night your life will be
demanded *back from you, and the
things you have prepared, whose
will they be?'
21 This is how it will be with anyone
who lays up treasure for himself
and is not rich toward God."

Do Not Be Anxious

22 Then Jesus said to †his disciples,
"Therefore I tell you, do not be

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* **12:7** *So do* ¦ Do CT † **12:7** *more value than many* ¦ far more value than PCK ‡ **12:15** *covetousness* ¦ all covetousness ANT CT § **12:18** *produce* ¦ grain CT * **12:20** *back* ¦ — TH WH † **12:22** *his* ¦ the TH

anxious about your life, what you
will eat, or about your body, what
you will wear.
23 ‡Life is more than food, and the
body is more than clothing.
24 Consider the ravens: They do not
sow or reap; they have no
storehouse or barn, yet God feeds
them. Of how much more value are
you than birds?
25 Which of you by being anxious
can add a single moment to your
span of life?
26 If then you cannot even do a very
little thing like that, why are you
anxious about the rest?
27 Consider the lilies, how they
grow: They do not toil or §spin, yet
I tell you, not even Solomon in all
his glory was clothed like one of
these.
28 Now if God so clothes the grass
*in the field, which is alive today
and tomorrow is thrown into the
oven, how much more will he
clothe you, O you of little faith?
29 And do not be concerned about
what you will eat †or what you will
drink; do not be anxious about
such things.
30 For the nations of the world seek
after all these things, and your
Father knows that you need them.
31 Rather, seek ‡the kingdom of God,
and §all these things will be added
to you.
32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for
your Father is pleased to give you
the kingdom.
33 Sell your possessions and give to
the needy. Make yourselves
moneybags that do not wear out,
an inexhaustible treasure in
heaven, where no thief comes near
and no moth destroys.
34 For where your treasure is, there
will your heart be also.

Be Ready

35 “Be dressed for service and keep
your lamps burning,
36 like men who are waiting for
their master to return from a
wedding feast, so that they can
immediately open the door for him
when he comes and knocks.
37 Blessed are those servants whom
their master finds keeping watch
when he comes. Truly I say to you,
he will dress himself for service
and have them recline at the table,
and he will come and serve them.
38 If he comes in the second watch
or the third watch and finds them
doing so, blessed are those servants.
39 But know this: If the master of
the house had known at what hour
the thief was coming, he *would
have kept watch and would not
have let his house be broken into.
40 †Therefore you also must be
ready, for the Son of Man is coming
at an hour when you do not expect
him.”

41 Then Peter said ‡to him, “Lord,
are you telling this parable only for
us, or for everyone else as well?”
42 The Lord said, “Who then is
the faithful and wise steward,
whom his master will set over his
household, to give them their
portion of food at the proper time?
43 Blessed is that servant whom
his master finds doing so when he
comes.
44 Truly I say to you, he will set
him over all his possessions.
45 But if that servant says in his
heart, ‘My master is delayed in
coming,’ and he begins to beat the
male and female servants, and to
eat and drink and get drunk,
46 the master of that servant will
come on a day when he does not
expect him and at an hour he does
not foresee, and will cut him in two

‡ **12:23** *Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing.* ¦ Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ANT ¦ For life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. CT § **12:27** *spin, yet* ¦ spin. I PCK * **12:28** *in* ¦ of ANT † **12:29** *or* ¦ and ANT CT ‡ **12:31** *the kingdom of God* ¦ his kingdom CT § **12:31** *all* ¦ — CT * **12:39** *would have kept watch and* ¦ — NA SBL † **12:40** *Therefore you* 95.3% ¦ You CT 1.6% ‡ **12:41** *to him* ¦ — CT

and assign his portion to be with the unfaithful.
47 That servant who knew his master's will, but did not prepare himself or act according to his will, will be beaten with many lashes.
48 But the one who did not know his master's will, yet did what deserved a beating, will be beaten with few lashes. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from him to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

Not Peace, but Division

49 "I have come to bring fire §to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!
50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how consumed I am with it until it is completed!
51 Do you think I have come to grant peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division.
52 For from now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three.
53 *Father will be divided 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 †her mother-in-law."

Interpreting the Present Time

54 Jesus also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising ‡from the west, you immediately say, 'A rainstorm is coming,' and that is what happens.
55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens.
56 Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the §earth and the sky, so why *can you not interpret this present time?

Settle with Your Adversary

57 "Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?
58 As you are going with your adversary before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge †hand you over to the officer, and the officer ‡throw you into prison.
59 I tell you, you will certainly not come out of there until you have paid the very last cent."

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Repent or Perish

1 Now there were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.
2 Jesus responded to them, "Do you think that those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered *such things?
3 No, I tell you, but if you do not repent, you will all likewise perish.
4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them, do you think they were worse offenders than all the other people who dwell in Jerusalem?
5 No, I tell you, but if you do not repent, you will all likewise perish."

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but did not find any.
7 So he said to the vinedresser, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree and have not found any. †Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'
8 But the vinedresser said to him in response, 'Sir, allow it to remain

§ **12:49** *to* ¦ on ANT CT * **12:53** *Father will be divided* ¦ They will be divided, father ANT CT † **12:53** *her* ¦ — CT ‡ **12:54** *from* ¦ in CT § **12:56** *earth and the sky* ¦ sky and the earth ANT PCK SCR * **12:56** *can you not* 94.3% ¦ do you not know how to CT 0.8% † **12:58** *hand* ¦ will hand CT ‡ **12:58** *throw* ¦ will throw ANT CT * **13:2** *such* ¦ these CT † **13:7** *Cut* ¦ Therefore cut NA TH

for this year also, and I will dig
around it and put manure on it.
9 If it bears ‡fruit, fine; but if not,
you can cut it down in the coming
year.’ ”

Jesus Heals a Disabled Woman

10 One Sabbath Jesus was teaching
in one of the synagogues.
11 And behold, there was a woman
who had suffered from a spirit of
disability for eighteen years. She
was bent over and could not stand
up completely straight.
12 When Jesus saw her, he called
her over and said to her, “Woman,
you are set free from your
disability.”
13 Then he laid his hands on her,
and at once her back was made
straight, and she began glorifying
God.
14 But the ruler of the synagogue,
indignant because Jesus had healed
on the Sabbath, said to the crowd
in response, “There are six days in
which work should be done; so
come and be healed on those days
and not on the Sabbath day.”
15 Then the Lord said to him in
response, “§Hypocrites! Do not
each of you on the Sabbath untie
your ox or donkey from the
manger, lead it away, and give it
water?
16 Then should not this woman, a
daughter of Abraham whom Satan
has bound for eighteen long years,
be released from this bondage on
the Sabbath day?”
17 When he said this, all his
adversaries were put to shame, and
the entire crowd was rejoicing over
all the glorious things he was doing.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

18 Then Jesus said, “What is the
kingdom of God like? To what
should I compare it?
19 It is like a grain of mustard seed
that a man took and sowed in his
garden. It grew and became a
*large tree, and the birds of the sky
nested in its branches.”

The Parable of the Leaven

20 Again he said, “To what should I
compare the kingdom of God?
21 It is like leaven that a woman
took and mixed into three
measures of flour until it had all
been leavened.”

The Narrow Gate

22 Then Jesus traveled through
towns and villages, teaching and
making his way to Jerusalem.
23 Someone said to him, “Lord, will
only a few be saved?” Jesus said to
them,
24 “Strive to enter through the
narrow †gate. For many, I tell you,
will seek to enter and will not be
able to.
25 Once the master of the house gets
up and shuts the door, you will
begin to stand outside and knock at
the door, saying, ‘Lord, ‡Lord, open
the door for us.’ But he will answer
you, ‘I do not know you or 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 §say, ‘I tell you, I do
not know *you or where you are
from. Depart from me, all you
workers of unrighteousness.’
28 In that place 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
cast out.
29 People will come from east and
west, and from north and south,
and recline at the banquet table in
the kingdom of God.

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‡ **13:9** *fruit, fine; but if not, you can cut it down in the coming year* ¦ fruit in the coming year, fine; but if not, you can cut it down CT § **13:15** *Hypocrites* ¦ Hypocrite ANT TR * **13:19** *large* 91.5% ¦ — CT 0.7% † **13:24** *gate* ¦ door CT ‡ **13:25** *Lord,* ¦ — CT § **13:27** *say, ‘I tell you, I* 94% ¦ say to you, ‘I NA SBL WH 1.4% * **13:27** *you or* ¦ — SBL WH

30 And behold, some are last who
will be first, and some are first who
will be last."

The Lament over Jerusalem

31 †On that same day some
Pharisees came up and said to
Jesus, "Leave this place and go
somewhere else, for Herod wants
to kill you."
32 But he said to them, "Go tell that
fox, 'Behold, I will continue casting
out demons and performing
healings today and tomorrow, and
on the third day I will finish my
work.'
33 Nevertheless, I must go on my
way today, tomorrow, and the
following day; for it is unthinkable
that a prophet should perish
outside of Jerusalem.
34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city
that kills the prophets and stones
those who are sent to you! How
often I have wanted to gather your
children together as a hen gathers
her brood under her wings, but you
were not willing!
35 Behold, your house is left to you
‡desolate. §I tell you, you will
certainly not see me again until
*the time comes when you say,
'Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!' "

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A Man with Dropsy Healed on the Sabbath

1 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to
eat at the house of one of the rulers
of the Pharisees, the people there
were watching him closely.
2 And behold, there in front of him
was a man suffering from dropsy.
3 In response Jesus said to the
lawyers and Pharisees, "Is it lawful
to heal on the *Sabbath?"
4 But they remained silent. So Jesus
took hold of the man, healed him,
and sent him away.
5 Then he said to them, "Which of
you whose †son or ox falls into a pit
on the Sabbath will not
immediately pull him out?"
6 But they could give ‡him no
answer about these things.

The Parable of the Guests at the Wedding Feast

7 When Jesus noticed how the
guests were choosing the places of
honor for themselves, he told them
a parable:
8 "When you are invited by
someone to a wedding feast, do not
recline in the place of honor, in
case someone more honorable than
you has been invited by your host.
9 Then the host, who invited you
both, will come and §say to you,
'Give your place to this person.'
And with shame you will begin
moving to the least important place.
10 But when you are invited, go
recline in the least important place,
so that, when your host comes, he
will say to you, 'Friend, move up to
a better place.' Then you will be
honored in the presence of *those
who are reclining at the table with
you.
11 For everyone who exalts himself
will be humbled, and he who
humbles himself will be exalted."
12 Jesus also said to the man who
had invited him, "When you
prepare a luncheon or a dinner, do
not invite your friends, your
brothers, your relatives, or your
rich neighbors. If you do, they may
invite you in return, and you will
be repaid.
13 But when you prepare a
banquet, invite the poor, the
maimed, the lame, and the blind.

† **13:31** *On that same day* ¦ At that same hour CT ‡ **13:35** *desolate* ¦ — CT § **13:35** *I tell* ¦ Truly I say to TR * **13:35** *the time comes when* ¦ — TH WH * **14:3** *Sabbath?* ¦ Sabbath, or not? CT † **14:5** *son … him* ¦ donkey … it TR ‡ **14:6** *him* ¦ — CT § **14:9** *say to you, 'Give* ¦ say, 'You give PCK * **14:10** *those* ¦ all CT

14 Then you will be blessed. Since
they do not have the means to
repay you, you will be repaid at the
resurrection of the righteous."

The Parable of the Great Banquet

15 When one of the men reclining at
the table with Jesus heard these
things, he said to him, "Blessed is
†he who will eat ‡at the feast in the
kingdom of God."
16 Jesus said to him, "A man
prepared a great banquet and
invited many guests.
17 At the time for the banquet he
sent his servant to tell those who
had been invited, 'Come, for
§everything is now ready.'
18 But they all alike began to make
excuses. The first one said to him,
'I have bought a field, and I need to
go out and see it. I ask you to have
me excused.'
19 Another said, 'I have bought five
yoke of oxen, and I am on my way
to try them out. I ask you to have
me excused.'
20 Still another said, 'I have married
a woman, and for that reason I
cannot come.'
21 So the servant came back and
told these things to his master.
Then the master of the house
became angry and said to his
servant, 'Go out quickly into the
streets and lanes of the city, and
bring in the poor, the maimed, the
*lame, and the blind.'
22 After the servant had done so, he
said, 'Master, †it has been done as
you commanded, and there is still
room.'
23 So the master said to the servant,
'Go out to the highways and hedges
and compel people to come in, so
that my house may be filled.
24 For I tell you that none of those
men who were invited will get a
taste of my banquet.' ‡For many
are called, but few are chosen."

The Cost of Discipleship

25 Now large crowds were traveling
with Jesus, and he turned and said
to them,
26 "If anyone comes to me and does
not hate his father and mother,
wife and children, brothers and
sisters, and even his own life, he
cannot be my disciple.
27 And whoever does not bear his
own cross and follow me cannot be
my disciple.
28 For which of §you who wants to
build a tower does not first sit down
and estimate the cost, to see if he
has what he needs to complete it?
29 For if he lays the foundation and
is not able to finish it, all who are
looking on will begin to mock him,
30 saying, 'This man began to build
and was not able to finish.'
31 Or what king, when he is going
out to confront another king in
battle, *does not first sit down and
consider whether he is able with
ten thousand men to face the king
who is coming against him with
twenty thousand men?
32 If he is not able to do so, he sends
a delegation while the other is still
far away and asks for terms of
peace.
33 So then, any one of you who does
not give up all his possessions
cannot be my disciple.

Salt Without Flavor is Worthless

34 "Salt is good, but if salt loses its
flavor, with what shall it be
seasoned?
35 It is fit neither for the soil nor for
the manure pile, so it is thrown out.
He who has ears to hear, let him
hear."

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† **14:15** *he* ¦ everyone CT ‡ **14:15** *at the feast* ¦ bread CT TR § **14:17** *everything is* 97% ¦ things are CT 0.3% * **14:21** *lame, and the blind* ¦ blind, and the lame CT PCK † **14:22** *it has been done as you commanded* ¦ what you commanded has been done CT ‡ **14:24** *For many are called, but few are chosen.* $\mathbf{K}^{X(94)}$ ¦ — $\mathbf{K}^{X(58)}$ ANT CT HF PCK TR § **14:28** *you who wants to build a tower* ¦ you, when he wants to build a tower, ANT CT TR * **14:31** *does* ¦ will CT

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The Parable of the Lost Sheep

1 Now all the tax collectors and
sinners were drawing near to Jesus
to listen to him.
2 But the Pharisees and the scribes
grumbled, saying, "This man
receives sinners and eats with
them."
3 So Jesus told them this parable:
4 "What man among you, who
has a hundred sheep and loses one
of them, does not leave the other
ninety-nine in the wilderness and
go after the one that is lost until he
finds it?
5 And when he does find it, he
rejoices as he lays it on his
shoulders.
6 Then he returns home and calls
together his friends and neighbors,
saying to them, '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.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

8 "Or suppose a woman has ten
silver coins and loses one of them.
Does she not light a lamp, sweep
the house, and search carefully
until she finds it?
9 And when she does find it, she
calls together her friends and
neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me,
for I have found my lost coin.'
10 In the same way, I tell you, there
is joy in the presence of God's
angels over one sinner who
repents."

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

11 Then he said, "There was a man
who had two sons.
12 The younger of the two said to
his father, 'Father, give me the
share of property that will belong
to me.' So the father divided his
assets between his two sons.
13 A few days later, the younger son
gathered together all that he had
and went on a journey to a distant
country, and there he squandered
his property by living recklessly.
14 When he had spent all that he
had, a severe famine arose
throughout that country, and he
began to be in need.
15 So he went and hired himself out
to one of the citizens of that
country, who sent him to his fields
to feed pigs.
16 The young man longed to *fill his
belly with the carob pods the pigs
were eating, but no one gave him
anything.
17 When he came to his senses, he
said, 'How many of my father's
hired workers have an abundance
of bread, †while I perish with
hunger!
18 I will arise, 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; make me like one
of your hired workers." '
20 So he arose and went to his
father. But while he was still far
away, his father saw him and was
moved with compassion. So he ran
to his son, threw his arms around
his neck, and kissed him.
21 Then 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
servants, '§Bring out the best robe
and put it on him. Put a ring on his
finger and sandals on his feet.
23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it.
Let us eat and celebrate.
24 For this son of mine was dead
but is now alive again; he was lost
but has now been found.' And they
began to celebrate.

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* **15:16** *fill his belly* 95.6% ¦ be filled NA TH WH 2.2% † **15:17** *while I perish* ¦ but here I am perishing CT ‡ **15:21** *son.* 87.1% ¦ son; make me like one of your hired workers. WH 12.5%
§ **15:22** *Bring* ¦ Quickly bring CT

25 “Now his older son was in the
field, and as he came and drew
near to the house, he heard music
and dancing.
26 So he called one of *the
servants over and asked him what
was happening.
27 The servant said to him, ‘Your
brother has come, and your father
has killed the fattened calf, because
he has received your brother back
safe and sound.’
28 But the older son was angry
and would not go in. So his father
came out and began pleading with
him.
29 But he said to his father in
response, ‘Behold, all these years I
have served you and have never
disobeyed your command, yet you
have never given me even a young
goat so that I could celebrate with
my friends.
30 But when this son of yours
came, who has devoured your
assets with prostitutes, you killed
the fattened calf for him.’
31 The father said to him, ‘Son,
you are always with me, and
everything I have is yours.
32 But it was proper to celebrate
and rejoice, for your brother was
dead but is now alive †again; he
was lost but has now been found.’ ”

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The Parable of the Unrighteous Steward

1 Then Jesus said to *his disciples,
“There was a rich man whose
steward was accused of
squandering his possessions.
2 So he called the steward in and
said to him, ‘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
should I do, now that my master is
taking my 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 my
stewardship, people will receive me
into their homes.’
5 So he summoned each one of his
master's debtors. He said to the
first, ‘How much do you owe my
master?’
6 The man said, ‘A hundred
measures of oil.’ The steward said
to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down
quickly, and write fifty.’
7 Then he said to another, ‘And how
much do you owe?’ The man said,
‘A hundred measures of wheat.’
The steward said to him, ‘Take your
bill and write eighty.’
8 So the master commended the
unrighteous steward because he
had acted shrewdly. For the people
of this world are more shrewd in
dealing with their own generation
than are the people of the light.
9 And I tell you, make friends for
yourselves by means of
unrighteous wealth so that when
†you die, those friends will receive
you into eternal dwellings.

10 “He who is faithful with very
little is also faithful with much, and
he who is dishonest with very little
is also dishonest with much.
11 If then you have not been
faithful with unrighteous wealth,
who will entrust you with true
riches?
12 And if you have not been
faithful with the property of
another, who will give you
‡property of your own?
13 No servant can serve two
masters, for either he will hate one
and love the other, or he will be
devoted to one and despise the
other. You cannot serve God and
money.”

The Law and the Kingdom of God

* **15:26** *the* ¦ his ST † **15:32** *again* ¦ — CT * **16:1** *his* ¦ the CT † **16:9** *you die* ¦ it runs out CT
‡ **16:12** *property of your own* ¦ our property WH

14 Now the Pharisees, who were
lovers of money, heard all these
things and began ridiculing Jesus.
15 So he said to them, "You present
yourselves as righteous in the sight
of men, but God knows your hearts.
For what is highly esteemed among
men is an abomination in the sight
of God.
16 "The Law and the Prophets
were proclaimed until John; since
then the good news of the kingdom
of God has been preached, and
everyone tries to force their way
into it.
17 But it is easier for heaven and
earth to pass away than for one
stroke of a letter to be dropped
from the law.
18 "For example, any man who
divorces his wife and marries
another commits adultery, and
§any man who marries a woman
divorced from her husband
commits adultery.

The Rich Man and Lazarus
19 "Now there was a certain rich
man who would dress in purple
and fine linen, enjoying himself
each day as he lived lavishly.
20 *There was also a poor man
named Lazarus, who was laid at the
rich man's gate, covered with sores.
21 He longed to be filled with †the
crumbs that fell from the rich
man's table, but instead the dogs
would come and lick his sores.
22 Now the poor man died and was
carried away by the angels to
Abraham's side, and the rich man
also died and was buried.
23 As he was in torment in Hades,
he lifted up his eyes and saw
Abraham far off, and Lazarus at his
side.
24 So he called out and said, '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 agony in these flames.'
25 But Abraham said, 'Son,
remember that in your lifetime you
received your good things, and in
the same way Lazarus received bad
things, but now he is ‡here being
comforted, while you are in agony.
26 And besides all this, a great
chasm has been set in place
between you and us, so that those
who want to cross over to you from
here cannot do so, nor can anyone
cross over to us from there.'
27 The rich man said, 'Then I beg
you, father, to send Lazarus to my
father's house,
28 for I have five brothers. Let him
warn them, so that they will not
also come to this place of torment.'
29 Abraham said §to him, 'They
have Moses and the Prophets; they
can listen to them.'
30 He said, 'No, father Abraham, but
if someone goes to them from the
dead, they will repent.'
31 But Abraham said to him, 'If they
do not listen to Moses and the
Prophets, neither will they be
persuaded even if someone rises
from the dead.' "

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Temptations to Sin
1 Then Jesus said to *the disciples,
"It is inevitable that stumbling
blocks come, but woe to the one
through whom they come!
2 It would be better for him if a
†heavy millstone were hung around
his neck and he were cast into the
sea than for him to cause one of
these little ones to stumble.
3 Watch yourselves. If your brother
sins ‡against you, rebuke him. If he
repents, forgive him.
4 Even if he sins against you seven
times in a day, and seven times §in

§ **16:18** *any man* ¦ he CT * **16:20** *There was also a poor man named Lazarus, who was laid at the rich man's gate,* 94.3% ¦ At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, CT 1% † **16:21** *the crumbs that* 98.1% ¦ what CT 0.3% ‡ **16:25** *here* ¦ — PCK TR § **16:29** *to him* ¦ — CT * **17:1** *the* ¦ his ANT CT † **17:2** *heavy* ¦ — ANT CT ‡ **17:3** *against you* ¦ — CT § **17:4** *in that day* ¦ — CT * **17:4** *back* ¦ back to you ANT CT TR

that day he comes *back and says, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

Increase Our Faith

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”
6 The Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

We Are Unworthy Servants

7 “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing the field or tending the sheep. As soon as he comes in from the field would you †say, ‘Come and recline at the table’?
8 Instead, would you not say to him, ‘Prepare my supper. Put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’?
9 Do you thank ‡that servant because he did what he was commanded? §I think not.
10 So you also, when you have done everything you were commanded to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what we were obligated to do.’ ”

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border of Samaria and Galilee.
12 As he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers who stood at a distance.
13 They lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”
14 When he saw them, he said to them, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” As they went along, they were cleansed.
15 When one of them saw that he had been healed, he came back, glorifying God with a loud voice.
16 He then fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. (Now he was a Samaritan.)
17 In response Jesus said, “Were not ten cleansed? Where then are the other nine?
18 Were there none found who came back to give glory to God except this foreigner?”
19 Then he said to the man, “Rise and go on your way; your faith has healed you.”

The Coming of the Kingdom

20 At one point Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, so he answered them, “The kingdom of God does not come with observable signs,
21 nor will people say, ‘Behold, here it is!’ or, ‘*Behold, there it is!’ For behold, the kingdom of God is within you.”

22 Then he said to the disciples, “The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.
23 People will say to you, ‘Behold, †here he is!’ or, ‘Behold, there he is!’ Do not go off with them or run after them,
24 for just as lightning flashes from one part of the sky and shines 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 Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man.
27 People were eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.
28 It will be the same as it was in the days of Lot. People were eating

† **17:7** *say* ¦ say to him CT ‡ **17:9** *that* ¦ the CT § **17:9** *I think not.* 92% ¦ — CT 1.4% * **17:21** *Behold, there* ¦ There CT † **17:23** *here he is!’ or, ‘Behold, there* ¦ here he is! Behold, there ANT ¦ there he is!’ or, ‘Behold, here NA TH WH ¦ there he is! Behold, here SBL ‡ **17:24** *in his day* ¦ — WH

and drinking, buying and selling,
planting and building.
29 But on the day when Lot went
out from Sodom, fire and sulfur
rained down from heaven and
destroyed them all.
30 §So will it be on the day when
the Son of Man is revealed.
31 On that day, he who is on the
housetop and whose goods are in
the house must not come down to
get them. Likewise, he who is in the
field must not turn back.
32 Remember Lot's wife.
33 Whoever seeks to *save his life
will lose it, but whoever loses his
life will preserve it.
34 I tell you, on that night two
people will be in one bed; one will
be taken and the other will be left.
35 Two women will be grinding
grain together; one will be taken
and the other will be †left."
37 Then the disciples said to him
in response, "Where, Lord?" He
said to them, "Where the body is,
there the vultures will be gathered
together."

18

The Parable of the Widow and the Unrighteous Judge

1 Then Jesus told them a parable
about the need *for them to pray at
all times and not lose heart.
2 He said, "In a certain city there
was a judge who neither feared
God nor respected man.
3 There was also a widow in that
city who kept coming to him and
saying, 'Give me justice against my
adversary.'
4 For a while he would not do so,
but afterward he said to himself,
'Though I neither fear God nor
respect man,
5 yet because this widow keeps
bothering me, I will give her
justice, so that she will not wear me
out by continually coming to me.' "
6 Then the Lord said, "Consider
what this unrighteous judge said.
7 If even he ultimately rendered a
just decision, will not God patiently
listen to his chosen ones, who cry
out to him day and night, and give
them justice?
8 I tell you that he will bring about
justice for them quickly.
Nevertheless, when the Son of Man
comes, will he find faith on the
earth?"

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

9 He also told this parable to some
who were confident in their own
righteous and regarded others with
contempt:
10 "Two men went up to the temple
to pray. One was a Pharisee and
the other was a tax collector.
11 The Pharisee stood †by himself
and prayed like this: 'God, I thank
you that I am not like other people:
swindlers, unrighteous, adulterers,
or even like this tax collector.
12 I fast twice a week, and I give
tithes of all that I get.'
13 But the tax collector stood at a
distance and would not even lift up
his eyes to heaven, but beat his
breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to
me, a sinner!'
14 I tell you, this man went down to
his home justified rather than the
other one. For everyone who exalts
himself will be humbled, but he
who humbles himself will be
exalted."

Let the Little Children Come to Me

15 Now people were even bringing
their babies to Jesus so that he
might touch them. When the
disciples saw this, they rebuked
those who were bringing them,
16 but Jesus called for them and
said, "Let the little children come to

§ **17:30** *So will it be* ¦ It will be the same ANT NA SBL WH * **17:33** *save* ¦ keep CT † **17:35** *left."* ¦ left. 36 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left." ANT SCR

* **18:1** *for them* ¦ — HF PCK RP TR † **18:11** *by himself and prayed* 95.8% ¦ and prayed about himself TH WH 2.1%

me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.
17 Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will certainly not enter it."

The Rich Young Ruler

18 Then a certain 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 give false testimony, Honor your father and ‡your mother.' "
21 The man said, "I have kept all these commandments from the time I was a young boy."
22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack: Sell everything you have and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come follow me."
23 But when the man heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was extremely rich.
24 §When Jesus saw that the man had become very sorrowful, he said, "How difficult it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!
25 For 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 Those who heard this said, "Who then can be saved?"
27 Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."
28 Then Peter said, "Behold, we have left *everything and followed you."
29 Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house, †parents, brothers, wife, or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,
30 who will not surely receive many times more in this present age—and in the age to come, eternal life."

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection a Third Time

31 Then Jesus took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.
32 For he will be delivered up to the Gentiles, and he will be mocked, insulted, and spit upon.
33 After flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again."
34 But the disciples did not understand any of these things; this statement was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend what was being said.

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

35 As Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the road begging.
36 When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening.
37 They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.
38 So he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
39 Then those who were out in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"
40 So Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When the man drew near, Jesus asked him,
41 "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, I want to receive my sight."

‡ **18:20** *your* ¦ — CT § **18:24** *When Jesus saw that the man had become very sorrowful, he* 95.6% ¦ Jesus looked at him and SBL TH WH 0.8% * **18:28** *everything* ¦ what belongs to us CT † **18:29** *parents, brothers, wife* ¦ wife, brothers, parents CT

42 So Jesus said to him, "Receive
your sight; your faith has healed
you."
43 Immediately he received his sight
and began following Jesus,
glorifying God. And when all the
people saw it, they gave praise to
God.

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Jesus Visits Zacchaeus

1 Then Jesus entered Jericho and
was passing through.
2 And behold, there was a man
named Zacchaeus. He was a chief
tax collector and was rich.
3 He was trying to see who Jesus
was, but he could not do so because
of the crowd, for he was a short
man.
4 So he ran on ahead and climbed a
sycamore tree so that he could see
him, because Jesus was about to
pass by that way.
5 When Jesus came to that place, he
looked up and *saw him. Then he
said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and
come down, for I must stay at your
house today."
6 So he hurried down and received
Jesus with joy.
7 When all the people saw it, they
grumbled, saying, "He has gone to
be the guest of a sinful man."
8 But Zacchaeus stood there and
said to the Lord, "Behold, half of
my goods, Lord, I give to the poor,
and if I have extorted anything
from anyone, I will pay back four
times the amount."
9 Jesus said to him, "Today
salvation has come to this house,
because this man has shown that
he too is a son of Abraham.
10 For the Son of Man came to seek
and save the lost."

The Parable of the Ten Minas

11 Now as the people were listening
to this, Jesus went on to tell a
parable, because he was near
Jerusalem, and because they
thought that the kingdom of God
was going to appear at once.
12 So he said, "A man of noble birth
went to a distant country to receive
a kingdom for himself and then
return.
13 Calling ten of his servants, he
gave them ten minas and said to
them, 'Engage in business until I
return.'
14 But his subjects hated him and
sent a delegation after him, saying,
'We do not want this man to reign
over us.'
15 When he returned after receiving
the kingdom, he summoned the
servants to whom he had given the
money, to find out †who had gained
what by engaging in business.
16 The first came before him and
said, 'Master, your mina has made
ten minas more.'
17 The king said to him, 'Well done,
good servant! Because you have
been faithful in a very small matter,
take authority over ten cities.'
18 The second came and said,
'Master, your mina has made five
minas.'
19 The king said to him, 'You are to
be over five cities.'
20 ‡Another came and said, 'Master,
behold, here is your mina, which I
kept put away in a piece of cloth.
21 For I was afraid of you, because
you are a stern man. You take out
what you did not put in, and you
reap what you did not §sow.'
22 The king said to him, 'I will
condemn you by the words coming
out of your own mouth, you evil
servant. You knew, did you, that I
was a stern man, taking out what I
did not put in, and reaping what I
did not *sow?
23 Why then did you not deposit my
money in the bank, and when I
came I would have collected it with
interest?'

* **19:5** *saw him. Then he* ¦ — CT † **19:15** *who had gained what* 97.3% ¦ what they had gained CT 0.4% ‡ **19:20** *Another* ¦ The other CT § **19:21** *sow.* ¦ sow, and you gather where you scattered no seed. ANT * **19:22** *sow?* ¦ sow, and gathering where I scattered no seed? ANT

24 Then he said to those standing
nearby, ‘Take the mina from him
and give it to the one who has ten
minas.’
25 But they said to him, ‘Master, he
has ten minas!’
26 The king said, ‘I tell you that
everyone who has will be given
more, but the one who does not
have, even what he has will be
taken away †from him.
27 But as for those enemies of mine
who did not want me to reign over
them, bring them here and slay
them in front of me.’ ”

The Triumphal Entry

28 After saying these things, Jesus
continued on his way up to
Jerusalem, walking ahead of his
disciples.
29 As he drew near to ‡Bethsphage
and Bethany, at the mount called
Olivet, he sent two of §his disciples
ahead,
30 saying, “Go into the village ahead
of you. As you enter it, you will find
a colt tied, on which no one has
ever sat. Untie it and bring it here.
31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you
untying it?’ *tell him this: ‘The
Lord has need of it.’ ”
32 So those who were sent went off
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 has need of
it.”
35 Then they brought the colt to
Jesus, threw their garments over it,
and set Jesus on it.
36 As he went along, people were
spreading their garments on the
road.
37 And as he drew near to the
descent of the Mount of Olives, the
whole multitude of the disciples
began to praise God joyfully with a
loud voice for all the miracles 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 But some of the Pharisees from
among the crowd said to Jesus,
“Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”
40 In response he said ‡to them, “I
tell you, if they keep silent, the
stones will cry out.”

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

41 As he drew near to Jerusalem
and saw the city, he wept over it,
42 saying, “If only you had §known,
especially on this day of yours what
would bring *you peace! But now it
is hidden from your eyes.
43 For the days will come upon you
when your enemies build a
barricade around you and encircle
you, hemming you in on every side.
44 They will raze you to the ground,
and your children within you. They
will not leave in you one stone
upon another, because you did not
recognize the time of your
visitation.”

Jesus Cleanses the Temple Courts

45 Then Jesus entered the temple
courts and began driving out those
who were selling †and buying there.
46 He said to them, “It is written,
‘My house ‡is a house of prayer,’
but you have made it a den of
robbers.”
47 Every day Jesus was teaching
in the temple courts, but the chief
priests and the scribes were
seeking to destroy him, and so were
the prominent leaders among the
people.

† **19:26** *from him* ¦ — CT ‡ **19:29** *Bethsphage* ¦ Bethphage CT TR § **19:29** *his* ¦ the CT * **19:31** *tell him* ¦ say CT † **19:32** *it* ¦ the colt standing there, ANT ‡ **19:40** *to them* ¦ — CT § **19:42** *known, especially on this day of yours,* 85.4% ¦ known, especially on this day, MSS 9.3% ¦ known on this day CT 1% * **19:42** *you* ¦ — CT † **19:45** *and buying there* ¦ — CT ‡ **19:46** *is* ¦ shall be CT

48 But they could not figure out
what to do, for all the people were
hanging on his every word as they
listened to him.

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The Authority of Jesus Questioned

1 One day, as Jesus was teaching the
people in the temple courts and
preaching the gospel, the *priests
and the scribes came with the
elders
2 and said to him, "Tell us, by what
authority are you doing these
things, or who is it that gave you
this authority?"
3 He answered them, "I will also
ask you one question. Tell me:
4 Did John's authority to baptize
come from heaven or from men?"
5 So 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 men,' all the
people will stone us, for they are
persuaded that John was a
prophet."
7 So they answered that they did
not know where it came from.
8 Then Jesus said to them, "Neither
will I tell you by what authority I
am doing these things."

The Parable of the Vineyard Owner

9 Then he began to tell the people
this parable: "A man planted a
vineyard, leased it to farmers, and
left the country for a long time.
10 At harvest time he sent a servant
to the farmers so that they would
give him some of the fruit of the
vineyard. But the farmers beat that
servant and sent him away
empty-handed.
11 So he proceeded to ‡send another
servant, but they beat him also,
treated him shamefully, and sent
him away empty-handed.
12 Then he proceeded to send a
third, but they wounded him as
well and threw him out.
13 So the owner of the vineyard
said, 'What should I do? I will send
my beloved son; perhaps §when
they see him they will have respect
for him.'
14 But when they saw him, the
farmers discussed it *among
themselves, saying, 'This is the heir.
†Come, let us kill him so that the
inheritance will be ours.'
15 So 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 the people heard
this, they said, "Certainly not!"
17 But Jesus looked at them and
said, "What then is the meaning of
this Scripture:

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

18 Everyone who falls on that stone
will be broken to pieces, but anyone
on whom it falls will be crushed."
19 Then the ‡chief priests and the
scribes wanted to arrest him at that
very hour, for they knew he §had
spoken this parable against them,
but they were *afraid.

The Question About Paying Taxes to Caesar

20 So they watched him and sent
spies who pretended to be sincere
in order to catch him in something
he said, so that they could deliver
him up to the jurisdiction and
authority of the governor.

* **20:1** *priests* ¦ chief priests CT TR † **20:5** *Why* ¦ Why then ANT TR ‡ **20:11** *send* ¦ send them ANT § **20:13** *when they see him* ¦ — CT * **20:14** *among themselves* ¦ with one another CT † **20:14** *Come, let* ¦ Let CT ‡ **20:19** *chief priests and the scribes* ¦ scribes and the chief priests CT § **20:19** *had spoken this parable* ¦ was speaking these parables ANT * **20:19** *afraid* ¦ afraid of the people ANT CT TR

21 The spies asked him, “Teacher,
we know that you speak and teach
correctly, and that you do not show
partiality but teach the way of God
in truth.
22 Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to
Caesar, or not?”
23 But perceiving their craftiness,
Jesus said to them, “†Why are you
testing me?
24 Show me a denarius. Whose
image and inscription does it
have?” They ‡answered, “Caesar's.”
25 He said to them, “Then render to
Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are
God's.”
26 So they were not able to catch
him in what he said in the presence
of the people. And being amazed at
his answer, they fell silent.

The Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

27 Now some of the Sadducees, who
§deny that there is a resurrection,
came up and asked Jesus,
28 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us: ‘If
a man's brother dies, leaving a wife
but no children, that man must
marry the widow and raise up
offspring for his brother.’
29 Now there were seven brothers.
The first married a woman and
died childless.
30 The second *married the widow,
and he also died childless.
31 Likewise, the third also married
her. In the same way all seven
died, leaving no children.
32 †Last of all, the woman also died.
33 In the resurrection, therefore,
which of them will she be the wife
of? For the seven all had her as a
wife.”
34 Jesus ‡answered them, “The
people of this age marry and are
given in marriage,
35 but those who are considered
worthy to attain to that age and the
resurrection from the dead neither
marry nor are they given in
marriage.
36 Indeed they can no longer die,
for they are like angels. They are
sons of God, since they are sons of
the resurrection.
37 But even Moses indicated that
the dead are raised, when he said
in the passage about the burning
bush, ‘The Lord, the God of
Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the
God of Jacob.’
38 He is not the God of the dead,
but of the living, for to him all are
alive.”
39 Then some of the scribes
responded, “Teacher, you have
spoken well.”
40 §And they no longer dared to
ask him anything.

Whose Son Is the Christ?

41 Then Jesus said to them, “How
can it be said that the Christ is the
Son of David?
42 *Even 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 calls him ‘Lord,’ so how is
he his son?”

Beware of the Scribes

45 As all the people were listening,
Jesus said to †his disciples,
46 “Beware of the scribes who like
to walk around in long robes and
who love to be greeted in the
marketplaces and to have the best
seats in the synagogues and the
places of honor at banquets.
47 They devour widows' houses and
for a pretense make long prayers.

† **20:23** *Why are you testing me?* ¦ — CT ‡ **20:24** *answered* ¦ said NA TH WH § **20:27** *deny that there is a* 94.1% ¦ say there is no ANT TH WH 5.2% * **20:30** *married the widow, and he also died childless. Likewise, the* ¦ married the widow, and he also died childless. The HF PCK TR ¦ and the CT † **20:32** *Last of all,* ¦ Afterward CT ‡ **20:34** *answered* ¦ said to CT § **20:40** *And* ¦ For CT * **20:42** *Even* ¦ For CT † **20:45** *his* ¦ the SBL WH

They will receive a more severe judgment."

21

The Widow's Offering

1 Then Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury.
2 He also saw a poor widow there putting in two small copper coins.
3 So he said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all the others.
4 For they have all put in gifts *for God out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, has put in all that she had to live on."

Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple

5 Then, as some were talking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts consecrated to God, Jesus said,
6 "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be †left upon another; all of them will be torn down."

Signs and Persecutions

7 So they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that these things are about to take place?"
8 He said, "Make sure you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Do not go after them.
9 When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not immediately follow."
10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.
11 There will be great ‡earthquakes in various places, along with §famines and plagues. There will also be terrifying sights and great signs from heaven.
12 But before all these things take place, they will arrest you and persecute you. They will deliver you up to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake.
13 This will lead to opportunities for you to bear witness.
14 Therefore settle it in your hearts not to prepare your defense in advance.
15 For I will give you a mouth to speak and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to *refute or resist.
16 You will even be betrayed by parents, †relatives, friends, and brothers, and they will have some of you put to death.
17 You will be hated by all because of my name.
18 Yet not a hair of your head will by any means perish.
19 You ‡must gain your lives by your patient endurance.

The Destruction of Jerusalem

20 "When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, know that its desolation is near.
21 Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, those who are in the city must get out, and those who are in the countryside must not enter the city.
22 For those will be days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.
23 Woe to those who are with child and to those who are nursing infants in those days! §For there will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people.

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* **21:4** *for God* ¦ — CT † **21:6** *left* 96.9% ¦ left here WH 0.5% ‡ **21:11** *earthquakes in various places, along with* ¦ earthquakes, and in various places CT § **21:11** *famines and plagues* ¦ plagues and famines WH * **21:15** *refute or resist* ¦ resist or refute CT † **21:16** *relatives, friends, and brothers* ¦ brothers, relatives, and friends CT TR ‡ **21:19** *must* ¦ will WH § **21:23** *For* ¦ For at that time ANT

24 They will fall by the edge of the
sword and be led captive into all
the nations, and Jerusalem will be
trampled by the Gentiles until *the
times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

The Coming of the Son of Man
25 "There will be signs in the sun,
moon, and stars, and on the earth
there will be distress among the
nations as they are perplexed by
the roaring sea and the surging
waves.
26 People will faint from fear and
foreboding of what is coming upon
the 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 So when these things begin to
take place, stand tall and lift up
your heads, for your redemption is
near."

The Lesson of the Fig Tree
29 Then he told them a parable:
"Consider the fig tree and all the
other trees.
30 As soon as they sprout leaves,
you can see for yourselves and
know that summer is near.
31 So also, when you see these
things taking place, know that the
kingdom of God is near.
32 Truly I say to you, this generation
will certainly not pass away until
all things have taken place.
33 Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will certainly not
pass away.

Watch Yourselves
34 "Watch yourselves, lest your
hearts be weighed down with
carousing, drunkenness, and the
cares of this life, and that day come
upon you †suddenly.
35 For it will come like a trap upon
all who dwell on the face of the
whole earth.
36 ‡Therefore stay alert at all times,
praying that you may §be
considered worthy to escape
*everything that will take place,
and to stand before the Son of
Man."
37 Each day Jesus taught in the
temple courts, but at night he
would go out and stay at the mount
called Olivet.
38 And all the people would come
to him early in the morning to
listen to him †in the temple courts.

22

The Plot to Kill Jesus
1 Now the Feast of Unleavened
Bread was drawing near, which is
called the Passover,
2 and the chief priests and the
scribes were looking for a way to
get rid of Jesus quietly, for they
were afraid of the people.
3 Then Satan entered into Judas,
the one called Iscariot, who was
numbered among the twelve.
4 He went away and discussed
with the chief *priests and officers
how he might deliver Jesus up to
them.
5 They were glad and agreed to
give him money.
6 So he accepted the offer and
began looking for an opportunity to
deliver Jesus up to them in the
absence of a crowd.

The Preparation of the Passover
7 Then came the day for the Feast of
Unleavened Bread, when the
Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.
8 Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,
"Go make preparations for us to eat
the Passover."

* **21:24** *the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled* ¦ they are fulfilled, and the times of the Gentiles will come WH † **21:34** *suddenly. For it will come like a trap* ¦ suddenly like a trap. For it will come CT ‡ **21:36** *Therefore* ¦ But CT § **21:36** *be considered worthy* ¦ have strength CT * **21:36** *everything* ¦ all these things CT TR † **21:38** *in the temple courts* ¦ on the mount ANT * **22:4** *priests* ¦ priests, scribes, ANT

9 They said to him, “Where do you
want us to prepare it?”
10 He said to them, “Behold, when
you enter the city, a man carrying a
jug of water will meet you. Follow
him into the house he enters
11 and say to the master of the
house, ‘The Teacher asks you,
“Where is the guest room where I
can eat the Passover with my
disciples?” ’
12 He will then show you a large
upper room that is furnished;
prepare it there.”
13 So they went and found it just as
Jesus had told them, and they
prepared the Passover.

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

14 When the hour came, Jesus
reclined at the table, and the
†twelve apostles were 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 that I will certainly
not eat it ‡again until it is fulfilled
in the kingdom of God.”
17 Then he took §a cup, and after
giving thanks he said, “Take this
and divide it among yourselves.
18 For I tell you, *I will certainly not
drink again from the fruit of the
vine until the kingdom of God
comes.”
19 Then he took bread, and when he
had given thanks, he broke it and
gave it to them, saying, “This is my
body, which is given for you. Do
this in remembrance of me.”
20 In the same way, he also took the
cup after they had eaten supper,
saying, “This cup is the new
covenant in my blood, which is
poured out for you.
21 But behold, the hand of the one
who is going to betray me is with
mine on the table.
22 †The Son of Man indeed goes as it
has been determined, but woe to
that man by whom he is betrayed.”
23 Then they began to discuss with
one another which one of them
could ever do such a thing.

The Dispute About Greatness

24 A dispute also arose among them
as to which of them was considered
to be greater.
25 So Jesus said to them, “The kings
of the Gentiles exercise lordship
over them, and those who have
authority over them are called
benefactors.
26 But it must not be so with you;
rather the greatest among you must
become like the youngest, and the
leader must become like one who
serves.
27 For who is greater? The one who
reclines at the table or the one who
serves? Is it not the one who
reclines at the table? But I am
among you as one who serves.
28 “You have stayed with me in
my trials.
29 And I bestow on you a
kingdom, just as my Father
bestowed one on me,
30 so that you may eat and drink
at my ‡table. §And you will sit on
thrones judging the twelve tribes of
*Israel.”

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

31 Then the Lord said, “Simon,
Simon, behold, Satan has
demanded to have you, so that he
might sift you like wheat.
32 But I have prayed for you that
your faith may not fail. Once you
have turned back, strengthen your
brothers.”

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† **22:14** *twelve* ¦ — CT ‡ **22:16** *again* ¦ — CT § **22:17** *a* ¦ the ANT * **22:18** *I will certainly not drink again* ¦ from now on I will certainly not drink CT {Note: The word *again* does not appear in the main Greek text but has been added for stylistic purposes.} † **22:22** *The* ¦ For the CT ‡ **22:30** *table* ¦ table in my kingdom ANT CT HF PCK TR § **22:30** And you will ¦ and TH TR WH {Note: The reading of TH, TR, and WH would eliminate the preceding period.} * **22:30** *Israel.” Then the Lord said,* ¦ Israel. NA SBL WH

33 Peter said to him, “Lord, I am
ready to go with you both to prison
and to death.”
34 Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, a
rooster will †certainly not crow
today ‡before you have denied
three times that you know me.”

Moneybag, Knapsack, and Sword

35 Then Jesus said to them, “When I
sent you without a moneybag,
knapsack, or sandals, did you lack
anything?” They said, “Nothing.”
36 Then he said to them, “But now
he who has a moneybag must take
it, and likewise a knapsack. And he
who does not have a sword must
sell his garment and buy one.
37 For I tell you that this Scripture
must §still be fulfilled in me: ‘He
was numbered with the lawless.’
For what is written about me is
reaching its fulfillment.”
38 So they said, “Lord, behold, here
are two swords.” He said to them,
“That is enough!”

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

39 Then Jesus went out and made
his way to the Mount of Olives, as
was his custom, and *his disciples
followed him.
40 When he came to the place, he
said to them, “Pray that you will
not enter into temptation.”
41 Then he withdrew from them
about a stone's throw away and
knelt down and prayed,
42 “Father, if you are †willing to take
this cup away from me, do so;
nevertheless, not my will, but yours
be done.”
43 ‡Then an angel from heaven
appeared to him and strengthened
him.
44 Being in agony, he prayed more
earnestly, and his sweat became
like drops of blood falling to the
ground.
45 When he rose from prayer and
came to §the disciples, he found
them sleeping because of their
sorrow.
46 So he said to them, “Why are you
sleeping? Rise and pray, lest you
enter into temptation.”

Jesus Arrested

47 While he was still speaking,
behold, a crowd approached, and
the man called Judas, one of the
twelve, was leading them. He drew
near to Jesus to kiss *him,
48 and Jesus said to him, “Judas, are
you betraying the Son of Man with
a kiss?”
49 When those who were around
him saw what was about to
happen, they said †to him, “Lord,
shall we strike with the sword?”
50 Then one of them struck the
servant of the high priest, cutting
off his right ear.
51 But Jesus responded, “No more of
this!” And he touched the man's
ear and healed him.
52 Then Jesus said to the chief
priests, the officers of the temple,
and the elders who had come out
against him, “Have you come out
with swords and clubs as you
would against a robber?
53 I was with you daily in the
temple courts, and you did not lay a
hand on me. But this is your hour,
when the power of darkness
reigns.”

Peter Denies Jesus

54 Then they arrested him, led him
away, and brought him to the
house of the high priest, and Peter
was following at a distance.

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† **22:34** *certainly* ¦ — ANT CT ‡ **22:34** *before* ¦ until CT § **22:37** *still* ¦ — CT * **22:39** *his* ¦ the CT † **22:42** *willing to take this cup away from me, do so* ¦ willing, take this cup away from me CT SCR ‡ **22:43** {include verses 43–44} 98.7% ¦ {omit verses 43–44} 1% {Note: Included in the figure of 98.7% are 38 manuscripts that also include the content of verses 43–44 after Matthew 26:39. An additional six manuscripts include the content of verses 43–44 only after Matthew 26:39. NA and WH enclose this text with double brackets.} § **22:45** *the* ¦ his SCR * **22:47** *him,* ¦ him (for he had given them this sign: “Whomever I kiss, he is the one”), ANT PCK † **22:49** *to him* ¦ — CT

55 Some had kindled a fire there in
the middle of the courtyard and sat
down together, and Peter sat down
among them.
56 When a servant girl saw him
sitting in the light of the fire, she
looked at him intently and said,
"This man also was with him."
57 But Peter denied ‡him, saying,
"Woman, I do not know him."
58 After a little while, someone else
saw him and said, "You also are
one of them." But Peter said, "Man,
I am not."
59 After about an hour had gone by,
another man kept insisting, "Truly
this man also was with him, for he
too is a Galilean."
60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not
know what you are talking about!"
And immediately, while he was still
speaking, §a rooster crowed.
61 Then the Lord turned and looked
at Peter, and Peter remembered
what the Lord had said to him,
"Before a rooster *crows, you will
deny me three times."
62 And Peter went out and wept
bitterly.

Jesus Is Mocked and Beaten

63 Now the men who were holding
Jesus in custody began mocking
him and beating him.
64 They also blindfolded him and
kept †striking his face, saying to
him, "Prophesy! Who is it that
struck you?"
65 And they said many other things
against him, reviling him.

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

66 When daybreak came, the elders
of the people gathered together,
both chief priests and scribes, and
they led Jesus ‡up to their
Sanhedrin and said,
67 "If you are the Christ, tell us."
But he said to them, "If I tell you,
you will surely not believe.
68 And if I ask you a question, you
will surely not answer §me or
release me.
69 But from now on the Son of Man
will be seated at the right hand of
the power of God."
70 So they all said, "Are you then
the Son of God?" He said to them,
"You yourselves say that I am."
71 Then they said, "What further
testimony do we need? For we
ourselves have heard it from his
own mouth."

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Jesus Brought Before Pilate

1 Then the whole assembly arose
and led Jesus to Pilate.
2 They began to accuse him, saying,
"We found this man perverting
*the nation and forbidding us to
pay taxes to Caesar, declaring
himself to be Christ, a king."
3 So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the
king of the Jews?" Jesus answered
him, "You have said it yourself."
4 Then Pilate said to the chief
priests and the crowd, "I find no
fault in this man."
5 But they kept insisting, "He stirs
up the people, teaching throughout
all Judea. He started in Galilee and
has come all the way here."

Jesus Brought Before Herod

6 When Pilate heard †mention of
Galilee, he asked whether the man
was a Galilean.
7 And when he found out that Jesus
was under Herod's jurisdiction, he
sent him over to Herod, who was
also in Jerusalem in those days.
8 When Herod saw Jesus he was
very glad, for he had long desired
to see him, because he had heard
‡many things about him and was
hoping to see him perform some
sign.

‡ **22:57** *him* ¦ it ANT CT § **22:60** *a* ¦ the TR * **22:61** *crows* ¦ crows today CT † **22:64** *striking his face,* ¦ — CT ‡ **22:66** *up* ¦ away CT PCK § **22:68** *me or release me* 93.7% ¦ — CT 0.4% * **23:2** *the* ¦ our CT † **23:6** *mention of Galilee* ¦ this CT ‡ **23:8** *many things* ¦ — CT

9 So he questioned him at great
length, but Jesus gave him no
answer.
10 Meanwhile, the §chief priests and
the scribes stood there, vehemently
accusing him.
11 Herod also treated him with
contempt and mocked him, as did
his soldiers. Then, after dressing
Jesus in fine clothing, Herod sent
him back to Pilate.
12 That very day *Pilate and Herod
became friends with one another;
previously they had been enemies.

The Crowd Calls For Jesus' Crucifixion

13 Then Pilate called together the
chief priests, the rulers, and the
people,
14 and said to them, "You brought
me this man as one who was
misleading the people. And behold,
after examining him before you, I
have found no fault in this man
with respect to the accusations you
are making against him,
15 and neither has Herod, for †I sent
you to him. Clearly he has done
nothing that deserves death.
16 Therefore I will have him flogged
and then release him."
17 ‡Now each year at the feast
Pilate was obligated to release one
prisoner for the people.
18 So they all cried out together,
"Away with this man, and release
for us Barabbas!"
19 (This was a man who had been
thrown into prison for an
insurrection that had taken place in
the city, and for murder.)
20 Wishing to release Jesus, Pilate
addressed them again,
21 but they kept on shouting,
"Crucify, crucify him!"
22 A third time he said to them,
"Why? What evil has he done? I
have found in him §no grounds for
death. So I will have him flogged
and then release him."
23 But they continued insistently
with loud voices, demanding that
he be crucified, and their voices
*prevailed, along with those of the
chief priests.
24 So Pilate rendered his decision
that their demand be granted.
25 He †released the man they had
been asking for, who had been
thrown into prison for insurrection
and murder, but he handed Jesus
over to their will.

The Crucifixion

26 As the soldiers led him away,
they took hold of Simon, a Cyrenian
man who was coming in from the
countryside, and they laid on him
the cross, forcing him to carry it
behind Jesus.
27 A great multitude of people
followed along behind, including
women who were mourning and
lamenting for Jesus.
28 But Jesus turned to them and
said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do
not weep for me, but weep for
yourselves and for your children.
29 For behold, the days are coming
when people will say, 'Blessed are
the barren, the wombs that have
not given birth, and the breasts that
have not ‡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 when
the wood is green, what will
happen when it is dry?"
32 Now two others, who were
criminals, were also being led away
to be put to death with Jesus.

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§ **23:10** *chief priests and the scribes* ¦ scribes and the chief priests ANT * **23:12** *Pilate and Herod* ¦ Herod and Pilate ANT CT † **23:15** *I sent you to him* ¦ he sent him back to us CT ‡ **23:17** *Now each year at the feast Pilate was obligated to release one prisoner for the people.* 77.2% ¦ — CT 2%
§ **23:22** *no grounds for* ¦ nothing that deserves ANT * **23:23** *prevailed, along with those of the chief priests.* 98.7% ¦ prevailed. CT 0.5% † **23:25** *released* ¦ released for them TR ¦ released for them Barabbas, ANT ‡ **23:29** *nursed* ¦ given nourishment CT

33 When they came to the place
called the Skull, the soldiers
crucified him there along with the
criminals, one on his right and one
on his left.
34 §But Jesus said, "Father,
forgive them, for they do not know
what they are doing." Then they
cast lots to divide his garments.
35 The people stood there looking
on, and the rulers *who were with
them ridiculed him, saying, "He
saved others; let him save himself
if he is the †Christ, the Chosen One
of God."
36 The soldiers also mocked him,
coming up to him and offering him
sour wine,
37 saying, "If you are the king of
the Jews, save yourself!"
38 There was also an inscription
over him ‡written in Greek, Latin,
and Hebrew, which read: "This is
the King of the Jews."
39 One of the criminals who was
hanging there reviled §him, saying,
"*If you are the Christ, save
yourself and us!"
40 But the other rebuked him,
saying, "Do you not even fear God,
seeing that you are under the same
condemnation?
41 The two of us are justly
condemned, for we are receiving
the appropriate punishment for the
things we have done, but this man
has done nothing wrong."
42 Then he †said to Jesus,
"Remember me, Lord, when you
come ‡in your kingdom."
43 Jesus said to him, "Truly I say
to you, today you will be with me in
Paradise."

The Death of Jesus

44 §Now it was about the sixth hour,
and there was darkness over the
whole land until the ninth *hour.
45 The sun was darkened, and the
veil of the temple was torn down
the middle.
46 Then Jesus cried out with a loud
voice, "Father, into your hands I
commit my spirit." After saying
this, he breathed his last breath.
47 Now when the centurion saw
what had happened, he glorified
God and said, "Surely this man was
righteous."
48 And when all the crowds who
had gathered together for this
spectacle saw what had happened,
they returned home beating their
breasts.
49 But all those who knew Jesus
stood at a distance watching these
things, including the women who
had followed him from Galilee.

The Burial of Jesus

50 Now there was a good and
righteous man named Joseph, who
was a member of the council
51 but had not consented to their
decision and action. He was from
Arimathea, a town of the Jews, and
was †himself also waiting for the
kingdom of God.
52 He went to Pilate and asked for
Jesus' body.
53 Then he took it down, wrapped it
in a linen cloth, and laid it in a
tomb hewn in a rock, where no one
had ever been laid.
54 It was the day of Preparation,
and the Sabbath was approaching.
55 The women who had come with
Jesus from Galilee followed along
behind and saw the tomb and how
his body was laid in it.
56 Then they returned and prepared
spices and ointments. But they

§ **23:34** *But Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."* 94.8% ¦ — 1% {Note: NA and WH enclose this text with double brackets.} * **23:35** *who were with them* ¦ — CT † **23:35** *Christ, the Chosen One of God* ¦ Christ of God, the Chosen One CT ‡ **23:38** *written in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew* ¦ — CT § **23:39** *him, saying,* ¦ him: WH * **23:39** *If you are the Christ, save* ¦ Are you not the Christ? Save CT † **23:42** *said to Jesus, "Remember me, Lord,* ¦ said, "Jesus, remember me CT ‡ **23:42** *in* ¦ into NA WH § **23:44** *Now it was* ¦ It was now CT * **23:44** *hour. The sun was darkened, and the* 96.4% ¦ hour, because the sun's light failed. The ANT CT 0.8% † **23:51** *himself also* ¦ — CT

rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

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The Resurrection

1 On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had *prepared, and some other women were with them.
2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
3 but when they went in, they did not find the body †of the Lord Jesus.
4 While they were ‡greatly perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling clothes.
5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?
6 He is not here, but is risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,
7 that the Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”
8 Then they remembered his words.
9 When they returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the eleven and to 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 §their words came across to the apostles as nonsense, and they did not believe them.
12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. When he stooped down to look in, he saw *the linen cloths lying there by themselves. So he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

The Road to Emmaus

13 That same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem.
14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.
15 As they were talking and discussing these things, Jesus himself drew near and went along with them,
16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.
17 He said to them, “What are you discussing with each other as you walk †along, looking downcast?”
18 Then ‡the one whose name was Cleopas answered him, “Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these last few days?”
19 He said to them, “What things?” So they said to him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, §who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,
20 and how the chief priests and our rulers handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him.
21 But we had hoped that he was the one who would redeem Israel. *And besides all this, †today is now the third day since these things happened.
22 Moreover, some women from our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early this morning,
23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.
24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it to be so, just as the women had said, but

* **24:1** *prepared, and some other women were with them.* ¦ prepared. CT † **24:3** *of the Lord Jesus* ¦ — SBL ‡ **24:4** *greatly* ¦ — CT § **24:11** *their* ¦ these CT * **24:12** *the linen cloths lying there by themselves* ¦ only the linen cloths CT † **24:17** *along, looking downcast?”* ¦ along?” And they stood still, looking downcast. CT ‡ **24:18** *the one whose name was Cleopas* ¦ one of them, whose name was Cleopas, CT § **24:19** *who* ¦ how he PCK * **24:21** *And* ¦ Yes, and CT † **24:21** *today* ¦ it CT

they did not see him."
25 Then Jesus said to them, "O
foolish men, how slow of heart you
are 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 And beginning from Moses and
all the Prophets, he explained to
them the things written about
himself in all the Scriptures.
28 As they drew near to the village
where they were headed, Jesus
acted as if he were going farther.
29 But they urged him not to do
so, saying, "Stay with us, for it is
nearly evening, and the day ‡is
drawing to a close." So he went in
to stay with them.
30 As he was reclining at the table
with them, he took the bread,
blessed and broke it, and gave it to
them.
31 Then their eyes were opened,
and they recognized him, but he
disappeared from their sight.
32 They said to each other, "Were
not our hearts burning §within us
as he spoke to us on the road and
explained the Scriptures to us?"
33 So they rose that very hour and
returned to Jerusalem, where they
found the eleven gathered together
with their companions,
34 saying, "The Lord is risen
indeed and has appeared to
Simon!"
35 Then they began describing
what had happened on the road,
and how Jesus had been made
known to them when he broke the
bread.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

36 As they were saying these things,
Jesus himself stood among *them
and said to them, "Peace be with
you."
37 But they were startled and
terrified, thinking they had seen a
spirit.
38 Then he said to them, "Why are
you troubled, and why are doubts
arising in your hearts?
39 Look at my hands and my feet
and see that it is I myself. Touch
me and look at me, 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 his feet.
41 And while they were still amazed
and in disbelief because of their
joy, he said to them, "Do you have
anything here to eat?"
42 So they gave him a piece of
broiled †fish and some honeycomb.
43 And he took them and ate in
their presence.
44 Then he said to them, "These
are ‡the words I spoke to you while
I was still with you, that 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, "Thus it is
§written, and thus it was necessary
for the Christ to suffer and to rise
from the dead on the third day,
47 and for repentance *and
remission of sins to be preached in
his name to all nations, beginning
from Jerusalem.
48 You are witnesses of these
things.
49 †And behold, I am sending the
promise of my Father upon you,
but stay in the city ‡of Jerusalem

‡ **24:29** *is* ¦ is now CT § **24:32** *within us* ¦ — WH * **24:36** *them and said to them, "Peace be with you."* ¦ them. SBL † **24:42** *fish and some honeycomb. And he took them* 91.9% ¦ fish. And he took it CT 0.7% ‡ **24:44** *the words* ¦ my words that CT § **24:46** *written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and for repentance … remission of sins to* ¦ written, that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance … remission of sins would CT * **24:47** *and* 99.4% ¦ for the NA WH 0.5% † **24:49** *And behold,* ¦ — TH ‡ **24:49** *of Jerusalem* ¦ — CT

until you are clothed with power
from on high."

The Ascension

50 Then he led them out as far as
Bethany, and lifting up his hands
he blessed them.
51 While he was blessing them, he
parted from them and was carried
up into heaven.
52 So they worshiped him and
returned to Jerusalem with great
joy.
53 And they were continually in the
temple courts, §praising and
blessing God.
*Amen.

§ **24:53** *praising and* ¦ — CT * **24:53** *Amen.* ¦ — CT

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

The Word Became Flesh

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 nothing that was made
was made without him.
4 In him was life, and the life was
the light of men.
5 The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome
it.
6 There came a man sent from
God, whose name was John.
7 He came as a witness to testify
about the light, so that all might
believe through him.
8 He himself was not the light, but
he came to testify 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, but
the world did not know him.
11 He came to his own, but his
own people did not receive him.
12 But to all who did receive him,
who believed 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
the will of man, but of God.
14 The Word became flesh and
dwelt among us, and we have seen
his glory, the glory of the one and
only Son, who came from the
Father, full of grace and truth.
15 John testified about him and
cried out, "This is he *of whom I
said, 'He who comes after me ranks
ahead of me, because he existed
before me.' "
16 †Of his fullness we have all
received, even grace upon grace.
17 For the law was given through
Moses, but grace and truth came
through Jesus Christ.
18 No one has ever seen God, but
the one and only ‡Son, who is at the
Father's side, has made him known.

The Identity of John the Baptist

19 This was the testimony of John
when the Jews §sent priests and
Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
"Who are you?"
20 He did not refuse to answer, but
openly declared, "I am not the
Christ."
21 So they asked him, "What then?
Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am
not." "Are you the Prophet?" He
answered, "No."
22 So they said to him, "Who are
you? Tell us so that we may give an
answer to those who sent us. What
do you say about yourself?"
23 He said, "I am the voice of one
crying out in the wilderness, 'Make
straight the way for the Lord,' as
the prophet Isaiah said."
24 (Now *those who had been
sent were from the Pharisees.)
25 Then 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, but among you stands
someone you do not †know.
27 He is the one who comes after
me, ‡who ranks ahead of me, the
strap of whose sandals I am not
worthy to untie."
28 These things took place in
§Bethany beyond the Jordan, where
John was baptizing.

The Lamb of God

* **1:15** *of whom I* ¦ who WH † **1:16** *Of* ¦ For of CT ‡ **1:18** *Son* 98.3% ¦ God NA SBL WH 0.3% § **1:19** *sent* ¦ sent to him NA TH WH * **1:24** *those who had been sent were* ¦ they had been sent CT † **1:26** *know. He is the one who comes* 95.8% ¦ know, even he who comes NA SBL TH 2.2% ¦ know, who is coming WH 0.4% ‡ **1:27** *who ranks ahead of me,* ¦ — CT § **1:28** *Bethany* ¦ Bithabara PCK ¦ Bethabara TR

29 On the next day John saw Jesus
coming to him and said, “Behold,
the Lamb of God, who takes away
the sin of the world!
30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After
me comes a man who ranks ahead
of me, because he existed before
me.’
31 I myself did not know him, but I
came baptizing with water so that
he might be revealed to Israel.”
32 Then John testified, “I saw the
Spirit descending from heaven like
a dove, and it remained upon him.
33 I myself did not recognize him,
but he who sent me to baptize with
water said to me, ‘He upon whom
you see the Spirit descend and
remain is the one who baptizes
with the Holy Spirit.’
34 And I have seen it and can testify
that this is the *Son of God.”

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

35 On the next day John was again
standing with two of his disciples.
36 As Jesus walked by, John looked
at him and said, “Behold, the Lamb
of God.”
37 When the two disciples heard
him say this, they followed Jesus.
38 Turning around, Jesus saw them
following him 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
see.” So they went and saw where
he was staying, and stayed with
him that day; it was about the tenth
hour.
40 Andrew, the brother of Simon
Peter, was one of the two who
heard this from John and followed
Jesus.
41 Andrew first found his own
brother Simon and said to him,
“We have found the Messiah”
(which means “Christ”),
42 and he brought Simon to Jesus.
Jesus looked at him and said, “You
are Simon the son of ‡Jonah; you
shall be called Cephas” (which
means “Peter”).

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

43 On the next day Jesus decided to
go to Galilee. Finding Philip, he
said to him, “Follow me.”
44 (Now Philip was from Bethsaida,
the city of Andrew and Peter.)
45 Philip then found Nathanael and
said to him, “We have found him of
whom Moses wrote in the law, and
of whom the prophets also
wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son
of Joseph.”
46 Nathanael said to him, “Can
anything good come from
Nazareth?” Philip said to him,
“Come and see.”
47 When Jesus saw Nathanael
coming toward him, he said of him,
“Behold, an Israelite indeed, 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 §said to you, ‘I
saw you under the fig tree’? You
will see greater things than these.”
51 Then he said to him, “Truly,
truly, I say to you, *before long you
will see heaven opened and the
angels of God ascending and
descending on the Son of Man.”

2

The Miracle at Cana

1 On the third day there was a
wedding in Cana of Galilee, and
Jesus' mother was there.

* **1:34** *Son* 99.5% ¦ Chosen One SBL 0.4% † **1:39** *Come and* ¦ Come, and you will CT ‡ **1:42** *Jonah* 98.6% ¦ John CT 0.5% § **1:50** *said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree’?* ¦ told you that I saw you under the fig tree? CT * **1:51** *before long* 95.9% ¦ — CT 0.7%

2 Jesus was also invited to the
wedding, and so were his disciples.
3 When the wine ran out, Jesus'
mother said to him, “They have no
wine.”
4 Jesus said to her, “Woman, what
concern is that to you or to me? My
hour has not yet come.”
5 But his mother said to the
servants, “Do whatever he tells
you.”
6 Now six stone water jars had
been set there for the Jewish rites
of purification, each holding twenty
to thirty gallons.
7 Jesus said to the servants, “Fill
the jars with water.” So they filled
them up to the brim.
8 Then he said to them, “Now
draw some out and take it to the
master of the feast.” So they took it,
9 and the master of the feast
tasted the water, which had been
turned into wine. He did not know
where it had come from, but the
servants who had drawn the water
knew. Then the master of the feast
called the bridegroom aside
10 and said to him, “Everyone else
serves the good wine first, and then
the inferior wine after the guests
have drunk freely; but you have
kept the good wine until now.”
11 Jesus did this in Cana of Galilee
as the first of his signs. He revealed
his glory, and his disciples believed
in him.
12 After this he went down to
Capernaum with his mother, his
brothers, and his disciples, and
they stayed there for a few days.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple Courts

13 Now the Passover of the Jews was
near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
14 In the temple courts he found
those who were selling oxen, sheep,
and doves, and he also found the
money changers sitting at their
tables.
15 So he made a whip of cords and
drove them all out of the temple
courts, along with their sheep and
oxen. He also poured out the coins
of the money changers and
overturned their tables.
16 Then he said to those who were
selling doves, “Take these things
away from here; stop making my
Father's house a marketplace.”
17 And his disciples remembered
that it is written, “Zeal for your
house *will consume me.”
18 In response the Jews said to
him, “What sign can you show us to
prove your authority to do these
things?”
19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy
this temple, and in three days I will
raise it up.”
20 The Jews said, “It has taken
forty-six years to build this temple,
and will you raise it up in three
days?”
21 But he was speaking about the
temple 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 that Jesus had spoken.

Jesus Knows What Is in Man

23 While Jesus was in Jerusalem
during the feast of the Passover,
many believed in his name because
they saw the signs he was doing.
24 But Jesus did not entrust himself
to them, for he knew all men.
25 He did not need anyone to testify
about man, for he himself knew
what was in man.

3

Conversation with Nicodemus

1 Now there was a Pharisee named
Nicodemus, who was a ruler of the
Jews.
2 He came to Jesus by night and
said to him, “Rabbi, we know that
you are a teacher who has come
from God, for no one can do these
signs you are doing unless God is
with him.”

* **2:17** *will consume* ¦ has consumed TR † **2:22** *this* ¦ this to them TR

3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to 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 the womb of his mother a second time and be born?”
5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
7 Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’
8 The wind blows where it wishes. You hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it is coming from or where it is going; so it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”
9 In response Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”
10 Jesus answered him, “You are the teacher of Israel, and you do not understand these things?
11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and we testify about what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.
12 If I have spoken to you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I speak to you about heavenly things?
13 No one has ascended into heaven, except he who descended from heaven, the Son of *Man, who is in heaven.
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 should †not perish but have eternal life.
16 “For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
17 For God did not send ‡his 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 has been condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God.
19 This is the judgment: The light has come into the world, but people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.
20 For whoever does evil hates the light and does not come to the light, so that his works may not be exposed.
21 But whoever lives by the truth comes to the light, so that it may be evident that his works have been done in obedience to God.”

John the Baptist Exalts Christ

22 After this Jesus went into the Judean countryside along with his disciples, and he spent some time there with them, baptizing people.
23 Now John was also baptizing people in Aenon near §Salem, because there was plenty of water there, and people were coming to him and being baptized.
24 (For John had not yet been thrown into prison.)
25 Now a discussion arose between the disciples of John and *a Jew about purification.
26 So John's disciples came and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you beyond the Jordan, about whom you have testified, behold, he is baptizing people, and everyone is going to him.”
27 John replied, “A person cannot receive †anything unless it is given to him from heaven.

* **3:13** *Man, who is in heaven.* 97.6% ¦ Man. CT 1.1% † **3:15** *not perish but* ¦ — CT ‡ **3:17** *his* ¦ the CT § **3:23** *Salem* ¦ Salim ANT CT TR * **3:25** *a Jew* 85.1% ¦ some Jews TR 13.5% † **3:27** *anything* 88.7% ¦ even one thing NA SBL 0.2% ‡ **3:28** *testify* ¦ testify to me ANT CT PCK TR

28 You yourselves can ‡testify that
I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but
rather, 'I have been sent ahead of
him.'
29 He who has the bride is the
bridegroom. But the friend of the
bridegroom, who stands and listens
for him, rejoices greatly at the
bridegroom's voice. So this joy of
mine has been made full.
30 He must increase, but I must
decrease."

He Who Comes from Heaven

31 He who comes from above is
above all. He who is from the earth
belongs to the earth and speaks
about earthly things. But he who
comes from heaven is above all.
32 He testifies to what he has seen
and heard, yet no one receives his
testimony.
33 Whoever does receive his
testimony has certified that God is
true.
34 For he whom God sent speaks the
words of God, for God gives the
Spirit without measure.
35 The Father loves the Son and has
put all things in his hand.
36 Whoever believes in the Son has
eternal life, but whoever disobeys
the Son will not see life; rather, the
wrath of God §remains upon him.

4

Jesus Speaks with a Samaritan Woman

1 Now when *the Lord learned that
the Pharisees heard he was making
and baptizing more disciples than
John
2 (although it was not Jesus himself
who baptized them, but his
disciples),
3 he left Judea and went †away to
Galilee.
4 But he had to pass through
Samaria.
5 So he came to a town of Samaria
called Sychar, near the plot of land
that Jacob had given to his son
Joseph.
6 Jacob's well was there, so Jesus,
wearied as he was from the
journey, sat by the well. It was
about the sixth hour.
7 When a woman from Samaria
came to draw water, Jesus said to
her, "Give me some water to
drink."
8 (For his disciples had gone into
the city to buy food.)
9 So the Samaritan woman said to
him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask
for water to drink from me, a
Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have
no dealings with Samaritans.)
10 Jesus answered her, "If you
knew the gift of God and who it is
that is saying to you, 'Give me some
water to drink,' you would have
asked him, and he would have
given you living water."
11 The woman said to him, "Sir,
you do not even have a bucket to
draw with, and the well is deep.
Where then can you get this living
water?
12 Are you greater than our father
Jacob, who gave us this well and
drank from it himself, as did his
sons and livestock?"
13 Jesus answered her, "Everyone
who drinks this water will thirst
again,
14 but whoever drinks the water I
give him will certainly never thirst
again. On the contrary, the water I
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 that I will not
get thirsty again and have to come
here to draw water."
16 Jesus said to her, "Go call your
husband and come back here."
17 The woman ‡said in response,
"I have no husband." Jesus said to
her, "You have rightly said, 'I have
no husband,'

§ **3:36** *remains* ¦ will remain PCK * **4:1** *the Lord* 76.1% ¦ Jesus NA PCK SBL 22.1% † **4:3** *away* 91% ¦ away again CT TR 8.7% ‡ **4:17** *said* ¦ said to him NA SBL WH

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 the
place where people must worship is
in Jerusalem."
21 Jesus said to her, "Woman,
believe me, an hour is coming
when neither on this mountain nor
in Jerusalem will you worship the
Father.
22 You worship what you do not
know; we worship what we know,
because salvation is from the Jews.
23 But an hour is coming, and is
now here, when the 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 explain everything to us."
26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak
to you am he."
27 Just then his disciples came
back, and they were amazed that
he was speaking with a woman.
However, no one said, "What do
you want?" or, "Why are you
speaking with her?"
28 Then the woman left her water
jar, went into the town, and said to
the people,
29 "Come see a man who told me
everything I have ever done. Could
this be the Christ?"
30 So they left the town and began
coming to him.

31 In the meantime §the disciples
were urging him, "Rabbi, eat."
32 But he said to them, "I have
food to eat that you do not know
about."
33 So the disciples said to one
another, "Could someone have
brought him something to eat?"
34 Jesus said to them, "My food is
to do the will of him who sent me
and to complete his work.
35 Do you not say, 'There are *still
four months and then comes the
harvest'? I tell you, lift up your
eyes and see that the fields are
already ripe for harvest.
36 He who reaps receives wages
and gathers fruit for eternal life, so
that †both he who sows and he who
reaps may rejoice together.
37 For in this ‡the true saying is
verified: 'One sows and another
reaps.'
38 I sent you to reap what you
have not labored for; others have
labored, and you have entered into
their labor."
39 Many of the Samaritans from
that town believed in Jesus because
of the woman's testimony: "He told
me everything I have ever done."
40 So when the Samaritans came
to him, they asked him to stay with
them, and he stayed there for two
days.
41 And many more believed
because of his word.
42 So they said to the woman, "It
is no longer because of your report
that we believe, for we ourselves
have heard, and we know that this
is truly §the Christ, the Savior of
the world."

Jesus Heals an Official's Son

43 After two days, he departed from
there *and went to Galilee.
44 (For Jesus himself had testified
that a prophet has no honor in his
own hometown.)
45 When he came to Galilee, the
Galileans received him because
they had seen all that he had done
in Jerusalem at the feast, for they
also had gone to the feast.

§ **4:31** *the* ¦ his PCK * **4:35** *still* ¦ — PCK † **4:36** *both* ¦ — CT ‡ **4:37** *the true saying is verified* 78.8% ¦ case the saying is true CT SCR 16.6% § **4:42** *the Christ,* ¦ — CT * **4:43** *and went* 91.9% ¦ — CT 2.1%

46 Once more Jesus went to Cana
of Galilee, where he had turned the
water into wine. Now there was a
certain 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 asked him to come
down and heal his son, for his son
was about to die.
48 Then Jesus said to him, "Unless
you see signs and wonders, you will
certainly not believe."
49 The royal official said to him,
"Sir, come down before my boy
dies."
50 Jesus said to him, "Go; your son
will live." And the man believed
what Jesus said to him and went on
his way.
51 As he was going back down to
his house, his servants met him and
told †him, "Your son is alive."
52 So he asked them the hour
when he began to get better. They
said to him, "Yesterday at the
seventh hour the fever left him."
53 Then the father realized that
this was the hour when Jesus had
said to him, "Your son will live." So
he believed, along with his entire
household.
54 This was the second sign that
Jesus did after coming from Judea
to Galilee.

5

The Healing at the Pool of Bethesda

1 After this *came the feast of the
Jews, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
2 Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep
Gate there is a pool, called
†Bethesda in Hebrew, which has
five porticoes.
3 In the porticoes were lying a
‡great multitude of disabled people,
including the blind, the lame, and
the §paralyzed, who were waiting
for the moving of the water.
4 *For at times an angel would go
down into the pool and stir up the
water. The first person who
stepped in after the water was
stirred up was healed of whatever
disease he had.
5 One man was there who had
been suffering in his disability for
thirty-eight years.
6 When Jesus saw him lying
there, knowing that he had been in
that condition for a long time
already, he said to him, "Do you
want to be made well?"
7 The disabled man answered
him, "Sir, I have no one to put me
into the pool when the water is
stirred up, but while I am going,
another goes down before me."
8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, pick up
your mat, and walk."
9 Immediately the man was made
well, so he 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; it is not lawful for you to
pick up your mat."
11 He answered them, "The man
who made me well said to me, 'Pick
up your mat and walk.' "
12 So they asked him, "Who is the
man who said to you, 'Pick †up
your mat and walk'?"
13 But the man who had been
healed did not know who it was,
for Jesus had slipped away, since
there was a crowd in that place.

14 After this Jesus found the man
in the temple courts and said to
him, "Behold, you have been made
well; do not sin anymore, lest
something worse happen to you."

† **4:51** *him, "Your son is alive."* 97.7% ¦ him that his son was alive. CT 1% * **5:1** *came the* ¦ there was a CT TR † **5:2** *Bethesda* 97.1% ¦ Bethzatha NA WH 0.2% ‡ **5:3** *great* ¦ — CT § **5:3** *paralyzed, who were waiting for the moving of the water.* 97.2% ¦ paralyzed. CT 0.7% * **5:4** *For at times an angel would go down into the pool and stir up the water. The first person who stepped in after the water was stirred up was healed of whatever disease he had.* 99.1% ¦ — CT 0.8% † **5:12** *up your mat* ¦ it up CT

15 Then the man went and told
the Jews that it was Jesus who had
made him well.
16 So the Jews began persecuting
Jesus ‡and seeking to kill him,
because he was doing these things
on the Sabbath.
17 But Jesus responded to them,
"My Father is still working even
now, and I too am working."
18 So the Jews were seeking all
the more to kill him, because not
only was he breaking the Sabbath,
but he was even calling God his
own Father, making himself equal
with God.

The Authority of the Son

19 So Jesus responded to them,
"Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son
can do nothing on his own, but
only what he sees the Father doing.
For whatever the Father does, the
Son also does in the same way.
20 For the Father loves the Son and
shows him all that he himself does.
And he will show him greater
works than these, so that you will
be amazed.
21 For just as the Father raises the
dead and gives them life, so also
the Son gives life to whomever he
wishes.
22 The Father judges no one, but has
given all judgment to the Son,
23 so that all may honor the Son just
as they honor the Father. Anyone
who does not honor the Son does
not honor the Father who sent him.
24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever
hears my word and believes him
who sent me has eternal life. He
does not come into judgment, but
has passed from death to life.
25 "Truly, truly, I say to 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 it will live.
26 For as the Father has life in
himself, so he has granted the Son
to have life in himself.
27 And he has given the Son
authority to execute judgment,
because he is the Son of Man.
28 Do not be amazed at this,
because an hour is coming in
which 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 done evil to a
resurrection of judgment.
30 "I can do nothing on my own.
As I hear, I judge, and my judgment
is just, because I seek not my own
will, but the will of §the Father who
sent me.
31 "If I testify about myself, my
testimony is not valid.
32 There is another who testifies
about me, and I know that the
testimony he gives about me is true.
33 You have sent to John, and he
has testified to the truth.
34 Now I do not receive testimony
from man, but I say these things so
that you may be saved.
35 John was a burning and
shining lamp, and you were willing
to rejoice for an hour in his light.
36 But I *have testimony greater
than John's. For the works that the
Father has given me to accomplish,
the very works that I am doing,
testify that the Father has sent me.
37 And the Father who sent me
has himself testified about me. You
have neither heard his voice at any
time nor seen his form.
38 And you do not have his word
abiding in you, for you do not
believe him whom he sent.
39 You search the Scriptures
because you think that in them you
have eternal life, and it is these that
testify about me,
40 yet you are not willing to come
to me so that you may have life.

‡ **5:16** *and seeking to kill him* 92% ¦ — CT 1.3% § **5:30** *the Father* ¦ him CT * **5:36** *have testimony greater than John's* ¦ who am greater than John have testimony TH {Note: It is possible that the reading of TH preserves a grammatical mistake in certain Greek manuscripts and should be translated in the same way as the main Greek text.}

41 I do not receive glory from
men.
42 But I know that you do not
have the love of God within you.
43 I have come in the name of my
Father, and yet 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 but
do not seek the glory that comes
from the one and only God?
45 Do not think that I will accuse
you before the Father. The one who
accuses you is Moses, in whom you
have set your hope.
46 If you had 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

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

1 After this Jesus went away to the
other side of the Sea of Galilee (that
is, the Sea of Tiberias).
2 A large crowd was following him
because they saw the miraculous
signs he was performing on the
sick.
3 So Jesus went up on the mountain
and sat there with his disciples.
4 (Now the Jewish feast of the
Passover was near.)
5 When Jesus lifted up his eyes and
saw that a large crowd was coming
to him, he said to Philip, "Where
shall we buy bread so that these
people may 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 sufficient for each *of
them to receive a little portion."
8 Then one of his disciples, Andrew,
the brother of Simon Peter, said to
him,
9 "There is a little boy here who has
five barley loaves and two fish, but
what good are they for so many
people?"
10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit
down." (Now there was a lot of
grass in that place.) So the men sat
down, about five thousand in
number.
11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and
after giving thanks, he distributed
them †to the disciples, and the
disciples distributed them to those
who were seated. He did the same
with the fish, and the people ate as
much as they wanted.
12 When they were full, Jesus said
to his disciples, "Gather together
the pieces that are left over so that
nothing is wasted."
13 So they gathered them together
and filled twelve baskets with the
broken pieces from the five barley
loaves that were left over by those
who had eaten.
14 When the people saw the ‡sign
that Jesus had done, they said,
"This is truly the Prophet who is to
come into the world."
15 So Jesus, knowing that they were
about to come and take him by
force to make him king, §withdrew
to the mountain by himself.

Jesus Walks on Water

16 When evening came, his disciples
went down to the sea,
17 and after getting into *the boat,
they started going across the sea to
Capernaum. Darkness had already
set in, but Jesus had †not come to
them.
18 Then the sea became rough
because a strong wind was blowing.
19 When they had rowed about
three or four miles, they saw Jesus

† **5:44** *one another* 76.5% ¦ others PCK 23% * **6:7** *of them* ¦ — CT † **6:11** *to the disciples, and the disciples distributed them* ¦ — CT ‡ **6:14** *sign* 95% ¦ signs WH 0.3% § **6:15** *withdrew* ¦ withdrew again ANT CT PCK TR * **6:17** *the* ¦ a CT † **6:17** *not* ¦ not yet CT

approaching the boat, walking on
the sea, and they were afraid.
20 But he said to them, “It is I; do
not be afraid.”
21 Then they were willing to receive
him into the boat, and immediately
the boat reached the land where
they were heading.

I Am the Bread of Life

22 On the next day the crowd that
had stayed on the other side of the
sea realized that there had been no
other boat there except ‡the one
Jesus' disciples had gotten into, and
that Jesus himself had not gotten
into the boat with his disciples, but
that his disciples had gone away
alone.
23 §Then other boats from Tiberias
came 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 themselves got into the
boats and went to Capernaum,
seeking 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 say to you, you are seeking
me not because you saw signs, but
because you ate the loaves and
were filled.
27 Do not work for food that
perishes, but for food that endures
to eternal life, which the Son of
Man will give you. For on him God
the Father has set his seal.”
28 Then they said to him, “What
must we do to do the works of
God?”
29 Jesus answered them, “This is
the work of God, that you believe in
the one he has sent.”
30 So they said to him, “What sign
then are you going to perform so
that we may see it and believe you?
What will you do?
31 Our fathers ate the manna in
the wilderness, just as it is written,
‘He gave them bread from heaven
to eat.’ ”
32 Jesus said to them, “Truly,
truly, I say to 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 that
which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.”
34 So they said to him, “Sir, give
us this bread always.”
35 Jesus said to them, “I am the
bread of life; he who comes to me
will never hunger, and he who
believes in me will never thirst.
36 But as I told you, you have seen
me and still you do not believe.
37 Everyone the Father gives me
will come to me, and I will never
cast out anyone who comes to me.
38 For I have come down from
heaven not to do my own will, but
the will of him who sent me.
39 And this is the will of *the
Father who sent me, that I should
lose none of those he has given me,
but should raise them up on the
last day.
40 †And this is the will of ‡him
who sent me, that anyone who
looks to the Son and believes in
him should have eternal life, and I
will raise him up on the last day.”
41 Then the Jews began to
grumble 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 §then can
he 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,

‡ **6:22** *the one Jesus' disciples had gotten into* 85.9% ¦ one CT 4.1% § **6:23** *Then other* 86.6% ¦ However, some SBL WH 0.1% * **6:39** *the Father* ¦ him CT † **6:40** *And* ¦ For CT ‡ **6:40** *him who sent me* ¦ my Father CT § **6:42** *then can he* 98.9% ¦ can he now CT 0.6%

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 *therefore who has heard
and learned from the Father comes
to me—
46 not that anyone has seen the
Father, except he who is from God;
he has seen the Father.
47 Truly, truly, I say to you,
whoever believes †in me 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 has
come down from heaven. If anyone
eats of this bread, he will live
forever. And the bread that I will
give for the life of the world is my
flesh."
52 Then the Jews began to quarrel
with one another, saying, "How can
this man give us his flesh to eat?"
53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly,
truly, I say to you, if you do not eat
the flesh of the Son of Man and
drink his blood, you have no life in
yourselves.
54 Anyone who 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 also live because of me.
58 This is the bread that came
down from heaven, not as ‡your
fathers ate §the manna, and died.
Whoever eats this *bread will live
forever."
59 He said these things in a
synagogue while teaching in
Capernaum.

The Words of Eternal Life

60 After hearing this, many of his
disciples said, "This teaching is
difficult; who can accept it?"
61 But Jesus, aware that his disciples
were grumbling about this, said to
them, "Does this offend you?
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
†speak to you are spirit and life.
64 But there are some among you
who do not believe." (For Jesus
knew from the beginning which of
them did not believe and who it
was that would betray him.)
65 Then he said, "That is why I told
you that no one can come to me
unless it has been granted to him
by ‡my Father."
66 At that point many of his
disciples went 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 come to believe
and to know that you are the
§Christ, the Son of *the living God."
70 Jesus answered them, "Did I
not choose you, the twelve? And
yet one of you is a devil."
71 (Now he was speaking about
†Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon,
‡who was one of the twelve and
would later betray him.)

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* **6:45** *therefore* ¦ — ANT CT † **6:47** *in me* 98.9% ¦ — CT 0.7% ‡ **6:58** *your* 94% ¦ our MSS 5.4% ¦ the CT 0.6% § **6:58** *the manna* 91.6% ¦ the manna in the wilderness MSS 6.1% ¦ — CT 1% * **6:58** *bread* ¦ bread of mine PCK † **6:63** *speak* ¦ have spoken CT ‡ **6:65** *my* ¦ the CT § **6:69** *Christ, the Son* 98.6% ¦ Holy One CT 0.5% * **6:69** *the living* 97.2% ¦ — CT 1.8% † **6:71** *Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon* 96% ¦ Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot CT 2.9% ‡ **6:71** *who was one of the twelve and* ¦ one of the twelve, who NA SBL WH

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The Unbelief of Jesus' Brothers

1 After this Jesus went from place to
place in Galilee, for he did not want
to travel around in Judea because
the Jews were seeking to kill him.
2 Now the Jewish Feast of
Tabernacles was near.
3 So Jesus' brothers said to him,
"Leave here and go to Judea so that
your disciples may see the works
you are doing.
4 For no one does anything in secret
while seeking to be known publicly.
If you are going to do these things,
show yourself to the world."
5 (For not even his brothers
believed in him.)
6 So Jesus said to them, "My time
has not yet come, but your time is
always at hand.
7 The world cannot hate you, but it
does hate me because I testify that
its works are evil.
8 You go up to *this feast; I am not
†yet going up to this feast, for my
time has not yet been fulfilled."
9 After saying this ‡to them, he
remained in Galilee.

Jesus at the Festival of Booths

10 However, after his brothers had
gone up to the feast, Jesus also
went up, not openly but in secret.
11 Now the Jews were looking for
him at the feast, saying, "Where is
that man?"
12 And there was much murmuring
about him among the crowds.
Some were saying, "He is a good
man." Others were saying, "No, he
is deceiving the people."
13 No one, however, was speaking
openly about him for fear of the
Jews.
14 Midway through the feast,
Jesus went up to the temple courts
and began to teach.
15 The Jews were amazed, saying,
"How does this man know so much,
when he has never had any formal
instruction?"
16 Jesus answered them, "My
teaching is not my own; it comes
from him who sent me.
17 If anyone wants to do God's
will, he will know whether my
teaching comes from God or
whether I am speaking on my own
authority.
18 He who speaks on his own
authority seeks his own glory, but
he who 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
performed one miracle, and you
are all amazed.
22 Moses gave you circumcision
(not that it came from Moses, but
from the fathers), and that is why
you circumcise a boy even on the
Sabbath.
23 If a boy can receive
circumcision on the Sabbath so that
the law of Moses will not be
broken, why are you angry with me
because I made a man entirely well
on the Sabbath?
24 Do not judge according to
appearance, but judge with right
judgment."

Is Jesus the Christ?

25 Now some of the people of
Jerusalem were saying, "Is this not
the man whom they are seeking to
kill?
26 And behold, he is speaking
openly, and they are saying nothing
to him. Could it be that the rulers
indeed know that he is §truly the
Christ?
27 Yet we know where this man is
from, but when the Christ comes,

* **7:8** *this* ¦ the CT † **7:8** *yet* ¦ — NA SBL ‡ **7:9** *to them* 87.6% ¦ — NA SBL TH 8.4% § **7:26** *truly* ¦ — CT

no one will know where he is
from."
28 Then Jesus cried out as he taught
in the temple courts, "You know me
and you know where I am from.
Yet I have not come on my own
authority, but he who sent me is
true. You do not know him,
29 but I know him, because I have
come from him, and he is the one
who sent me."
30 So they were trying to arrest him,
but no one laid a hand on him,
because his hour had not yet come.
31 Still, many from among the
crowd believed in him and said,
"When the Christ comes, will he do
more signs than this man has
done?"

You Will Seek Me But Not Find Me

32 The Pharisees heard the crowd
murmuring these things about
Jesus, so the *Pharisees and the
chief priests sent officers to arrest
him.
33 Then Jesus †said, "I will be with
you for only a little while longer,
and then I am going to him who
sent me.
34 You will seek me, but you will not
find me; and where I am going, you
cannot come."
35 Then the Jews said to one
another, "Where is this man about
to go that we will not find him? Is
he about to go to the Jews who are
scattered among the Greeks and
teach the Greeks?
36 What does he mean by saying,
'You will seek me, but you will not
find me; and where I am going, you
cannot come'?"

Rivers of Living Water

37 On the last day, the great day of
the feast, Jesus stood up and cried
out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him
come to me and drink.
38 Whoever believes in me, just as
the Scripture has said, 'From his
innermost being will flow rivers of
living water.' "
39 (He said this about the Spirit,
whom those who believed in him
were going to receive, for the ‡Holy
Spirit had not yet been given,
because Jesus had not yet been
glorified.)

Division over Jesus

40 When they heard §this, *many
from among the crowd were saying,
"Surely this man is the Prophet."
41 Others were saying, "He is the
Christ." But †others were saying,
"No, for the Christ does not come
from Galilee, does he?
42 Does not the Scripture say that
the Christ will come from David's
descendants and from Bethlehem,
the town where David lived?"
43 So a division arose among the
crowd because of Jesus.
44 Some of them wanted to arrest
him, but no one laid a hand on him.

The Unbelief of the Jewish Leaders

45 Then the officers came to the
chief priests and Pharisees, who
said to them, "Why did you not
bring him in?"
46 The officers answered, "Never
has anyone spoken like this ‡man."
47 The Pharisees answered them,
"Have you also been deceived?
48 Have any of the rulers or the
Pharisees believed in him?
49 No! But this crowd that is
following him does not know the
law; they are accursed."
50 Then Nicodemus, who had gone
to §Jesus *by night and who was
one of the rulers, said,
51 "Does our law condemn a man
without first giving him a hearing
and finding out what he is doing?"

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* **7:32** *Pharisees and the chief priests* ¦ chief priests and the Pharisees CT † **7:33** *said* ¦ said to them TR ‡ **7:39** *Holy* 96.9% ¦ — NA SBL WH 2% § **7:40** *this* 60.9% ¦ these words CT 23.3% ¦ what he said MSS 8.4% * **7:40** *many* ¦ some CT † **7:41** *others* ¦ some CT ‡ **7:46** *man* 96.9% ¦ — CT 1.1% § **7:50** *Jesus* 95.7% ¦ Jesus before CT 3.5% * **7:50** *by night* 96.3% ¦ — CT 0.7% † **7:52** *has ever arisen* ¦ arises CT

52 They answered him, “Are you
also from Galilee? Search and see
that no prophet †has ever arisen
from Galilee.”

The Woman Caught in Adultery

53 ‡And §each went to his own
house.

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1 But Jesus went to the Mount of
Olives.
2 *Early in the morning he again
went to the temple courts. All the
people †came, and he sat down and
taught them.
3 Then the scribes and the
Pharisees brought ‡him a woman
who had been caught in adultery.
Making her stand before them all,
4 they said to Jesus, §testing him,
“Teacher, *this woman was caught
in the very act of committing
adultery.
5 In †the law, Moses commanded us
‡that such women should be
stoned; what then do you §say?”
6 (They said this to test him, so that
they might have *something to
accuse him of.) But Jesus stooped
down and wrote with his finger on
the †ground, taking no notice.
7 When they continued asking him,
he ‡stood up and said to them, “Let
him among you who is without sin
§be the first to throw a stone at
her.”
8 And again he stooped down and
wrote on the ground.
9 When they heard this, they *were
convicted by their own consciences
and began to go away one by one,
starting with the older †men. So
Jesus was left ‡alone, with the
woman §there before him.
10 Then Jesus stood up and *saw no
one but the woman. So he †said to
her, “Where are ‡your accusers?
Has no one condemned you?”
11 She said, “No one, Lord.” Jesus
§said, “Neither do I *pass judgment
on you; †go and sin no more.”

I Am the Light of the World

12 Then Jesus spoke to them again,
saying, “I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will certainly
not walk in darkness, but will have
the light of life.”
13 So the Pharisees said to him,
“You are testifying about yourself,
so your testimony is not valid.”
14 Jesus answered them, “Even if I
testify about myself, my testimony
is valid, for I know where I came
from and where I am going, but

‡ **7:53** {include 7:53–8:11} 78.7% ¦ {omit 7:53–8:11} SBL TH 16.8% {Note: ANT and NA enclose this text with double brackets. WH encloses this text with double brackets and places it in a separate section after chapter 21.} § **7:53** *each went* 80.9% ¦ they went each NA WH 18.3% * **8:2** *Early* 64.8% ¦ Very early 32.5% † **8:2** *came* 14.5% ¦ came to him ANT HF NA PCK TR WH 81.6% ‡ **8:3** *him* 61% ¦ — ANT NA WH 26.1% § **8:4** *testing him,* 23.5% ¦ — ANT HF NA PCK TR WH 75.8% * **8:4** *this woman was caught* 38.6% ¦ we found this woman HF PCK 43.4% † **8:5** *the law, Moses commanded us* 32.5% ¦ our law, Moses commanded ANT HF PCK 54.5% ‡ **8:5** *that such women should be stoned* 37.5% ¦ to stone such women ANT HF NA WH 54.4% § **8:5** *say* 61.2% ¦ say about her HF 37.9% * **8:6** *something to accuse him of* 21.9% ¦ an accusation against him ANT HF PCK 73.2% † **8:6** *ground, taking no notice.* 46.4% ¦ ground. ANT HF NA ST WH 50.1% ‡ **8:7** *stood* 74.9% ¦ looked HF 23% § **8:7** *be the first to throw a* 89.3% ¦ throw the first RP 8.5% * **8:9** *When they heard this, they were convicted by their own consciences and* 46.8% ¦ When they heard this, they ANT HF NA WH 37.9% † **8:9** *men* 35.8% ¦ men and continuing down to the last HF PCK TR 60.8% ‡ **8:9** *alone* 77.4% ¦ — ANT 21% § **8:9** *there* 96.3% ¦ standing TR 2.4% * **8:10** *saw no one but the woman. So he* 47.6% ¦ saw her. So he HF 23.9% ¦ — ANT NA WH 25.1% † **8:10** *said to her, “Where* 35.3% ¦ said to her, “Woman, where ANT NA WH 39.8% ¦ said, “Woman, where HF 23.6% ‡ **8:10** *your accusers* 71.9% ¦ they ANT NA WH 19.9% § **8:11** *said* 43.1% ¦ said to her HF PCK TR 48.9% * **8:11** *pass judgment on* 11.9% ¦ condemn ANT HF NA PCK TR WH 86.6% † **8:11** *go and* 20.7% ¦ go, and from now on ANT HF NA PCK 70.3% ¦ go from this point forward and MSS 5% ¦ go; from now on WH 0.5%

you do not know where I come
from or where I am going.
15 You judge according to the flesh,
but I judge no one.
16 Yet even if I do judge, my
judgment is valid; for I am not
alone, but I stand with the Father
who sent me.
17 In your own law it is written that
the testimony of two men is valid.
18 I testify about myself, and the
Father who sent me also testifies
about me."
19 Then they said to him, "Where is
yoʊr father?" Jesus answered, "You
neither know me nor my Father. If
you knew me, you would know my
Father as well."
20 (Jesus spoke these words in the
treasury as he taught in the temple
courts. But no one arrested him,
because his hour had not yet come.)

Where I Am Going, You Cannot Come

21 Then Jesus said to them again, "I
am going away, and you will seek
me, but you will die in your sin.
Where I am going, you cannot
come."
22 So the Jews said, "Is he going to
kill himself? Is that what he means
by saying, '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 Therefore I said to you that you
will die in your sins, for if you do
not believe that I am he, you will
die in your sins."
25 They said to him, "Who are yoʊ?"
Jesus said to them, "Exactly what I
have been saying to you from the
beginning.
26 I have many things to say about
you and to judge, but he who sent
me is true, and I tell the world
what I have heard from him."
27 (They did not know that he was
speaking to them about the Father.)
28 So Jesus said ‡to them, "When
you lift up the Son of Man, then
you will know that I am he and that
I do nothing on my own authority,
but I speak these things just as §my
Father taught me.
29 He who sent me is with me. *The
Father has not left me alone, for I
always do what pleases him."
30 As he was saying these things,
many believed in him.

The Truth Will Set You Free

31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who
had believed in him, "If you abide
in my word, you are truly my
disciples.
32 Then you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free."
33 They answered him, "We are
descendants of Abraham, and we
have never been enslaved to
anyone. How then can yoʊ say,
'You will be set free'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Truly,
truly, I say to you, everyone who
commits sin is a slave of sin.
35 The slave does not abide in the
house forever; the son abides
forever.
36 So if the son sets you free, you
will be free indeed.
37 I know that you are Abraham's
descendants, but you are seeking to
kill me because your hearts have
no room for my word.
38 I speak of what I have seen
with †my Father; so you also ‡are
doing what you have §seen with
your father."
39 They answered him, "Our
father is Abraham." Jesus said to
them, "If you *were children of
Abraham, you would be doing the
works of Abraham.
40 But now you are seeking to kill
me, a man who has spoken to you

‡ **8:28** *to them* 96.5% ¦ — SBL TH WH 0.8% § **8:28** *my* ¦ the NA SBL WH * **8:29** *The Father* ¦ He CT † **8:38** *my* 95.4% ¦ the CT 1.1% ‡ **8:38** *are doing … your father* 98% ¦ should do … the Father CT 0.5% § **8:38** *seen with* 86.7% ¦ heard from CT 9.9% * **8:39** *were children of Abraham, you would be doing* ¦ are children of Abraham, do WH

the truth I heard from God.
Abraham did not do such a thing.
41 You are doing the works of
your father." They said to him, "We
were not born of fornication. We
have one Father—God."
42 Jesus said to them, "If God
were your Father, you would love
me, for I have come here from God.
I have not come of my own accord,
but he sent me.
43 Why do you not understand
what I am saying? It is because you
cannot bear to accept my word.
44 You belong to your father the
devil, and you want to carry out
your father's desires. He was a
murderer from the beginning and
does not stand in the truth, because
there is no truth in him. When he
speaks lies, he speaks from his own
character, because he is a liar and
the father of lies.
45 But because I speak the truth,
you do not believe me.
46 Which one of you can convict
me of sin? If I am telling the truth,
why do you not believe me?
47 Whoever belongs to God hears
the words of God. The reason you
do not hear them is because you do
not belong to God."

Before Abraham Was, I Am

48 The Jews answered him, "Do we
not rightly say 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 he is the
judge.
51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if
anyone keeps my word, he will
certainly 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 certainly
never taste death.'
53 Are you greater than our father
Abraham, who died? The prophets
also died. 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, of whom
you †say, 'He is our God.'
55 You do not know 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 do know him, and I keep
his word.
56 Your father Abraham was glad
that he would see my day. He saw
it and rejoiced."
57 Then the Jews said to him, "You
are not yet fifty years old, and you
have seen Abraham?"
58 ‡So Jesus said to them, "Truly,
truly, I say to you, before Abraham
was, I am."
59 So they picked up stones to throw
at him, but Jesus hid himself and
went out from the temple grounds.
§And passing through the crowd,
he walked away.

9

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

1 As Jesus walked along, he saw a
man who had been blind from
birth.
2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi,
who sinned, this man or his
parents, that he should be born
blind?"
3 Jesus answered, "Neither did this
man sin nor his parents, but it
happened so that the works of God
might be revealed in him.
4 *I must do the works of him who
sent me while it is day; night is
coming, when no one can work.
5 As long as I am in the world, I am
the light of the world."

† **8:54** *say, 'He is our God.'* ¦ say that he is your God. ANT TH TR WH ‡ **8:58** *So* **K**$^{X(98)}$ ¦ — **K**$^{X(64)}$ ANT CT HF PCK RP TR § **8:59** *And passing through the crowd, he walked away.* 89.7% ¦ — CT 1% * **9:4** *I* 99.2% ¦ We CT 0.5% † **9:6** *rubbed* ¦ put WH

6 After saying this, he spit on the
ground and made mud with the
saliva. Then he †rubbed the mud
on the blind man's eyes
7 and said to him, "Go wash in the
pool of Siloam" (which means
"Sent"). So he went and washed,
and came away seeing.
8 Then his neighbors and those who
had previously seen that he was
‡blind were saying, "Is this not the
man who used to sit and beg?"
9 Others were saying, "It is he."
§Still others were saying, "He is like
him." But he kept saying, "I am he."
10 So they said to him, "*How were
yoʊr eyes opened?"
11 He answered, "†A man named
Jesus made mud, rubbed it on my
eyes, and said to me, 'Go to ‡the
pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went
and washed, and received my
sight."
12 They said to him, "Where is this
man?" He said, "I do not know."

The Pharisees Investigate the Healing

13 So they brought the man who
was once blind to the Pharisees.
14 (Now it was a Sabbath §when
Jesus made the mud and opened
the man's eyes.)
15 The Pharisees again asked him
how he had received his sight, and
he said to them, "He put mud on
my eyes, and I washed, and now I
see."
16 Then some of the Pharisees were
saying, "This man is not from God,
for he does not keep the Sabbath."
But others were saying, "How can a
sinful man do such signs?" And a
division arose among them.
17 So they said to the blind man
again, "What do yoʊ say about him,
since he opened yoʊr eyes?" The
man said, "He is a prophet."
18 Now the Jews did not believe
that the man had been blind and
had received his sight until they
called in his parents.
19 They asked them, "Is this your
son, who you say was born blind?
How then does he now see?"
20 His parents answered *them,
"We know that this is our son and
that he was born blind.
21 But how he can now see or
who opened his eyes, we do not
know. †He is of age; ask him. He
will speak for himself."
22 (His parents said this because
they were afraid of the Jews, for
the Jews had already agreed that if
anyone should confess that Jesus
was the Christ, he would be put out
of the synagogue.
23 That is why his parents said,
"He is of age; ask him.")

24 So for a second time they called
in the man who had been blind and
said to him, "Give glory to God! We
know that this man is a sinner."
25 He answered, "Whether he is a
sinner or not, I do not know; one
thing I know, that though I was
blind, now I see."
26 ‡Again they said to him, "What
did he do to yoʊ? How did he open
yoʊr eyes?"
27 He answered them, "I told you
already, and you did not listen.
Why do you want to hear it again?
Do you also want to become his
disciples?"
28 Then they reviled him and
said, "Yoʊ are a disciple of that
man, 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 is from."
30 The man answered them,
"Why, this is an amazing thing, that
you do not know where he is from,
and yet he opened my eyes!

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‡ **9:8** *blind* ¦ a beggar CT § **9:9** *Still others were saying, "He* ¦ Others were saying, "No, but he CT * **9:10** *How* ¦ How then NA WH † **9:11** *A* ¦ The CT ‡ **9:11** *the pool of* 95.8% ¦ — CT 2% § **9:14** *when* 98.9% ¦ on the day CT 0.8% * **9:20** *them* ¦ — CT † **9:21** *He is of age; ask him* ¦ Ask him; he is of age CT ‡ **9:26** *Again* ¦ Then CT

31 We know that God does not
listen to sinners, but he does listen
to anyone who is devout and does
his will.
32 Never before has anyone heard
of someone opening the eyes of a
man born blind.
33 If this man were not from God,
he could do nothing."
34 They answered him, "You were
born entirely in sin, and yet you
are trying to teach us?" And they
threw him out.

Spiritual Blindness

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown
him out, so he found the man and
said §to him, "Do you believe in the
Son of *God?"
36 He answered, "Who is he, Lord,
that I may believe in him?"
37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen
him, and the one speaking with you
is he."
38 The man said, "I believe, Lord."
And he worshiped him.
39 Then Jesus said, "For judgment I
have come 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, "We are not also blind, are
we?"
41 Jesus said to them, "If you were
blind, you would have no sin, but
now †you say, 'We see.' Therefore
your sin remains.

10

The Parable of the Good Shepherd

1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who
does not enter the sheepfold by the
gate but climbs in by another way
is a thief and a robber.
2 But he who enters by the gate is
the shepherd of the sheep.
3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for
him, and the sheep hear his voice.
He calls his own sheep by name
and leads them out.
4 When he *has brought out †his
own sheep, he goes ahead of them,
and the sheep follow him because
they recognize his voice.
5 They will certainly not follow a
stranger, but will flee from him
because they do not recognize the
voice of strangers."
6 Jesus spoke to them with this
figure of speech, but they did not
understand what he was saying to
them.

I Am the Good Shepherd

7 So Jesus said ‡to them again,
"Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the
gate for the sheep.
8 All who came §previously are
thieves and robbers, but the sheep
did not listen to them.
9 I am the gate; if anyone enters
through me, he will be saved and
will come in and go out and find
pasture.
10 The thief comes only to steal, kill,
and destroy. I have come 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 But the hired hand is not the
shepherd and does not own the
sheep. So when he sees the wolf
coming, he leaves the sheep and
flees, and the wolf snatches the
sheep and scatters them.
13 *The hired hand flees, for he is a
hired hand and does not care about
the sheep.
14 I am the good shepherd. I know
my sheep and my sheep know me,
15 even as the Father knows me and
I know the Father. I lay down my
life for the sheep.

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§ **9:35** *to him* 98.1% ¦ — CT 0.7% * **9:35** *God* 99.5% ¦ Man CT 0.4% † **9:41** *you say, 'We see.' Therefore* ¦ that you say, 'We see,' CT * **10:4** *has brought* ¦ brings PCK † **10:4** *his own sheep* ¦ all his own CT ‡ **10:7** *to them* 93% ¦ — NA WH 0.5% § **10:8** *previously* ¦ before me ANT CT PCK TR {Note: The word *previously* is not in the main Greek text but has been added for stylistic purposes.} * **10:13** *The hired hand flees, for* ¦ For CT

16 I have other sheep that are not of
this fold. I must bring them in as
well, and they will hear my voice.
And †there will be one flock with
one shepherd.
17 This is why the Father loves me,
because I lay down my life so that I
may 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 I have
authority to take it up again. I
received this commandment from
my Father."
19 At these words there was again
a division among the Jews.
20 Many of them were saying, "He
has a demon and is out of his mind;
why do you listen to him?"
21 Others were saying, "These are
not the words of a man possessed
by a demon. Can a demon open the
eyes of the blind?"

Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

22 ‡Now it was the Feast of the
Dedication in Jerusalem. It was
winter,
23 and Jesus was walking in the
temple courts, in Solomon's Portico.
24 So the Jews gathered around him
and said to him, "How long are you
going to keep us in suspense? If
you are the Christ, tell us plainly."
25 Jesus answered them, "I did tell
you, but you do not believe. The
works that I do in my Father's
name testify about me,
26 but you do not believe because
you are not among my §sheep, just
as I told you.
27 My sheep hear my voice; I know
them, and they follow me.
28 I give them eternal life, and they
will certainly never perish, and no
one will snatch them out of my
hand.
29 *My Father, who has given them
to me, is greater than all, and no
one is able to snatch them out of
†my Father's hand.
30 The Father and I are one."
31 Then the Jews picked up stones
again to stone him.
32 In response Jesus said to them,
"I have shown you many good
works from ‡my Father; for which
of these works are you going to
stone me?"
33 The Jews answered him, "We
are not going to stone you for any
good work, but for blasphemy,
because you, who are just a man,
make yourself out to be God."
34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not
written in your law, 'I said, you are
gods'?
35 If he called them 'gods,' to
whom the word of God came (and
the Scripture cannot be broken),
36 do you say of him whom the
Father consecrated and sent into
the world, 'You are blaspheming,'
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 if you do
not believe me, believe the works,
so that you may know and §believe
that the Father is in me and I in
*him."
39 Once again they tried to arrest
him, but he eluded their grasp.
40 Then Jesus went away again to
the other side of the Jordan, to the
place where John had been
baptizing at first, and he stayed
there.
41 Many came to him and were
saying, "John did no sign, but
everything that John said about this
man was true."
42 And many of the people there
believed in Jesus.

† **10:16** *there* 97.7% ¦ they CT 2.1% ‡ **10:22** *Now it was the Feast of the Dedication* ¦ At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place CT § **10:26** *sheep, just as I told you.* 94.4% ¦ sheep. CT 4.6% * **10:29** *My Father, who has given them to me,* 92.6% ¦ What my Father has given to me CT 0.5% † **10:29** *my* 98.8% ¦ the CT 0.9% ‡ **10:32** *my* 99.4% ¦ the NA SBL WH 0.4% § **10:38** *believe* 94.4% ¦ understand CT 1.4% * **10:38** *him* ¦ the Father CT

11

The Death of Lazarus

1 Now a man named Lazarus was
sick. He was from Bethany, the
village of Mary and her sister
Martha.
2 (Mary was the one who anointed
the Lord with ointment and wiped
his feet with her hair; it was her
brother Lazarus who was sick.)
3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus,
"Lord, behold, the one you love is
sick."
4 But when Jesus heard this, he
said, "This sickness will not end in
death but is for the glory of God, so
that the Son of God may be
glorified through it."
5 Now Jesus loved Martha, her
sister Mary, and Lazarus.
6 But when he heard that Lazarus
was sick, he stayed where he was
for two more days.
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 recently seeking
to stone you, and yet you are going
there again?"
9 Jesus answered, "Are there not
twelve hours in the day? If anyone
walks in the day, he does not
stumble, because he sees the light
of this world.
10 But if anyone walks in the night,
he stumbles, because the light is
not in him."
11 After saying this, he said to them,
"Our friend Lazarus has fallen
asleep, but I am going there to
wake him up."
12 *His disciples said, "Lord, if he
has fallen asleep, he will recover."
13 (They thought Jesus was speaking
about natural sleep, but he was
actually speaking about Lazarus'
death.)
14 Then Jesus told them plainly,
"Lazarus has died,
15 and I rejoice for your sake that I
was not there, so that you may
believe. But let us go to him."
16 Then Thomas (called Didymus)
said to his fellow disciples, "Let us
go too, so that we may die with
him."

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

17 When Jesus arrived, he found
that Lazarus had been in the tomb
for four days already.
18 Now Bethany was less than two
miles from Jerusalem,
19 and many of the Jews had joined
†the women who were with Martha
and Mary, to console them about
their brother.
20 When Martha heard that Jesus
was coming, she went to meet him,
but Mary remained seated in the
house.
21 Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord,
if you had been here, my brother
would not have died.
22 ‡But even now I know that God
will give you whatever you ask of
him."
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. He who
believes in me, though he may die,
yet shall he live.
26 No one who lives and believes in
me will ever die. Do you believe
this?"
27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I
have come to believe that you are
the Christ, the Son of God, who is to
come into the world."

Jesus Weeps

28 After saying this, she went and
called her sister Mary, saying in
private, "The Teacher is here and is
calling for you."
29 When Mary heard this, she rose
quickly and went to him.

* **11:12** *His disciples said* ¦ The disciples said to him CT † **11:19** *the women who were with* ¦ — CT ‡ **11:22** *But even* ¦ Even SBL WH § **11:30** *was* ¦ was still CT

30 (Now Jesus had not yet come into
the village, but §was in the place
where Martha had met him.)
31 When the Jews who were in the
house with Mary, consoling her,
saw her rise quickly and go out,
they followed her, *saying, "She is
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 also weeping, he was deeply
moved in his spirit and troubled.
34 He said, "Where have you laid
him?" They said to him, "Lord,
come and see."
35 Jesus wept.
36 So the Jews said, "See how he
loved him!"
37 But some of them said, "Could
not he who opened the eyes of the
blind man have also kept this man
from dying?"

Jesus Raises Lazarus

38 Deeply moved once more, Jesus
came to the tomb. (It was a cave,
and a stone was lying against it.)
39 Jesus said, "Take away the
stone." Martha, the sister of the
man who had died, said to him,
"Lord, there is already a stench, for
it is the fourth day."
40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell
you that if you believed you would
see the glory of God?"
41 So they took away the stone
†from where the dead man was
lying. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes
and said, "Father, I thank you that
you have heard me.
42 I know that you always hear me,
but I say this for the benefit of the
crowd that is standing here, so that
they may believe that you sent me."
43 After saying this, he cried out
with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come
out!"
44 Then the man who had died
came out, his feet and his hands
bound with strips of cloth, and his
face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said
to them, "Unbind him, and let him
go."

The Plot to Kill Jesus

45 Therefore many of the Jews who
had come to Mary, and had seen
what Jesus 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 convened a meeting of
the Sanhedrin and said, "What are
we going to do? For this man is
doing many signs.
48 If we allow him to continue like
this, everyone will believe in him,
and the Romans will come and take
away our holy place and our
nation."
49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who
was high priest that year, said to
them, "You do not know anything,
50 nor do you consider that it is
better for §us to have one man die
for the people than to have the
whole nation perish."
51 (He said this not of his own
accord, but as high priest that year
he prophesied that Jesus was going
to die for the nation,
52 and not only for the nation, but
also to gather together and unite
the children of God scattered
abroad.)
53 So from that day they plotted
*together to kill him.
54 Therefore Jesus no longer went
around openly among the Jews.
Instead, he departed from there to
the region near the wilderness, to a
town called Ephraim, where he
†spent time with ‡his disciples.

* **11:31** *saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."* ¦ supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. CT † **11:41** *from where the dead man was lying* ¦ — CT ‡ **11:46** *what* ¦ all that PCK § **11:50** *us* ¦ you CT * **11:53** *together* ¦ — CT † **11:54** *spent time* ¦ stayed CT ‡ **11:54** *his* ¦ the CT

55 Now the Passover of the Jews
was near, and many people went
up to Jerusalem from the
countryside to purify themselves
before the Passover.
56 They were looking for Jesus
and saying to one another as they
stood in the temple courts, "What
do you think? That he will not
come to the feast at all?"
57 (Now the chief priests and the
Pharisees had given §an order that
if anyone knew where Jesus was,
he should report it, so that they
could arrest him.)

12

Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet

1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus
came to Bethany, where Lazarus
was, the man *who had died and
whom Jesus had raised from the
dead.
2 They prepared a supper for Jesus
there. Martha was serving, and
Lazarus was one of the people
reclining at the table with him.
3 Then Mary took a pound of
expensive ointment made of pure
nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and
wiped his feet with her hair. The
house was filled with the fragrance
of the ointment.
4 Then †one of his disciples, Judas
Iscariot, Simon's son, who was
about to betray him, said,
5 "Why was this ointment not sold
for three hundred denarii and the
money given to the poor?"
6 (He said this not because he cared
about the poor, but because he was
a thief; he was the keeper of the
moneybag and would pilfer what
was put into it.)
7 So Jesus said, "Leave her ‡alone;
she has kept this ointment for the
day of my burial.
8 For you always have the poor
with you, but you will not always
have me."

The Plot to Kill Lazarus

9 Meanwhile §a large crowd of the
Jews found out that Jesus was there,
so they came not only because of
Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom
he had raised from the dead.
10 So the chief priests plotted to kill
Lazarus also,
11 because on account of him many
of the Jews were going over to Jesus
and believing in him.

The Triumphal Entry

12 On the next day, when *a 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. They were
crying out,

"Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord,
the King of Israel!"

14 Finding a young donkey, Jesus sat
on it, just as it is written,

15 "Do not be afraid, daughter of
Zion.
Behold, your king is coming,
sitting 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 were written
about him, and that these things
had been done to him.)
17 Now the crowd that had been
with him †when he called Lazarus
out of the tomb and raised him
from the dead was testifying about
it.

§ **11:57** *an order* ¦ orders CT * **12:1** *who had died and* ¦ — CT † **12:4** *one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son* ¦ Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples CT ‡ **12:7** *alone; she has kept* ¦ alone, so that she may keep CT § **12:9** *a* ¦ the NA TH WH * **12:12** *a* ¦ the NA SBL WH † **12:17** *when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead was testifying about it* ¦ testified that he had called Lazarus out of the tomb and had raised him from the dead ELZ

18 That is why a crowd went out to
meet him, because they heard he
had done this sign.
19 So the Pharisees said to one
another, "You see that you are
achieving nothing. Behold, the
world has gone after him."

Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

20 Now there were some Greeks
among those who went up to
worship at the feast.
21 They came to Philip, who was
from Bethsaida of Galilee, and
requested of him, "Sir, we would
like to see Jesus."
22 Philip went and told Andrew,
‡and in turn Andrew and Philip
told Jesus.
23 Jesus replied to them, "The hour
has come for the Son of Man to be
glorified.
24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a
grain of wheat falls to the ground
and dies, it remains alone; but if it
dies, it bears much fruit.
25 Whoever loves his life §will lose
it, but whoever hates his life in this
world will keep it for eternal life.
26 If anyone wants to serve me, he
must follow me; and where I am,
there will my servant be also. If
anyone serves me, the Father will
honor him."

Jesus Speaks About His Death

27 "My soul is now troubled. And
what shall I say? 'Father, save me
from this hour'? No, it is for this
reason that I have come to this
hour.
28 Father, glorify your name." Then
a voice came from heaven: "I have
glorified it, and will glorify it
again."
29 When the crowd standing there
heard the voice, they said it was
thunder. Others said, "An angel has
spoken to him."
30 Jesus responded, "This voice has
come not for my sake, but for your
sake.
31 Now is the judgment of this
world. Now the ruler of this world
will be cast out.
32 And when I am lifted up from the
earth, I will draw all people to
myself."
33 (He said this to indicate the kind
of death he was going to die.)
34 The crowd responded to him,
"We have heard from the law that
the Christ remains forever, so how
can you say, 'The Son of Man must
be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of
Man'?"
35 Jesus said to them, "The light is
*with you for a little while longer.
Walk while you have the light, so
that the darkness will not overtake
you. He who walks in the darkness
does not know where he is going.
36 While you have the light, believe
in the light, so that you will become
sons of light."

The Unbelief of the People

After saying these things, Jesus
went away and was hidden from
them.
37 Although he had done so many
signs in their presence, they did not
believe in him.
38 This was to fulfill what had been
spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

"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, for again Isaiah said,

40 "He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their hearts,
lest they should see with their eyes
and understand with their hearts
and turn †back,
and I would heal them."

‡ **12:22** *and in turn Andrew and Philip* ¦ then Andrew and Philip went and CT § **12:25** *will lose* ¦ loses CT * **12:35** *with* ¦ among CT † **12:40** *back* ¦ — CT ‡ **12:41** *when* ¦ because CT

41 Isaiah said these things ‡when he
saw the Lord's glory and spoke
about him.
42 Nevertheless, many even among
the rulers believed in him, but
because of the Pharisees they
would not declare it openly, so that
they would not be put out of the
synagogue.
43 For they loved the glory that
comes from men more than the
glory that comes from God.

Jesus' Words Will Judge the World

44 Then Jesus cried out, “Whoever
believes in me, believes not in me
but in him who sent me.
45 And whoever sees me sees him
who sent me.
46 I have come into the world as
light, so that no one who believes
in me will remain in darkness.
47 If anyone hears my words and
does not §believe, I do not judge
him; for I did not come to judge the
world, but to save the world.
48 He who 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
authority, but the Father who sent
me gave me a commandment as to
what I should say and what I
should speak.
50 And I know that his
commandment leads to eternal life.
What I speak, therefore, I speak
just as the Father has told me.”

13

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

1 Now before the feast of the
Passover, Jesus knew that his hour
had come to depart from this world
and go to the Father. Having loved
his own who were in the world, he
loved them to the end.
2 *By the time supper ended, the
devil had put it into the heart of
Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to
betray Jesus.
3 Jesus knew that the Father had
put all things into his hands, and
that he had come from God and
was going back to God,
4 so he rose from supper, laid aside
his outer garments, took a towel,
and wrapped it around his waist.
5 After that, he put water into the
washbasin and began to wash his
disciples' feet and to wipe them
with the towel that was wrapped
around his waist.
6 When he came to Simon Peter,
Peter said to him, “Lord, are you
going to wash my feet?”
7 Jesus answered him, “What I am
doing you do not now understand,
but afterward you will
understand.”
8 Peter said to him, “You shall never
wash my feet.” Jesus answered
him, “If I do not wash you, you
have no part with me.”
9 Simon Peter said to him, “Lord,
then wash not only my feet, but
also my hands and my head.”
10 Jesus said to him, “He who has
bathed has no need to wash, except
for 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, “You are
not all clean.”)
12 When Jesus had washed their
feet and collected his outer
garments, he reclined again at the
table and said to them, “Do you
know what I have done for you?
13 You call me Teacher and Lord,
and rightly so, for that is what I am.
14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet, you also
ought to wash one another's feet.
15 For I have given you an
example so that you should do as I
have done for you.
16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a
servant is not greater than his
master, nor is a messenger greater
than the one who sent him.

§ **12:47** *believe* ¦ keep them CT * **13:2** *By the time supper ended* ¦ When it was time for supper CT

17 Now that you know these
things, you are blessed if you do
them.
18 I am not speaking about all of
you; I know whom I have chosen.
But this Scripture must be fulfilled:
'He who eats †bread with me has
lifted up his heel against me.'
19 I am telling you now before it
happens, so that when it does
happen, you will believe that I am
he.
20 Truly, truly, I say to you,
whoever receives the one I send
receives me, and whoever receives
me receives him who sent me."

One of You Will Betray Me

21 After saying these things, Jesus
was troubled in his spirit and
declared, "Truly, truly, I say to you,
one of you will betray me."
22 So the disciples began looking at
one another, perplexed as to whom
he was speaking about.
23 One of his disciples, the one
whom Jesus loved, was reclining on
Jesus' chest.
24 So Simon Peter motioned to him
‡to ask Jesus whom he was talking
about.
25 Leaning back on Jesus' chest, he
said to him, "Lord, who is it?"
26 Jesus answered, "It is the one to
whom I give this morsel after I
have dipped it." §Then he dipped
the morsel and gave it to *Judas
Iscariot, the son of Simon.
27 After Judas took the morsel,
Satan entered into him. Then Jesus
said to him, "What you are about to
do, do quickly."
28 (Now no one at the table knew
why he said this to him.
29 Some were thinking, since Judas
had the moneybag, that Jesus was
saying to him, "Buy what we need
for the feast," or that he should
give something to the poor.)
30 As soon as Judas took the morsel,
he went out. And it was night.

A New Commandment

31 When Judas had gone out, Jesus
said, "Now the Son of Man is
glorified, and God is glorified in
him.
32 †And if God is glorified in him,
God will also glorify the Son in
himself, and will glorify him
immediately.
33 Little children, I am with you for
a little while longer. You will seek
me, and just as I said to the Jews,
now I say to you also, 'Where I am
going, you cannot come.'
34 I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another. Just as I
have loved you, so you must love
one another.
35 By this everyone will know that
you are my disciples, if you have
love for one another."

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

36 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord,
where are you going?" Jesus
answered ‡him, "You cannot follow
me now to the place where I am
going, but §afterward you will
follow me."
37 Peter said to him, "Lord, why can
I not follow you now? I will lay
down my life for you."
38 Jesus answered *him, "You will
lay down your life for me? Truly,
truly, I say to you, a rooster will
certainly not crow until you have
denied me three times."

14

I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

1 "Let not your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God; believe also in me.

† **13:18** *bread with me* ¦ my bread CT ‡ **13:24** *to ask Jesus whom he was talking about* ¦ and said to him, "Tell us whom he is talking about." WH § **13:26** *Then he dipped the morsel* ¦ When he had dipped the morsel, he took it NA WH * **13:26** *Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon* ¦ Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot CT † **13:32** *And if God is glorified in him,* ¦ — TH WH ‡ **13:36** *him* ¦ — SBL WH § **13:36** *afterward you will follow me* ¦ you will follow afterward CT * **13:38** *him* ¦ — CT

2 In my Father's house there are
many rooms. If it were not so, I
would have told *you. I am going
there to prepare a place for you.
3 †So when I go, it is to prepare a
place for you. I will come again
and receive you to myself, so that
where I am you also may be.
4 You know ‡where I am going, and
you know the way."
5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do
not know where you are going, so
how can we know the way?"
6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way,
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 also. From
now on you do know him and have
seen him."
8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show
us the Father, and that will be
enough for us."
9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been
with you for so long and still you
do not know me, Philip? Anyone
who has seen me has seen the
Father, so 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 that I speak to you I do
not speak on my own authority, 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; but
if not, believe *me because of the
works themselves.
12 Truly, truly, I say to you,
whoever believes in me will also do
the works that I do. He will even do
greater works than these, because I
am going to †my Father.
13 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.

Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit

15 "If you love me, §keep my
commandments.
16 And I will ask the Father, and he
will give you another Helper to
*abide with you forever—
17 the Spirit of truth, whom the
world cannot receive, because it
does not see him or know him. But
you know him, because he abides
with you and †will be in you.
18 "I will not leave you as
orphans; I am coming back to you.
19 Yet a little while and the world
will see me no longer, but you will
see me. Because I live, you also will
live.
20 On that day you will know that
I am in my Father, and you are in
me, and I am in you.
21 Whoever has my
commandments and keeps them is
the one who loves me. He who
loves me will be loved by my
Father, and I will love him and
manifest myself to him."
22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him,
"Lord, what has happened that you
are about to manifest yourself to us
and not to the world?"
23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone
loves me, he will keep my word.
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. The word
that you hear is not mine, but the
Father's who sent me.
25 "I have said these things to you
while abiding with you.
26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my
name, will teach you everything

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* **14:2** *you.* ¦ you, because CT † **14:3** *So when I go, it is to prepare a place for you.* ¦ And if I go and prepare a place for you, ANT CT HF PCK TR ‡ **14:4** *where I am going, and you know the way* ¦ the way to where I am going CT § **14:7** *had … would have known* ¦ have … will know NA * **14:11** *me* ¦ — CT † **14:12** *my* ¦ the CT ‡ **14:14** *me* ¦ — ANT HF PCK TR § **14:15** *keep* ¦ you will keep CT * **14:16** *abide* ¦ be CT † **14:17** *will be* ¦ is WH

and remind you of everything I
have told you.
27 Peace I leave with you; my
peace I give to you. Not as the
world gives do I give to you. Let
not your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.
28 You heard me say to you, 'I am
going away and coming back to
you.' If you loved me, you would
have rejoiced that ‡I said, 'I am
going to the Father,' because §my
Father is greater than I am.
29 I have told you now before it
happens, so that when it does
happen, you may believe.
30 I will not talk with you much
longer, for the ruler of *the world
is coming, but he has no power
over me.
31 Rather, I do just as the Father
has commanded me, so that the
world may know that I love the
Father. Rise, let us go from here.

15

I Am the True Vine
1 "I am the true vine, and my
Father is the vinedresser.
2 Every branch in me that does not
bear fruit he takes away, and every
branch that does bear fruit he
prunes so that it will bear more
fruit.
3 You have already been pruned by
the word I have spoken to you.
4 Abide in me, and I will abide in
you. As the branch cannot bear
fruit by itself unless it abides in the
vine, neither can you bear fruit
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,
because 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 up, thrown into the fire,
and burned.
7 If you abide in me and my words
abide in you, *you will ask for
whatever you wish, and it will be
done for you.
8 My Father is glorified when you
bear much †fruit, and by doing so
you will be my disciples.
9 Just as the Father has loved me, so
have I 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 told you these things so
that my joy may §abide in you, and
so that your joy may be full.
12 "This is my commandment,
that you love one another, just as I
have loved you.
13 No one has greater love than
this, that he lay down his life for
his friends.
14 You are my friends if you do
*whatever I command you.
15 No longer do I call you
servants, because a servant 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 that
you should go and bear fruit, and
that your fruit should abide, so that
whatever you ask of the Father in
my name he will give you.
17 I am giving you these
commands so that you may love
one another.

The World Hates the Disciples
18 "If the world hates you, know
that it hated me before it hated you.

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‡ **14:28** *I said, 'I am going to the Father,'* ¦ I am going to the Father, CT § **14:28** *my* ¦ the NA SBL WH * **14:30** *the* ¦ this TR * **15:7** *you will* ¦ — ANT CT † **15:8** *fruit, and by doing so you will be* ¦ fruit and become CT {Note: The words *by doing so* are not in the main Greek text but have been added for the sake of clarity.} ‡ **15:10** *my* ¦ the WH § **15:11** *abide* ¦ be CT * **15:14** *whatever* ¦ what CT

19 If you were of the world, the
world would love you as its own.
However, because you are not of
the world, but I have chosen you
out of the world, the world hates
you.
20 Remember what I told you: 'A
servant is not greater than his
master.' If they persecuted me, they
will persecute you also. If they kept
my word, they will keep yours also.
21 But they will do all these things
to you on account of my name,
because they do not know him 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 also.
24 If I had not done among them the
works that no one else had done,
they would have no sin, but now
they have seen and hated both me
and my Father.
25 But this has happened to fulfill
what is written in their law: 'They
hated me for no reason.'
26 "When the Helper comes,
whom I will send you from the
Father, the Spirit of truth who
proceeds from the Father, he will
testify about me.
27 You must also testify, because
you have been with me from the
beginning.

16

1 "I have said these things to you so
that you will not fall away.
2 They will put you out of the
synagogues; indeed, an hour is
coming when anyone who kills you
will think he is offering service to
God.
3 They will do these *things because
they have not known the Father or
me.
4 But I have said these things to you
so that when †the hour comes you
will remember that I said them to
you. I did not say these things to
you from the beginning, because I
was with you.

The Work of the Holy Spirit

5 "But now I am going to him who
sent me, yet none of you asks me,
'Where are you going?'
6 Rather, sorrow has filled your
hearts because I have said these
things to you.
7 But I tell you the truth, it is to
your advantage that I go away, for
if I do not go away, the Helper will
‡not come to you. But if I do go, I
will send him to you.
8 And when he comes, he will
convict the world concerning sin,
righteousness, and judgment:
9 concerning sin, because they do
not believe in me;
10 concerning righteousness,
because I am going to §my Father,
and you will no longer see me;
11 and concerning judgment,
because the ruler of this world has
been condemned.
12 "I still have many things to say
to you, but you cannot bear them
now.
13 When the Spirit of truth comes,
he will guide you into all truth, for
he will not speak on his own
authority, but whatever he hears
he will speak, and he will declare to
you what is to come.
14 He will glorify me, for he will
receive from me what is mine and
declare it to you.
15 All that the Father has is mine.
That is why I said that the Spirit
will receive from me what is mine
and declare it to you.

Sorrow Will Turn to Joy

16 "In a little while you will *not see
me; and again after a little while,

* **16:3** *things* ¦ things to you TR † **16:4** *the* ¦ their CT ‡ **16:7** *not* ¦ certainly not SBL WH § **16:10** *my* ¦ the CT * **16:16** *not* ¦ no longer CT † **16:16** *me, for I am going to the Father.* ¦ me. CT

you will see †me, for I am going to the Father."
17 Then some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying to us, 'In a little while you will not see me; and again after a little while, you will see me,' and, 'for I am going to the Father'?"
18 So they kept saying, "What does he mean by saying, 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about."
19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while, you will not see me; and again after a little while, you will see me'?
20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy.
21 When a woman is giving birth, she has pain because her hour has come. But when her baby is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of her joy that a child has been born into the world.
22 So you also have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.
23 In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father ‡in my name he will give you.
24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be full.

I Have Overcome the World

25 "I have told you these things in figures of §speech, but an hour is coming when I will no longer use figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.
26 In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf,
27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from *God.
28 I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."
29 His disciples said †to him, "Behold, 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; because of this we believe that you came from God."
31 Jesus answered them, "Now do you believe?
32 Behold, an hour is coming, and has ‡now come, when you will be scattered, each to your own home, and will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.
33 I have said these things to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart; I have overcome the world."

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Jesus Prays for His Disciples

1 After saying these things, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that *your Son may †also glorify you,
2 just as you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to everyone you have given him.
3 This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

‡ **16:23** *in my name he will give you* ¦ he will give you in my name SBL TH WH § **16:25** *speech, but* ¦ speech; CT SCR * **16:27** *God* ¦ the Father WH † **16:29** *to him* ¦ — CT ‡ **16:32** *now* ¦ — CT * **17:1** *your* ¦ the CT † **17:1** *also* ¦ — CT ‡ **17:4** *earth. I have completed* ¦ earth by completing CT

4 I have glorified you on ‡earth. I
have completed the work you have
given 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 have given me out
of the world. They were yours; you
gave them to me, and they have
kept your word.
7 They now know that everything
you have given me is from you.
8 For I have given them the words
that you gave me, and they have
received them and truly know that
I came from you. They have also
come to believe that you sent me.
9 I ask on their behalf; I do not
ask on behalf of the world, but on
behalf of those you have given me,
for they are yours.
10 All who are mine are also
yours, and all who are yours are
also mine, and I have been glorified
in them.
11 I will no longer remain 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 one.
12 While I was with them *in the
world, I kept them safe by the
power of your †name. I have
guarded those you have given me,
and not one of them has perished
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 full within them.
14 I have given them your word,
and the world has hated them
because they are not of the world,
just as I am not of the world.
15 I do not ask you to take them
out of the world, but to keep them
from the evil one.
16 They are not of the world, just
as I am not of the world.
17 Sanctify them by ‡your truth;
your word is truth.
18 Just as you have sent me into
the world, so I have sent them into
the world.
19 For their sakes I sanctify
myself, so that they too may be
sanctified by the truth.
20 “I do not ask on behalf of them
alone, but also on behalf of those
who will believe in me through
their word,
21 that they may all be one, just as
you, Father, are in me, and I am in
you, that they also may be §one in
us, so that the world may believe
that you sent me.
22 I have given them the glory
that you gave 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 perfected into
one, *and so that the world may
know that you have sent me and
have loved them just as you have
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 gave me because you
loved me before the foundation of
the world.
25 Righteous Father, though the
world does not know you, I know
you, and these men know that you
have sent me.
26 I have made your name known
to them, and will continue to make
it known, so that the love with
which you have loved me may be
in them, and so that I may be in
them.”

18

Jesus Arrested

§ **17:11** *keep them in your name, which* ¦ through your name keep those whom TR * **17:12** *in the world* ¦ — CT † **17:12** *name. I have guarded those you have given me,* ¦ name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, CT ‡ **17:17** *your* ¦ the CT § **17:21** *one* ¦ — NA SBL WH * **17:23** *and* ¦ — CT

1 After saying these things, Jesus
went out with his disciples across
the Kidron Valley, where there was
a garden, which he entered along
with his disciples.
2 Now Judas, who betrayed him,
also knew the place, because Jesus
had often met there with his
disciples.
3 So Judas took a cohort of soldiers
and officers from the chief priests
and Pharisees, and they went there
with lanterns, torches, and
weapons.
4 Then Jesus, knowing everything
that would happen to him, went
out and said to them, "Who are you
looking for?"
5 They answered him, "Jesus of
Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I
am he." (Judas, who betrayed him,
was also standing with them.)
6 When Jesus said to them, "I am
he," they drew back and fell to the
ground.
7 So again he asked them, "Who are
you looking for?" They said, "Jesus
of Nazareth."
8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I
am he. So if you are looking for me,
let these men go."
9 He said this to fulfill the word he
had spoken: "I have not lost a
single one of those you have given
me."
10 Then Simon Peter, who had a
sword, drew it and struck the high
priest's servant, cutting off his right
ear. (The servant's name was
Malchus.)
11 But Jesus said to Peter, "Put your
sword back in its sheath; shall I not
drink the cup the Father has given
me?"

Jesus Brought Before Annas

12 Then the cohort of soldiers, along
with its commander and the Jewish
officers, arrested Jesus, bound him,
13 and led him *away 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 †perish for the people.)

Peter Denies Jesus

15 Now Simon Peter was following
Jesus, as was ‡the other disciple.
That disciple was known to the
high priest, so he went with Jesus
into the high priest's courtyard,
16 but Peter stood outside at the
gate. So the other disciple, who was
known to the high priest, went out,
spoke to the gatekeeper, and
brought Peter in.
17 Then the servant girl who was
the gatekeeper said to Peter, "You
are not also one of this man's
disciples, are you?" He said, "I am
not."
18 (Now the servants and the
officers had made a charcoal fire,
because it was cold, and they were
standing there warming
themselves. Peter was also standing
with them, warming himself.)

The High Priest Questions Jesus

19 Meanwhile, the high priest
questioned Jesus about his disciples
and his teaching.
20 Jesus answered him, "I have
spoken openly to the world. I have
always taught in the synagogues
and in the temple courts, where
§the Jews always assemble
together. I have said nothing in
secret.
21 Why do you question me?
Question those who heard what I
said to them. Behold, they know
what I said."
22 When Jesus said this, one of the
officers standing nearby slapped
him and said, "Is that how you
answer the high priest?"
23 Jesus answered him, "If I have
spoken wrongly, testify as to what

* **18:13** *away* 96% ¦ — CT 0.4% † **18:14** *perish* 92.3% ¦ die CT 6.4% ‡ **18:15** *the other* 97.1% ¦ another CT SCR 2.8% § **18:20** *the Jews always* 78.2% ¦ all the Jews CT 12.5%

was wrong; but if I have spoken
well, why are you hitting me?"
24 *(Annas had sent him bound to
Caiaphas the high priest.)

Peter Denies Jesus Again

25 Meanwhile, Simon Peter was
standing and warming himself. So
they said to him, "You are not also
one of his disciples, are you?" He
denied it and said, "I am not."
26 But one of the servants of the
high priest, who was a relative of
the man whose ear Peter had cut
off, said, "Did I not see you with
him in the garden?"
27 Peter denied it again, and
immediately a rooster crowed.

Jesus Brought Before Pilate

28 Then the Jews led Jesus away
from Caiaphas to the governor's
headquarters. It was now early in
the morning. They themselves did
not go into the governor's
headquarters so that they would
not be defiled, but could eat the
Passover.
29 So Pilate went out to them and
said, "What accusation do you
bring against this man?"
30 They answered him, "If he were
not †an evildoer, we would not
have handed him over to you."
31 Pilate said to them, "You take
him and judge him according to
your own law." The Jews said to
him, "It is not lawful for us to put
anyone to death."
32 (This happened to fulfill what
Jesus had said when he indicated
the kind of death he was going to
die.)
33 Then Pilate went into his
headquarters again, called Jesus
over, and said to him, "Are you the
king of the Jews?"
34 Jesus answered ‡him, "Do you
say this of your own accord, or
have others spoken to you about
me?"
35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew?
Your own nation and the chief
priests have 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 be fighting to keep me from
being delivered up to the Jews. But
as it is, my kingdom is not from
here."
37 Pilate said to him, "So you are
a king?" Jesus answered, "You have
said yourself that I am a king. The
reason I was born and the reason I
came into the world is to testify to
the truth. Everyone who is of the
truth listens to my voice."
38 Pilate said to him, "What is
truth?"

The Crowd Calls For Jesus' Crucifixion

After he said this, he again went
out to the Jews and said to them, "I
find no fault in him.
39 But §you have a custom that I
release for you one man at the
Passover. So do you want me to
release for you the king of the
Jews?"
40 They *all cried out again, "Not
this man, but Barabbas!" (Now
Barabbas was an insurrectionist.)

19

1 Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged
him.
2 The soldiers twisted together a
crown of thorns, put it on his head,
and then clothed him with a purple
garment.
3 They kept *saying, "Hail, King of
the Jews!" and striking him in the
face.
4 Once again Pilate came out and
said to the Jews, "Behold, I am

* **18:24** *(Annas had sent … priest.)* 84.2% ¦ Then Annas sent … priest. CT SCR 15.1% † **18:30** *an evildoer* 99.2% ¦ doing evil CT 0.3% ‡ **18:34** *him* 85.7% ¦ — CT 7.5% § **18:39** *you* ¦ we PCK {Note: Morrill does not document the PCK variant in his collation.} * **18:40** *all cried out again* 53.5% ¦ all cried out PCK 30.2% ¦ cried out again CT 12% * **19:3** *saying* ¦ coming up to him and saying CT

bringing him out to you so that you
may know that I find no fault in
him."
5 Jesus then came out wearing the
crown of thorns and the purple
garment, and Pilate said to them,
"Behold, the man!"
6 When the chief priests and the
officers saw him, they cried out,
"Crucify, crucify †him!" But Pilate
said to them, "You take him and
crucify him, for I find no fault in
him."
7 The Jews answered him, "We have
a law, and according to ‡our law he
must die, for he made himself out
to be the Son of God."

8 When Pilate heard this, he was
even more afraid.
9 He went back into his
headquarters and said to Jesus,
"Where are you from?" But Jesus
gave him no answer.
10 So Pilate said to him, "You do
not speak to me? Do you not know
that I have authority to §crucify
you, and authority to release you?"
11 Jesus *answered, "You would
have no authority over me if it had
not been given to you from above.
Therefore he who handed me over
to you has greater sin."
12 From that point forward Pilate
was seeking to release him, but the
Jews cried out, "If you release this
man, you are not a friend of Caesar;
everyone who makes himself out to
be a king opposes Caesar."

13 When Pilate heard †this, he
brought Jesus out and sat down on
the judgment seat at a place called
the Stone Pavement (or in Hebrew,
Gabbatha).
14 It was about the sixth hour on
the day of Preparation for the
Passover, and he said to the Jews,
"Behold, your king!"
15 But 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 Pilate handed Jesus over
to them to be crucified.

The Crucifixion

So they took Jesus ‡and led him
away.
17 Carrying §his own cross, he went
out to *a location called the Place of
the Skull (which in Hebrew is
called Golgotha).
18 There they crucified him, and
with him two others, one on each
side, with Jesus in the middle.
19 Pilate also wrote a notice and put
it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of
Nazareth, the King of the Jews."
20 Many of the Jews read this
notice, because the place where
Jesus was crucified was near the
city, and it was written in Hebrew,
†Greek, and Latin.
21 Then the chief priests of the Jews
said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The
King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This
man said, "I am the 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, a part
for each soldier. They also took his
tunic, which was seamless. It was
woven in one piece from top to
bottom,
24 so they said to one another,
"Let us not tear it apart, but cast
lots for it to decide whose it will
be." This happened to fulfill the
‡Scripture that says,

"They divided my garments among
themselves,

† **19:6** *him* ¦ — CT TR ‡ **19:7** *our* ¦ that CT § **19:10** *crucify … release* ¦ release … crucify CT * **19:11** *answered* ¦ answered him CT † **19:13** *this* ¦ these words CT ‡ **19:16** *and led him away* ¦ — CT § **19:17** *his own cross* ¦ the cross by himself CT * **19:17** *a location* ¦ what is ANT CT PCK TR † **19:20** *Greek, and Latin* ¦ Latin, and Greek CT ‡ **19:24** *Scripture that says,* ¦ Scripture: WH

and for my clothing they cast lots."

This is what the soldiers did.
25 Standing by the cross of Jesus
were his mother, his mother's
sister, Mary the wife 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.

The Death of Jesus

28 After this, when Jesus §saw that
everything was now finished, in
order to fulfill the Scripture he said,
"I am thirsty."
29 A jar full of sour wine was there,
so they *filled a sponge with sour
wine, put it around a hyssop
branch, and brought it up 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.

Jesus' Side Is Pierced

31 Since it was the day of
Preparation (for that Sabbath was a
high day), the Jews asked Pilate to
have the men's legs broken and
their bodies taken away, so that the
bodies would not remain on the
cross on the Sabbath.
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,
they did not break his legs since
they saw that he was already dead.
34 Instead, one of the soldiers
pierced Jesus' side with a spear,
and immediately blood and water
came out.
35 He who saw this has testified,
and his testimony is true, and he
knows that he speaks what is true,
so that †you may believe.
36 For these things happened so that
the Scripture would be fulfilled:
"No bone of his will be broken."
37 And, as another Scripture says,
"They will look on him whom they
have pierced."

The Burial of Jesus

38 After these things, Joseph of
Arimathea, who was a disciple of
Jesus (but secretly for fear of the
Jews), asked Pilate if he could take
away Jesus' body. Pilate gave him
permission, so he came and took
away the body.
39 With him came Nicodemus (who
had previously come to Jesus by
night). He brought a mixture of
myrrh and aloes that weighed
about seventy-five pounds.
40 So they took Jesus' body and
wrapped it in linen cloths with the
spices, as is the custom of the Jews
in preparing a body for burial.
41 Near the place where Jesus was
crucified there was a garden, and in
the garden there was a new tomb
in which no one had ever been laid.
42 Because it was the Jewish day of
Preparation and since the tomb
was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

20

The Resurrection

1 On the first day of the week, Mary
Magdalene came to the tomb early,
while it was still dark, and she saw
that the stone had been moved
away from the tomb.
2 So she ran and went to Simon
Peter and the other disciple, the
one 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."

§ **19:28** *saw* ¦ realized ANT CT PCK TR * **19:29** *filled a sponge with sour wine, put it around a hyssop branch,* ¦ put a sponge full of sour wine around a hyssop branch CT † **19:35** *you* ¦ you also ANT CT

3 So Peter went out, along with the
other disciple, and they began
making their way to the tomb.
4 The two were running together,
but the other disciple outran Peter
and reached the tomb first.
5 Stooping down to look in, he saw
the linen cloths lying there, but he
did not go in.
6 Then Simon Peter, who had been
following him, *arrived and went
into the tomb. He saw the linen
cloths lying there
7 and the facecloth that had been
on Jesus' head. But it was not lying
with the linen cloths; it was folded
up separately in another place.
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 Jesus must rise
from the dead.)
10 Then the disciples went back to
their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

11 But Mary stood near the tomb,
weeping outside. As she was
weeping, she stooped down to look
into the tomb
12 and saw two angels in white
sitting where Jesus' body had been
laid, 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 away my
Lord, and I do not know where
they have laid him."
14 After saying this, she turned
around and saw Jesus standing
there, but she did not know it was
Jesus.
15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why
are you weeping? Who are you
looking for?" Supposing that 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, "Rabboni!"
(which means "Teacher").
17 Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on
to me, for I have not yet ascended
to ‡my Father. But go to my
brothers and tell them that I am
ascending to my Father and your
Father, to my God and your God."
18 So Mary Magdalene went and
told the §disciples that she had
seen the Lord and that he had said
these things to her.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

19 In the evening of that day, the
first day of the week, when the
disciples were *gathered together
with the doors locked 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, and
the disciples rejoiced when they
saw the Lord.
21 Again Jesus said to them, "Peace
be with you. As the Father has sent
me, so I am sending you."
22 After saying this, he breathed on
them and said to them, "Receive
the Holy Spirit.
23 If you remit the sins of any, their
sins are remitted; if you retain the
sins of any, their sins are retained."

Thomas Sees and Believes

24 Now Thomas (called Didymus),
one of the twelve, was not with
them when Jesus came.
25 So the other disciples said to him,
"We have seen the Lord." But he
said to them, "Unless I see the nail
marks in his hands and put my
finger where the nails were, and
put my hand into his side, I will
certainly not believe."
26 Eight days later, Jesus' disciples
were again inside, and Thomas was
with them. Although the doors
were locked, Jesus came and stood

* **20:6** *arrived* ¦ also arrived CT † **20:16** *him* ¦ him in Hebrew CT ‡ **20:17** *my* ¦ the NA SBL WH § **20:18** *disciples that she had seen the Lord and* ¦ disciples, "I have seen the Lord." And she told them CT * **20:19** *gathered* ¦ — CT

among them and said, "Peace be with you."
27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Do not doubt but believe."
28 In response Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
29 Then Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen †me, have you come to believe? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

The Purpose of This Book

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of ‡his disciples, which are not written in this book.
31 But these have been 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

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

1 After this Jesus *again manifested himself to †the disciples, by the Sea of ‡Tiberias. He manifested himself in this way:
2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael (from Cana of Galilee), the sons of Zebedee, and two of Jesus' other disciples were together.
3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." So they §immediately went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
4 When daybreak came, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus.
5 Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught any fish to eat?" 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 were unable to draw it in because of the large 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 put on his outer garment (for he had taken it off) and plunged into the sea.
8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards away.
9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there with a fish lying on it, and bread.
10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."
11 So Simon Peter went aboard and drew the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Although there were so many, the net had not torn.
12 Then Jesus said to them, "Come eat breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.
13 Then Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did likewise with the fish.
14 This was now the third time that Jesus had been revealed to *his disciples after he had been raised from the dead.

Tend My Sheep

15 When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of †Jonah, do you love me more than these?" Peter said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I care for you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."
16 Jesus said to him a second time, "Simon, son of ‡Jonah, do you love me?" Peter said to him, "Yes, Lord,

† **20:29** *me,* ¦ me, Thomas, TR ‡ **20:30** *his* ¦ the SBL WH * **21:1** *again* ¦ — PCK † **21:1** *the* $\mathbf{K}^{X(75)}$ ¦ his $\mathbf{K}^{X(75)}$ PCK ‡ **21:1** *Tiberias.* ¦ Tiberias after he had been raised from the dead. PCK § **21:3** *immediately* ¦ — CT * **21:14** *his* ¦ the CT † **21:15** *Jonah* ¦ John CT ‡ **21:16** *Jonah* ¦ John CT

you know that I care for you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my §sheep."
17 Then Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of *Jonah, do you care for me?" Peter was grieved that Jesus said to him the third time, "Do you care for me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I care for you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my †sheep.
18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you would dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted to go; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and bring you where you do not want to go."
19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.) After saying this, he said to Peter, "Follow me."

The Beloved Disciple and His Book
20 Then Peter turned around and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them (the one who had leaned back on Jesus' chest at the supper and said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?")
21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?"
22 Jesus said to him, "If I wish for him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!"
23 So the rumor spread among the brothers that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not tell him that he would not die; he only said, "If I wish for him to remain until I come, what is that to you?"

24 This is the disciple who is testifying about these things and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

25 There are also many other things that Jesus did. If every one of them were to be written down, I suppose that not even the world itself would have room for the books that would be written.
‡Amen.

§ **21:16** *sheep* ¦ little sheep WH * **21:17** *Jonah* ¦ John CT † **21:17** *sheep* ¦ little sheep WH
‡ **21:25** *Amen.* ¦ — CT

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit

1 The first account I compiled, O
Theophilus, was about all that Jesus
began to do and teach
2 until the day he was taken up,
after he had given commands
through the Holy Spirit to the
apostles he had chosen.
3 He presented himself alive to
them, after his suffering, by many
convincing proofs, appearing to
them over the course of forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of
God.
4 While he was with them, he
commanded them not to depart
from Jerusalem, but to wait for the
promise of the Father, "Which," he
said, "you heard about from me.
5 For John baptized with water, but
you will be baptized with the Holy
Spirit not many days from now."

The Ascension

6 So when they had come together,
they asked him, "Lord, are you
going to restore 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 *witnesses to me in
Jerusalem, in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the
earth."
9 After he said this, he was lifted up
as they looked on, and a cloud took
him out of their sight.
10 As he went, they were gazing up
into the sky, when behold, two men
in white clothing stood beside them.
11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why
are you standing here †staring into
the sky? This Jesus who was taken
up from you into heaven will come
back in the same way you have
seen him go into heaven."

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem
from the mount called Olivet,
which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath
day's journey away.
13 After entering the city, they went
up to the upper room where they
were staying. Those present were
Peter, ‡James, John, Andrew, Philip,
Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew,
James the son of Alphaeus, Simon
the Zealot, and Judas the son of
James.
14 With one accord they were all
devoting themselves to prayer §and
supplication, along with Jesus'
brothers and several women,
including Mary the mother of Jesus.
15 In those days Peter stood up
among the *disciples (a crowd of
about one hundred twenty people
who were gathered together). He
said,
16 "Brothers, it was necessary for
†this Scripture to be fulfilled, which
the Holy Spirit foretold by the
mouth of David concerning Judas,
who became a guide to those who
arrested Jesus.
17 For he was numbered ‡with us
and received his share in this
ministry."
18 (Now this man Judas had
acquired a field with the wages of
unrighteousness, and falling
headfirst, his body burst open, and
all his intestines gushed out.
19 This became known to all who
were dwelling in Jerusalem, so that

* **1:8** *witnesses to me* ¦ my witnesses CT † **1:11** *staring* ¦ looking SBL TH WH ‡ **1:13** *James, John* ¦ John, James CT § **1:14** *and supplication* 95.5% ¦ — CT 3.9% * **1:15** *disciples* ¦ brothers CT † **1:16** *this* ¦ the CT ‡ **1:17** *with* ¦ among CT

in their language the field was
called Akeldama, that is, Field of
Blood.)
20 Peter continued, “For it is
written in the Book of Psalms:

‘May his homestead become
desolate;
let there be no one to dwell in it,’

and,

‘May another take his position as
overseer.’

21 Therefore, one of the men who
have accompanied us during the
entire time that the Lord Jesus
went in and out among us,
22 beginning from the baptism of
John up to the day when Jesus was
taken up from us, must become a
witness with us of his
resurrection.”
23 So they put forward two men,
Joseph called §Barsabbas (who was
given the name Justus), and
Matthias.
24 Then they prayed, “Lord, you
know the hearts of all; show us
which of these two men you have
chosen
25 to *receive the share of this
ministry and apostleship from
which Judas turned away to go to
his own place.”
26 Then they cast lots for them, and
the lot fell to Matthias, so he was
added to the eleven apostles.

2

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

1 When the day of Pentecost came,
they were all *in the same place
with one accord.
2 Suddenly a sound like a mighty
rushing wind came from heaven,
and it filled the whole house where
they were sitting.
3 Divided tongues that looked like
fire appeared to them and rested
on each one of them.
4 Then they were all filled with the
Holy Spirit and began speaking in
other tongues as the Spirit enabled
them.
5 Now there were devout Jews
from every nation under heaven
dwelling in Jerusalem.
6 When this sound occurred, the
multitude came together, and they
were bewildered because each one
of them heard his own language
being spoken.
7 They †were astonished and
amazed, saying ‡to one another,
“Behold, are not all these who are
speaking Galileans?
8 How then do we each hear
them in our own native languages?
9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites;
those who dwell in Mesopotamia,
Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and
Asia,
10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt
and the districts of Libya that are
near Cyrene; visitors from Rome
(both Jews and converts to
Judaism),
11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear
them speaking about the mighty
acts of God in our own tongues.”
12 And they were all amazed and
greatly perplexed, saying to one
another, “What §could this mean?”
13 But others scoffed at the
believers, saying, “They are filled
with new wine.”

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

14 Then Peter stood up with the
eleven, lifted up his voice, and
declared to them, “Men of Judea
and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let
this be known to you, and give ear
to my words.
15 These men are not drunk, as you
suppose, for it is only the third
hour of the day.

§ **1:23** *Barsabbas* ¦ Barsabas HF PCK RP TR * **1:25** *receive the share of* ¦ take the place in CT
* **2:1** *in the same place with one accord* 94.1% ¦ together in the same place CT 2.3% † **2:7** *were* ¦
were all ANT RP TH TR ‡ **2:7** *to one another* 94.2% ¦ — CT 2.7% § **2:12** *could* ¦ does CT

16 But this is what was spoken
through the prophet Joel:

17 ‘In the last days, says God,
I will pour out my Spirit upon all
flesh.
Your sons and your daughters will
prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream
dreams.
18 Even upon my male and female
servants
I will pour out my Spirit in those
days, and they will prophesy.
19 I will perform wonders in the
heavens above
and signs on the earth below:
blood, fire, and mist of smoke.
20 The sun will be turned to
darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and
glorious day of the Lord.
21 And everyone who calls upon the
name of the Lord will be
saved.’

22 “Men of Israel, listen to these
words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man
attested to you by God with
miracles, wonders, and signs that
God did through him in your midst,
just as you yourselves well know,
23 this man, who was delivered
up by the deliberate plan and
foreknowledge of God, you *took
and put to death, having him nailed
to the cross by the hands of lawless
men.
24 But God raised him up,
releasing him from the pangs of
death, because it was impossible
for death to keep its hold on 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;
moreover, my flesh will dwell in
hope.
27 For you will not abandon my soul
to Hades,
nor will you let your Holy One see
corruption.
28 You have made known to me the
paths of life;
you will fill me with joy by your
presence.’

29 “Brothers, I can say to you with
confidence concerning our
patriarch David that he died and
was buried, and his tomb is with us
to this day.
30 So then, because he was a
prophet and knew that God had
sworn an oath to him that †from
among his descendants, according
to the flesh, he would raise up the
Christ to sit on his throne,
31 David foresaw what would
happen and spoke about the
resurrection of the Christ, saying
that ‡his soul was not abandoned to
Hades and that his flesh did not see
corruption.
32 This Jesus God has raised up, of
which we are all witnesses.
33 Therefore, having been exalted
to the right hand of God and having
received from the Father the
promise of the Holy Spirit, he has
poured out this that you §now *see
and hear.
34 For David did not ascend to
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 with certainty that God
has made him both Lord and Christ,
this Jesus whom you crucified.”

* **2:23** *took and* 95.1% ¦ — CT 2.7% † **2:30** *from among his descendants, according to the flesh, he would raise up the Christ to sit* 81.2% ¦ he would seat one of his descendants CT 2.4% ‡ **2:31** *his soul* 89.3% ¦ he CT 1.6% § **2:33** *now* ¦ — CT * **2:33** *see* ¦ both see WH

37 When they heard this, they
were pierced to the heart and said
to Peter and the rest of the apostles,
“Brothers, what should we do?”
38 Peter said to them, “Repent
and be baptized, each one of you,
in the name of Jesus Christ for the
remission of †sins, and you will
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
39 For this promise is for you, for
your children, and for all who are
far off, as many as the Lord our
God calls to himself.”
40 With many other words he
testified and exhorted them, saying,
“Be saved from this crooked
generation.”
41 Then those who ‡gladly
received his word were baptized,
and about three thousand souls
were added on that day.
42 And they devoted themselves
to the teaching of the apostles and
to fellowship, to the breaking of
bread and to prayer.

Life Among the Believers

43 A sense of awe came upon every
soul, and many wonders and signs
were being done by the apostles.
44 All who believed were together
and had all things in common.
45 They were selling their
possessions and belongings, and
distributing the proceeds to all, as
anyone had need.
46 Day by day as they continued
meeting together with one accord
in the temple courts and breaking
bread from house to house, they
shared food together with gladness
and simplicity of heart,
47 praising God and enjoying the
favor of all the people. And the
Lord added to §the church daily
those who were being saved.

3

Peter Heals a Lame Man

1 One day Peter and John were
going up together to the temple at
the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.
2 And a man who was lame from
his mother's womb was being
carried in. Every day people would
lay him at the gate of the temple
called the Beautiful Gate so that he
could ask for alms from those who
were entering the temple courts.
3 When he saw Peter and John
about to enter the temple courts, he
began asking them *for alms.
4 But Peter, along with John, looked
at him intently and said, “Look at
us.”
5 So the man gave them his
attention, expecting to receive
something from them.
6 But Peter said, “I have no silver or
gold, but what I do have I give to
you. In the name of Jesus Christ of
Nazareth, †rise up and walk.”
7 Then Peter took hold of him by
the right hand and raised him up,
and at once his feet and ankles
were made strong.
8 Leaping up, he stood and began
walking. Then he entered the
temple courts with them, walking
and leaping and praising God.
9 When all the people saw him
walking and praising God,
10 they recognized him as the man
who used to sit at the Beautiful
Gate of the temple asking for alms.
And they were filled with wonder
and amazement at what had
happened to him.

Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico

11 As ‡the lame man who had been
healed clung to Peter and John, all
the people ran together to them at
the portico called Solomon's, utterly
astonished.

† **2:38** *sins* 94.8% ¦ your sins CT 1.8% ‡ **2:41** *gladly* ¦ — CT § **2:47** *the church daily those who were being saved. One day Peter and John were going up together* 86.6% ¦ their number those who were being saved. One day Peter and John were going up CT 2.4% * **3:3** *for* ¦ to receive CT ST † **3:6** *rise up and* ¦ — SBL WH ‡ **3:11** *the lame man who had been healed* 78.6% ¦ he CT 4.7%

12 When Peter saw this, he
addressed the people: “Men of
Israel, why are you amazed at this,
or why are you staring at us as
though by our own power or
godliness we have made this man
walk?
13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob—the God of our fathers—has
glorified his servant Jesus, whom
you delivered up and denied in the
presence of Pilate, even though
Pilate had decided to release him.
14 Yes, you denied the Holy and
Righteous One and asked for a
murderer to be granted to you.
15 You put to death the Author of
life, whom God raised from the
dead, of which we are witnesses.
16 By faith in his name, his name
has given strength to this man
whom you see and know, and the
faith that is through Jesus has given
him this perfect health in the
presence of you all.

17 “Now, brothers, I know that
you acted in ignorance, as did your
rulers also.
18 But in this way God fulfilled
what he had foretold through the
mouths of all §his prophets, that
the Christ would suffer.
19 Therefore repent and turn
back so that your sins may be
wiped away, that times of
refreshing may come from the
presence of the Lord,
20 and that he may send *Jesus,
the Christ who has been appointed
for you.
21 Heaven must receive him until
the time comes for the restoration
of all things, which God declared by
the mouths of †all his holy prophets
long ago.
22 ‡For Moses said to our fathers,
‘The Lord §your God will raise up
for you a prophet like me from
among your brothers. You must
listen to everything he tells you.
23 Every soul who does not listen
to that prophet will be utterly
destroyed from among the people.’
24 Indeed, all the prophets who
have spoken, beginning with
Samuel and continuing with those
who came afterward, also
*proclaimed these days.
25 You are the sons of the
prophets and of the covenant that
God made with †our fathers when
he said to Abraham, ‘In your
offspring all the families of the
earth will be blessed.’
26 God raised up his servant
‡Jesus and sent him first to you, to
bless you by turning each of you
from your evil ways.”

4

Peter and John Brought Before the Council

1 As Peter and John were speaking
to the people, the *priests, the
captain of the temple guard, and
the Sadducees came to them,
2 greatly annoyed because they
were teaching the people and
proclaiming in Jesus the
resurrection from the dead.
3 So they arrested them and took
them into custody until the next
day, for it was already evening.
4 But many who heard the word
believed, and the number of men
who believed came to about five
thousand.
5 On the next day, the rulers,
elders, and scribes were gathered
together in †Jerusalem,
6 along with Annas the high
priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander,

§ **3:18** *his prophets, that the* ¦ the prophets, that his CT * **3:20** *Jesus, the Christ who has been appointed for you* ¦ Jesus Christ, who was proclaimed to you before TR † **3:21** *all* ¦ — CT ‡ **3:22** *For Moses said to our fathers* 80.3% ¦ Moses said to our fathers MSS 5.6% ¦ Moses said CT 4% § **3:22** *your* ¦ our HF PCK RP ¦ — SBL WH * **3:24** *proclaimed* ¦ foretold PCK TR † **3:25** *our* ¦ your CT ‡ **3:26** *Jesus* ¦ — CT * **4:1** *priests* ¦ chief priests WH † **4:5** *Jerusalem, along with Annas the high priest,* ¦ Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was also there, along with CT

and all who were members of the high-priestly family.
7 After making Peter and John stand before them, they began to question them: “By what power or by what name did you do this?”
8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders ‡of Israel,
9 if we are being examined today about a good deed done to a disabled man and by what means he has been healed,
10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom God raised from the dead.
11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.
12 There is salvation in no other, for there is no other §name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
13 When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and when they realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus.
14 But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, they had nothing to say in opposition.
15 So they ordered Peter and John to step out from the Sanhedrin while they conferred with one another,
16 saying, “What should we do with these men? For it is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them, and we cannot deny it.
17 But so that it may not spread any further among the people, *we will †strictly warn them to speak no more in this name to ‡any of the people.”
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, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge.
20 For we cannot help but speak about what we have seen and heard.”
21 So after threatening Peter and John further, they released them, finding no way to punish them, because all the people were glorifying God for what had happened.
22 For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more than forty years old.

The Believers Pray for Boldness

23 After being released, Peter and John went to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.
24 When they heard this, they lifted up their voices with one accord to God and said, “Master, you §are God, who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them.
25 It is you *who said through the mouth of your servant David,

‘Why do the nations rage,
and the peoples plot foolish things?
26 The kings of the earth stand up,
and the rulers are gathered
together,
against the Lord and against his
Anointed.’

27 For †indeed both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the

‡ **4:8** *of Israel* 96.9% ¦ — CT 1.8% § **4:12** *name* ¦ name under heaven ANT CT HF PCK TR * **4:17** *we will* ¦ let us ANT CT HF PCK TR † **4:17** *strictly* ¦ — CT ‡ **4:17** *any of the people* ¦ anyone PCK § **4:24** *are God, who … them. It* ¦ who … them, it ANT CT * **4:25** *who said through the mouth of your servant David,* 88.5% ¦ who, by the Holy Spirit, said through the mouth of our father David, your servant, CT 5.2% † **4:27** *indeed* ¦ indeed in this city CT

Gentiles and the people of Israel,
were gathered together against
your holy servant Jesus, whom you
anointed,
28 to do whatever your hand and
your plan had foreordained to take
place.
29 And now, Lord, take note of their
threats and grant it to your
servants to speak your word with
all boldness,
30 as you stretch out your hand to
heal and to perform signs and
wonders through the name of your
holy servant Jesus."
31 After they prayed, the place
where they were gathered together
was shaken, and they were all filled
with the Holy Spirit and began
speaking the word of God with
boldness.

The Believers Share Their Belongings

32 Now the hearts and souls of the
multitude of believers were one,
and no one was saying that any of
‡their belongings was his own, but
everything they owned was held in
common.
33 With great power the apostles
were giving testimony to the
resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and
great grace was upon them all.
34 There was no one needy among
them, for all who owned plots of
land or houses sold them and
brought the proceeds of what was
sold.
35 They laid the money at the feet of
the apostles, and the proceeds were
distributed to anyone who had
need.
36 §Joses, whom the apostles called
Barnabas (which means "Son of
Encouragement"), a Levite and
Cypriot by birth,
37 also sold a field he owned and
then brought the money and laid it
at the apostles' feet.

5

Ananias and Sapphira

1 Now a man named Ananias, along
with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece
of property
2 and kept back some of the
proceeds, with his wife also being
aware of it. He brought a portion of
the proceeds 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 some of
the proceeds of the plot of land?
4 While it remained unsold, did it
not remain yours? And once it was
sold, was it not under your control?
How is it that you have put this
thing in your heart? You have not
lied to men but to God."
5 When Ananias heard these words,
he fell down and breathed his last
breath. And great fear came upon
all who heard about it.
6 Then the young men rose,
wrapped up his body, carried him
out, and buried him.
7 About three hours later, his wife
came in, not knowing what had
happened.
8 Peter said to her, "Tell me if you
sold the plot of land for such and
such a price." She said, "Yes, for
such a price."
9 Peter said to her, "Why is it that
you have agreed to put the Spirit of
the Lord to the test? Behold, the
feet of those who buried your
husband are at the door, and they
will carry you out."
10 At once she fell down at his feet
and breathed her last breath. When
the young men came in, they found
her dead, so they carried her out
and buried her beside her husband.
11 And great fear came upon the
whole church and upon all who
heard these things.

The Apostles Perform Signs and Wonders

12 Now many signs and wonders
were taking place among the people
by the hands of the apostles, and all

‡ **4:32** *their* ¦ his ANT CT PCK TR § **4:36** *Joses* ¦ Joseph CT

the believers were together with
one accord in Solomon's portico.
13 No one else dared to join them,
but the people held them in high
regard.
14 Yet more and more people
believed in the Lord and were
added to their number, a multitude
of both men and women.
15 As a result, people *carried the
sick out into the streets and laid
them on beds and mats, so that
when Peter came by at least his
shadow might fall on one of them.
16 A multitude from the towns all
around Jerusalem also gathered
together, bringing the sick and
those harassed by unclean spirits,
and they were all healed.

An Angel Frees the Apostles from Prison

17 Then the high priest rose up,
along with all who were with him
(that is, the sect of the Sadducees),
and they were filled with jealousy.
18 So they arrested the apostles and
put them in a public jail.
19 But during the night an angel of
the Lord opened the doors of the
prison, brought them out, and said,
20 "Go stand in the temple courts
and tell the people everything
about this new life."
21 When they heard this, they
entered the temple courts at dawn
and began teaching.

When the high priest came, along with those who were with him, they called together the Sanhedrin—that is, the entire eldership of the people of Israel—and sent officers to the prison to have the apostles brought before them.

22 But when the officers arrived,
they did not find them in the
prison. So they returned and
reported,
23 "We found the prison locked
up in complete security and the
guards †standing ‡in front of the
doors, but when we opened the
doors, we found no one inside."
24 When the §high priest, the
captain of the temple guard, and
the chief priests heard this report,
they were greatly perplexed by it,
wondering what might come of this.
25 Then someone came and told
them, "Behold, the men you put in
prison are standing in the temple
courts teaching the people!"
26 So the captain went with the
officers and brought the apostles
without the use of force, for they
were afraid the people might stone
them.
27 After bringing the apostles in,
they had them stand before the
Sanhedrin, and the high priest
*asked them,
28 "Did we not strictly command
you not to teach in this name? Yet
behold, you have filled Jerusalem
with your teaching, and you are
determined to bring the blood of
this man upon us."
29 But Peter and the apostles
answered, "We must obey God
rather than men.
30 The God of our fathers raised
up Jesus, whom you murdered by
hanging him on a cross.
31 God exalted him to his right
hand as Leader and Savior to grant
repentance to Israel and remission
of sins.
32 †Concerning these things we
are his witnesses, and so is the Holy
Spirit, whom God has given to
those who obey him."
33 When they heard this, they
were furious and resolved to put
them to death,

* **5:15** *carried* ¦ even carried CT † **5:23** *standing* ¦ standing outside TR ‡ **5:23** *in front of* ¦ at CT
§ **5:24** *high priest, the captain of the temple guard,* 81.7% ¦ captain of the temple guard CT 8.1%
* **5:27** *asked them, "Did we not strictly command … name?* ¦ questioned them, saying, "We strictly commanded … name. SBL TH WH † **5:32** *Concerning these things we are his witnesses* ¦ We are witnesses of these things CT

34 but a Pharisee named
Gamaliel, a teacher of the law who
was held in honor by all the people,
stood up in the Sanhedrin and gave
orders to put the ‡apostles outside
for a little while.
35 Then he said to the Sanhedrin,
“Men of Israel, give careful
consideration to what you are
about to do to these men.
36 For before these days Theudas
rose up, declaring himself to be
somebody, and a number of men,
about four hundred, §responded to
the call to join him. He was put to
death, and all his followers were
scattered and came to nothing.
37 After this man, Judas the
Galilean rose up in the days of the
census and drew away *many
people after him. He also perished,
and all his followers were scattered.
38 So I say to you now, keep away
from these men and leave them
alone, for if this plan or this
undertaking is of men, it will be
stopped;
39 but if it is of God, you †cannot
put a stop to ‡it. You will only find
yourselves fighting against God.”
40 They were persuaded by him,
and after calling in the apostles,
they beat them, commanded them
not to speak in the name of Jesus,
and released them.
41 So the apostles went out from
the presence of the Sanhedrin,
rejoicing that they had been
considered worthy to suffer
dishonor for §the Name.
42 And every day, in the temple
courts and from house to house,
they did not cease teaching and
preaching the good news that Jesus
is the Christ.

6

Seven Chosen to Serve

1 In those days, as the disciples
increased in number, a complaint
arose against the Hebrews on the
part of the Hellenists that their
widows were being overlooked in
the daily distribution of food.
2 So the twelve called the multitude
of the disciples together and said,
“It is not proper for us to neglect
the word of God to wait on tables.
3 *Therefore, brothers, look for
seven men among you who have a
good reputation and are full of the
†Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we
will appoint for this need.
4 But we will devote ourselves to
prayer and to the ministry of the
word.”
5 This proposal pleased the whole
multitude, so they chose Stephen, a
man full of faith and the Holy
Spirit, together with Philip,
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon,
Parmenas, and Nicolaus, an
Antiochean convert to Judaism.
6 They set these men before the
apostles, who then prayed and laid
their hands on them.
7 So the word of God continued to
increase, and the number of
disciples continued to multiply
greatly in Jerusalem, and a large
number of priests became obedient
to the faith.

The Arrest of Stephen

8 Now Stephen, a man full of ‡faith
and power, was performing great
wonders and signs among the
people.
9 But some men from the synagogue
of the Freedmen (as it was called),
along with some of the Cyrenians
and Alexandrians, and some men
from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and
began to argue with Stephen.
10 But they were not able to resist
the wisdom and the Spirit with
which he was speaking.

‡ **5:34** *apostles* 98.3% ¦ men CT 1.1% § **5:36** *responded to the call to join* ¦ joined themselves to ANT CT PCK TR * **5:37** *many* ¦ some of the CT † **5:39** *cannot* ¦ will not be able to CT PCK ‡ **5:39** *it* ¦ them CT § **5:41** *the Name* ¦ his name ANT TR ¦ the name of the Christ PCK ¦ the name of Jesus HF RP * **6:3** *Therefore* ¦ Now then NA SBL WH † **6:3** *Holy* ¦ — CT ‡ **6:8** *faith* 78.4% ¦ grace CT 19.8%

11 Then they induced some men to
say, “We heard Stephen speaking
blasphemous words against Moses
and against God.”
12 They also stirred up the people,
the elders, and the scribes. So they
came up to Stephen, seized him,
and brought him to the Sanhedrin.
13 Then they put forward false
witnesses who said, “This man does
not stop speaking §blasphemous
words against *the holy place and
against the law.
14 For we heard him saying that this
Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this
place and change the customs that
Moses handed down to us.”
15 And all who were sitting in the
Sanhedrin stared at Stephen
intently and saw that his face was
like the face of an angel.

7

Stephen's Speech to the Council

1 Then the high priest said, “Are
these accusations true?”
2 Stephen said, “Brothers and
fathers, listen. The God of glory
appeared to our father Abraham
when he was in Mesopotamia,
before he dwelt in Haran,
3 and said to him, ‘Leave your land
and your relatives, and go to *a
land I will show you.’
4 Then he left the land of the
Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran.
After his father died, God relocated
him to this land in which you now
dwell.
5 He gave him no inheritance in it,
not even the length of a footstep,
but promised to give it to him for a
possession, and to his descendants
after him, even though he had no
child.
6 God told him that his descendants
would be sojourners in a foreign
land, and that the people of that
land would enslave them and
mistreat them for four hundred
years.
7 ‘But I will judge the nation whom
they serve as slaves,’ God said, ‘and
afterward they will come out of
that country and serve me in this
place.’
8 Then he gave Abraham the
covenant of circumcision, and
Abraham became the father of
Isaac and circumcised him on the
eighth day. Later Isaac became the
father of Jacob, and Jacob became
the father of the twelve patriarchs.

9 “The patriarchs became jealous
of Joseph and sold him into Egypt.
But God was with him
10 and delivered him out of all his
afflictions. He gave Joseph favor
and wisdom before Pharaoh, king
of Egypt, so Pharaoh appointed him
as ruler over Egypt and over all his
household.
11 Then a famine came upon all
†the land of Egypt and Canaan,
along with great suffering, and our
fathers could find no food.
12 But when Jacob heard that
there was grain in Egypt, he sent
our fathers out the first time.
13 On their second visit, Joseph
made himself known to his
brothers ‡again, and Joseph's family
became known to Pharaoh.
14 Then Joseph sent and called for
his father Jacob and all his
relatives, seventy-five people in all.
15 So Jacob went down to Egypt,
and there he died, he and our
fathers.
16 Later their bodies were moved
to Shechem and laid in the tomb
that Abraham had bought for a
sum of money from the sons of
§Hamor, the father of Shechem.

17 “As the time drew near for God
to fulfill the promise he had *sworn
to Abraham, our people increased
and multiplied in Egypt

§ **6:13** *blasphemous* ¦ — CT * **6:13** *the* ¦ this NA TR WH * **7:3** *a* ¦ the CT † **7:11** *the land of* 90.2% ¦ — CT 3.9% ‡ **7:13** *again* ¦ — WH § **7:16** *Hamor, the father of* ¦ Hamor in CT * **7:17** *sworn* 96.3% ¦ made CT 2.2% † **7:18** *king* ¦ king over Egypt CT

18 until there arose another †king
who did not know Joseph.
19 This king dealt shrewdly with
our people and mistreated our
fathers, making them abandon
their newborn babies so that they
would not survive.
20 At that time Moses was born,
and he was beautiful in God's sight.
For three months he was brought
up in his father's house,
21 and when he was abandoned,
Pharaoh's daughter took him in and
brought him up as her own son.
22 So Moses was trained in all the
wisdom of the Egyptians, and he
was mighty in ‡words and deeds.

23 "When Moses reached forty
years of age, it came into his heart
to visit his brothers, the sons of
Israel.
24 When he saw one of them
being wronged, he came to the aid
of the man who was being
oppressed and avenged him by
striking down the Egyptian who
was oppressing him.
25 Moses assumed that his
brothers would understand that
God was granting them deliverance
by his hand, but they did not
understand.
26 The next day Moses came upon
two Israelites who were fighting
and §urged them to make peace,
saying, 'Men, you are brothers; why
are you hurting each other?'
27 But the one who was hurting
his neighbor thrust Moses aside
and said, 'Who appointed you to be
a ruler and judge over us?
28 Do you want to kill me as you
killed that Egyptian yesterday?'
29 At this remark Moses fled and
became a sojourner in the land of
Midian, where he became the
father of two sons.
30 "After forty years had passed,
an angel *of the Lord appeared to
him in the wilderness of Mount
Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush.
31 When Moses saw it, he was
amazed at the sight. As he drew
near to look at it, the voice of the
Lord came †to him:
32 'I am the God of your fathers,
the God of ‡Abraham, the God of
Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' Moses
began to tremble and did not dare
to look.
33 Then the Lord said to him,
'Remove the sandals from your
feet, for the place where you are
standing is holy ground.
34 I have surely seen the
mistreatment of my people in
Egypt. I have heard their groaning
and have come down to deliver
them. Now come, I will send you to
Egypt.'
35 "This is the same Moses they
had rejected, saying, 'Who
appointed you to be a ruler and
judge?' He is the one God sent as §a
ruler and redeemer by the hand of
the angel who appeared to him in
the bush.
36 He is the one who 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 same Moses who
said to the sons of Israel, '†The Lord
your God will raise up for you a
prophet like me from among your
‡brothers.'
38 This is the man who was with
our fathers in the assembly in the
wilderness when the angel spoke to
him on Mount Sinai. He received
§living oracles to give to *us.
39 Our fathers were unwilling to
obey him. Instead, they thrust him
aside, and in their hearts they

‡ **7:22** *words* ¦ his words CT § **7:26** *urged them to make* ¦ tried to reconcile them in CT * **7:30** *of the Lord* ¦ — CT † **7:31** *to him* ¦ — CT ‡ **7:32** *Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of* ¦ Abraham, Isaac, and CT § **7:35** *a* ¦ both NA SBL WH * **7:36** *the land of* ¦ — WH † **7:37** *The Lord your* ¦ The Lord our HF PCK RP ¦ — CT ‡ **7:37** *brothers.* ¦ brothers; you must listen to him. ANT TR § **7:38** *living oracles* ¦ a living word RP * **7:38** *us* ¦ you WH

turned back to Egypt,
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 an
idol in the form of a calf, brought a
sacrifice to the idol, and rejoiced at
the works of their hands.
42 But God turned away from
them and gave them up to serve
the host of heaven, just as it is
written in the book of the prophets:

'Was it to me that you offered slain
beasts and sacrifices
for forty years in the wilderness, O
house of Israel?
43 No! You took up the tabernacle of
Molech
and the star of †your god
‡Remphan,
the images you made so that you
could worship them,
so I will send you into exile beyond
Babylon.'

44 "§Our fathers had the
tabernacle of the testimony in the
wilderness, just as God had
directed when he spoke to Moses
and told him to make it according
to the pattern he had seen.
45 Receiving it in turn, our fathers
brought it in with Joshua when
they dispossessed the nations
whom God drove out from their
presence. It remained there until
the days of David,
46 who found favor before God
and asked if he could provide a
dwelling place for the *God of
Jacob.
47 But it was Solomon who built a
house for him.
48 Yet the Most High does not
dwell in †temples made by human
hands, just as the prophet says,

49 'Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.
What house will you build for me,
says the Lord,
or what place is there for my rest?
50 Has not my hand made all these
things?'

51 "You stiff-necked people,
uncircumcised in ‡heart and ears,
you always resist the Holy Spirit!
As your fathers did, so you do also.
52 Which of the prophets did your
fathers not persecute? They even
killed those who foretold the
coming of the Righteous One,
whose betrayers and murderers
you have now become,
53 you who received the law as
ordained by angels yet have not
kept it."

The Stoning of Stephen

54 When the members of the
Sanhedrin heard these things, they
were enraged and began gnashing
their teeth at him.
55 But Stephen, full of the Holy
Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw
the glory of God and Jesus standing
at the right hand of God.
56 He said, "Behold, I see the
heavens opened and the Son of
Man standing at the right hand of
God."
57 But they cried out with a loud
voice, stopped their ears, and
rushed at him with one accord.
58 Then they drove him out of the
city and began stoning him.
Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their
cloaks at the feet of a young man
named Saul.

† **7:43** *your* ¦ the SBL WH ‡ **7:43** *Remphan* ¦ Rephan TH TR ¦ Rephphan PCK ¦ Raiphan NA SBL ¦ Rompha WH § **7:44** *Our fathers had the tabernacle of the testimony* ¦ The tabernacle of the testimony was with our fathers ST * **7:46** *God* ¦ house NA † **7:48** *temples* ¦ houses CT {Note: The reading of CT is literally *things*. For the sake of clarity, however, most English translations of CT render the Greek as *houses*.} ‡ **7:51** *heart* ¦ your hearts TH

59 They continued stoning Stephen
while he prayed, “Lord Jesus,
receive my spirit!”
60 Then he fell to his knees and
cried out with a loud voice, “Lord,
do not hold this sin against them!”
After saying this, he fell asleep.

8

1 And Saul approved of his
execution.

Saul Persecutes the Church

On that day a great persecution
arose against the church in
Jerusalem, and all the believers
except the apostles were scattered
throughout the regions of Judea
and Samaria.
2 Devout men carried Stephen away
for burial and made great
lamentation over him.
3 But Saul was ravaging the church.
Entering house after house, he
dragged off both men and women
and put them in prison.

Philip Preaches the Good News in Samaria

4 Now those who had been
scattered went around preaching
the message of good news.
5 Philip went down to *a city of
Samaria and began proclaiming to
them the Christ.
6 With one accord the crowds paid
close attention to what Philip said
as they listened to him and saw the
signs he was performing.
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 And there was great joy in that
city.

Simon the Magician

9 Now a man named Simon had
previously practiced magic in the
city and amazed the people of
Samaria, declaring himself to be
someone great.
10 From the least to the greatest,
†they paid close attention to him,
saying, “This man is the ‡great
power of God.”
11 They all paid close attention to
him because he had amazed them
with his magical arts for a long
time.
12 But when they believed Philip as
he preached good news about the
kingdom of God and the name of
Jesus Christ, they were baptized,
both men and women.
13 Even Simon himself believed.
After he was baptized, he kept close
company with Philip and was
amazed as he saw §miracles and
signs taking place.

14 When the apostles in Jerusalem
heard that Samaria had received
the word of God, they sent them
Peter and John.

15 These two went down and
prayed for the Samaritan believers
to receive the Holy Spirit,

16 for the Spirit had not yet fallen
upon any of them; they had only
been baptized in the name of
*Christ Jesus.

17 Then Peter and John laid their
hands on the Samaritan believers,
and they received the Holy Spirit.

18 When Simon saw that the
†Holy Spirit was given through the
laying on of the apostles' hands, he
offered them money,

19 saying, “Give this power to me
as well, so that whomever I lay my
hands on may receive the Holy
Spirit.”

20 But Peter said to him, “May
your silver be destroyed with you,
because you thought you could
acquire the gift of God with money!

21 You have no share or portion
in this matter, for your heart is not
right before God.

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* **8:5** *a* ¦ the NA SBL WH † **8:10** *they* ¦ they all ANT CT TR ‡ **8:10** *great power of God* 90.4% ¦ power of God that is called Great CT 6.6% § **8:13** *miracles and signs* ¦ signs and great miracles CT ST * **8:16** *Christ* ¦ the Lord ANT CT TR † **8:18** *Holy* 98.9% ¦ — NA SBL WH 0.4%

22 Therefore repent of this
wickedness of yoʋrs, and plead
with ‡God in the hope that the
intention of yoʋr heart might be
forgiven yoʋ.
23 For I see that yoʋ are bitterly
envious and in bondage to
unrighteousness."
24 In response Simon said, "Pray
to §the Lord for me so that nothing
you have said will happen to me."
25 After Peter and John had
testified and spoken the word of
the Lord, they returned to
Jerusalem, preaching the good
news in many villages of the
Samaritans as they went.

Philip Baptizes the Ethiopian Eunuch

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to
Philip, "Rise and go toward the
south, to the road that goes from
Jerusalem down to Gaza." (This is a
desert road.)
27 So he rose and went. And behold,
there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a
court official in charge of the entire
treasury of Candace, the queen of
the Ethiopians. This man had come
to Jerusalem to worship
28 and was sitting in his chariot on
his way back home, reading the
prophet Isaiah.
29 The Spirit said to Philip, "Go over
and join that chariot."
30 So Philip ran up to it and heard
the man reading the prophet
Isaiah. He said, "Do yoʋ
understand what yoʋ are reading?"
31 The man said, "How can I, unless
someone guides me?" So he invited
Philip to come up and sit with him.
32 This is the passage of Scripture
that he was reading:

"Like a sheep he was led to
slaughter.
And as a lamb is silent before its
shearer,
so he did not open his mouth.
33 In *his humiliation he was
denied justice.
Who will tell of his posterity?
For his life was taken from the
earth."

34 The eunuch said to Philip, "I ask
yoʋ, who does the prophet say this
about? About himself or about
someone else?"
35 Then Philip opened his mouth to
speak, and beginning from this
Scripture, he told him the good
news about Jesus.
36 As they were going along the
road, they came to some water, and
the eunuch said, "Behold, here is
water! What prevents me from
being †baptized?"
38 So he ordered the chariot to stop,
and the two of them went down
into the water, both Philip and the
eunuch, and Philip baptized him.
39 When they came up out of the
water, the Spirit of the Lord caught
Philip away, and the eunuch saw
him no more, but went on his way
rejoicing.
40 Philip, however, found himself at
Azotus, and as he passed through
that region, he preached the gospel
in all the towns until he came to
Caesarea.

9

The Conversion of Saul

1 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing
out threats and murder against the
disciples of the Lord, went to the
high priest
2 and asked for letters from him to
the synagogues in Damascus, so
that if he found any who belonged
to the Way, whether men or

‡ **8:22** *God* ¦ the Lord CT § **8:24** *the Lord* ¦ God ANT * **8:33** *his* ¦ — SBL TH WH † **8:36** *baptized?"* 86.5% ¦ baptized?"
37 He said to him, "If yoʋ believe with all yoʋr heart, yoʋ may be baptized." He answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ

women, he might bring them to
Jerusalem as prisoners.
3 As he was going along, he drew
near to Damascus, and suddenly a
light from heaven flashed around
him.
4 Falling to the ground, he heard a
voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul,
why are you persecuting me?"
5 Saul said, "Who are you, Lord?"
*The Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom
you are †persecuting.
6 But rise and enter the city, and
you will be told what you must do."
7 The men who were traveling with
Saul stood speechless, hearing the
voice but seeing no one.
8 Saul rose from the ground, and
although his eyes were open, he
saw ‡no one. So they led him by the
hand and brought him to
Damascus.
9 He went three days without
seeing, and neither ate nor drank.
10 Now there was a disciple in
Damascus named Ananias. The
Lord said to him in a vision,
"Ananias." He said, "Behold, here I
am, Lord."
11 Then the Lord said to him, "Get
up and go to the street called
Straight, and at the house of Judas
look for a man of Tarsus named
Saul. For behold, he is praying,
12 and §in a vision he has seen a
man named Ananias coming in and
laying his *hand on him so that he
might receive his sight."
13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I
have heard from many about how
much evil this man has done to
your saints in Jerusalem.
14 And here he has authority
from the chief priests to arrest all
who call upon your name."
15 But the Lord said to him, "Go,
for he is a vessel chosen by me to
bring my name before Gentiles,
kings, and the sons of Israel.
16 I will show him how much he
must suffer for my name's sake."
17 So Ananias went and entered
the house. Laying his hands on
Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the
†Lord, who appeared to you on the
road by which you came, has sent
me so that you may receive your
sight and be filled with the Holy
Spirit."
18 Immediately something like
scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he
‡received his sight. Then he rose
and was baptized,
19 and after taking some food, he
was strengthened.

Saul Preaches Christ in Damascus

For several days Saul was with the
disciples in Damascus.
20 Immediately he began preaching
in the synagogues that §the Christ
is the Son of God.
21 All who heard it were amazed
and said, "Is this not the man who
in Jerusalem tried to destroy those
who call upon this name, and has
he not come here for the purpose
of bringing them as prisoners to the
chief priests?"
22 But Saul grew stronger and kept
confounding the Jews who dwelt in
Damascus, proving that this man
Jesus is the Christ.

Saul Escapes Death

23 When many days had past, the
Jews took counsel together to kill
him,
24 but their plot became known to
Saul. They started watching the
gates both day and night so that
they might kill him.
25 But *the disciples took him by
night and let him down through a

* **9:5** *The Lord* ¦ He CT † **9:5** *persecuting.* 6 But rise ¦ persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." 6 Trembling and astonished, Saul said, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" The Lord said to him, "Rise TR ‡ **9:8** *no one* ¦ nothing SBL TH WH § **9:12** *in a vision* ¦ — NA * **9:12** *hand* ¦ hands CT † **9:17** *Lord* ¦ Lord Jesus ANT CT TR ‡ **9:18** *received* ¦ immediately received PCK TR § **9:20** *the Christ* ¦ Jesus ANT CT PCK * **9:25** *the* 86.6% ¦ his CT 2.1%

window in the city wall, lowering
him in a basket.

Saul in Jerusalem

26 When Saul arrived in Jerusalem,
he tried to join the disciples, but
they were all afraid of him because
they did not believe that he was a
disciple.
27 Barnabas, however, took him and
brought him to the apostles. He
related to them how Saul had seen
the Lord on the road and that the
Lord had spoken to him, and how
he had been preaching boldly in
Damascus in the name of †Jesus.
28 So Saul stayed with them and
would go ‡into Jerusalem and speak
boldly in the name of §the Lord
Jesus.
29 He would also speak and debate
with the Hellenists, but they were
trying to kill him.
30 When the brothers found out
about it, they brought him down to
Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.
31 So the *churches throughout
all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had
peace and were being
strengthened. Continuing in the
fear of the Lord and in the
encouragement of the Holy Spirit,
they were being multiplied.

Peter Heals Aeneas

32 Now as Peter was traveling from
place to place, he went down to the
saints who dwelt in Lydda.
33 There he found a man named
Aeneas, who was paralyzed and
had been confined to a mat for
eight years.
34 Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus
Christ has now healed you; rise and
roll up your mat.” Immediately he
rose,
35 and all who dwelt in Lydda and
Sharon saw him and turned to the
Lord.

Peter Raises Dorcas

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple
named Tabitha (which means
“Dorcas”). She was always doing
good works and charitable acts.
37 In those days she became sick
and died, so they washed her body
and laid it in †an upper room.
38 Lydda was near Joppa, so when
the disciples heard that Peter was
there, they sent ‡for him, urging
§him not to delay in coming to
them.
39 So Peter rose and went with
them. When he arrived, they
brought him to the upper room,
and all the widows stood before
him, weeping and showing him all
the tunics and cloaks that Dorcas
had made while she was still with
them.
40 But Peter sent them all outside,
knelt down, and prayed. Turning
toward the body, he said, “Tabitha,
arise.” Then she opened her eyes,
and seeing Peter, she sat up.
41 He gave her his hand and raised
her up. Then he called in the saints
and the widows and presented her
alive.
42 This became known throughout
all Joppa, and many believed in the
Lord.
43 And Peter remained in Joppa for
many days with a tanner named
Simon.

10

Cornelius' Vision

1 Now there was a man in Caesarea
named Cornelius, a centurion of
what was called the Italian cohort.
2 He was a devout man who feared
God along with his entire
household; he gave generously to
those in need and always prayed to
God.
3 About the ninth hour of the day
he saw clearly in a vision an angel
of God, who came in and said to
him, “Cornelius!”

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† **9:27** *Jesus* ¦ the Lord Jesus PCK ‡ **9:28** *into* ¦ in and out of ANT CT PCK TR § **9:28** *the Lord Jesus* ¦ Jesus PCK ¦ the Lord CT * **9:31** *churches … and were … they were* 87.6% ¦ church … and was … it was CT 7.8% † **9:37** *an* ¦ the PCK ‡ **9:38** *for* ¦ two men to ANT CT TR § **9:38** *him not to delay in coming to them.* ¦ him, “Do not delay in coming to us.” CT

4 Staring at him intently, Cornelius
was afraid and said, “What is it,
Lord?” The angel said to him, “Your
prayers and charitable acts have
ascended as a memorial offering
before God.
5 Now send men to Joppa and have
them bring back *Simon, who is
called Peter.
6 He is staying with a tanner named
Simon, whose house is by the †sea.”
7 When the angel who spoke to him
went away, Cornelius called two of
his servants and a devout soldier
from among his attendants.
8 After explaining everything to
them, he sent them to Joppa.

Peter's Vision

9 On the next day, as the men were
traveling along and approaching
the city, Peter went up on the
housetop to pray at about the sixth
hour.
10 He became hungry and wanted
to eat, and as they were preparing
a meal, a trance ‡fell upon him.
11 He saw heaven opened and an
object like a large sheet coming
down §to him. *It was tied at its
four corners and was being
lowered to the earth.
12 In it were all kinds of four-footed
†animals of the earth, as well as
wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of
the sky.
13 Then a voice came to him: “Rise,
Peter, kill and eat.”
14 But Peter said, “Surely not, Lord!
For I have never eaten anything
that is defiled or unclean.”
15 The voice came to him again a
second time: “Do not regard as
defiled what God has made clean.”
16 This happened three times, and
‡then the object was taken up again
into heaven.
17 While Peter was greatly
perplexed, pondering within
himself what the vision he had
seen might mean, behold, the men
sent by Cornelius had asked for
Simon's house and were standing at
the gate.
18 They called out and asked if
Simon, who was called Peter, was
staying there.
19 As Peter continued pondering
the vision, the Spirit said §to him,
“Behold, *some men are looking for
you.
20 Now get up, go downstairs, and
go with them without any
misgivings, for I have sent them.”
21 So Peter went down to the
†men and said, “Behold, I am the
one you are looking for. For what
reason have you come?”
22 They said, “Cornelius, a
centurion, a righteous and
God-fearing man, who is well
spoken of by the entire Jewish
nation, was directed by ‡a holy
angel to send for you to come to his
house so that he could hear a
message from you.”
23 So Peter invited them in and
put them up for the night.

The next day Peter §went with
them, and some of the brothers
from Joppa accompanied him.
24 The following day *they
entered Caesarea. Cornelius was
expecting them and had called
together his relatives and close
friends.

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* **10:5** *Simon* ¦ a man named Simon CT † **10:6** *sea.* ¦ sea. He will tell you what you must do. TR ‡ **10:10** *fell upon* 88.9% ¦ came over CT 10.9% § **10:11** *to him* ¦ — CT * **10:11** *It was tied at its four corners and was being lowered* 88.6% ¦ being lowered by its four corners NA SBL WH 4.2% {Note: The reading of NA, SBL, and WH would require the preceding period to be changed to a comma.} † **10:12** *animals of the earth, as well as wild beasts, reptiles, and* 79.3% ¦ animals, wild beasts, and reptiles of the earth, as well as MSS 6.3% ¦ animals and reptiles of the earth, as well as CT 1.5% ‡ **10:16** *then the object was taken up again* ¦ immediately the object was taken up CT § **10:19** *to him* 99.6% ¦ — WH 0.2% * **10:19** *some* ¦ three ANT NA TH TR ¦ two WH † **10:21** *men* ¦ men who had been sent to him by Cornelius TR ‡ **10:22** *a holy* ¦ an PCK § **10:23** *went* ¦ rose and went ANT CT * **10:24** *they* ¦ he NA SBL WH

25 When Peter entered the house,
Cornelius met him, fell at his feet,
and worshiped him.
26 But Peter raised him up, saying,
“Stand up; I too am just a man.”
27 As Peter talked with him, he
went in and found many people
gathered together.
28 Peter said to them, “You know
that it is forbidden for a Jewish
man to keep company with or
associate with a foreigner, but God
has shown me that I should call no
one defiled or unclean.
29 That is why I came without
objection when I was sent for. I ask
then, what is the reason you have
sent for me?”
30 Cornelius said, “Four days ago I
was †fasting until this hour. At the
ninth hour I was praying in my
house, and behold, a man stood
before me in bright clothing.
31 The man said, ‘Cornelius, your
prayer has been heard, and your
charitable acts have been
remembered before God.
32 Therefore send to Joppa and
ask for Simon, who is called Peter.
He is staying by the sea in the house
of a tanner named Simon. ‡When
he arrives, he will speak to you.’
33 So I sent for you at once, and
you have done well by coming.
Now then, we are all here in the
presence of God to hear all that you
have been commanded by §God.”

Peter Preaches to Cornelius' Household

34 Then Peter opened his mouth
and said, “Now I truly understand
that God shows no partiality,
35 but in every nation anyone who
fears him and does what is right is
acceptable to him.
36 You yourselves know the
message he sent to the sons of
Israel, preaching the good news of
peace through Jesus Christ, who is
Lord of all,
37 the message that spread
throughout all Judea, beginning
from Galilee after the baptism that
John preached:
38 how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and
power, who then went around
doing good and healing all who
were oppressed by the devil,
because God was with him.
39 We are witnesses of everything
he did both in the country of the
Jews and in Jerusalem. They put
him to death by hanging him on a
cross,
40 but God raised him up on the
third day and allowed him to be
seen,
41 not by all the people, but by us,
the witnesses who had been chosen
beforehand by God, who ate and
drank with him after he rose from
the dead.
42 He commanded us to preach to
the people and to testify that he is
the one who has been appointed by
God as judge of the living and the
dead.
43 All the prophets testify about him
that everyone who believes in him
receives remission of sins through
his name.”

The Holy Spirit Falls upon the Gentiles

44 While Peter was still speaking
these words, the Holy Spirit fell
upon all who were listening to the
message.
45 *All the believers from among the
circumcised who had come with
Peter were astonished, because the
gift of the Holy Spirit was being
poured out even on the Gentiles.
46 For they heard them speaking in
tongues and magnifying God. Then
Peter responded,
47 “Can anyone withhold water for
baptizing these people who have

† **10:30** *fasting until this hour. At the ninth hour I was praying in my house,* 93.1% ¦ praying in my house until this hour, the ninth hour, CT 3.3% ‡ **10:32** *When he arrives, he will speak to you.* 93.6% ¦ — CT 4.6% § **10:33** *God* ¦ the Lord CT * **10:45** *All the* ¦ The WH

received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”
48 So he gave orders to have them baptized in the name of †the Lord. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

11

Peter Reports to the Church in Jerusalem

1 Now the apostles and the brothers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.
2 So when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision faction began disputing with him,
3 *saying, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them!”
4 But Peter began to explain the situation to them, step by step, saying,
5 “I was praying in the city of Joppa, and in a trance I saw a vision of an object like a large sheet coming down, being lowered from heaven by its four corners, and it came to me.
6 As I stared at it, I looked closely and saw four-footed animals of the earth, as well as wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the sky.
7 †Then I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter, kill and eat.’
8 But I said, ‘Surely not, Lord! For nothing defiled or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’
9 The voice from heaven responded ‡to me a second time: ‘Do not regard as defiled what God has made clean.’
10 This happened three times, and then everything was drawn up again into heaven.
11 And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house where §I was; they had been sent to me from Caesarea.
12 The Spirit told me to go with them without any misgivings. These six brothers also went with me, and we went into the man's house.
13 He told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying *to him, ‘Send †men to Joppa and have them bring back Simon, who is called Peter;
14 he will speak a message to you by which you will be saved, you and your entire household.’
15 As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, just as he had fallen upon us at the beginning.
16 Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’
17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus ‡Christ, how could I stand in God's way?”
18 When the apostles and brothers heard this, they ceased their objections and began glorifying God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted the repentance that leads to life.”

The Church in Antioch

19 Now those who had been scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews.
20 But there were some Cypriot and Cyrenian men among them who went to Antioch and began speaking to the §Hellenists, preaching the good news about the Lord Jesus.
21 The hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number of people *believed and turned to the Lord.

† **10:48** *the Lord* ¦ the Lord Jesus PCK ¦ Jesus Christ CT * **11:3** *saying, “You … them!”* ¦ saying that he … them. WH † **11:7** *Then I* ¦ I also CT ‡ **11:9** *to me* ¦ — CT § **11:11** *I was* ¦ we were CT * **11:13** *to him* ¦ — CT † **11:13** *men to Joppa and have them* ¦ to Joppa and CT PCK ‡ **11:17** *Christ* ¦ — PCK § **11:20** *Hellenists* ¦ Hellenists also CT * **11:21** *believed and* ¦ who believed CT

22 News of this reached the ears of
the church in Jerusalem, and they
sent Barnabas out †to go to Antioch.
23 When he arrived and saw the
grace of God, he rejoiced and began
exhorting all the believers to
remain true to the Lord with
resolute hearts.
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 Barnabas went to Tarsus to
look for Saul.
26 When he found him, he brought
him to Antioch. So for an entire
year they met with the church and
taught a large number of people,
and it was in Antioch that the
disciples were first called
Christians.
27 In those days some prophets
came down to Antioch from
Jerusalem.
28 One of them, named Agabus,
stood up and indicated by the Spirit
that a severe famine was about to
come upon the entire world (which
‡indeed took place in the time of
Claudius §Caesar).
29 So the disciples, each according
to his own ability, determined to
send relief to the brothers who
dwelt in Judea.
30 This they did, sending it to the
elders by the hands of Barnabas
and Saul.

12

James Killed and Peter Imprisoned

1 About that time King Herod
arrested some who belonged to the
church in order to harm them.
2 He killed James the brother of
John with the sword.
3 And when he saw that this pleased
the Jews, he proceeded to arrest
Peter also. (This took place during
the Feast of Unleavened Bread.)
4 After seizing him, he put him in
prison, handing him over to be
guarded by four squads of four
soldiers each. Herod planned to
bring him out to the people after
the Passover.
5 So Peter was kept in prison, but
the church was earnestly praying to
God for him.

An Angel Frees Peter from Prison

6 The very night before Herod was
going to bring him out, Peter was
sleeping between two soldiers,
bound with two chains, while the
guards in front of the door were
keeping watch over the prison.
7 And behold, an angel of the Lord
stood before Peter, and a light
shone in the cell. The angel struck
Peter on the side and woke him up,
saying, “Get up quickly!” And the
chains fell off Peter's hands.
8 Then the angel said to him, “Get
dressed and put on your sandals.”
And Peter did so. Then the angel
said to him, “Put on your cloak and
follow me.”
9 So Peter went out and followed
him, but he did not realize that
what the angel was doing was
really happening; he thought he
was seeing a vision.
10 After they passed the first and
second guard, they came to the iron
gate leading into the city. It opened
for them on its own, and they went
out. When they had gone the length
of one street, the angel left him
suddenly.
11 When Peter came to his senses,
he said, “Now I truly know that the
Lord has sent his angel and rescued
me from the hand of Herod and
from everything the Jewish people
were expecting to happen.”
12 When Peter realized this, he went
to the house of Mary the mother of
John (who was also called Mark),
where many had gathered together
and were praying.
13 Peter knocked at the door of the
gate, and a servant girl named
Rhoda came to answer.

† **11:22** *to go* ¦ — CT ‡ **11:28** *indeed* ¦ — CT § **11:28** *Caesar* ¦ — CT

14 When she recognized Peter's
voice, she was so overjoyed that
she did not open the gate but ran in
and reported that Peter was
standing in front of the gate.
15 They said to her, "You are out of
your mind." But when she kept
insisting that it was so, they said,
"It is his angel."
16 Meanwhile Peter continued
knocking, and when they opened
the gate, they saw him and were
astonished.
17 But motioning to them with his
hand to be silent, he told them how
the Lord had brought him out of
prison. He also said, "Tell these
things to James and to the
brothers." Then he left and went to
another place.

18 When daybreak came, there
was a great commotion among the
soldiers as to what had become of
Peter.
19 When Herod searched for him
but did not find him, he questioned
the guards and ordered them to be
led away and executed. Then he
went down from Judea to Caesarea
and spent time there.

The Death of Herod

20 Now Herod was having an angry
dispute with the people of Tyre and
Sidon. So they came to him with
one accord, and having won over
Blastus, the king's personal
attendant, they asked for peace,
because their country was supplied
with food from the king's country.
21 On an appointed day Herod
dressed himself in royal clothing,
sat down on the platform, and
made a speech to them.
22 The people kept shouting, "The
voice of a god and not of a man!"
23 Immediately an angel of the Lord
struck Herod down because he did
not give *glory to God, and he was
eaten by worms and breathed his
last breath.

24 But the word of †God increased
and multiplied.

25 And when Barnabas and Saul
completed their ministry, they
returned ‡to Jerusalem and brought
with them John (who was also
called Mark).

13

Barnabas and Saul Are Commissioned

1 Now at the church in Antioch
there were *certain prophets and
teachers: Barnabas, Simeon (who
was called Niger), Lucius of Cyrene,
Manaen (who had been brought up
with Herod the tetrarch), and Saul.
2 As 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 So after they had fasted and
prayed, they laid their hands on
them and sent them off.

Barnabas and Saul on Cyprus

4 Being sent out by the Holy Spirit,
the two of them went down to
Seleucia, and from there they sailed
to Cyprus.
5 When they arrived at Salamis,
they proclaimed the word of God in
the synagogues of the Jews. (They
also had John as their assistant.)
6 When they had gone across the
†island to Paphos, they came across
a certain magician, a Jewish false
prophet named Bar-Jesus.
7 He was with the proconsul Sergius
Paulus, an intelligent man, who
summoned Barnabas and Saul,
seeking to hear the word of God.
8 But the magician Elymas (for that
is what his name means) opposed
them, seeking to turn the proconsul
away from the faith.

* **12:23** *glory* ¦ the glory ANT CT TR † **12:24** *God* ¦ the Lord WH ‡ **12:25** *to Jerusalem* 58.4% ¦ to Antioch from Jerusalem MSS 121.2% ¦ from Jerusalem ANT TR 14.4% ¦ to Antioch PCK 4.9%
* **13:1** *certain* ¦ — CT † **13:6** *island* ¦ entire island CT

9 But Saul, also known as Paul,
filled with the Holy Spirit, looked
intently at Elymas
10 and said, “O son of the devil, full
of all deceit and all trickery, enemy
of all righteousness, will you not
cease perverting the straight paths
of the Lord?
11 And now, behold, the hand of the
Lord is against you, and you will be
blind, unable to see the sun for a
period of time.” Immediately a mist
and darkness fell upon him, and he
was going around seeking people to
lead him by the hand.
12 When the proconsul saw what
had happened, he believed, for he
was astonished at the teaching of
the Lord.

Paul and Barnabas in Antioch of Pisidia

13 Then Paul and his companions
set sail from Paphos and went to
Perga in Pamphylia, but John left
them and returned to Jerusalem.
14 Continuing on from Perga, they
came to Antioch in Pisidia. On the
Sabbath day they went into the
synagogue and sat down.
15 After the reading of the Law and
the Prophets, the rulers of the
synagogue sent them a message,
saying, “Brothers, if you have any
word of exhortation for the people,
speak it.”

16 Standing up, Paul motioned
with his hand and said, “Men of
Israel and you who fear God, listen.
17 The God of this ‡people chose
our fathers and exalted the people
during their sojourn in the land of
Egypt, and with an uplifted arm he
led them out of that country.
18 For about forty years, he put
up with them in the wilderness,
19 and after destroying seven
nations in the land of Canaan, he
gave their land to his people as an
§inheritance.
20 After that he gave them judges
for about four hundred and fifty
years, up to the time of *the
prophet Samuel.
21 Then the people asked for a
king, and God gave them Saul the
son of Kish, a man of the tribe of
Benjamin, who reigned for forty
years.
22 After removing Saul, God
raised up David as their king, about
whom he testified, ‘I have found
David the son of Jesse to be a man
after my own heart; he will do all
that I want him to do.’
23 From this man's offspring God
†brought salvation to Israel,
according to his promise,
24 after John had first preached a
baptism of repentance to ‡Israel in
advance of the coming Savior.
25 Now as John was completing
his course, he said, ‘§Who do you
suppose that I am? I am not he. But
behold, one is coming after me, the
sandals of whose feet I am not
worthy to untie.’

26 “Brothers, sons of the family of
Abraham, and those among you
who fear God, to *you the message
of this salvation has been sent.
27 Since those who dwell in
Jerusalem, along with their rulers,
failed to recognize this man and the
voices of the prophets that are read
every Sabbath, they fulfilled their
words by condemning him.
28 Even though they found no
grounds for a death sentence, they
asked Pilate to have him killed.
29 When they had fulfilled all that
was written about him, they took

‡ **13:17** *people* ¦ people Israel ANT CT TR § **13:19** *inheritance. After that he gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years,* 90.4% ¦ inheritance, all of which took about 450 years. After that he gave them judges CT 5.2% * **13:20** *the prophet Samuel* ¦ Samuel, a prophet WH † **13:23** *brought salvation to Israel* ¦ raised up for Israel a Savior ¦ raised up for Israel a Savior, Jesus TR ¦ brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus CT ‡ **13:24** *Israel* ¦ all the people of Israel ANT CT TR § **13:25** *Who* ¦ What CT * **13:26** *you* ¦ us CT

him down from the cross and laid
him in a tomb.
30 But God raised him from the
dead,
31 and for many days he was seen
by those who had come up with
him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who
†are his witnesses to the people.
32 And we preach to you the good
news that what God promised to
our fathers, he has fulfilled to ‡us,
their children, by raising up Jesus,
33 just as it is written in the
second Psalm,

‘You are my son;
today I have begotten you.’

34 As for the fact that he raised him
from the dead, no longer to return
to corruption, God has spoken in
this way:

‘I will give you the holy and sure
blessings of David.’

35 Therefore it also says in another
place:

‘You will not let your Holy One see
corruption.’

36 For when David had served God's
purpose in his own generation, he
fell asleep, was added to his
fathers, and saw corruption.
37 But he whom God raised up did
not see corruption.
38 Therefore let it be known to you,
brothers, that through this man
remission of sins is proclaimed to
you,
39 and by this man everyone who
believes is acquitted of everything
you could not be acquitted of by
the law of Moses.
40 So beware that what is said in the
prophets does not happen §to you:
41 ‘Behold, you scoffers,
be amazed and perish,
for I am doing a work in your *days
that you will certainly not believe,
even if someone tells you about
it.’ ”

42 Now as Paul and Barnabas
were going out †from the
synagogue of the Jews, the ‡Gentiles
were urging them to speak about
these things on the next Sabbath.
43 And when the meeting of the
synagogue was dispersed, many of
the Jews and the devout converts to
Judaism followed Paul and
Barnabas, who spoke to them and
persuaded them to continue in the
grace of God.
44 On the following Sabbath,
nearly the entire city was gathered
together to hear the word of §God.
45 But when the Jews saw the
crowds, they were filled with
jealousy and began to contradict
what Paul was saying, *opposing
him and slandering him.
46 But Paul and Barnabas spoke
boldly, saying, “It was necessary for
the word of God to be spoken first
to you. But since you are rejecting
it and do not judge yourselves to be
worthy of eternal life, behold, we
are turning to the Gentiles.
47 For this is what the Lord has
commanded us:

‘I have appointed you to be a light
to the Gentiles,
so that you may bring salvation to
the ends of the earth.’ ”

48 When the Gentiles heard this,
they began rejoicing and †glorifying
the word of ‡the Lord, and all who
were appointed to eternal life
believed.

† **13:31** *are* ¦ are now NA SBL WH ‡ **13:32** *us, their children,* 95% ¦ our children SBL WH 1.5% ¦ us, the children, NA 0% § **13:40** *to you* ¦ — CT * **13:41** *days* ¦ days, a work ANT CT TR † **13:42** *from the synagogue of the Jews* 80.7% ¦ — CT 15.8% ‡ **13:42** *Gentiles* ¦ people CT § **13:44** *God* ¦ the Lord NA SBL TH * **13:45** *opposing him and* 79.1% ¦ — CT 19.3% † **13:48** *glorifying* ¦ receiving ANT ‡ **13:48** *the Lord* ¦ God WH

49 So the word of the Lord spread throughout that entire region.
50 But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the prominent men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their region.
51 But Paul and Barnabas shook off the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium.
52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

14

Paul and Barnabas in Iconium

1 At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went together into the synagogue of the Jews 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 and corrupted the minds of the Gentiles to be against the brothers.
3 So Paul and Barnabas spent a long time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who was testifying to the message of his grace *by granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.
4 But the population of the city was divided; some were with the Jews, and some were with the apostles.
5 And when an attempt was made by both the Gentiles and the Jews, together with their rulers, to mistreat them and stone them,
6 Paul and Barnabas became aware of it and fled for refuge to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and to the surrounding region.
7 There they continued to preach the gospel.

Paul and Barnabas in Lystra

8 Now there was a man sitting in Lystra who could not use his feet. He had been lame from his mother's womb and had never walked.
9 This man listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked at him intently, and when he saw that he had faith to be healed,
10 he said with a loud voice, "Stand up on your feet!" So the man leaped up and began to walk.
11 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men."
12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, since he was the one who took the lead in speaking.
13 Then the priest of the shrine of Zeus that was located in front of †their city brought bulls and garlands to the city gates, intending to offer sacrifices together with the crowds.
14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard about it, they tore their clothes and ‡rushed into the crowd, crying out,
15 "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to §the living God, who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them.
16 In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own way,
17 although he did not leave himself without a witness in that he did good by giving *you rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling †our hearts with food and gladness."
18 Yet even by saying these things, they barely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifices to them.

19 Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the crowds. They stoned Paul and dragged him out of the

* **14:3** *by* ¦ and TR † **14:13** *their* ¦ the CT ‡ **14:14** *rushed* ¦ rushed out CT § **14:15** *the* ¦ a CT
* **14:17** *you* ¦ us TR † **14:17** *our* ¦ your ANT CT

city, supposing that he was dead.
20 But when the disciples
gathered around him, he rose and
entered the city. The next day he
went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

Paul and Barnabas Return to Antioch in Syria

21 After preaching the gospel in that
city and making many disciples,
Paul and Barnabas returned to
Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,
22 strengthening the souls of the
disciples, exhorting them to
continue in the faith, and telling
them that through many
tribulations we must enter the
kingdom of God.
23 And when they had appointed
elders for them in every church,
with prayer and fasting they
entrusted them to the Lord in
whom they had come to believe.
24 After passing through Pisidia,
they came to Pamphylia,
25 and when they had spoken the
word in Perga, they went down to
Attalia.
26 From there they sailed to
Antioch, where they had been
committed to the grace of God for
the work they had now completed.
27 After they arrived and gathered
the church together, they reported
all that God had done through
them, and how he had opened a
door of faith to the Gentiles.
28 And they stayed ‡there with the
disciples for some time.

15

The Jerusalem Council

1 Then some men came down from
Judea and were teaching the
brothers: “If you are not
circumcised according to the
custom of Moses, you cannot be
saved.”
2 *Therefore, when Paul and
Barnabas had a great dissension
and debate with them, the brothers
appointed Paul and Barnabas and
some others from among the
believers to go up to the apostles
and elders in Jerusalem to discuss
this issue.
3 After being sent on their way by
the church, they passed through
†Phoenicia and Samaria and
brought great joy to all the brothers
when they described in detail the
conversion of the Gentiles.
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
through ‡them.
5 But some of the believers who
belonged to the sect of the
Pharisees stood up, saying, “It is
necessary to circumcise the
Gentiles and command them to
keep the law of Moses.”
6 So the apostles and the elders
gathered together to consider this
matter.
7 After there had been much
debate, Peter stood up and said to
them, “Brothers, you know that in
the early days God made a choice
among §us, that by the words of my
mouth the Gentiles would hear the
message of the gospel and believe.
8 And God, who knows the heart,
testified to them by giving them the
Holy Spirit, just as he did to us.
9 He made no distinction between
us and them, purifying their hearts
by faith.
10 Now then, why are you putting
God to the test by placing a yoke on
the neck of the disciples that
neither our fathers nor we have
been able to bear?
11 On the contrary, we believe
that we are saved by the grace of
the Lord *Jesus in the same way
they are.”
12 Then the entire assembly fell
silent as they listened to Barnabas

‡ **14:28** *there* ¦ — CT * **15:2** *Therefore, when* ¦ When CT † **15:3** *Phoenicia* ¦ both Phoenicia CT ‡ **15:4** *them.* ¦ them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ANT § **15:7** *us* 61.8% ¦ you CT PCK 34% * **15:11** *Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ TR

and Paul tell of all the signs and wonders God had performed through them among the Gentiles.
13 When they had finished speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to me.
14 Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name.
15 The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, just as it is written:

16 ‘After this I will return
and rebuild the tabernacle of David
that has fallen;
I will rebuild its ruins
and erect it again,
17 so that the rest of mankind may
seek the Lord,
even all the Gentiles who are called
by my name,
says the Lord, who †does ‡all these
things.’

18 All God's works are known to him from long ago.
19 Therefore my judgment is that we should not create difficulties for those among the Gentiles who turn to God,
20 but that we should write to them, telling them to abstain from things defiled by idols, from fornication, from what has been strangled, and from blood.
21 For from generations of old, Moses has had those who preach him in every city, because he is read in the synagogues every Sabbath.”

The Letter to Gentile Believers

22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and to the elders, together with the whole church, to send men chosen from among them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas (called §Barsabbas) and Silas, leading men among the brothers,
23 and to send with them *this letter they had written: “The †apostles, elders, and brothers, to the Gentile brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings.
24 Since we have heard that certain ‡men, whom we did not authorize, have gone out from us and troubled you with their words, unsettling your minds §by saying that you must be circumcised and keep the law,
25 it seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to *send you men chosen from among us, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,
26 who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
27 Therefore we have sent Judas and Silas, who will tell you the same things in their own words.
28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no further burden than these essentials:
29 You must abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, from blood, from what has been strangled, and from fornication. If you keep yourselves from these things, you will do well. Farewell.”
30 So when these men had been sent off, they †went to Antioch, and after gathering the congregation together, they delivered the letter.
31 When the people read it, they rejoiced over its encouragement.
32 Then Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words.

† **15:17** *does* ¦ makes CT ‡ **15:17** *all these things.’ All God's works are known to him from long ago.* ¦ these things known from long ago.’ CT § **15:22** *Barsabbas* ¦ Barsabas PCK TR * **15:23** *this* 90.9% ¦ a CT 1.2% † **15:23** *apostles, elders, and brothers,* ¦ brothers, both the apostles and the elders, CT ‡ **15:24** *men, whom we did not authorize, have gone out from us and* 94.4% ¦ men from among us, whom we did not authorize, have WH 1.7% § **15:24** *by saying that you must be circumcised and keep the law* ¦ — CT * **15:25** *send you men chosen from among us,* ¦ to choose men from among us and send them to you, NA PCK SBL WH † **15:30** *went* ¦ went down CT

33 After spending some time
there, they were sent off ‡to the
apostles in peace by the §brothers.
35 But Paul and Barnabas stayed
in Antioch, teaching and preaching,
along with many others, the good
news of the word of the Lord.

Paul and Barnabas Part Company

36 After some days had gone by,
Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us
return and visit *our brothers in
every city where we proclaimed the
word of the Lord, to see how they
are doing.”
37 Now Barnabas wanted to bring
John (who was also called Mark).
38 But Paul thought it best not to
bring this man who had deserted
them in Pamphylia and had not
gone on with them in their work.
39 So there arose a sharp
disagreement, with the result that
they parted from one another.
Barnabas took Mark and sailed off
to Cyprus,
40 but Paul chose Silas and
departed, once he had been
committed by the brothers to the
grace of †God.
41 And he went through Syria and
Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

16

Timothy Joins Paul and Silas

1 Paul *went on to Derbe and
Lystra, and behold, a disciple
named Timothy was there. He was
the son of a Jewish woman who
was a believer, but his father was a
Greek.
2 He was well spoken of by the
brothers in Lystra and Iconium.
3 Paul wanted this man to go on
with him, so he took him and
circumcised him because of the
Jews who were in those places, for
they all knew that his father was a
Greek.
4 As they went through the cities,
they delivered the decisions that
had been reached by the apostles
and the elders in Jerusalem for the
Gentile believers to obey.
5 So the churches were
strengthened in the faith and
increased in number every day.

Paul's Vision of the Macedonian Man

6 Then Paul and his companions
went through Phrygia and the
region of Galatia, having been
forbidden by the Holy Spirit from
speaking the word in Asia.
7 When they reached Mysia, they
tried to go †on toward Bithynia, but
the ‡Spirit did not allow them.
8 So passing by Mysia, they went
down to Troas.
9 During the night Paul had a
vision. A Macedonian man was
standing there, urging him, “Come
over to Macedonia and help us!”
10 After Paul saw the vision, we
immediately endeavored to go on
to Macedonia, concluding that §the
Lord had called us to preach the
gospel to them.

The Conversion of Lydia

11 So we set sail from Troas and
followed a straight course to
Samothrace, and on the next day
we went to Neapolis.
12 From there we went on to
Philippi, which is a Roman colony
and a leading city of that district of
Macedonia. We stayed in that city
for several days.
13 On the Sabbath day we went
outside the *city to a riverside,
where †it was customary for there
to be prayer. We sat down and

‡ **15:33** *to the apostles in peace by the brothers* ¦ in peace by the brothers to those who had sent them CT § **15:33** *brothers.* 35 But 69.3% ¦ brothers. 34 But it seemed good to Silas to remain there. 35 And ANT NA TR 25% {Note: NA encloses verse 34 with double brac

* **15:36** *our* ¦ the CT † **15:40** *God* ¦ the Lord CT * **16:1** *went* ¦ also went CT † **16:7** *on toward* ¦ into CT ‡ **16:7** *Spirit* ¦ Spirit of Jesus CT § **16:10** *the Lord* ¦ God CT * **16:13** *city* ¦ gate CT † **16:13** *it was customary for there to be* ¦ we thought there would be a place of SBL TH WH

began speaking to the women who
had gathered together.
14 One of those listening to us was a
woman named Lydia. She was a
worshiper of God from the city of
Thyatira and a seller of purple
cloth. The Lord opened her heart to
respond to what Paul was saying.
15 After she was baptized, along
with her household, she urged us,
"If you have judged me to be
faithful to the Lord, come stay at
my house." And she persuaded us
to do so.

Paul and Silas Imprisoned in Philippi

16 One day, as we were on our way
to prayer, we were met by a slave
girl who had a spirit of divination.
She had brought her masters much
profit by fortune-telling.
17 She followed along behind Paul
and ‡us and kept crying out, "These
men are servants of the Most High
God, who proclaim to §us a way of
salvation."
18 She kept on doing this for many
days, and Paul became so annoyed
that he 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 for profit was gone, they
seized Paul and Silas, dragged them
to the marketplace, and set them
before the authorities.
20 After bringing them to the
magistrates, they said, "These men
are seriously disturbing our city.
They are Jews,
21 and they are proclaiming
customs that are not lawful for us
as Romans to accept or practice."
22 The crowd rose up together
against them, and the magistrates
tore their garments off them and
ordered them to be beaten with
rods.
23 After inflicting many blows
upon them, they threw them into
prison, ordering the jailer to keep
them under close guard.
24 When he received this order,
he put them in the inner prison and
fastened 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 foundations
of the prison were shaken.
Immediately all the doors opened,
and all the chains came loose.
27 Then the jailer was awakened,
and when he saw that the doors of
the prison were open, he drew his
sword and was about to kill
himself, assuming that the
prisoners had escaped.
28 But Paul cried out with a loud
voice, "Do yourself no harm, for we
are all here."
29 Calling for lights, the jailer
rushed in and fell down trembling
before Paul and Silas.
30 Then he brought them out and
said, "Sirs, what must I do to be
saved?"
31 They said, "Believe in the Lord
Jesus *Christ, and you will be
saved, you and your household."
32 Then they spoke the word of
†the Lord to him ‡and to everyone
in his household.
33 He then took them in that hour
of the night and washed their
wounds. Then he was baptized at
once, along with his entire
household.
34 After bringing Paul and Silas
into §his house, he set a meal
before them. And he rejoiced, along
with his entire household, because
he had come to believe in God.

35 When daybreak came, the
magistrates sent their officers,
saying, "Release those men."

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‡ **16:17** *us* ¦ Silas ANT PCK § **16:17** *us* ¦ you CT * **16:31** *Christ* ¦ — CT † **16:32** *the Lord* ¦ God WH ‡ **16:32** *and to* ¦ together with CT § **16:34** *his* ¦ the CT * **16:36** *these* ¦ their WH

36 So the jailer reported *these
words to Paul, saying, “The
magistrates have sent orders for
you to be released. Therefore come
out now and go in peace.”
37 But Paul said to them, “They
beat us in public without a trial,
even though we are Roman
citizens, and they threw us into
prison. And now they are sending
us away secretly? Certainly not!
Rather, let them come and escort us
out themselves.”
38 So the officers reported these
words to the magistrates, and the
magistrates were afraid when they
heard that the men were Roman
citizens.
39 So they came and spoke to
them in a conciliatory manner. As
they escorted them out, they
begged them to leave the city.
40 So Paul and Silas came out of
the prison and went to Lydia's
house. And after seeing the
brothers and encouraging them,
they departed.

17

The Uproar in Thessalonica

1 When Paul and his companions
had traveled through Amphipolis
and Apollonia, they came to
Thessalonica, where there was a
synagogue of the Jews.
2 As was his custom, Paul went in to
them, and for three Sabbaths he
reasoned with them from the
Scriptures,
3 explaining and presenting
evidence that it was necessary for
the Christ to suffer and to rise from
the dead, saying, “This Jesus whom
I am proclaiming to you is the
Christ.”
4 Some of the Jews were persuaded
and joined Paul and Silas, as did a
large number of the devout Greeks
and quite a few prominent women.
5 But the Jews *who refused to
believe rounded up some evil men
from the marketplace and formed a
mob, setting the city in an uproar.
They attacked Jason's house,
seeking to bring Paul and Silas out
to the public assembly.
6 But when they could not find
them, they dragged Jason and some
other brothers to the city officials,
shouting, “These men who have
turned the world upside down have
come here also,
7 and Jason has welcomed them.
They all act contrary to the decrees
of Caesar, saying that there is
another king, Jesus.”
8 And they stirred up the crowd and
the city officials who heard these
things.
9 But when the city officials had
received a security bond from Jason
and the others, they released them.

Paul and Silas in Berea

10 As soon as it was night the
brothers sent Paul and Silas to
Berea. When they arrived, they
went to the synagogue of the Jews.
11 Now these Jews were more noble
than those in Thessalonica, and
they received the word with great
eagerness, examining the
Scriptures every day to see if what
Paul said was true.
12 As a result, many of them
believed, as did quite a few of the
Greek women of high standing and
the men.
13 But when the Jews of
Thessalonica found out that Paul
was proclaiming the word of God
in Berea also, they went there as
well, †agitating the crowds.
14 Then the brothers immediately
sent Paul ‡away, as though he were
going by sea, but Silas and Timothy
remained in Berea.
15 Those who escorted Paul brought
him as far as Athens, and after they

* **17:5** *who refused to believe* ¦ who refused to believe became jealous and TR ¦ became jealous and CT † **17:13** *agitating* 77.1% ¦ agitating and stirring up CT 22% ‡ **17:14** *away, as though he were going by* ¦ away to go as far as the CT

had received an order for Silas and
Timothy to come to him as soon as
possible, they departed.

Paul in Athens

16 While Paul was waiting for them
in Athens, his spirit was provoked
within him when he saw that the
city was full of idols.
17 So he reasoned in the synagogue
with the Jews and the devout
Greeks, and in the marketplace
every day with those who
happened to be there.
18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic
philosophers §also conversed with
him. Some said, "What is this
babbler trying to say?" But others
said, "He seems to be a proclaimer
of foreign deities." (They said this
because he was *preaching the
good news about Jesus and the
resurrection.)
19 So they took him and brought
him to the Areopagus, saying, "May
we know what this new teaching is
that you are presenting?
20 For you are bringing some
strange things to our ears, and we
would like to know what they
mean."
21 (Now all the Athenians and the
foreigners who dwelt there would
spend their time in nothing else but
talking about †and listening to
whatever the newest idea might
be.)
22 Paul then stood before the
Areopagus and said, "Men of
Athens, I see just how religious you
are in every way.
23 For as I was going around and
closely observing your objects of
worship, I even found an altar that
had been inscribed: 'To an
unknown god.' I proclaim to you
therefore ‡the one whom you
worship in ignorance.
24 The God who made the world
and everything in it, who is Lord of
heaven and earth, does not dwell in
temples made by hands,
25 neither is he served by §the
hands of men, as though he needed
anything. Rather, he himself
*continually gives life and breath to
all mankind.
26 From one †bloodline he created
every nation of mankind to dwell
on the entire face of the earth. He
determined their ‡appointed times
and the boundaries of where they
would dwell,
27 so that they might seek §the
Lord and perhaps feel their way
toward him and find him, though
he is not far from any 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 also are his offspring.'

29 Being then the offspring of God,
we ought not to think that the
divine being is like gold, silver, or
stone, an image formed by the skill
and imagination of man.
30 Therefore, having overlooked the
times of ignorance, God now
commands all people everywhere
to repent,
31 because he has set a day on
which he is going to judge the
world in righteousness by a man he
has appointed. He has provided
assurance of this to everyone by
raising this man from the dead."

32 Now when they heard about
the resurrection of the dead, some
began to scoff, but others said, "We
wish to hear about this from you
again."
33 So Paul departed from them,

§ **17:18** *also* ¦ — ANT TR * **17:18** *preaching* ¦ preaching to them ANT TR † **17:21** *and* ¦ or CT ‡ **17:23** *the one whom* 89.4% ¦ what CT 1.5% § **17:25** *the hands of men* ¦ human hands CT * **17:25** *continually gives life and breath to all mankind* ¦ gives to all mankind life, breath, and all things CT SCR † **17:26** *bloodline* 95% ¦ man CT 4.4% ‡ **17:26** *appointed* ¦ preappointed TR § **17:27** *the Lord* ¦ God CT

34 but some of the people joined
him and believed, among whom
were Dionysius the Areopagite, a
woman named Damaris, and others
with them.

18

Paul in Corinth

1 After this, Paul departed from
Athens and went to Corinth.
2 There he found a Jew named
Aquila, of Pontus by birth, who had
recently come from Italy along with
his wife Priscilla, because Claudius
had ordered all the Jews to leave
Rome. Paul came to them,
3 and because he was of the same
trade, he stayed with them and
*worked, for they were tentmakers
by trade.
4 Every Sabbath he reasoned in the
synagogue and tried to persuade
both Jews and Greeks.
5 When Silas and Timothy came
down from Macedonia, Paul was
†compelled by the Spirit and
testified to the Jews that Jesus is the
Christ.
6 But when the Jews opposed him
and reviled him, he shook out his
garments and said to them, "Your
blood be upon your own heads! I
am innocent. From now on I will
go to the Gentiles."
7 So he moved on from there and
went to the house of a man named
‡Justus, a worshiper of God, whose
house was next door to the
synagogue.
8 Crispus, the ruler of the
synagogue, believed in the Lord
together with his whole household.
And many of the Corinthians, when
they heard, believed and were
baptized.
9 One night the Lord said to Paul
in a vision: "Do not be afraid, but
speak and do not be silent.
10 For I am with you, and no one
will attack you to do you harm, for
I have many people in this city."
11 So Paul stayed for a year and
six months, teaching the word of
God among them.
12 But when Gallio was proconsul
of Achaia, the Jews rose up with
one accord against Paul and
brought him before the judgment
seat,
13 saying, "This man is
persuading people to worship God
in a manner contrary to the law."
14 But just as Paul was about to
open his mouth to speak, Gallio
said to the Jews, "If it were a
matter of some crime or evil
misdeed, O Jews, I would bear with
you, as is reasonable.
15 But since it is a question about
words, names, and your own law,
see to it §yourselves, for I do not
want to be a judge of such things."
16 So he drove them away from
the judgment seat.
17 Then *all the Greeks took
Sosthenes, the ruler of the
synagogue, and began beating him
in front of the judgment seat. But
none of these things †caused any
delay for Gallio.

Paul's Return to Antioch

18 After staying in Corinth for many
more days, Paul took leave of the
brothers and set sail for Syria, and
Priscilla and Aquila were with him.
(Now he had shaved his head in
Cenchreae because he was under a
vow.)
19 When ‡he arrived at Ephesus, he
left Priscilla and Aquila there, but
he himself went into the synagogue
and reasoned with the Jews.
20 When they asked him to stay
§with them for a longer period of
time, he declined.

* **18:3** *worked* 99.2% ¦ they worked WH 0.4% † **18:5** *compelled by the Spirit* 93.5% ¦ deeply committed to the word CT 6.1% ‡ **18:7** *Justus* ¦ Titus Justus NA ¦ Titius Justus SBL WH § **18:15** *yourselves, for* ¦ yourselves. CT * **18:17** *all the Greeks* 95.4% ¦ they all CT 1.7% † **18:17** *caused any delay for* ¦ were of any concern to ANT CT TR ‡ **18:19** *he* ¦ they CT § **18:20** *with them* 86.4% ¦ — CT 8.1%

21 However, as he took leave of
them, he said, "*I must by all
means keep the coming feast in
Jerusalem, but I will return to you
again, God willing." Then he set
sail from Ephesus.
22 When he arrived at Caesarea, he
went up and greeted the church,
and then went down to Antioch.
23 After spending some time there,
he departed and went from place to
place throughout the region of
Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening
all the disciples.

Apollos Speaks Boldly in Ephesus

24 Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos,
an Alexandrian by birth, arrived in
Ephesus. He was an eloquent man,
well-versed in the Scriptures.
25 He had been instructed in the
way of the Lord. Being fervent in
spirit, he spoke and accurately
taught the facts about †the Lord,
though he knew only about the
baptism of John.
26 He began to speak boldly in the
synagogue, but when ‡Aquila and
Priscilla heard him, they took him
aside and explained to him the way
of God in greater detail.
27 And when Apollos wanted to
cross over to Achaia, the brothers
wrote to the disciples, encouraging
them to receive him. When he
arrived, he was a great help to
those who had become believers
through grace,
28 for he powerfully refuted the
Jews in public, showing by the
Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

19

Paul in Ephesus

1 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul
went through the interior regions
and *came to Ephesus, where he
came across some disciples.
2 He said to them, "Did you receive
the Holy Spirit when you
believed?" They said to him, "No,
we have not even heard that there
is a Holy Spirit."
3 So Paul said †to them, "Into what
then were you baptized?" They
said, "Into John's baptism."
4 Then Paul said, "John baptized
with a baptism of repentance,
telling the people to believe in the
one who was to come after him,
that is, in ‡Christ Jesus."
5 On hearing this, they were
baptized in the name of the Lord
Jesus.
6 And when Paul laid his hands on
them, the Holy Spirit came upon
them, and they began speaking in
tongues and prophesying.
7 There were about twelve men in
all.
8 Over a period of three months
Paul would go into the synagogue
and speak boldly, reasoning and
persuading the people about the
kingdom of God.
9 But some became hardened and
refused to believe, speaking evil of
the Way in front of the
congregation. So Paul left them and
took the disciples with him,
reasoning daily in the lecture hall
of §a man named Tyrannus.
10 This continued for two years,
so that all who dwelt in Asia, both
Jews and Greeks, heard the word of
the Lord *Jesus.

The Sons of Sceva

11 Now God was performing
extraordinary miracles by the
hands of Paul,
12 so that even cloths or aprons that
had touched his skin were †placed
upon the sick, and their diseases

* **18:21** *I must by all means keep the coming feast in Jerusalem, but* ¦ — CT † **18:25** *the Lord* ¦ Jesus CT PCK ‡ **18:26** *Aquila and Priscilla* ¦ Priscilla and Aquila CT * **19:1** *came* ¦ came down NA † **19:3** *to them* 64.4% ¦ — CT PCK 18.3% ‡ **19:4** *Christ Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ ANT ¦ Jesus CT § **19:9** *a man named* ¦ — CT * **19:10** *Jesus* ¦ — CT † **19:12** *placed upon* ¦ carried off to CT ‡ **19:12** *came out of them* ¦ went out CT

left them, and evil spirits ‡came out of them.
13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists §attempted to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits. They would say, "*We adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches."
14 Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish high priest, were doing this.
15 But one day an evil spirit †responded, "I know Jesus, and I am acquainted with Paul, but who are you?"
16 Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them, overpowered ‡them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled from the house naked and wounded.
17 When this became known to all the Jews and Greeks who dwelt in Ephesus, fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.
18 Many who had become believers came forward, confessing and disclosing their practices,
19 while many who practiced magical arts brought their books together and began burning them in front of everyone. When the value of the books was added up, the total came to fifty thousand silver coins.
20 In this way the word of the Lord was increasing and prevailing mightily.

The Riot at Ephesus

21 After these things had taken place, Paul resolved in his spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go on to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must see Rome also."
22 So he sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia, while he himself stayed in Asia for a period of time.
23 About that time a great disturbance arose concerning the Way.
24 For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in a great deal of business to the craftsmen.
25 He gathered these men together, along with those who worked in similar trades, and said, "Men, you know that our wealth is derived from this business.
26 You also see and hear that, not only in Ephesus, but in nearly all of Asia, this man Paul has persuaded and drawn away a considerable crowd, saying that gods made by hands are not gods at all.
27 Not only is there the danger that this trade of ours might come into disrepute, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis might be regarded as nothing, and that §her magnificence might be brought down, whom all Asia and the world worship."
28 When they heard this, they were filled with rage and began crying out, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"
29 So the *whole city was filled with confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the amphitheater, seizing Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's traveling companions.
30 Although Paul wanted to go into the public assembly, the disciples would not let him.
31 Even some of the provincial officials of Asia, who were friends of Paul, sent word to him, begging him not to venture into the amphitheater.

§ **19:13** *attempted* ¦ also attempted CT * **19:13** *We* ¦ I CT † **19:15** *responded* ¦ responded to them CT ‡ **19:16** *them* ¦ them all CT {Note: The reading of CT is literally *them both*. However, most English translations of CT follow examples found in late Byzantine Greek in which the Greek word *amphoteron* can mean *all* instead of *both*.} § **19:27** *her magnificence might be brought down* ¦ she might be deposed of her magnificence CT * **19:29** *whole* ¦ — CT

32 Now some were shouting one
thing, and some were shouting
another, for the assembly was
confused, and the majority did not
know for what reason they had
come together.
33 So the Jews put forward
Alexander, who †was then brought
before the crowd. Alexander
motioned with his hand, wishing to
make a defense to the public
assembly.
34 But when they realized he was
a Jew, a single outcry arose from
them all as they shouted for about
two hours, “Great is Artemis of the
Ephesians!”
35 When the city clerk had
quieted the crowd, he said, “Men of
Ephesus, who is there that does not
know that the city of the Ephesians
is the temple keeper of the great
‡goddess Artemis and of the image
that fell down from Zeus?
36 Therefore, since these facts are
undeniable, you must keep calm
and not do anything rash.
37 For you have brought these
men here who are neither temple
robbers nor blasphemers of §your
goddess.
38 So if Demetrius and his fellow
craftsmen have a complaint against
anyone, the courts are open, and
there are proconsuls; let them
bring charges against one another.
39 But if you seek anything
*concerning other matters, it must
be settled in a lawful assembly.
40 For we are in danger of being
charged with rioting in connection
with today's events, since there is
no reason we can give to account
for this disorderly gathering.”
41 And after saying this, he
dismissed the assembly.

20

Paul in Macedonia and Greece

1 After the uproar ceased, Paul
*summoned the disciples, †said
goodbye, and departed to go to
Macedonia.
2 After going through those regions
and encouraging the believers with
many words, he came to Greece,
3 where he stayed for three months.
As he was about to set sail for Syria,
a plot was made against him by the
Jews, so ‡the decision was made to
return by way of Macedonia.
4 Sopater of §Berea accompanied
him *as far as Asia, and so did
Aristarchus and Secundus of
Thessalonica, Gaius of Derbe,
Timothy, and Tychicus and
Trophimus of Asia.
5 These men went on ahead and
waited for us in Troas.
6 But we sailed from Philippi after
the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and
five days later we came to them at
Troas, where we stayed for seven
days.

Paul Raises Eutychus

7 On the first day of the week, as
†the disciples were gathered
together to break bread, Paul
addressed them, intending to
depart the next day, and he
prolonged his message until
midnight.
8 Now there were many lamps in
the upper room where ‡we were
gathered together,
9 and a young man named
Eutychus, who was sitting on the
window sill, sank into a deep sleep
while Paul continued speaking for a
long time. Overcome by sleep, he
fell down from the third story and
was picked up dead.

† **19:33** *was then brought before* ¦ then gave instructions to CT ‡ **19:35** *goddess* ¦ — CT § **19:37** *your* ¦ our CT * **19:39** *concerning other matters* 91.7% ¦ further CT 4.7% * **20:1** *summoned* ¦ sent for CT † **20:1** *said goodbye,* ¦ and after encouraging them, he said goodbye CT ‡ **20:3** *the decision was made* ¦ he made the decision CT § **20:4** *Berea* ¦ Berea, son of Pyrrhus, CT * **20:4** *as far as Asia* 96.2% ¦ — NA SBL WH 1.1% † **20:7** *the disciples* ¦ we CT ‡ **20:8** *we* ¦ they TR

10 But Paul went down and threw
himself on the young man. Taking
him in his arms, he said, “Do not be
alarmed, for his life is in him.”
11 Then Paul went back upstairs,
and after he had broken bread and
eaten, he conversed with the
disciples for a long time, until
dawn; that was how he departed.
12 And they brought the boy home
alive and were comforted beyond
measure.

Paul Travels from Troas to Miletus

13 Then we went §to the ship and
set sail for Assos, intending to take
Paul on board there, for that is
what he had arranged, since he
himself intended to go by land.
14 When he met us in Assos, we
took him on board and went to
Mitylene.
15 We set sail from there and
arrived off Chios on the following
day. The next day we reached
Samos *and stayed in Trogyllium,
and the day after that we came to
Miletus.
16 For Paul had decided to sail past
Ephesus so as not to spend time in
Asia, because he was hurrying to
arrive in Jerusalem, if possible, by
the day of Pentecost.

Paul's Farewell Address to the Ephesian Elders

17 From Miletus Paul sent to
Ephesus and called for the elders of
the church.
18 When they came to him, he said
to them, “You yourselves know how
I lived the whole time I was with
you, from the day I first set foot in
Asia,
19 serving the Lord with all
humility and with †many tears and
trials, which came upon me
because of the plots of the Jews.
20 You know that I did not hold
back from declaring to you
anything that was beneficial, and
from teaching you in public and
from house to house,
21 testifying to both Jews and Greeks
about repentance toward God and
faith in our Lord Jesus ‡Christ.
22 And now, behold, I am going to
Jerusalem, compelled by the Spirit,
not knowing what will happen to
me there,
23 except that the Holy Spirit
§testifies in every city that
imprisonment and afflictions await
me.
24 But I take no account of *these
things, nor do I regard my life as
precious to myself, if only I may
complete my course †with joy and
the ministry that I received from
the Lord Jesus, to testify to the
gospel of the grace of God.
25 “And now, behold, I know that
none of you among whom I have
gone about preaching the kingdom
‡of God will see my face again.
26 Therefore I testify to you this
day that I am innocent of the blood
of you all.
27 For I have not held back from
declaring to you the whole counsel
of God.
28 §So keep watch over yourselves
and over the entire flock. The Holy
Spirit has appointed you as their
overseers, to shepherd the church
of *our Lord and God, which he
obtained with his own blood.
29 †For I know that after my
departure fierce wolves will enter
in among you, not sparing the flock.
30 Even from your own number
men will rise up, speaking perverse
things to draw away the disciples
after them.
31 Therefore be watchful,
remembering that, night and day,
for three years I did not stop

§ **20:13** *to* ¦ on ahead to ANT NA SBL TR WH * **20:15** *and stayed in Trogyllium* 91.7% ¦ — CT 4% † **20:19** *many* ¦ — CT ‡ **20:21** *Christ* ¦ — HF PCK RP SBL TH WH § **20:23** *testifies* ¦ testifies to me CT * **20:24** *these things, nor do I regard* 90.5% ¦ — CT 1.2% † **20:24** *with joy* 96% ¦ — CT 2.9% ‡ **20:25** *of God* ¦ — CT § **20:28** *So keep* ¦ Keep CT * **20:28** *our Lord and God* ¦ God NA SBL TR WH ¦ the Lord TH † **20:29** *For* 90.9% ¦ — CT 4.1%

admonishing each one of you, with tears.
32 And ‡now, brothers, I entrust
you to §God and to the word of his
grace, which is able to build you up
and give you *an inheritance
among all who are sanctified.
33 I coveted no one's silver, gold,
or clothing.
34 You yourselves know that these
hands of mine ministered to my
own needs and to the needs of
those who were with me.
35 In all things I have shown you
that we must labor in this way and
help those who are weak,
remembering what the Lord Jesus
himself said: 'It is more blessed to
give than to receive.' "
36 After saying these things, Paul
knelt down and prayed with them
all.
37 There was much weeping
among them all, and they threw
their arms around Paul's neck and
kissed him,
38 being especially grieved over
his statement that they would see
his face no more. Then they
accompanied him to the ship.

21

Paul's Journey to Jerusalem

1 After we parted from them and
set sail, we followed a straight
course and came to Cos. The next
day we reached Rhodes, and from
there we went to Patara.
2 When we found a ship crossing
over to Phoenicia, we went on
board and set sail.
3 After coming in sight of Cyprus,
we passed it on the left, sailed to
Syria, and arrived at Tyre, for there
the ship was to unload its cargo.
4 Then we found *some disciples
and stayed there for seven days.
Through the Spirit they kept telling
Paul not to †go up to Jerusalem,
5 but when our days there came to
an end, we left and went on our
way. All the disciples accompanied
us, along with their wives and
children, until we were outside of
the city. ‡Then we knelt down on
the beach and prayed.
6 After saying goodbye to one
another, we got on board the ship,
and they returned to their homes.

7 When we completed the voyage
from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais.
After greeting the brothers, we
stayed with them for one day.
8 The next day §Paul and his
companions left and went 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 After we had been there for
several days, a prophet named
Agabus came down from Judea.
11 He came to us and took Paul's
belt, and binding his own *feet and
hands, he said, "Thus says the Holy
Spirit, 'In this way the Jews in
Jerusalem will bind the man who
owns this belt and deliver him into
the hands of the Gentiles.' "
12 When we heard this, we and
the local residents urged Paul not
to go up to Jerusalem.
13 †But Paul responded, "What
are you doing, weeping and
breaking my heart? For I am ready
not only to be imprisoned but even
to die in Jerusalem for the name of
the Lord Jesus."
14 Since he would not be
persuaded, we said, "The Lord's
will be done," and then we kept
silent.

‡ **20:32** *now, brothers,* ¦ now CT § **20:32** *God* ¦ the Lord WH * **20:32** *an* ¦ the CT * **21:4** *some* ¦ the ANT CT ST † **21:4** *go up to* ¦ set foot in CT ‡ **21:5** *Then we knelt down on the beach and prayed. After saying goodbye to one another, we* ¦ After kneeling down on the beach and praying, we said goodbye to one another and CT § **21:8** *Paul and his companions* 46.1% ¦ we ANT CT PCK 37.8% ¦ we who were Paul's companions SCR 13.8% * **21:11** *feet and hands* ¦ hands and feet TR † **21:13** *But* ¦ Then CT

15 After those days we packed up
our belongings and went up to
Jerusalem.
16 Some of the disciples from
Caesarea went with us, bringing us
to a Cypriot man named Mnason,
an early disciple, with whom we
were to stay.

Paul Visits James

17 When we arrived in Jerusalem,
the brothers warmly welcomed us.
18 The following day Paul went in
with us to James, and all the elders
were present.
19 After greeting them, he reported
in detail what God had done among
the Gentiles through his ministry.
20 When they heard this, they began
glorifying ‡the Lord. Then they said
to him, “You see, brother, how
many thousands §of Jews there are
who have become believers, and
they are all zealous for the law.
21 They have been informed that
you teach all the Jews who live
among the Gentiles to forsake
Moses, telling them not to
circumcise their children or walk
according to our customs.
22 What then is to be done? *The
assembly will surely meet, for they
will hear that you have come.
23 So you must do what we tell you.
There are four men who are under
a vow.
24 Take these men and purify
yourself along with them and pay
their expenses, so that they can
shave their heads. Then everyone
will know that there is no truth to
what they have been told about
you, but that you yourself also walk
in an orderly manner, keeping the
law.
25 But as for the Gentiles who have
become believers, we have †written
a letter with our judgment ‡that
they should observe no such thing,
except that they should keep
themselves from what has been
sacrificed to idols, from blood, from
what has been strangled, and from
fornication.”
26 Then Paul took the men, and on
the next day he purified himself
with them and went to the temple,
giving notice of when the days of
their purification would be
completed and the offering would
be presented for each of them.

The Jews Seize Paul

27 When the seven days were about
to be completed, the Jews from Asia
saw Paul in the temple courts and
began stirring up the entire crowd.
They seized him,
28 crying out, “Men of Israel, help
us! This is the man who teaches
everyone everywhere against our
people, our law, and this place.
Furthermore, he has even brought
Greeks into the inner courts of the
temple and has defiled this holy
place.”
29 (For they had §seen Trophimus
the Ephesian in the city with Paul,
and they assumed that Paul had
brought him into the inner courts
of the temple.)
30 Then the entire city was in an
uproar, and the people rushed
together. They seized Paul and
dragged him out of the temple
courts, and the gates were
immediately shut.
31 But as they were trying to kill
him, a report went up to the
commander of the Roman cohort
that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.
32 At once he took soldiers and
centurions and ran down to them.
When the mob saw the commander
and the soldiers, they stopped
beating Paul.
33 Then the commander came up,
took him into custody, and

‡ **21:20** *the Lord* ¦ God CT § **21:20** *of Jews there are* 88.2% ¦ there are among the Jews CT 6.6%
* **21:22** *The assembly will surely meet, for they will* ¦ They will surely CT † **21:25** *written a letter* ¦ sent word SBL WH ‡ **21:25** *that they should observe no such thing, except* 88.2% ¦ — CT 2.1%
§ **21:29** *seen* ¦ previously seen CT TR

commanded him to be bound with two chains. He then asked who he was and what he had done.
34 But some in the crowd were shouting one thing, and some were shouting another, and since the commander could not find out any reliable information because of the uproar, he ordered Paul to be taken away to the barracks.
35 When Paul reached the steps, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd.
36 For the mob of people was following behind, crying out, "Away with him."

Paul Addresses the Crowd

37 As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the commander, "Do I have permission to *speak to you?" The commander said, "You know how to speak Greek?
38 Then you are not the Egyptian who before these days incited a revolt and led four thousand men of the Assassins out into the wilderness?"
39 Paul said, "I am a Jewish man from Tarsus of Cilicia, a citizen of an important city. Now I beg you, let me speak to the people."
40 When the commander gave him permission, Paul stood on the steps and motioned with his hand to the people. When there was a great hush, he addressed them in the Hebrew language,

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1 "Brothers and fathers, listen to the defense I now make to you."
2 When they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. Then he said,
3 "I am a Jewish man, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel and instructed according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, just as all of you are today.
4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding both men and women and putting them in prison,
5 as the high priest can testify about me, along with the whole council of elders. From them I received letters to the brothers in Damascus and then made my way there to make arrests and bring the prisoners back to Jerusalem to be punished.

Paul Tells of His Conversion

6 "About noon, as I was going along and drawing near to Damascus, a great light from heaven suddenly flashed around me.
7 Then 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 and were afraid, but they did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me.
10 Then I said, 'What should I do, Lord?' The Lord said to me, 'Rise and go to Damascus, and there you will be told about all that has been appointed for you to do.'
11 But since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, those who were with me took my hand and led me into Damascus.
12 "Now a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, who was well spoken of by all the Jews dwelling †in Damascus,
13 came and stood beside me. He said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight,' and in that very hour I received my sight and saw him.
14 Then he said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One, and to hear the voice coming from his mouth.

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* **21:37** *speak* ¦ say something ANT CT TR * **22:9** *light and were afraid, but they* 86.4% ¦ light, but CT 10.4% † **22:12** *in Damascus* ¦ there CT RP TR

15 For you will be his witness to
all people of what you have seen
and heard.
16 And now why do you delay?
Rise and be baptized and wash
away your sins, calling upon ‡the
name of the Lord.'

Paul's Commission to Preach to the Gentiles

17 "When I returned to Jerusalem
and was praying at the temple, I
fell into a trance
18 and saw the Lord saying to me,
'Make haste and get out of
Jerusalem quickly, for they will not
accept your testimony about me.'
19 So I said, 'Lord, they know that
in every synagogue I imprisoned
and beat those who believe in you.
20 And when the blood of your
witness Stephen was being shed, I
myself stood there §approving of
his execution *as I watched over
the cloaks of those who were killing
him.'
21 Then the Lord said to me, 'Go, for
I will send you far away to the
Gentiles.' "

Paul's Roman Citizenship

22 The crowd listened to Paul until
he made this statement, but then
they lifted up their voices and said,
"Away with this man from the
earth! For he should not be allowed
to live."
23 As they were crying out,
throwing off their cloaks and
flinging dust into the air,
24 the commander ordered Paul to
be brought into the barracks,
saying that he should be examined
by flogging, to find out the reason
why they were shouting at him in
this way.
25 But †as one of the soldiers was
stretching Paul out with the straps,
Paul said to the centurion standing
nearby, "Is it lawful for you to
whip a Roman citizen without a
proper trial?"
26 When the centurion heard this,
he went and reported it to the
commander, saying, "‡Consider
what you are about to do, for this
man is a Roman citizen."
27 So the commander went over
and said to Paul, "Tell me, are you a
Roman citizen?" He said, "Yes."
28 The commander responded, "I
acquired this citizenship with a
large sum of money." Paul said,
"But I am a citizen by birth."
29 So those who were about to
examine him immediately drew
back, and the commander was
afraid when he realized that Paul
was a Roman citizen and that he
had bound him.

Paul Brought Before the Sanhedrin

30 So the next day, wishing to know
for certain why Paul was being
accused by the Jews, the
commander released him §from his
bonds and commanded the chief
priests and *their entire Sanhedrin
to †come. Then he brought Paul
down and had him stand before
them.

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1 Looking intently at the Sanhedrin,
Paul said, "Brothers, in all good
conscience I have lived as a citizen
before God to this day."
2 At this the high priest Ananias
commanded those who were
standing beside Paul to strike him
on the mouth.
3 Then Paul said to him, "God is
about to strike you, you
whitewashed wall! Are you sitting
there judging me according to the
law, and yet contrary to the law
ordering me to be struck?"

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‡ **22:16** *the name of the Lord* ¦ his name CT § **22:20** *approving of his execution* 96.6% ¦ giving my approval CT 2.3% * **22:20** *as I watched* ¦ and watching ANT CT PCK TR † **22:25** *as one of the soldiers was stretching* ¦ when they had stretched ANT CT PCK SCR {Note: The main Greek text literally reads *as he was stretching*.} ‡ **22:26** *Consider what you are about to do, for* ¦ What are you about to do? For CT § **22:30** *from his bonds* 87.7% ¦ — CT 9.8% * **22:30** *their* ¦ the CT † **22:30** *come* ¦ assemble CT

4 Those standing nearby said, “Do you dare to insult God's high
priest?”
5 Paul said, “I did not know,
brothers, that he was the high
priest. For it is written, ‘You shall
not speak evil of a ruler of your
people.’ ”
6 Now when Paul realized that
some were *Sadducees and others
were Pharisees, he cried out in the
Sanhedrin, “Brothers, I am a
Pharisee, †the son of a Pharisee. It
is regarding the hope of the
resurrection of the dead that I am
on trial.”
7 When he said this, a dissension
arose ‡between the Pharisees and
Sadducees, and the assembly was
divided.
8 (For the Sadducees say that
there is no resurrection, and that
there are neither angels nor spirits,
but the Pharisees acknowledge
them all.)
9 Then there arose a great
clamor, and §the scribes of the
Pharisees' party stood up and
argued vehemently, “We find no
evil in this man. *If a spirit has
spoken to him, or an angel, let us
not fight against God.”
10 When the dissension grew
violent, the commander, †exercising
caution lest Paul be torn to pieces
by them, ordered the troops to go
down, take him away from them by
force, and bring him into the
barracks.
11 The following night the Lord
stood near Paul and said, “Take
courage, ‡Paul, for as you have
testified about me in Jerusalem, so
you must also testify in Rome.”

The Plot to Kill Paul

12 When daybreak came, §some of
the Jews formed a conspiracy and
bound themselves under a *curse,
saying that they would neither eat
nor drink until they had killed Paul.
13 More than forty men had taken
an oath to join this conspiracy.
14 They went to the chief priests
and the elders and said, “We have
bound ourselves under a solemn
curse to taste nothing until we have
killed Paul.
15 Now then, you and the council
must make an official request to
the commander to bring him down
to you †tomorrow, as though you
would be investigating the facts
about his case in greater detail.
And we will be ready to kill him
before he draws near to this place.”
16 But when the son of Paul's
sister heard about this ambush, he
went into the barracks and told
Paul.
17 Then Paul called one of the
centurions over and said, “Take this
young man to the commander, for
he has something to tell him.”
18 So he took the young man,
brought him to the commander,
and said, “The prisoner Paul called
for me and asked me to bring this
young man to you because he has
something to tell you.”
19 So the commander took the
young man by the hand, drew him
aside privately, and asked, “What is
it that you have to tell me?”
20 The young man said, “The Jews
have agreed to ask you to bring
Paul down to the Sanhedrin
tomorrow, as though ‡the members
of the Sanhedrin would be

* **23:6** *Sadducees and others were Pharisees* ¦ Pharisees and others were Sadducees PCK † **23:6** *the son of a Pharisee* ¦ a son of Pharisees CT ‡ **23:7** *between the Pharisees and Sadducees* ¦ on the part of the Pharisees RP § **23:9** *the* ¦ some of the CT * **23:9** *If a spirit has spoken to him, or an angel, let us not fight against God.* 94.6% ¦ What if a spirit has spoken to him, or an angel? CT 4.3% † **23:10** *exercising caution lest Paul* ¦ fearing that Paul would CT ‡ **23:11** *Paul,* ¦ — CT § **23:12** *some of* ¦ — CT * **23:12** *curse, saying that they would neither* ¦ curse neither to PCK † **23:15** *tomorrow* ¦ — CT ‡ **23:20** *the members of the Sanhedrin would be inquiring* 31.7% ¦ they would be inquiring PCK TR 33.1% ¦ the members of the Sanhedrin would be inquired of ANT 17.6% ¦ you would be inquiring TH WH 9.2% ¦ the Sanhedrin would be inquiring NA SBL 7.4%

inquiring about his case in greater detail.
21 Do not be persuaded by them,
for more than forty men are lying
in ambush for him. They have
bound themselves under a curse
not to eat or drink until they have
killed him. They are now ready,
waiting for yoʋr consent."
22 So the commander sent the
young man away, ordering him,
"Tell no one that yoʋ have reported
this to me."

Paul Sent to Felix the Governor

23 Then he called over two of the
centurions and said, "Get two
hundred soldiers ready by the third
hour of the night to go to Caesarea,
along with seventy horsemen and
two hundred spearmen.
24 Provide mounts so that they may
set Paul on one and bring him
safely to Felix the governor."
25 Then he wrote the following
letter:
26 "Claudius Lysias, to the most
excellent governor Felix: Greetings.
27 This man was seized by the Jews
and was about to be killed by them
when I came with the troops and
rescued him, having learned that
he was a Roman citizen.
28 Wishing to know the reason why
they were accusing him, I brought
him down to their Sanhedrin.
29 I discovered that he was being
accused about questions
concerning their own law, but had
no accusation against him that
deserved death or imprisonment.
30 When I was informed that a plot
§was about to be executed against
this man by the Jews, I sent him to
yoʋ at once, also ordering his
accusers to state before yoʋ the
charges against him. *Farewell."
31 So the soldiers took Paul and
brought him to Antipatris by night,
just as they had been commanded.
32 The next day, they let the
horsemen go on with him, while
they returned to the barracks.
33 When the horsemen came to
Caesarea and delivered the letter to
the governor, they presented Paul
to him as well.
34 After the governor read the
letter, he asked what province Paul
was from. When he learned that he
was from Cilicia,
35 he said, "I will give yoʋ a
hearing once yoʋr accusers have
arrived." Then he gave orders for
him to be kept at Herod's
headquarters.

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The Accusation Against Paul

1 Five days later the high priest
Ananias came down with *the
elders and an attorney named
Tertullus. They presented their case
against Paul to the governor.
2 When Paul had been summoned,
Tertullus began to present his case
before Felix, saying, "Since we have
experienced much peace because of
yoʋ, and †prosperity is coming to
this nation by yoʋr foresight,
3 both in every way and in every
place we acknowledge it, most
excellent Felix, with the utmost
gratitude.
4 But so that I may not detain yoʋ
any further, I request that, in yoʋr
forbearance, yoʋ would hear us
briefly.
5 For we have found this man to be
a pestilent fellow, an instigator of
‡dissension among all the Jews
throughout the world, and a
ringleader of the sect of the
Nazarenes.

§ **23:30** *was about to be executed against this man by the Jews* 86.2% ¦ would be executed by them against this man MSS 5.4% ¦ would be executed against this man CT 3.1% * **23:30** *Farewell.* ¦ — NA SBL WH * **24:1** *the* 83.4% ¦ some CT 14.9% † **24:2** *prosperity is coming to* ¦ reforms are being made for CT ‡ **24:5** *dissension* ¦ dissensions CT

6 He even tried to desecrate the
temple, so we seized §him.
8 By examining him yoυrself yoυ
will be able to learn the truth about
all these accusations we are making
against him."
9 The Jews also *joined in the
accusation, claiming that these
things were so.

Paul's Defense Before Felix

10 When the governor motioned for
him to speak, Paul responded,
"Knowing that yoυ have been a
†judge over this nation for many
years, I ‡all the more cheerfully
make my defense concerning these
charges against me.
11 Yoυ can ascertain that it has not
been more than twelve days since I
went up to §worship in Jerusalem.
12 Neither in the temple courts, nor
in the synagogues, nor anywhere in
the city did they find me arguing
with anyone or stirring up a crowd.
13 Nor can they offer *any proof
†against me concerning the things
of which they now accuse me.
14 But I confess this to yoυ, that
according to the Way, which they
call a sect, I serve the God of our
fathers, believing everything that is
‡written throughout the Law and in
the Prophets,
15 having a hope in God, which
these men themselves also accept,
that there will be a resurrection §of
the dead, both of the righteous and
the unrighteous.
16 Because of this I *strive the way I
do, always having a clear
conscience before †God and men.
17 After being away for many years,
I came to bring charitable gifts to
my nation along with offerings.
18 While I was doing this, ‡some
Jews from Asia found me in the
temple courts as I was completing
the rite of purification, without any
crowd or commotion.
19 They ought to be here before yoυ
and make an accusation if they
have anything against me.
20 Or these men themselves should
§state what wrongdoing they found
*in me when I stood before the
Sanhedrin,
21 other than this one thing that I
cried out while standing among
them: 'It is regarding the
resurrection of the dead that I am
†being tried by you today.' "

22 ‡After hearing these things,
Felix, who knew the facts
concerning the Way in great detail,
had them adjourn, saying, "When
Lysias the commander comes
down, I will decide your case."
23 Then he ordered the centurion
to keep Paul in custody, but to
allow him a certain measure of
freedom and not to prevent his

§ **24:6** *him.* 8 By 55.3% ¦ him and wanted to judge him according to our own law.
7 But Lysias the commander came and took him out of our hands with much violence, 8 ordering his accusers to com
* **24:9** *joined in the accusation* ¦ assented TR † **24:10** *judge* ¦ righteous judge PCK ‡ **24:10** *all the more* ¦ — CT § **24:11** *worship in Jerusalem* ¦ Jerusalem to worship ANT CT * **24:13** *any proof* ¦ any proof to yoυ CT † **24:13** *against me* ¦ — ANT CT PCK SCR ‡ **24:14** *written throughout the Law and* 78.4% ¦ in accordance with the law and that is written ANT CT 20.4% {Note: The *Text und Textwert* collation ignores a variant that affects the translation of this text. As a result, the percentages are not entirely accurate.} § **24:15** *of the dead,* 91.6% ¦ — CT 6.6% * **24:16** *strive the way I do, always having* ¦ myself strive to always have ANT CT TR † **24:16** *God* ¦ both God PCK ‡ **24:18** *some Jews from Asia found me in the temple courts as I was completing the rite of purification, without any crowd or commotion. They* ¦ they found me in the temple courts as I was completing the rite of purification, without any crowd or commotion. But there are some Jews from Asia who CT ST § **24:20** *state what wrongdoing they found* ¦ say if they found any wrongdoing TR * **24:20** *in me* ¦ — CT † **24:21** *being tried by* ¦ on trial before CT ‡ **24:22** *After hearing these things,* 87.3% ¦ Then CT 4.1% § **24:23** *or visiting him* ¦ — CT

own people from attending to his needs §or visiting him.

Paul Held in Custody

24 After several days, when Felix came back with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and listened to him speak about faith in Christ *Jesus.
25 But as Paul was discussing righteousness, self-control, and the coming judgment, Felix became frightened and said in response, "Go away for now, and when I get an opportunity I will call for you."
26 At the same time he was hoping that Paul would give him †money, so that he might release him. So he would send for Paul quite often and converse with him.
27 But after two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And wishing to gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul in prison.

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Paul's Trial Before Festus

1 Three days after arriving in the province, Festus went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea,
2 where the *high priest and prominent Jewish men presented their case against Paul.
3 Asking for a favor against Paul, they urged Festus to summon him to Jerusalem, because they were planning an ambush to kill him on the way.
4 But Festus replied that Paul was being kept in custody in Caesarea, and that he himself was about to go there shortly.
5 "So," he said, "let those among you who are influential go down with me, and if there is †any fault in this man, they can bring charges against him."
6 After staying among them for ‡more than ten days, Festus went down to Caesarea. The next day he sat on the judgment seat and ordered Paul to be brought in.
7 When Paul arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many serious charges §against him that they could not prove.
8 Then Paul said in his own defense, "Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I committed any offense."
9 But Festus, wishing to gain favor with the Jews, responded to Paul, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and *stand trial before me there on these charges?"
10 Paul said, "I am standing before the judgment seat of Caesar, where I ought to stand trial. I have done the Jews no wrong, as you yourself know very well.
11 If I am in the wrong and have done something that deserves death, I do not seek to escape death. But if none of the things these men accuse me of is true, no one can hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar."
12 After conferring with the council, Festus answered, "You have appealed to Caesar; to Caesar you shall go."

Festus Consults King Agrippa

13 After several days had passed, King Agrippa and Bernice arrived at Caesarea and greeted Festus.
14 Since †he was staying there for several days, Festus presented Paul's case to him, saying, "There is

* **24:24** *Jesus* ¦ — ANT HF RP TR † **24:26** *money, so that he might release him.* ¦ money. CT
* **25:2** *high priest* ¦ chief priests CT PCK † **25:5** *any fault in this* 72.6% ¦ anything wrong about the CT 9.3% ¦ anything wrong about this SCR 17.1% ‡ **25:6** *more than* ¦ not more than eight or CT
§ **25:7** *against him* ¦ — CT * **25:9** *stand trial before* ¦ be tried by PCK † **25:14** *he was staying … to him* ¦ they were staying … to the king ANT CT PCK TR

a man who was left as a prisoner
by Felix.
15 When I was in Jerusalem, the
chief priests and the elders of the
Jews presented their case and
asked for a ‡judgment against him.
16 I answered them that it is not the
custom of the Romans to hand
§anyone over for destruction before
the accused faces his accusers and
has an opportunity to make his
defense concerning the charges.
17 So when they had assembled
here, I did not postpone the case,
but on 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 against him of
*the sort I was expecting.
19 Instead they had certain points of
disagreement with him about their
own religion and about a man
named Jesus who was dead, but
whom Paul claimed was alive.
20 Since I was at a loss as to how to
investigate †this matter, I asked if
he might be willing to go to
Jerusalem and stand trial there on
these charges.
21 But Paul appealed to be kept in
custody for the decision of His
Majesty the Emperor, so I ordered
him to be held until I could send
him to Caesar."
22 Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I
would like to hear the man myself."
Festus said, "Tomorrow you will
hear him."

Paul Brought Before King Agrippa

23 So the next day Agrippa and
Bernice came with great pomp and
entered the auditorium along with
the military commanders and the
distinguished men of the city. Then
Festus gave the command, and Paul
was brought in.
24 Festus said, "King Agrippa and all
you men who are present with us,
you see this man, concerning whom
the entire Jewish community has
appealed to me, both in Jerusalem
and here in this place, crying out
that he ought not to live any longer.
25 But ‡when I found that he had
done nothing deserving death, and
since he himself appealed to His
Majesty the Emperor, I decided to
send him.
26 Yet I have nothing definite to
write to my lord about this man.
Therefore I have brought him
before you all, and especially
before you, King Agrippa, so that
after we have had this preliminary
hearing, I may have something to
write.
27 For it seems unreasonable to me
to send a prisoner without
indicating the charges against him."

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Paul's Defense Before Agrippa

1 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You
have permission to speak for
yourself." So Paul stretched out his
hand and began to make his
defense:
2 "I consider myself fortunate that
it is before you, King Agrippa, that I
am about to make my defense today
concerning all the things of which I
am being accused by the Jews,
3 especially since *you are
acquainted with all the customs
and controversies of the Jews.
Therefore I beg you to listen to me
patiently.
4 "All the Jews know about my
manner of life from my youth up,
which was spent from the
beginning among my own nation
†in Jerusalem.
5 They have known about me for
a long time, if they are willing to

‡ **25:15** *judgment* ¦ sentence of condemnation CT § **25:16** *anyone over for destruction* 89.9% ¦ over anyone CT 7.4% * **25:18** *the* ¦ any evils of the SBL WH ¦ any evil of the NA TH † **25:20** *this matter* ¦ these matters CT PCK ‡ **25:25** *when* ¦ — CT * **26:3** *you* ¦ I know you SCR † **26:4** *in* ¦ and in CT

testify, that according to the
strictest sect of our religion I lived
as a Pharisee.
6 And now I am standing trial
because of my hope in the promise
God made to our fathers,
7 a promise that our twelve tribes
hope to attain as they earnestly
serve him night and day. Regarding
this hope, ‡King Agrippa, I am
being accused by the Jews.
8 Why is it deemed unbelievable
by you that God raises the dead?
9 “Indeed, I myself was convinced
that I ought to do many things
against the name of Jesus of
Nazareth.
10 And that is just what I did in
Jerusalem. §I locked up many of
the saints in prison by the authority
I received from the chief priests,
and when they were being put to
death, I cast my vote against them.
11 I also punished them often in
all the synagogues and tried to
force them to blaspheme. And
being furiously enraged against
them, I pursued them even to
foreign cities.

Paul Tells of His Conversion and Commission

12 “While engaged in such things, I
was on my way to Damascus with
authority and commission from the
chief priests,
13 when at midday, O king, I saw on
the way a light from heaven,
brighter than the sun, shining
around me and those who were
traveling with me.
14 When we had all fallen down 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?’ *He
said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are
persecuting.
16 But rise and stand on your feet,
for I have appeared to you for this
purpose, to appoint you as a
servant and as a witness to the
things †you have seen and to the
things in which I will appear to you.
17 I will rescue you from your own
people and from the Gentiles, to
whom I ‡am sending you
18 to open their eyes §so that they
may turn away from darkness to
light, and from the dominion of
Satan to God, that they may receive
remission of sins and an allotment
among those who have been
sanctified by faith in me.’

Paul Tells of His Preaching to Jews and Gentiles

19 “Consequently, King Agrippa, I
was not disobedient to the
heavenly vision,
20 but first to those in Damascus
and *then to those in Jerusalem, to
all the region of Judea and to the
Gentiles, I proclaimed that they
should repent and turn to God,
doing works consistent with
repentance.
21 That is why †the Jews seized me
‡in the temple courts and were
trying to kill me.
22 But having obtained help from
God, I stand to this day testifying to
both small and great, saying
nothing except what the Prophets
and Moses said would take place:
23 that the Christ would suffer and
that, as the first to rise from the
dead, he would proclaim light §to
our people and to the Gentiles.”
24 As Paul was saying these things
in his own defense, Festus said with
a loud voice, “You are out of your

‡ **26:7** *King Agrippa* ¦ O king CT § **26:10** *I locked … and* ¦ Not only did I lock … but CT * **26:15** *He* ¦ The Lord CT † **26:16** *you have seen* ¦ in which you have seen me CT ‡ **26:17** *am* ¦ am now TR § **26:18** *so that they may turn* ¦ and to turn them SCR * **26:20** *then to those in Jerusalem, to all the region of Judea* ¦ to those in Jerusalem and all the region of Judea, CT † **26:21** *the* ¦ some CT ‡ **26:21** *in* ¦ while I was in NA § **26:23** *to* ¦ both to CT PCK

mind, Paul. Too much learning is
driving you insane!"
25 But Paul said, "I am not out of
my mind, most excellent Festus, but
I am speaking words of truth and
good sense.
26 For the king knows about these
things, to whom I am speaking
boldly. I am convinced that none of
these things has escaped his notice
*at all, for this has not been done in
a corner.
27 Do you believe the Prophets,
King Agrippa? I know that you
believe."
28 Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you
think you can persuade me to
become a Christian so quickly?"
29 Paul said, "Whether quickly or
not, I pray to God that not only you
but also all who are listening to me
today would become as I am,
except for these chains."
30 †After Paul said these things,
the king stood up, along with the
governor, Bernice, and those who
were sitting with them.
31 After leaving the room, they
began saying to one another, "This
man is doing ‡nothing that deserves
death or imprisonment."
32 And Agrippa said to Festus,
"This man could have been
released if he had not appealed to
Caesar."

27

Paul Begins His Voyage to Rome

1 When it was decided that we
would sail to Italy, they transferred
Paul and some other prisoners to a
centurion named Julius, of the
Augustan Cohort.
2 We got on board a ship of
Adramyttium *and put out to sea,
intending to sail by the ports along
the coast of Asia. With us was
Aristarchus, a Macedonian of
Thessalonica.
3 The next day we put in at Sidon,
and Julius treated Paul kindly,
allowing him to go to †his friends
and receive care.
4 From there we put out to sea and
sailed under the lee of Cyprus,
because the winds were against us.
5 After sailing across the open sea
off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we
arrived at Myra of Lycia.
6 There the centurion found an
Alexandrian ship that was sailing to
Italy and put us on board.
7 We sailed along slowly for many
days and arrived with difficulty off
Cnidus. When the wind did not
allow us to hold our course, we
sailed under the lee of Crete off
Salmone.
8 Sailing along the coast with
difficulty, we came to a place called
Fair Havens, which was near the
city of Lasea.
9 Since much time had been lost
and the voyage had now become
dangerous because the Fast was
already over, Paul advised the men
on the ship, saying,
10 "Men, I perceive that this
voyage is going to result in damage
and great loss, not only of the cargo
and of the ship, but also of our
lives."
11 But the centurion was
persuaded by the ship's captain and
the shipowner rather than by what
Paul said.
12 Because the harbor was not a
suitable place for spending the
winter, the majority made a
decision to set sail from there ‡also,
hoping to somehow reach Phoenix,
a harbor of Crete facing southwest
and northwest, so that we could
spend the winter there.

The Storm at Sea

13 When a south wind started
blowing gently, they thought that

* **26:26** *at all* ¦ — SBL WH † **26:30** *After Paul said these things,* ¦ Then CT ‡ **26:31** *nothing* ¦ nothing at all NA SBL TH * **27:2** *and put out to sea, intending to sail by the ports along the coast of Asia* ¦ that was about to sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, and we put out to sea CT † **27:3** *his* ¦ some ST ‡ **27:12** *also* ¦ — CT PCK

the opportunity had come for them
to carry out their plan. So they
weighed anchor §and sailed closely
along the shore of Crete.
14 But before long, a hurricane-force
wind called *Euroclydon swept
down from the island.
15 When the ship was caught by the
storm and could not head into the
wind, we gave way to it and were
driven along.
16 Running under the lee of a small
island called †Clauda, we were able
with difficulty to secure the skiff.
17 After hoisting it up, the sailors
used supports to undergird the
ship. Then, fearing they might run
aground on the Syrtis, they lowered
the gear, and in this manner the
ship was driven along.
18 The next day, because we were
being severely battered by the
storm, the sailors began throwing
the cargo overboard.
19 On the third day ‡we threw the
ship's tackle overboard with our
own hands.
20 When neither sun nor stars
appeared for many days, and the
violent storm continued to rage, all
hope that we might be saved was
lost.

21 Since there had been little
desire to eat, Paul stood up among
them and said, “Men, you should
have listened to my advice not to
set sail from Crete; then you would
have spared yourselves this
damage and loss.
22 But now I advise you to be of
good cheer, for there will be no loss
of life among you, but 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 and said, ‘Do not be afraid,
Paul; you must stand before Caesar.
And behold, God has granted you
the safety of all who are sailing
with you.’
25 Therefore be of good cheer,
men, for I have faith in God that it
will happen just as I have been told.
26 But we must run aground on
some island.”
27 When the fourteenth night had
come, as we were being driven
across the Adriatic Sea, about
midnight the sailors suspected that
they were approaching some land.
28 So they took a sounding and
found it to be twenty fathoms.
After going a little farther, they
took another sounding and found it
to be fifteen fathoms.
29 Fearing that §we might run
*aground on the rocks, they let
down four anchors from the stern
and prayed for daybreak to come.
30 Then the sailors tried to escape
from the ship by lowering the skiff
into the sea under the pretense that
they were going to lay out anchors
from the bow.
31 So Paul said to the centurion
and the soldiers, “If these men do
not remain in the ship, you cannot
be saved.”
32 Then the soldiers cut away the
ropes of the skiff and let it drift
away.
33 When daybreak was about to
come, Paul encouraged them all to
take some food, saying, “Today is
the fourteenth day that you have
continued in suspense without
eating, having taken nothing.
34 Therefore I urge you to take
some food, for this is important for
†your survival, since not a hair will
‡fall from the head of any one of
you.”

§ **27:13** *and sailed closely* ¦ from Assos and sailed ST {Note: The reading of ST most likely stems from a mistranslation in the Latin Vulgate that confuses the Greek literary term *asson* (‘closely’) with the proper noun *Assos*, a coastal city in Mysia.} * **27:14** *Euroclydon* 95.1% ¦ Euraquilo CT 0.8% † **27:16** *Clauda* ¦ Cauda NA SBL WH ‡ **27:19** *we … our* ¦ they … their CT § **27:29** *we* ¦ they ST * **27:29** *aground* ¦ aground somewhere CT † **27:34** *your* ¦ our PCK ‡ **27:34** *fall* ¦ perish CT

35 After saying this, Paul took
some bread and gave thanks to God
in the presence of them all. Then
he broke it and began to eat.
36 They were all encouraged and
took food themselves.
37 (Altogether there were §two
hundred seventy-six of us on the
ship.)
38 When they had eaten their fill
of food, they began to lighten the
ship by throwing the wheat out into
the sea.

The Shipwreck

39 When daybreak came, the sailors
did not recognize the land. But they
noticed a bay with a beach and
decided that, if *possible, they
would †run the ship ashore there.
40 So they cut away the anchors and
left them in the sea, at the same
time loosening the bands of the
rudders. Then they hoisted the
foresail up into the blowing wind
and made for the beach.
41 But they struck a sandbar and
ran the ship aground. The bow
stuck fast and remained
immovable, and the stern was
being broken apart by the ‡force of
the waves.
42 The soldiers' plan was to kill the
prisoners, so that none of them
would swim away and escape.
43 But the centurion, wishing to
save Paul's life, kept them from
carrying out their plan. So he
ordered those who could swim to
jump overboard first and get to
land,
44 and the rest were to follow, some
on planks and some on pieces of
the ship. And so it was that they
were all brought safely to land.

28

Paul on Malta

1 Once *they had safely reached
shore, they found out that the
island was called †Malta.
2 The native people showed us
extraordinary kindness. For they
welcomed us all and kindled a fire
because of the rain that had set in
and because of the cold.
3 Paul gathered a bundle of sticks,
and when he was putting them on
the fire, a viper came out because
of the heat and ‡fastened on his
hand.
4 When the native people saw the
creature hanging from his hand,
they said to one another, “This man
is undoubtedly a murderer.
Although he has been saved from
the sea, the goddess Justice has not
allowed him to live.”
5 But Paul shook the creature off
into the fire and suffered no harm.
6 The people were expecting that he
would soon swell up or suddenly
fall down dead. But after waiting
expectantly for a long time and
seeing nothing unusual happen to
him, they changed their minds and
said that he was a god.
7 Now in the region around that
place were lands that belonged to
the chief man of the island, named
Publius, who welcomed us and
hospitably took care of us as his
guests for three days.
8 Now it so happened that the
father of Publius lay sick in bed,
suffering from fevers and
dysentery. So Paul went in to see
him and healed him by praying and
laying his hands on him.
9 After this happened, the rest of
the people on the island who were
sick also came and were healed.
10 So the people bestowed many
honors upon us, and when we were
about to set sail, they provided us
with the things we needed.

Paul Arrives in Rome

§ **27:37** *two hundred* ¦ about WH * **27:39** *possible* ¦ they could ANT CT TR † **27:39** *run the ship ashore* ¦ bring the ship safely to shore WH ‡ **27:41** *force of the waves* 97.2% ¦ forceful impact SBL WH 1.2% * **28:1** *they … they* ¦ we … we CT † **28:1** *Malta* ¦ Melitene WH ‡ **28:3** *fastened* ¦ fastened itself PCK

11 After three months, we set sail in
an Alexandrian ship that had
wintered at the island and that had
the twin sons of Zeus as its
figurehead.
12 Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed
there for three days.
13 From there we §took a circuitous
course and arrived at Rhegium.
After one day a south wind sprang
up, and on the second day we came
to 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 from Rome
heard the news about us, they came
*out as far as the Forum of Appius
and the Three Taverns to meet us.
When Paul saw them, he gave
thanks to God and took courage.
16 When we came into Rome, †the
centurion transferred the prisoners
to the captain of the guard, but
Paul was allowed to stay by
himself, with the soldier who was
guarding him.

Paul Addresses the Jews in Rome

17 After three days, Paul called
together those who were
prominent among the Jews. When
they had gathered together, he said
to them, “Brothers, though I had
done nothing against our people or
the customs of our fathers, I was
delivered as a prisoner from
Jerusalem into the hands of the
Romans.
18 When they examined me, they
were willing to release me because
there were no grounds for death in
my case.
19 But when the Jews objected, I
was forced to appeal to Caesar, not
that I had any accusation to make
against my own nation.
20 That is why I have asked to see
you and speak with you, for it is on
account of the hope of Israel that I
am bound with this chain.”
21 They said to him, “We have
received no letters from Judea
about you, and none of the brothers
who have come here have reported
or spoken anything bad about you.
22 But we think it would be best to
hear what your views are, for
concerning this sect, we know that
everywhere it is spoken against.”
23 When they had arranged a day
to meet with Paul, many more
came to him at his lodging. From
morning until evening he explained
the matter to them, testifying about
the kingdom of God and trying to
convince them about Jesus both
from the Law of Moses and from
the Prophets.
24 Some were convinced by what
he said, but others refused to
believe.
25 So they were in disagreement
with one another and began to
leave after Paul made this one final
statement: “The Holy Spirit was
right in saying to ‡our fathers
through the prophet Isaiah:

26 ‘Go to this people and say,
“Although you will hear, you will
never understand,
and although you will see, you will
never perceive.”
27 For the heart of this people has
become calloused;
with their ears they have barely
heard,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts
and turn back,
and I would heal them.’

28 Therefore let it be known to you
that §the salvation of God has been
sent to the Gentiles; they will
listen.”

§ **28:13** *took a circuitous course* ¦ cast off NA SBL WH * **28:15** *out* ¦ — CT † **28:16** *the centurion transferred the prisoners to the captain of the guard, but* 83.8% ¦ — CT 4.4% ‡ **28:25** *our* ¦ your CT
§ **28:28** *the* ¦ this ANT CT

29 *After Paul said these things, the
Jews went away and had a great
dispute among themselves.
30 For two whole years Paul
stayed in his own rented house and
welcomed all who came to him,
31 preaching the kingdom of God
and teaching about the Lord Jesus
Christ with all boldness and
without hindrance.

* **28:29** *After Paul said these things, the Jews went away and had a great dispute among themselves.* 87.6% ¦ — SBL TH WH 4.6% {Note: NA encloses this text with double brackets.}

THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Greeting

1 Paul, a servant of *Jesus Christ,
called to be an apostle, 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
descended from David according to
the flesh
4 and who was declared to be the
Son of God in power according to
the Spirit of holiness by his
resurrection from the dead, Jesus
Christ our Lord,
5 through whom we have received
grace and apostleship to bring
about the obedience of faith for the
sake of his name among all the
Gentiles,
6 including you who are also called
to belong to Jesus Christ;
7 to all who are in Rome, beloved by
God and called to be saints: Grace
to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's Desire to Visit Rome

8 First, I give thanks to my God
through Jesus Christ for you all,
because your faith is proclaimed in
all the world.
9 For God is my witness, whom I
serve with my spirit in the gospel of
his Son, that I continually
remember you,
10 always pleading in my prayers
that somehow by God's will I may
now at last succeed in coming to
you.
11 For I long to see you so that I
may impart to you some spiritual
gift, that you may be established,
12 that is, that while I am among
you we may be mutually
encouraged by each other's faith,
both yours and mine.
13 I do not want you to be unaware,
brothers, that I have often intended
to come to you (but have been
hindered until the present time) so
that I might have some fruit among
you as well, just as I have had
among the other Gentiles.
14 I am under obligation both to
Greeks and to barbarians, both to
the wise and to the foolish;
15 thus the eagerness on my part to
preach the gospel to you also who
are in Rome.

The Power of the Gospel

16 For I am not ashamed of the
gospel †of Christ, because it is the
power of God for salvation to
everyone who believes, both to the
Jew first and also to the Greek.
17 For in it the righteousness of God
is revealed from faith to faith, just
as it is written, “The righteous will
live by faith.”

God's Wrath Against Unrighteousness

18 For the wrath of God is revealed
from heaven against all
ungodliness and unrighteousness of
men, who suppress the truth by
their unrighteousness.
19 Because what is known about
God is evident among them, for
God has made it evident to them.
20 For his invisible qualities, both
his everlasting power and his
divinity, have been plainly seen
from the creation of the world,
being perceived through what has
been made, so that they are
without excuse.
21 For although they knew God,
they did not glorify him as God or
give thanks, but they became futile
in their thoughts, and their
senseless hearts were darkened.
22 Claiming to be wise, they became
fools

* **1:1** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus NA SBL † **1:16** *of Christ* ¦ — CT ‡ **1:23** *exchanged* ¦ exchanged for themselves PCK

23 and ‡exchanged the glory of the
immortal God for images
resembling mortal man, birds,
four-footed animals, and reptiles.
24 Therefore God gave them up in
the lusts of their hearts to impurity,
to dishonor their bodies among
themselves,
25 because they exchanged the
truth of God for falsehood and
worshiped and served the creature
rather than the Creator, who is
blessed forever. Amen.
26 For this reason God gave them
up to dishonorable passions, for
their women exchanged natural
relations for that which is contrary
to nature.
27 In the same way the men also,
having abandoned natural relations
with women, were inflamed in
their lust for one another, men
committing shameful acts with men
and receiving in themselves the
due penalty for their error.
28 And just as they considered it
worthless to acknowledge God, God
gave them up to a worthless mind,
to do what is not proper.
29 They are filled with all
unrighteousness, §fornication, evil,
covetousness, and malice. They are
full of envy, murder, strife, deceit,
and maliciousness.
30 They are gossips, slanderers,
haters of God, insolent, proud,
boasters, inventors of evil,
disobedient to parents,
31 senseless, untrustworthy,
without natural affection,
*irreconcilable, and unmerciful.
32 Though they know the
ordinance of God, that those who
practice such things deserve death,
they not only do them but also
approve of those who practice
them.

2

The Righteous Judgment of God

1 Therefore you are without excuse,
O man, every one of you who
judges. For on whatever grounds
you judge another, you condemn
yourself, for you who judge do the
same things.
2 Now we know that the judgment
of God against those who do such
things is in accordance with truth.
3 Do you suppose, O man—you who
judge those who do such things and
yet do them yourself—that you will
escape the judgment of God?
4 Or do you despise the riches of his
kindness, forbearance, and
patience, not knowing that the
kindness of God leads you to
repentance?
5 But according to your
stubbornness and your
unrepentant heart, you are storing
up wrath for yourself on the day of
*wrath, revelation, and the
righteous judgment of God,
6 who will repay each person
according to his works.
7 To those who by patient
endurance in good works seek
glory, honor, and immortality, he
will give eternal life;
8 but for those who are self-seeking
and obey unrighteousness instead
of the truth, there will be †anger
and wrath.
9 There will be tribulation and
distress for everyone who does evil,
the Jew first and also the Greek;
10 but there will be glory, honor,
and peace for everyone who does
good, the Jew first and also the
Greek.
11 For there is no partiality with
God.
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,

§ **1:29** *fornication,* ¦ — CT * **1:31** *irreconcilable,* ¦ — CT * **2:5** *wrath, revelation, and* ¦ wrath and the revelation of CT TR † **2:8** *anger and wrath* ¦ wrath and anger CT

but the doers of the law will be
justified.
14 For when Gentiles, who do not
have the law, by nature do what is
required by the law, they are a law
to themselves, even though they do
not have the law.
15 They show that what the law
requires is written in their hearts,
as their conscience bears witness
with them and their conflicting
thoughts accuse or even defend
them
16 on the day when, according to
my gospel, God ‡will judge the
secret thoughts of men through
§Jesus Christ.

The Jews and the Law

17 *Behold, you call yourself a Jew
and rely on the law and boast in
†God.
18 You know his will and approve
what is excellent, because you are
instructed from the ‡law.
19 And you have confidence that you
yourself are a guide for the blind, a
light for those who are in darkness,
20 an instructor of the foolish, and a
teacher of children, because you
have in the law the embodiment of
knowledge and §truth.
21 You then who teach others, do
you not teach yourself? You who
preach against stealing, do you
steal?
22 You who tell others 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 transgressing the
law?
24 As it is written, “The name of
God is blasphemed among the
Gentiles because of you.”
25 Circumcision does indeed
benefit you if you observe the law,
but if you transgress the law, your
circumcision has become
uncircumcision.
26 If then an uncircumcised man
keeps the ordinances of the law,
will not his uncircumcision be
regarded as circumcision?
27 And will not he who is
physically uncircumcised and
carries out the law judge you who,
despite having the letter of the law
and circumcision, transgress the
law?
28 For he is not a Jew who is one
outwardly, neither is circumcision
something outward in the flesh;
29 but he is a Jew who is one
inwardly, and circumcision is a
matter of the heart, by the Spirit,
not by the letter. Such a man's
praise comes not from men but
from God.

3

1 What then is the advantage of the
Jew? Or what is the benefit of
circumcision?
2 Much in every way. First of all,
the Jews were entrusted with the
oracles of God.
3 Now what if some of them were
unfaithful? Will their
unfaithfulness nullify the
faithfulness of God?
4 Certainly not! Rather, let God be
true even if every man is a liar, just
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 the righteousness of
God, what shall we say? Is God,
who inflicts wrath, unrighteous? (I
speak in a human way.)
6 Certainly not! Otherwise, how
could God judge the world?
7 *For if through my lie the truth of
God abounds to his glory, why am I
still being judged as a sinner?

‡ **2:16** *will judge* ¦ judges NA SBL WH § **2:16** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus NA SBL WH * **2:17** *Behold,* ¦ But if CT † **2:17** *God. You* ¦ God; if you CT ‡ **2:18** *law. And* ¦ law; if CT § **2:20** *truth. You* ¦ truth—you CT * **3:7** *For* ¦ But NA SBL WH

8 And why not say (just as some
slanderously claim that we say),
"Let us do evil that good may
come"? Their condemnation is just.

No One is Righteous

9 What then? Are we Jews any
better off? Not at all! For we have
previously charged that both Jews
and Greeks are all under sin,
10 just as it is written,

"There is none righteous, not even
one;
11 there is none who understands;
there is none who seeks after God.
12 All have turned aside; together
they have become useless;
there is none who shows kindness,
not even one."
13 "Their throat is an open grave;
with their tongues they deceive."
"The venom of asps 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 the way of peace they have
not known."
18 "There is no fear of God before
their eyes."

19 Now we know that whatever
the law says, it says to those who
are under the law, so that every
mouth may be stopped and all the
world may be brought under the
judgment of God.
20 For by the works of the law no
flesh will be justified in his sight,
for through the law comes
knowledge of sin.

Justification by Faith

21 But now the righteousness of God
has been revealed apart from the
law, attested by the Law and the
Prophets,
22 that is, the righteousness of God
through faith in Jesus Christ for all
†and upon all who believe; for
there is no distinction.
23 For all have sinned and fall short
of the glory of God,
24 being freely justified by his grace
through the redemption that is in
Christ Jesus,
25 whom God put forward as a
sacrifice of atonement, through
faith, by his blood. He did this to
demonstrate his righteousness,
because in his divine forbearance
he had passed over the sins that
had previously been committed.
26 He did so to prove in the present
time that he is righteous and that
he justifies the one who has faith in
Jesus.

27 Where then is boasting? It is
excluded. By what kind of law? By
a law of works? No, but by the law
of faith.
28 ‡We conclude therefore that a
person is justified by faith apart
from the works of the law.
29 Or is God the God of the Jews
only? Is he not the God of the
Gentiles also? Yes, of the Gentiles
also,
30 since there is only one God,
who will justify the circumcised by
faith and the uncircumcised
through faith.
31 Do we then nullify the law
through faith? Certainly not! On
the contrary, we uphold the law.

4

The Example of Abraham

1 What then shall we say *that
Abraham our father has discovered
according to the flesh?
2 If Abraham was justified by
works, he has something to boast
about, but not before God.

† **3:22** *and upon all* 92.6% ¦ — CT 6.6% ‡ **3:28** *We conclude therefore* ¦ For we conclude CT
* **4:1** *that Abraham our father has discovered according to the flesh* ¦ that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has discovered NA SBL TH ¦ about Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh WH

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, his
wages are not counted as a gift, but
as something owed to him.
5 However, 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 one 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 against whom
the Lord will never count
sin.”

9 Is this blessedness then only for
the circumcised, or is it also for the
uncircumcised? For we say, “Faith
was counted to Abraham as
righteousness.”
10 How then was it counted?
When he was circumcised, or
uncircumcised? Not when he was
circumcised, but when he was
uncircumcised.
11 He received the sign of
circumcision as a seal of the
righteousness that he had by faith
while he was still uncircumcised, so
that he might be the father of all
who believe when they are
uncircumcised, so that
righteousness might be counted to
them †as well,
12 and so that he might be the
father of those who are not only
circumcised in the flesh, but who
also walk in the footsteps of the
faith that our father Abraham had
when he was uncircumcised.

The Promise Granted Through Faith

13 For the promise to Abraham, or
to his offspring, that he would be
the heir of the world was not
through the law, but through the
righteousness of faith.
14 For if those who are of the law
are heirs, faith has been made void
and the promise has been
invalidated,
15 because the law brings wrath;
‡for where there is no law, there is
no transgression.

16 For this reason the promise
comes by faith, so that it may be
according to grace and be
guaranteed to all Abraham's
offspring, not only to the one who
is of the law, but also to the one
who is of the faith of Abraham,
who is the father of us all
17 (just as it is written, “I have
made you the father of many
nations”). He is our father in the
presence of the God in whom he
believed, who gives life to the dead
and calls into being what does not
yet exist.
18 Against all hope Abraham
believed in hope that he would
become the father of many nations
according to what had been spoken:
“So shall your offspring be.”
19 Because he was not weak in
faith, he §did not consider his own
body, *now as good as dead (since
he was somewhere around a
hundred years old), or the deadness
of Sarah's womb.
20 And he did not waver in
unbelief at the promise of God but
was strengthened in faith, giving
glory to God
21 and being fully assured that
God was able to do what he had
promised.
22 Therefore, “it was counted to
him as righteousness.”
23 Now the statement “it was
counted to him” was not written
only for Abraham's sake,
24 but for ours also. It will be
counted to us who believe in him
who raised Jesus our Lord from the
dead,

† **4:11** *as well* ¦ — SBL TH WH ‡ **4:15** *for* ¦ but CT § **4:19** *did not consider … or* ¦ considered … and CT * **4:19** *now* ¦ — SBL

25 who was delivered up for our
trespasses and raised for our
justification.

5

Peace with God Through Faith

1 Therefore, since we have been
justified by faith, *we have peace
with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ,
2 through whom we have access by
faith into this grace in which we
stand, and we boast in the hope of
the glory of God.
3 Not only that, but we also boast in
our tribulations, knowing that
tribulation produces endurance,
4 endurance produces proven
character, proven character
produces hope,
5 and hope does not put to shame,
because the love of God has been
poured out into our hearts through
the Holy Spirit who has been given
to †us.
6 For when we were still weak, at
the right time Christ died for the
ungodly.
7 Rarely will anyone die for a
righteous person, though perhaps
for a good person someone might
even dare to die.
8 But God demonstrated his own
love for us in that, while we were
still sinners, Christ died for us.
9 How much more then, since we
have now been justified by his
blood, will we be saved from wrath
through him!
10 For if, while we were God's
enemies, we were reconciled to
him through the death of his Son,
how much more will we be saved
by his life now that we have been
reconciled!
11 Not only that, but we also boast
in God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, through whom we have now
received reconciliation.

Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ

12 Therefore, just as sin came into
the world through one man, and
death came through sin, in this way
death has come to all men, because
all have sinned.
13 For until the law sin was in the
world, but sin is not charged to
anyone's account when there is no
law.
14 Nevertheless, death reigned from
Adam until Moses, even over those
whose sins were not like the
transgression of Adam, who was a
type of the one to come.

15 But the gift is not like the
trespass. For if many died through
the trespass of the one man, how
much more have the grace of God
and the gift by the grace of the one
man Jesus Christ abounded to
many!
16 And the gift cannot be
compared to the result of the one
man's sin; for the judgment that
arose from one trespass brought
condemnation, but the gift that
arose from many trespasses
brought justification.
17 For if, by the trespass of the
one man, death reigned through
the one man, how much more will
those who receive the abundance
of grace and the gift of
righteousness reign in life through
the one man Jesus Christ!

18 So then, just as one trespass led
to condemnation for all men, so
one act of righteousness leads to
justification and life for all men.
19 For just as many were made
sinners through the disobedience of
one man, so also many will be
made righteous through the
obedience of one man.
20 Now the law came in so that
the trespass might abound. But
where sin abounded, grace
abounded all the more,

* **5:1** *we* 56.1% ¦ let us PCK TH WH 42.9% † **5:5** *us. For* ¦ us, if indeed, WH {Note: The reading of WH would eliminate the paragraph break.}

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

Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ

1 What then shall we say? Should
we continue in sin so that grace
may abound?
2 Certainly not! How can we who
have died to sin still live in it?
3 Or do you not know that all of us
who have been baptized into Christ
Jesus have been 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 by 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 certainly also be
united with him in the likeness of
his resurrection.
6 For we know that our old self
has been crucified with him so that
the body of sin might be done away
with, and we might no longer be
enslaved to sin.
7 For he who has died has been
set free from sin.
8 Now if we have died with
Christ, we believe that we will also
live with him.
9 For we know that Christ, having
been raised from the dead, dies no
more; death no longer has
dominion over him.
10 For the death that he died, he
died to sin once for all; but the life
that he lives, he lives to God.
11 So you also must consider
yourselves to be dead to sin but
alive to God in Christ Jesus *our
Lord.
12 Therefore do not let sin reign
in your mortal bodies so that you
obey †it in the body's sinful desires.
13 And do not present your
members to sin as instruments of
unrighteousness, but present
yourselves to God as alive from the
dead, and present your members to
God as instruments of
righteousness.
14 For sin will have no dominion
over you, for you are not under law
but under grace.

Slaves to Righteousness

15 What then? Should we sin
because we are not under law but
under grace? Certainly not!
16 Do you not know that when you
present yourselves to someone as
obedient slaves, you are slaves of
the one you obey, either 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 have
become obedient from the heart to
the pattern of teaching to which
you were entrusted,
18 and having been set free from
sin, you have become slaves to
righteousness.
19 (I am speaking in human terms
because of the weakness of your
flesh.) For just as you presented
your members as slaves to impurity
and to lawlessness leading to more
lawlessness, so now present your
members as slaves to righteousness
leading to sanctification.

20 For when you were slaves of
sin, you were free with regard to
righteousness.
21 So what fruit did you have at
that time from the things of which
you are now ashamed? The end
result of those things is death.
22 But now that you have been set
free from sin and become slaves of
God, you have fruit that leads to
sanctification, and the end result is
eternal life.

* **6:11** *our Lord* 94.5% ¦ — CT 3.5% † **6:12** *it in the body's* 81.1% ¦ the body's CT 7.5% ¦ it in its MSS 6.1%

23 For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

7

Released from the Law

1 Do you not know, brothers (for I
am speaking to those who know the
law), that the law has dominion
over a person only as long as he
lives?
2 For a married woman is bound by
the law to her husband as long as
he is alive, but if her husband dies,
she is released from the law
concerning her husband.
3 So then, she will be called an
adulteress if she is joined to
another man while her husband is
alive. But if her husband dies, she
is free from that law and is not
committing adultery if she is joined
to another man.
4 So then, my brothers, you also
were put to death with respect to
the law through the body of Christ,
so that you might be joined to
another, to him who was raised
from the dead, so that we might
bear fruit for God.
5 For when we were in the flesh,
our sinful passions, which were
aroused by the law, were at work
in our members to bear fruit
leading to death.
6 But now we have been released
from the *law, having died to that
by which we were held, so that we
may serve in the new way of the
Spirit and not in the old way of the
written code.

The Law and Sin

7 What then shall we say? Is the
law sin? Certainly not! Yet I would
not have known sin except through
the law. For I would not have
known covetousness if the law had
not said, “You shall not covet.”
8 But sin, seizing an opportunity
through the commandment,
produced in me every kind of
covetousness. For apart from the
law sin is dead.
9 Once I was alive apart from the
law, but when the commandment
came, sin came to life and I died.
10 So I found that the very
commandment that was intended
to bring life actually brought death.
11 For sin, seizing an opportunity
through the commandment,
deceived me and through it killed
me.
12 So then, the law is holy, and the
commandment is holy, righteous,
and good.
13 †Has that then which is good
brought death to me? Certainly not!
But sin, so that it would be shown
to be sin, produced death in me
through that which is good, so that
through the commandment sin
might become utterly sinful.
14 For we know that the law is
spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold
as a slave to sin.
15 I do not understand what I do.
Instead of doing what I want to do,
I do the very thing I hate.
16 Now if I do the very thing I do
not want to do, I agree that the law
is good.
17 But now it is no longer I who
do it, but sin that dwells in me.
18 For I know that nothing good
dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. I
have the desire to do what is right,
but ‡I find that the ability to carry it
out is lacking.
19 For I do not do the good I want
to do, but I do the very evil I do not
want to do.
20 Now if I do the very thing I do
not want to do, it is no longer I who
do it, but sin that dwells in me.
21 I find then the law that when I
want to do what is right, evil is
present with me.
22 For I delight in the law of God
in my inner being,

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* **7:6** *law, having died to that by which we were held* ¦ law since that by which we were held has died SCR † **7:13** *Has … brought* ¦ Did … bring CT ‡ **7:18** *I find that the ability to carry it out is lacking* 91.8% ¦ not the ability to carry it out CT 2.3%

23 but I see another law at work
in my members, warring against
the law of my mind and making me
a prisoner to the law of sin that is
in my members.
24 Wretched man that I am! Who
will rescue me from this body of
death?
25 §I thank God that he will do so
through Jesus Christ our Lord! So
then, with my mind I serve the law
of God, but with my flesh I serve
the law of sin.

8

Life in the Spirit

1 Therefore, there is now no
condemnation for those who are in
Christ *Jesus, who walk not
according to the flesh but according
to the Spirit.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in
Christ Jesus has set †me free from
the law of sin and death.
3 For what the law was powerless to
do, since it was weak through the
flesh, God has done. By sending his
own Son in the likeness of sinful
flesh and as an offering for sin, he
condemned sin in the flesh,
4 so that the requirement of the law
might be fulfilled in us, who walk
not 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 set their
minds on the things of the Spirit.
6 Now the mindset of the flesh is
death, but the mindset of the Spirit
is life and peace.
7 The mindset of the flesh is hostile
to God, for it does not submit to the
law of God; indeed, it is unable to
do so.
8 That is why those who are in the
flesh cannot please God.
9 You, however, are not in the
flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the
Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if
anyone does not have the Spirit of
Christ, he does not belong to Christ.
10 But if Christ is in you, the body
is dead because of sin, but the spirit
is alive because of righteousness.
11 And if the Spirit of him who
raised Jesus from the dead dwells
in you, he who raised ‡Christ 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
under obligation, not to the flesh, to
live according to the flesh,
13 for if you live according to the
flesh, you are going to 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 again to fear, but
a spirit of adoption as sons, by
which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”
16 The Spirit himself testifies with
our spirit that we are children of
God.
17 Now if we are children, we are
also heirs, heirs of God and fellow
heirs with Christ, if indeed we
suffer with him so that we may also
be glorified with him.

Future Glory

18 I consider that the sufferings of
this present time are not worth
comparing to the glory that will be
revealed to us.
19 The creation waits with eager
longing for the sons of God to be
revealed.
20 For the creation was subjected to
futility, not willingly, but because
of him who subjected it, in hope
21 that the creation itself will also
be set free from the slavery of
corruption and brought into the

§ **7:25** *I thank God that* ¦ Thanks be to God, who NA SBL WH * **8:1** *Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.* 91.9% ¦ Jesus. CT 2.5% † **8:2** *me* ¦ you NA SBL WH ‡ **8:11** *Christ* 87.6% ¦ Christ Jesus SBL WH 2% § **8:11** *because of* 77% ¦ through NA SCR WH 16.4%

freedom of the glory of the children
of God.
22 For we know that all creation has
been groaning together with labor
pains until now.
23 Not only that, but we ourselves,
who have the firstfruits of the
Spirit, groan inwardly as we
eagerly await our adoption as sons,
the redemption of our bodies.
24 For in this hope we were saved.
Now hope that is seen is not hope,
for *why would someone hope for
what he already sees?
25 But if we hope for what we do
not see, we eagerly wait for it with
patient endurance.
26 In the same way the Spirit also
helps us in our †weaknesses. For
we do not know what we ought to
pray for, but the Spirit himself
intercedes ‡for us with
inexpressible groanings.
27 And he who searches the
hearts knows the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the
saints according to the will of God.
28 And we know that §all things
work together for the good of those
who love God and are called
according to his purpose.
29 Because those whom he
foreknew he also foreordained to
be conformed to the image of his
Son, so that he might be the
firstborn among many brothers.
30 And those whom he
foreordained, he also called; and
those whom he called, he also
justified; and those whom he
justified, he also glorified.

God's Love in Christ Jesus

31 What then shall we say in
response to these things? If God is
for us, who can be against us?
32 He who did not spare his own
Son but delivered him up for us all,
how will he not also, along with
him, graciously give us all things?
33 Who will bring an accusation
against those whom God has
chosen? It is God who justifies.
34 Who is to condemn? *Christ is
the one who died, but more than
that, he was †raised and is at the
right hand of God, interceding for
us.
35 Who can separate us from the
love of Christ? Can tribulation, or
distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or danger, or sword?
36 As it is written,

“For your sake we face death all
day long;
we are regarded as sheep for
slaughter.”

37 Yet in all these things we are
more than conquerors through him
who loved us.
38 For I am persuaded that neither
death, nor life, nor angels, nor
rulers, nor ‡powers, nor things
present, nor things to come,
39 nor height, nor depth, nor any
other created thing, will be able to
separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

9

God's Choice of Israel

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ.
My conscience confirms through
the Holy Spirit that I am not lying
when I say
2 that I have great sorrow and
unceasing pain in my heart.
3 For I could wish that I myself
were accursed, cut off from Christ
for the sake of my brothers, my
kinsmen according to the flesh.
4 They are Israelites, and to them
belong the adoption as sons, the

* **8:24** *why would someone hope* ¦ who hopes NA SBL WH † **8:26** *weaknesses* 91.3% ¦ weakness CT 4.9% ‡ **8:26** *for us* ¦ — CT § **8:28** *all things work … God* ¦ God works all things … him WH
* **8:34** *Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus NA WH † **8:34** *raised* 93.3% ¦ raised from the dead WH 2.8% ‡ **8:38** *powers, nor things present, nor things to come* ¦ things present, nor things to come, nor powers CT

glory, the covenants, the giving of
the law, the temple service, and the
promises.
5 To them belong the patriarchs,
and from them, according to the
flesh, came the Christ, who is God
over all, blessed forever. Amen.

6 It is not as though the word of
God has failed. For not all Israelites
truly belong to Israel,
7 and not all of Abraham's
children are his true descendants,
but, "Through Isaac your
descendants will be counted."
8 That is, it is not the children of
the flesh who are the children of
God; rather, the children of the
promise are counted as
descendants.
9 For this is what God promised:
"About this time next year I will
come, and Sarah will have a son."
10 Not only that, but when
Rebecca had conceived by one man,
our father Isaac,
11 though her sons were not yet
born and had done nothing good or
evil, in order for the purpose of
God's choice to stand (not because
of works but because of him who
calls),
12 she was told, "The older will
serve the younger."
13 As it is written, "Jacob I loved,
but Esau I hated."

14 What then shall we say? Is
there injustice with God? Certainly
not!
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 does not depend on
human will or effort, but on God's
mercy.
17 For the Scripture says to
Pharaoh, "I have raised you up for
the very purpose of showing my
power in you, so that my name
might be declared in all the earth."
18 So then, God has mercy on
whom he wants to have mercy, and
he hardens whom he wants to
harden.

God's Wrath and Mercy

19 You will say to me then, "*Why
does he still find fault? For who can
resist his will?"
20 On the contrary, O man, who are
you to answer back to God? Shall
the thing formed say to him who
formed it, "Why did you make me
like this?"
21 Does the potter not have a right
over the clay, to make out of the
same lump one vessel for
honorable use and another for
dishonorable use?
22 What if God, although willing to
show his wrath and to make his
power known, endured with much
patience vessels of wrath fitted for
destruction,
23 in order to make known the
riches of his glory upon vessels of
mercy that he has prepared in
advance for glory,
24 namely us whom he has called,
not from the Jews only but also
from the Gentiles?
25 As he says in Hosea,

"Those who were 'not my people' I
will call 'my people,'
and those who were 'not beloved' I
will call 'beloved.'
26 And in the place where it was
said to them, '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 be as the sand of the
sea,
only the remnant will be saved.
28 For the Lord will †settle the
matter swiftly and justly;

* **9:19** *Why* ¦ Why then NA SBL † **9:28** *settle the matter swiftly and justly; his sentence will be executed upon the earth* 94.5% ¦ execute his sentence upon the earth fully and CT 2.8%

his sentence will be executed upon
the earth without delay."

29 And just as Isaiah foretold,

"If the Lord of hosts had not left us
any descendants,
we would have been like Sodom
and become like Gomorrah."

Israel's Unbelief

30 What then shall we say? That
Gentiles who were not pursuing
righteousness have obtained
righteousness, that is, the
righteousness that is by faith.
31 But Israel, although they pursued
a law of righteousness, did not
attain ‡a law of righteousness.
32 Why? Because they did not
pursue it by faith, but as though it
were by works §of the law. They
stumbled over the stone of
stumbling,
33 as it is written,

"Behold, I am placing in Zion a
stone of stumbling and a rock
of offense,
yet *no one who believes in him
will be put to shame."

10

1 Brothers, the desire of my heart
and my prayer to God is that *Israel
may be saved.
2 I can testify that they have a zeal
for God, but not according to
knowledge.
3 For they have not submitted to
God's righteousness; instead, they
ignore the righteousness of God
and seek to establish their own
†righteousness.
4 For Christ is the end of the law so
that there may be righteousness for
everyone who believes.

Salvation for All Who Believe

5 Moses writes ‡about the
righteousness that is by the law:
"The person who does these things
will live by them."
6 But the righteousness that is by
faith speaks like this: "Do not say
in your heart, 'Who will go up to
heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ
down)
7 "or, 'Who will go down 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 because if you §confess with your
mouth that Jesus is Lord and
believe with your heart that God
raised him from the dead, you will
be saved.
10 For with the heart belief is
exercised, resulting in
righteousness; and with the mouth
confession is made, resulting in
salvation.
11 As the Scripture says, "No one
who believes in him will be put to
shame."
12 For there is no distinction
between Jew and Greek; the same
Lord is Lord of all and richly
blesses all who call upon him.
13 For, "Everyone who calls upon
the name of the Lord will be
saved."

14 How then *will they call upon
him in whom they have not
believed? And how †will they
believe in him whom they have not

‡ **9:31** *a law of righteousness* ¦ that law CT § **9:32** *of the law* ¦ — CT * **9:33** *no one who believes in him will* ¦ the one who believes in him will not CT * **10:1** *Israel* ¦ they CT † **10:3** *righteousness* 92.5% ¦ — SBL WH 3.7% ‡ **10:5** *about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them."* ¦ that the person who practices the righteousness that is by the law will live by it. SBL WH ¦ about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by it." TH § **10:9** *confess* ¦ confess the word WH * **10:14** *will* ¦ can CT † **10:14** *will* ¦ can CT ‡ **10:14** *will* ¦ can CT § **10:15** *will* ¦ can CT

heard? And how ‡will they hear
without someone preaching?
15 And how §will they preach
unless they are sent? As it is
written, “How beautiful are the feet
of those *who preach the gospel of
peace, who preach good news of
good things!”
16 But not all the Israelites have
obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says,
“Lord, who has believed our
report?”
17 So then, faith comes by
hearing, and hearing comes
through the word of †God.
18 But I ask, have they not heard?
Indeed they have, for

“The message has gone out into all
the earth,
and the words to the ends of the
world.”

19 Again I ask, did Israel not
understand? First Moses says,

“I will provoke you to jealousy by
that which is not a nation;
by a nation that has no
understanding I will provoke
you to anger.”

20 And Isaiah is even bold enough
to say,

“I was found by those who were
not seeking me;
I became known to those who were
not asking for me.”

21 But to Israel he says, “All day
long I have held out my hands to a
disobedient and contrary people.”

11

God Has Not Rejected Israel

1 I ask then, has God rejected his
people? Certainly not! For I too am
an Israelite, a descendant of
Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.
2 God has not rejected his people
whom he foreknew. Do you not
know what the Scripture says in the
passage about Elijah, how he pleads
with God against *Israel, saying,
3 “Lord, they have killed your
†prophets and demolished your
altars, and I alone am left, and they
are seeking my life”?
4 But what does the divine response
say to him? “I have reserved for
myself seven thousand men who
have not bowed down to Baal.”
5 So then, in the present time also
there is a remnant chosen by grace.
6 Now if it is by grace, it is no
longer by works, otherwise grace
would no longer be grace. ‡But if it
is by works, it is no longer grace,
otherwise work would no longer be
work.
7 What then? Israel did not
obtain what it was seeking. The
chosen obtained it, but the rest
were hardened,
8 as it is written,

“God gave them a spirit of stupor,
eyes not to see
and ears not to hear,
down to this very day.”

9 And David says,

“Let their table become a snare and
a trap,
a stumbling block and a retribution
to them.
10 Let their eyes be darkened so
that they cannot see,
and keep their backs forever bent.”

The Salvation of the Gentiles

11 I ask then, did the Israelites
stumble so as to fall? Certainly not!
Rather, by their trespass salvation
has come to the Gentiles, to
provoke Israel to jealousy.

* **10:15** *who preach the gospel of peace,* 89.3% ¦ — CT 10.4% † **10:17** *God* ¦ Christ CT * **11:2** *Israel, saying,* ¦ Israel: CT † **11:3** *prophets and* ¦ prophets, they have CT ‡ **11:6** *But if it is by works, it is no longer grace, otherwise work would no longer be work.* 86.2% ¦ — CT 3.5%

12 Now if their trespass means
riches for the world, and their loss
means riches for the Gentiles, how
much more will it mean when their
full number is included?
13 Now I am speaking to you who
are Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am an
apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my
ministry
14 if somehow I provoke my own
people to jealousy and save some of
them.
15 For if their rejection means
reconciliation for the world, what
will their acceptance mean but life
from the dead?
16 If the dough offered as
firstfruits is holy, so is the whole
lump; and if the root is holy, so are
the branches.
17 Now if some of the branches
have been broken off, and you, a
wild olive branch, have been
grafted in among them and have
become a fellow partaker of the
§root and richness of the olive tree,
18 do not boast against the
branches. But if you do boast
against them, remember that you
do not sustain the root, but the root
sustains you.
19 You will say then, "Branches
were broken off so that I could be
grafted in."
20 Right! They were broken off
because of unbelief, but you stand
because of faith. So do not be
arrogant, but be afraid.
21 For if God did not spare the
natural branches, *perhaps he will
not spare you either.
22 Consider therefore the
kindness and severity of God: to
those who have fallen, severity; but
to you, †kindness, if you continue in
his kindness; otherwise you too will
be cut off.
23 And if they do not continue in
unbelief, they will be grafted in; for
God is able to graft them in again.
24 For if you were cut off from
what is by nature a wild olive tree
and were grafted contrary to
nature into a cultivated olive tree,
how much more will the natural
branches be grafted back into their
own olive tree?

God's Mercy for All

25 I do not want you to be unaware,
brothers, of this mystery, lest you
be wise in your own estimation: A
partial hardening has come upon
Israel until the full number of
Gentiles has come in,
26 and in this way all Israel will be
saved, as it is written,

"The Deliverer will come from Zion
and will remove ungodliness from
Jacob."
27 "And this will be my covenant
with them,
when I take away their sins."

28 With respect to the gospel, the
Israelites are enemies for your
sake; but with respect to being
chosen, they are beloved for the
sake of the fathers.
29 For the gifts and calling of God
are irrevocable.
30 Just as you were once
disobedient to God but have now
received mercy because of their
disobedience,
31 so they too have now become
disobedient in order that, by the
mercy shown to you, they also
‡may receive mercy.
32 For God has confined all in
disobedience so that he might have
mercy on all.
33 Oh the depth of the riches,
wisdom, and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his
judgments and untraceable his
ways!

34 "For who has known the mind of
the Lord,

§ **11:17** *root and richness* ¦ rich root CT * **11:21** *perhaps he will not spare you either* ¦ neither will he spare you SBL TH WH † **11:22** *kindness* ¦ God's kindness CT ‡ **11:31** *may* ¦ may now NA SBL WH

or who has become his counselor?”
35 “Or who has first given to God,
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

Living Sacrifices to God

1 I urge you therefore, brothers, by
the mercies of God, to present your
bodies as living sacrifices, holy and
acceptable to God, your reasonable
religious service.
2 Do not be conformed to this age,
but be transformed by the
renewing of your mind, so that you
may determine what is the good,
acceptable, and perfect will of God.
3 For by the grace given to me I
tell everyone among you not to
think more highly of himself than
he ought to think, but to think
sensibly, in accordance with the
measure of faith that God has
distributed to each one of you.
4 For just as in one body we have
many members, and all the
members do not have the same
function,
5 so we, who are many, are one
body in Christ, and individually
members of one another.
6 We have different gifts
according to the grace given to us.
If someone's gift is prophecy, he
should prophesy in proportion to
his faith;
7 if it is service, he should serve;
if it is teaching, he should teach;
8 if it is exhortation, he should
exhort; if it is giving, he should do
so generously; if it is leadership, he
should do so diligently; if it is
showing mercy, he should do so
cheerfully.
9 Love must be without
hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling
to what is good.
10 Be devoted to one another in
brotherly love. Take the lead in
honoring one another.
11 Do not lack diligence in zeal,
but be fervent in spirit, serving the
*Lord.
12 Rejoice in hope, persevere in
tribulation, and persist in prayer.
13 Contribute to the needs of the
saints, and pursue hospitality.
14 Bless those who persecute
†you; bless, and do not curse.
15 Rejoice with those who rejoice,
and weep with those who weep.
16 Be of the same mind toward
one another. Do not be haughty,
but associate with the lowly. Do not
be wise in your own estimation.
17 Repay no one evil for evil, but
have regard for what is right in the
sight of all.
18 If possible, as far as it depends
on you, be at peace with everyone.
19 Do not avenge yourselves,
beloved, but leave room for the
wrath of God, for it is written,
“Vengeance is mine; I will repay,
says the ‡Lord.”
20 Therefore, “If your enemy is
hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty,
give him something to drink; for by
doing so, you will heap coals of fire
on his head.”
21 Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.

13

Be Subject to the Governing Authorities

1 Every person must be subject to
the governing authorities. For there
is no authority except from God,
and *the authorities that exist have
been appointed by God.
2 So then, whoever resists authority
opposes what God has instituted,

* **12:11** *Lord* ¦ time ST † **12:14** *you* ¦ — SBL WH ‡ **12:19** *Lord.” Therefore, “If* 86.9% ¦ Lord. If MSS 6% ¦ Lord.” On the contrary, “If CT 6% * **13:1** *the authorities* ¦ those CT † **13:3** *works, but to evil works* 94.3% ¦ conduct, but to evil conduct CT 3.7%

and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.
3 For rulers are not a terror to good †works, but to evil works. Do you wish to have no fear of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from him.
4 For he is God's servant for your good. But if you do evil, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. As God's servant, he is an avenger who executes wrath on the one who does evil.
5 Therefore it is necessary to be subject to authority, not only because of wrath, but also because of conscience.
6 That is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are servants of God, attending continually to this work.
7 ‡Therefore render to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, fear to whom fear is due, and honor to whom honor is due.

Love One Another

8 Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another, for he who loves others has fulfilled the law.
9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, §You shall not give false testimony, You shall not covet," and whatever other commandments there may be, are summed up in this one command: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
10 Love does no harm to its neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.
11 And do this, knowing that the hour has now come for *us to be awakened from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.
12 The night is nearly over, and the day is almost here. So let us †lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.
13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelries and drinking bouts, not in illicit affairs and sensual indulgences, 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

Do Not Judge Your Brother

1 Receive anyone who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of disputing about opinions.
2 One person believes that he may eat anything, but he who is weak eats only 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 received him.
4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will be made to stand, for *God is able to make him stand.
5 One person considers one day to be more important than another, while another person considers every day to be alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.
6 He who observes a particular day, observes it in honor of the †Lord, while he who abstains from observing a particular day, abstains in honor of the Lord. He who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, for he gives thanks to God, while he who abstains from eating, abstains in honor of the Lord, and he gives thanks to God.
7 For none of us lives for himself, and none of us dies for himself.
8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

‡ **13:7** *Therefore render* ¦ Render CT § **13:9** *You shall not give false testimony,* ¦ — ANT CT HF RP * **13:11** *us* ¦ you CT † **13:12** *lay* 98.2% ¦ cast SBL 0.7% * **14:4** *God* ¦ the Lord CT † **14:6** *Lord, while he who abstains from observing a particular day, abstains in honor of the Lord.* 92.8% ¦ Lord. CT 4.8% ‡ **14:9** *died and then rose* ¦ died CT

9 For this reason Christ ‡died and
then rose and lived again, so that
he might be Lord over both the
dead and the living.
10 Yoυ, then, why do yoυ judge
yoυr brother? Or yoυ, why do yoυ
despise yoυr brother? For we will
all stand before the judgment seat
of §Christ.
11 For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee
will bow before me,
and every tongue will give praise to
God."

12 So then, each of us will give an
account of himself *to God.

Do Not Cause Yoυr Brother to Stumble

13 Therefore let us no longer judge
one another. Instead, resolve not to
put any stumbling block or snare
before your brother.
14 I know and am convinced in the
Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean
in and of itself, but it is unclean for
anyone who considers it to be
unclean.
15 If yoυr brother is distressed by
what yoυ eat, yoυ are no longer
walking in love. Do not let what
yoυ eat destroy someone for whom
Christ died.
16 And do not let what you consider
good to be spoken of as evil.
17 For the kingdom of God is not a
matter of eating and drinking, but
of righteousness, peace, and joy in
the Holy Spirit.
18 Anyone who serves Christ in
†these things is acceptable to God
and approved by men.
19 So then, let us pursue what
brings about peace and mutual
edification.
20 Do not tear down the work of
God for the sake of food.
Everything is indeed clean, but it is
wrong for a person to eat anything
that causes another to stumble.
21 It is good not to eat meat or drink
wine or do anything by which yoυr
brother ‡stumbles or is offended or
made weak.
22 §Do yoυ have a firm belief about
these things? Have it privately
before God. Blessed is he who does
not condemn himself by what he
approves.
23 But whoever doubts is
condemned if he eats, because his
action is not based on faith; and
anything that is not based on faith
is sin.

Doxology

24 *Now to him who is able to
establish you according to my
gospel and the proclamation of
Jesus Christ, according to the
revelation of the mystery that has
been kept silent since the world
began
25 but has now been revealed, and
through the prophetic Scriptures
has been made known to all the
Gentiles, according to the
commandment of the eternal God,
to bring about the obedience of
faith—
26 to the only wise God be glory
forever through Jesus Christ. Amen.

15

Please Your Neighbors, Not Yourselves

1 Now we who are strong ought to
bear with the weaknesses of those
who are without strength; we ought
not to please ourselves.
2 Each of us should please his
neighbor for his good, to build him
up.

§ **14:10** *Christ* 96% ¦ God CT 2.4% * **14:12** *to God* ¦ — SBL † **14:18** *these things* ¦ this way CT ‡ **14:21** *stumbles or is offended or made weak* 86.5% ¦ is offended or stumbles or is made weak MSS 8.2% ¦ stumbles NA WH 2.2% § **14:22** *Do yoυ have a firm belief about these things? Have* ¦ Any firm belief that yoυ have about these things, have CT * **14:24** {include verses 24–26} 94.6% ¦ {omit verses 24–26} CT TR 5.4% {Note: These verses appear at the end of chapter 16 in NA, TH, TR, and WH. SBL omits them completely.}

3 For even Christ did not please
himself, but as it is written, “The
reproaches of those who
reproached you fell on me.”
4 For everything that was written in
former times was written for our
instruction, so that through
endurance and the encouragement
of the Scriptures we might have
hope.
5 Now may the God of endurance
and encouragement grant you to
have the same mind toward one
another, following the example of
Christ Jesus,
6 so that with one accord and one
voice you may glorify the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Receive One Another

7 Therefore receive one another,
just as Christ has received *you, to
the glory of God.
8 †Now I say that ‡Christ Jesus has
become a servant to the
circumcised on behalf of the truth
of God in order to confirm the
promises that were made to the
fathers,
9 so that the Gentiles might glorify
God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you
among the §Gentiles;
I will sing praise to your name.”

10 And again it says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his
people.”

11 And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and *extol him, all you peoples.”

12 And again, Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will appear,
he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles will hope.”

13 Now may the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace as you trust
in him, so that you may abound in
hope by the power of the Holy
Spirit.

Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

14 I myself am convinced about you,
my brothers, that you yourselves
are full of goodness, filled with all
knowledge, and able to admonish
†others.
15 But I have written to you rather
boldly in ‡part, brothers, by way of
reminder, because of the grace that
was given to me by God
16 to be a minister of §Jesus Christ
to the Gentiles in the priestly
service of the gospel of God, so that
the Gentiles might become an
acceptable offering, sanctified by
the Holy Spirit.
17 Therefore I have a reason for
boasting in Christ Jesus in my
service to God.
18 For I will not dare to speak of
anything other than what Christ
has accomplished through me to
bring about the obedience of the
Gentiles, by word and deed,
19 by the power of signs and
wonders, and by the power of the
*Spirit of God, so that from
Jerusalem all the way around to
Illyricum, I have fully preached the
gospel of Christ.
20 And in this way I aspire to preach
the gospel where the name of Christ
has not been heard, so that I do not
build upon another's foundation,
21 but as it is written,

“Those who were not told about
him will see,

* **15:7** *you* ¦ us PCK TR WH † **15:8** *Now* ¦ For CT ‡ **15:8** *Christ Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ TR ¦ Christ CT § **15:9** *Gentiles;* ¦ Gentiles, O Lord; ANT PCK * **15:11** *extol him, all you peoples* ¦ let all the peoples extol him CT † **15:14** *others* ¦ one another ANT CT TR ‡ **15:15** *part, brothers,* 91.6% ¦ part CT 2.9% § **15:16** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT * **15:19** *Spirit of God* ¦ Holy Spirit WH ¦ Spirit SBL

and those who have not heard will
understand."

Paul's Plan to Visit Rome

22 That is why I have often been
hindered from coming to you.
23 But now, since I no longer have a
place in these regions, and since I
have longed for many years to
come to you,
24 I †will come to you when I go to
Spain. For I hope to see you when I
pass through, and to have you send
me on my way there, once I have
first enjoyed your company for a
while.
25 But now I am going to Jerusalem
to serve the saints.
26 For Macedonia and Achaia have
been pleased to make a
contribution for the poor among
the saints in Jerusalem.
27 They were pleased to do so, and
indeed they owe it to them. For if
the Gentiles have come to share in
the spiritual blessings of the Jews,
they owe it to the Jews to share
with them their material blessings.
28 So when I have finished this task
and have sealed to them this fruit, I
will set out for Spain and visit you
on the way.
29 And I know that when I come to
you, I will come in the fullness of
the blessing ‡of the gospel of Christ.

30 Now I urge you, brothers, by
our Lord Jesus Christ and by the
love of the Spirit, to strive together
with me in your prayers to God on
my behalf.
31 Pray that I may be rescued
from those in Judea who refuse to
believe and that my ministry to
Jerusalem may be acceptable to the
saints,
32 so that I may come to you in
joy by the will of God and be
refreshed together with you.

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

16

Personal Greetings

1 I commend to you our sister
Phoebe, who is a servant of the
church in Cenchreae,
2 and I ask you to receive her in the
Lord in a manner worthy of the
saints and to assist her in whatever
matter she may have need of 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, to whom not only do I give
thanks, but also all the churches of
the Gentiles.
5 Greet also the church that meets
in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my
beloved friend, who is the
firstfruits of †Achaia for Christ.
6 Greet Mary, who has labored
earnestly for ‡us.
7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my
kinsfolk and my fellow prisoners,
who are of note among the apostles,
and who were in Christ before me.
8 Greet §Amplias, my beloved
friend in the Lord.
9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow
worker in Christ, and Stachys, my
beloved friend.
10 Greet Apelles, who is approved
in Christ. Greet those of the
household of Aristobulus.
11 Greet Herodion, my kinsman.
Greet those in the household of
Narcissus who are in the Lord.
12 Greet Tryphaena and
Tryphosa, who labor in the Lord.
Greet the beloved Persis, who has
labored earnestly in the Lord.
13 Greet Rufus, who is chosen in
the Lord, and greet his mother,
who has also been a mother to me.

† **15:24** *will come to you when I go to Spain. For I hope to see you when I pass through,* 91.7% ¦ hope to see you in passing when I go to Spain, CT 3.5% ‡ **15:29** *of the gospel* 90.9% ¦ — CT 3.6%
* **16:3** *Prisca* ¦ Priscilla ANT TR † **16:5** *Achaia* 94.8% ¦ Asia CT 4.4% ‡ **16:6** *us* 75.9% ¦ you CT PCK 23.2% § **16:8** *Amplias* ¦ Ampliatus CT * **16:14** *Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes* ¦ Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas CT

14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon,
*Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and
the brothers who are with them.
15 Greet Philologus and Julia,
Nereus and his sister, and Olympas
and all the saints who are with
them.
16 Greet one another with a holy
kiss. †The churches of Christ greet
you.
17 Now I urge you, brothers, to
watch out for those who create
divisions and obstacles contrary to
the teaching that you have learned;
avoid them.
18 For such people do not serve
our Lord ‡Jesus Christ, but their
own belly. By smooth talk and fine
speech they deceive the hearts of
the unsuspecting.
19 Your obedience has become
known to all, so I rejoice over you.
But I want you to be wise about
what is good and innocent about
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 My fellow worker Timothy
*and my relatives Lucius, Jason,
and Sosipater greet you.
22 I, Tertius, who wrote down this
letter, greet you in the Lord.
23 Gaius, who is host to me and to
the whole church, greets you.
Erastus, the treasurer of the city,
greets you, and so does Quartus,
our brother.
24 †The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with you all.
Amen.‡

† **16:16** *The churches of Christ* 73.1% ¦ The churches of God MSS 9.1% ¦ All the churches of Christ CT 12.7% ‡ **16:18** *Jesus* ¦ — CT § **16:20** *Christ be with you.* 92% ¦ Christ be with you. Amen. SCR 3.9% ¦ be with you. NA TH WH 1% * **16:21** *and my relatives Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater greet you* ¦ greets you, and so do my relatives Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater CT † **16:24** *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.* 83.3% ¦ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. Amen. PCK 8.2% ¦ — NA TH WH 3.2% ‡ **16:24** {omit verses 25–27} 92.9% ¦ {include verses 25–27} NA TH TR WH 7.1% {Note: See 14:24–26.}

THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Greeting

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of
*Jesus Christ by the will of God, and
Sosthenes our brother,
2 to the church of God in Corinth, to
those who are sanctified in Christ
Jesus and called to be saints,
together with all who in every
place call upon 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.

Thanksgiving

4 I always give thanks to ‡my God
for you because of the grace of God
that has been given to you in Christ
Jesus.
5 For you have been enriched in
him in every way, in all speech and
all knowledge,
6 just as the testimony of Christ was
confirmed among you,
7 so that you are not lacking in any
gift as you eagerly await the
revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
8 He will strengthen you to the end,
so that you will be blameless on the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 God is faithful, by whom you were
called into the fellowship of his
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Divisions in the Church

10 Now I urge you, brothers, in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that
you all agree in what you say and
that there be no divisions among
you, but that you be knit together
in the same mind and in the same
purpose.
11 For it has been disclosed to me
about you, my brothers, by those of
Chloe's household, that there are
quarrels among you.
12 What I mean is this: One of you
says, “I follow Paul,” while another
says, “I follow Apollos,” or, “I
follow Cephas,” or, “I follow
Christ.”
13 Has Christ been divided? Was
Paul crucified for you, or were you
baptized into the name of Paul?
14 I give thanks §to God that I
baptized none of you, except
Crispus and Gaius,
15 so that no one can say that *I
baptized into my own name.
16 (I also baptized the household of
Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not
recall if I baptized anyone else.)
17 For Christ did not send me to
baptize, but to preach the gospel,
and not with cleverness of speech,
so that the cross of Christ would
not be deprived of its power.

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

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 the intelligence of the
intelligent I will nullify.”

20 Where is the wise man? Where is
the scribe? Where is the debater of
this age? Has not God made the
wisdom of †this world foolish?
21 For since, in the wisdom of God,
the world through its wisdom did
not know God, it pleased God
through the foolishness of our
proclamation to save those who
believe.
22 For Jews ask for ‡a sign and
Greeks seek wisdom,

* **1:1** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus NA SBL † **1:2** *ours* ¦ yours PCK ‡ **1:4** *my* ¦ — WH § **1:14** *to God* ¦ — SBL TH WH * **1:15** *I baptized into my own* ¦ you were baptized into my CT † **1:20** *this* ¦ the CT ‡ **1:22** *a sign* ¦ signs CT § **1:23** *Greeks* ¦ Gentiles CT

23 but we preach Christ crucified, a
stumbling block to Jews and
foolishness to §Greeks,
24 but to those who are called, both
Jews and Greeks, Christ is the
power of God and the wisdom of
God.
25 For the foolishness of God is
wiser than men, and the weakness
of God is stronger than men.
26 Consider your calling, brothers,
that not many of you were wise
according to the flesh, not many
were powerful, not many were 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 God chose what is lowly and
despised in the world, things that
are regarded as nothing, to nullify
the things that are regarded as
something,
29 so that no flesh might boast
before God.
30 It is because of him that you
are in Christ Jesus, who has become
for us wisdom from God, and in
whom we have righteousness,
sanctification, and redemption.
31 Therefore, as it is written, “Let
him who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

2

Proclaiming Christ Crucified

1 When I came to you, brothers, I
did not come proclaiming to you
the *testimony of God with lofty
speech or wisdom.
2 For I resolved to know nothing
among you except Jesus Christ and
him crucified.
3 I came to you in weakness and
fear, and with much trembling.
4 And my word and my preaching
were not with †persuasive words of
human wisdom, but with a
demonstration of the Spirit and of
power,
5 so that your faith would not be
based on the wisdom of men, but
on the power of God.

Spiritual Wisdom

6 Now we speak wisdom among the
mature, but not a wisdom of this
age or of the rulers of this age, who
are being brought to nothing.
7 On the contrary, we speak the
hidden wisdom of God in a
mystery, which God foreordained
for our glory before time began.
8 None of the rulers of this age
understood this wisdom, for if they
had understood it, they would not
have crucified the Lord of glory.
9 But, as it is written,

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no heart has imagined
‡what God has prepared for those
who love him.”

10 §Now God has revealed these
things to us through *his Spirit. For
the Spirit searches everything, even
the depths of God.
11 For who among men knows the
thoughts of a man except the man's
spirit within him? In the same way,
no one knows the thoughts of God
except the Spirit of God.
12 Now we did not receive the spirit
of the world, but the Spirit who is
from God, so that we might
understand what God has freely
given us.
13 We speak about this, not with
words taught by human wisdom
but with words taught by the †Holy
Spirit, interpreting spiritual things
to spiritual people.
14 The natural man does not
accept what comes from the Spirit
of God, because it is foolishness to

* **2:1** *testimony* 93.1% ¦ mystery NA WH 4.4% † **2:4** *persuasive words of human* 66.9% ¦ persuasion by words of human MSS 11.1% ¦ persuasive human words of MSS 8.5% ¦ persuasive words of NA TH 4.5% ¦ the persuasion of SBL 0% ‡ **2:9** *what* ¦ all that SBL WH § **2:10** *Now* ¦ For SBL WH * **2:10** *his* ¦ the CT † **2:13** *Holy* ¦ — CT

him; he is not able to understand it because it is spiritually discerned.
15 But he who is spiritual makes judgments about all things, and yet he himself is not subject to any man's judgment.
16 “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to advise him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

3

Division Is of the Flesh

1 And so, brothers, I could not address you as spiritual men, but as men of the flesh, as infants in Christ.
2 I fed you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet able to receive it. Even now you are still not able,
3 for you are still of the flesh. For where there is *jealousy, strife, and division among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving like mere men?
4 For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another says, “I follow Apollos,” are you not †of the flesh?
5 ‡Who then is §Paul, and who is Apollos, *but servants through whom you believed, as the Lord has assigned to each?
6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.
7 So then, neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but only God who gives the growth.
8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.
9 For we are fellow workers of God; you are God's field, God's building.
10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I †have laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. But each person must be careful how he builds upon it.
11 For no one can lay a foundation other than the one that has been laid, which is Jesus Christ.
12 If anyone builds upon ‡this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw,
13 his work will become evident, for the Day will make it clear, because it is revealed by fire. And the §fire will test each person's work and reveal what sort of work it is.
14 If the work that anyone has built remains, he will receive a reward.
15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; yet he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which is what you are.

18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks he is wise in this age, he should become foolish so that he may become truly wise.
19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. As 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 then, let no one boast in men. For everything belongs to you,
22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world, or life or death, or things present or things to come—everything belongs to you,

* **3:3** *jealousy, strife, and division* 91.2% ¦ jealousy and strife CT 4.8% † **3:4** *of the flesh* 94.9% ¦ mere men CT 2.7% ‡ **3:5** *Who* ¦ What CT § **3:5** *Paul, and who is Apollos* 87.5% ¦ Apollos, and what is Paul CT 3% * **3:5** *but servants … each?* ¦ Servants … each. CT {Note: The reading of CT would change the immediately preceding punctuation from a comma to a question mark.} † **3:10** *have* ¦ — CT ‡ **3:12** *this* ¦ the CT § **3:13** *fire* ¦ fire itself CT

23 and you belong to Christ, and
Christ belongs to God.

4

The Ministry of the Apostles

1 People ought to regard us as
servants of Christ and stewards of
the mysteries of God.
2 *Now it is required of stewards
that they be found faithful.
3 But for me it is a very small thing
if I am judged by you, or by any
human court. Indeed, I do not even
judge myself.
4 For I am conscious of nothing
against myself, yet I am not thereby
acquitted; but he who judges me is
the Lord.
5 So then, do not judge anything
before the appointed time. Wait
until the Lord comes, who will
bring to light what is hidden in
darkness and reveal the intentions
of the heart. At that time each
person will receive his praise from
God.
6 Now, brothers, I have applied
these things to myself and Apollos
for your sake, so that through us
you may learn †not to think beyond
what is written, so that you may
not be puffed up, with each one of
you supporting one man against
another.
7 For who regards you as
superior? What do you have that
you did not receive? And if you
received it, why do you boast as
though you did not receive it?
8 You are already full! You have
already become rich! You have
begun to reign without us! And
how I wish that you really were
reigning, so that we could reign
with you!
9 For I think that God has put us
apostles on display at the end of the
procession, as sentenced to death,
because we have become a
spectacle to the world, both to
angels and men.
10 We are fools for the sake of
Christ, but you are wise in Christ.
We are weak, but you are strong.
You are esteemed, but we are
dishonored.
11 To the present hour we hunger
and thirst; we are poorly clothed
and beaten down, with no home of
our own.
12 We labor, working with our
own hands. When we are reviled,
we bless; when we are persecuted,
we endure;
13 when we are slandered, we
encourage. We have become like
the refuse of the world, the scum of
all things, even to this present time.

14 I am not writing this to shame
you, but rather ‡I am admonishing
you as my beloved children.
15 For even if you had ten
thousand guardians in Christ, you
would not have many fathers. For
in Christ Jesus I became a father to
you through the gospel.
16 Therefore I urge you to be
imitators of me.
17 That is why I have sent you
Timothy, who is my beloved and
faithful child in the Lord. He will
remind you of my ways in §Christ,
just as I teach them everywhere in
every church.
18 But some of you 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 talk of those who have
become puffed up, but their power.
20 For the kingdom of God is
demonstrated not by talk but by
power.
21 What do you prefer? Shall I
come to you with a rod, or with
love and a spirit of gentleness?

* **4:2** *Now* ¦ In this regard CT † **4:6** *not to think beyond what is written,* ¦ the meaning of the saying, "Nothing beyond what is written," CT ‡ **4:14** *I am admonishing* ¦ to admonish NA SBL WH
§ **4:17** *Christ* 87.1% ¦ Christ Jesus NA SBL WH 12%

5

Fornication Rebuked

1 It is actually reported that there is
fornication among you, a kind of
fornication that is not even *named
among the Gentiles, for a man has
his father's wife.
2 And you are puffed up! You
should have mourned instead and
removed the man who did this
from among you.
3 For though I am absent in body,
I am present in spirit. And I have
already judged the man who did
this, just as though I were present.
4 So when you are gathered
together in the name of our Lord
Jesus †Christ and I am with you in
spirit, along with the power of our
Lord Jesus ‡Christ,
5 hand this man over to Satan for
the destruction of his flesh, so that
his spirit may be saved in the day
of the Lord §Jesus.
6 Your boasting is not good. Do
you not know that a little leaven
leavens the whole lump?
7 *Therefore purge out the old
leaven so that you may be a new
lump of dough, since you really are
unleavened. For Christ, our
Passover lamb, has been sacrificed
†for us.
8 So then, let us celebrate the
feast, not with old leaven, nor with
the leaven of malice and evil, but
with the unleavened bread of
sincerity and truth.
9 I wrote to you in my letter not
to associate with fornicators.
10 ‡Yet I certainly did not mean
the fornicators of this world or the
greedy §or swindlers or idolaters,
since you would then need to go
out of the world.
11 But now I am writing to you
not to associate with anyone who is
named as a brother if he is a
fornicator or greedy, an idolater or
a reviler, a drunkard or a swindler;
do not even eat with such a man.
12 For what have I to do with
judging those who are outside the
church? Do you not judge those
who are inside the church?
13 God *will judge those who are
outside the church. "†Therefore
you must remove the evil person
from among you."

6

Lawsuits Among Believers

1 When any of you have a dispute
against another, do you dare to go
to court before the unrighteous and
not before the saints?
2 *Do you not know that the saints
will judge the world? And if the
world is to be judged by you, are
you not competent to judge trivial
cases?
3 Do you not know that we will
judge angels, not to mention
matters of this life?
4 If then you have disputes about
such matters, do you seat as judges
those who have no standing in the
church?
5 I say this to your shame. Is there
†not a wise man among you, not
even one, who would be able to
decide between a man and his
brother,
6 but one brother goes to court
against another, and they do so
before unbelievers?
7 As it is, to have lawsuits with one
another is already a defeat for you.
Why not rather be wronged? Why
not rather be defrauded?
8 But you yourselves wrong, and
you yourselves defraud, and you do
‡these things to your own brothers!
9 Do you not know that the
unrighteous will not inherit the
kingdom of God? Do not be

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* **5:1** *named* 95.5% ¦ — CT 3.3% † **5:4** *Christ* ¦ — NA SBL WH ‡ **5:4** *Christ* ¦ — CT § **5:5** *Jesus* ¦ — NA SBL WH * **5:7** *Therefore* ¦ — CT HF RP † **5:7** *for us* 91.4% ¦ — CT 3.5% ‡ **5:10** *Yet* ¦ — CT § **5:10** *or* ¦ and CT * **5:13** *will judge* ¦ judges SBL TR WH † **5:13** *Therefore you must remove* ¦ Remove CT * **6:2** *Do* ¦ Or do CT † **6:5** *not a wise man among you, not even one,* ¦ no one wise among you CT ‡ **6:8** *these things* ¦ this CT

deceived! Neither fornicators, nor
idolaters, nor adulterers, nor
homosexuals, nor sodomites,
10 nor §the greedy, nor thieves,
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.

Flee Fornication

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 them both. The body is
not meant for fornication but for
the Lord, and the Lord for the body.
14 Now God raised the Lord and
will also raise us up 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? Certainly not!
16 †Do you not know that he who is
joined to a prostitute is one with
her in body? For it says, "The two
will become one flesh."
17 But he who is joined to the Lord
is one with him in spirit.
18 Flee fornication. Every other sin
that a person commits is outside
the body, but he who commits
fornication sins against his own
body.
19 Do you not know that your body
is a temple of the Holy Spirit within
you, whom you have received from
God? You are not your own,
20 for you were bought with a price.
Therefore glorify God with your
‡body and with your spirit, which
belong to God.

7

Principles of Marriage

1 Now concerning the matters about
which you wrote *to me: "It is good
for a man not to touch a woman."
2 But because of the cases of
fornication, each man should have
his own wife, and each woman
should have her own husband.
3 The husband should 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 consent for a
time, so that you may devote
yourselves to †fasting and ‡prayer
and then come together again so
that Satan may not tempt you
because of your lack of self-control.
6 Now I say this as a concession, not
as a command.
7 §For I wish that all people were as
I am. But each has his own gift
from God, one person *in this
manner and another in that
manner.
8 Now to the unmarried and the
widows I say: It is good for them if
they remain even as I am.
9 But if they cannot exercise
self-control, they should marry. For
it is better to marry than to burn
with passion.
10 Now 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, she
must remain unmarried or else be

§ **6:10** *the greedy, nor thieves* ¦ thieves, nor the greedy CT TR * **6:11** *the Lord Jesus* ¦ the Lord Jesus Christ NA ¦ our Lord Jesus Christ TH WH † **6:16** *Do* ¦ Or do ANT CT PCK TR ‡ **6:20** *body and with your spirit, which belong to God.* 93.4% ¦ body. CT 3.8% * **7:1** *to me* ¦ — CT † **7:5** *fasting and* 91.5% ¦ — CT 6.8% ‡ **7:5** *prayer and* ¦ prayer, but PCK § **7:7** *For* ¦ — CT * **7:7** *in this manner and another in that manner* 94% ¦ has this gift and another has that gift CT 4%

reconciled to her husband), and a husband must not divorce his wife.
12 Now to the rest I say this (I, not the Lord): If any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she consents to dwell with him, he must not divorce her.
13 And if a woman has an unbelieving husband and he consents to dwell with her, she must not divorce him.
14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through †her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.
15 But if the unbelieving spouse separates, let it be so. The brother or the sister is not enslaved in such cases. God has called ‡us to live in peace.
16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

Live the Life Assigned to You

17 Nevertheless, each person should live the life that §God has assigned to him and to which *the Lord has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches.
18 Was any man already circumcised when he was called? He should not remove the marks of circumcision. Was any man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not become circumcised.
19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but what matters is keeping the commandments of God.
20 Each person should remain in the calling in which he was called.
21 Were you a slave when you were called? Do not be concerned about it, but if you are able to become free, make the most of the opportunity.
22 For he who was called in the Lord as a slave is the Lord's freedman. In the same way, he who was called as a free man is Christ's slave.
23 You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.
24 Brothers, each person should remain with God in the condition in which he was called.

The Unmarried and the Widowed

25 Now concerning virgins, I do not have a command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who has been shown mercy by the Lord to be trustworthy.
26 I think it is good then, on account of the present distress, for a man to remain as he is.
27 Are you pledged to marry a woman? Do not seek to be released. Are you free from such a commitment? Do not seek a wife.
28 But even if you do marry, you have not sinned. And if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will have tribulation in the flesh, and I am trying to spare you.
29 But I say this, brothers: The time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as though they had none,
30 and those who weep as though they were not weeping, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they did not possess,
31 and those who use †this world as though they were not making full use of it. For the form of this world is passing away.
32 But I want you to be free from concern. The unmarried man is concerned about the affairs of the Lord, how he ‡will please the Lord.
33 But the married man is concerned about the affairs of the

† **7:14** *her husband* 94.7% ¦ the brother CT 3.5% ‡ **7:15** *us* ¦ you NA WH § **7:17** *God* 86% ¦ the Lord CT 4.5% * **7:17** *the Lord* ¦ God CT † **7:31** *this* ¦ the CT ‡ **7:32** *will* ¦ can CT § **7:33** *will* ¦ can CT * **7:33** *wife. There is a difference between* ¦ wife, and he is divided. CT † **7:34** *a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman* 91.9% ¦ The unmarried woman or virgin CT 3.7%

world, how he §will please his *wife.
34 There is a difference between †a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman is concerned about the affairs of the Lord, how she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But the married woman is concerned about the affairs of the world, how she ‡will please her husband.
35 I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote proper behavior and devotion to the Lord without distraction.
36 Now if any man thinks that he is acting improperly toward his virgin daughter by not letting her marry, if she is past the bloom of her youth and it seems necessary to do so, he should do what he wants. He is not sinning by letting her get married.
37 But the man who stands firm in his heart, who is under no compulsion but has control over his own will, and has determined in his heart to keep his virgin daughter from marrying, §does well.
38 So then, he who gives *her in marriage does well, but he who does not give her in marriage †does better.
39 A wife is bound ‡by the law to her husband for as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to anyone she wishes, but only in the Lord.
40 Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is. §And I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

8

Food Sacrificed to Idols

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 has not yet come to know *anything as he ought to know it.
3 But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.
4 With regard then to eating food sacrificed to idols, we know that “an idol is nothing in the world,” and that “there is no †other God but one.”
5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”),
6 for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for him; and there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we exist through him.
7 However, not everyone possesses this knowledge. But some ‡have idols in their conscience even now and eat such food as something sacrificed to idols, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled.
8 But food §does not bring us close to God. *For we are no better off if we eat, and no worse off if we do not eat.
9 But be careful that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.
10 For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, reclining for a meal in the temple of an idol, will not his weak conscience be emboldened to eat food sacrificed to idols?

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‡ **7:34** *will* ¦ can CT § **7:37** *does* ¦ will do CT * **7:38** *her* 77.1% ¦ his own virgin daughter CT 4.1% ¦ {omit *does well.* 38 *So then, he who gives in marriage,*} MSS 6.7% † **7:38** *does* ¦ will do CT ‡ **7:39** *by the law* 95.1% ¦ — CT 2.5% § **7:40** *And* ¦ For WH * **8:2** *anything as he ought to know it* ¦ as he ought to know CT † **8:4** *other* ¦ — CT ‡ **8:7** *have idols in their conscience even now and* 93.3% ¦ are accustomed to idols and even now CT 4.4% § **8:8** *does* ¦ will CT * **8:8** *For we are no better off if we eat, and no worse off if we do not* 80.4% ¦ We are no better off if we eat, and no worse off if we do not TH 1.4% ¦ We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do NA WH 0.8%

11 †Should ‡the weak brother, for
whose sake Christ died, perish
because of your knowledge?
12 When you sin in this way
against your brothers and wound
their weak conscience, you sin
against Christ.
13 Therefore, if food causes my
brother to stumble, I will certainly
never eat meat, so that I will not
cause my brother to stumble.

9

The Rights of an Apostle

1 Am I not *an apostle? Am I not
free? Have I not seen Jesus †Christ
our Lord? Are you not my work in
the Lord?
2 If to others I am not an apostle, 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 a right to eat
and to drink?
5 Do we not have a right to take
along a wife who is a sister in
Christ, as do the other apostles, the
brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?
6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who
must work to support ourselves?
7 Who at any time serves as a
soldier while supplying his own
provisions? Who plants a vineyard
and does not eat ‡of its fruit? §Or
who tends a flock and does not
drink of its milk?
8 Do I say this on human
authority? Does not the law also
say the same thing?
9 For in the law of Moses it is
written, "You shall not muzzle an
ox while it is threshing." Is it for
oxen that God is concerned?
10 Or does he speak entirely for
our sake? Yes, this was written for
our sake, because he who plows
ought to plow in hope, and he who
threshes *in hope ought to partake
of his hope.
11 If we have sown spiritual
blessings among you, is it too much
if we reap material benefits from
you?
12 If others have a share in this
right over you, do not we have it
even more?

Nevertheless, we have not made
use of this right, but we endure
everything so that we may not give
any hindrance to the gospel of
Christ.
13 Do you not know that those
who perform sacred services eat of
the temple sacrifices, and those
who attend to the altar have a
share in the altar sacrifices?
14 In the same way, the Lord has
commanded that those who
proclaim the gospel should earn
their living by the gospel.

15 But I have not used any of
these rights, and I am not writing
this so that such may be done in
my case. For I would rather die
†than have anyone deprive me of
my reason for boasting.
16 If I preach the gospel, I have no
reason to boast, because I am
compelled to preach, and woe to
me if I do not preach the gospel.
17 If I do this voluntarily, I have a
reward; but if I do it under
compulsion, it is because I have
been entrusted with a
responsibility.
18 What then is my reward? That
when I preach, I may present the
gospel ‡of Christ free of charge, so

† **8:11** *Should* 95.7% ¦ For he CT 0.8% ‡ **8:11** *the weak brother, for whose sake Christ died, perish because of your knowledge?* 90% ¦ who is weak perishes by your knowledge, the brother for whose sake Christ died. CT 1.4% * **9:1** *an apostle? Am I not free* 92% ¦ free? Am I not an apostle CT 5.8% † **9:1** *Christ* ¦ — CT ‡ **9:7** *of* ¦ — CT § **9:7** *Or who* ¦ Who SBL * **9:10** *in hope ought to partake of his hope* 90.1% ¦ ought to thresh in hope of partaking CT 3.5% † **9:15** *than have anyone* ¦ than—no one will CT {Note: Here CT truly "follows the harder reading," which has Paul breaking off his statement in mid-flow to replace it with another.} ‡ **9:18** *of Christ* ¦ — CT

as not to make full use of my right
in the gospel.
19 For though I am free from all, I
have made myself a servant to all,
in order to win as many as possible.
20 To the Jews I became like a
Jew, so that I might win the Jews.
To those under the law I became
like one under the §law, so that I
might win those under the law.
21 To those outside the law I
became like one outside the law
(though I am not outside the law of
God but under the law of Christ), so
that I might win those outside the
law.
22 To the weak I became *like one
who is weak, so that I might win
the weak. I have become all things
to all people, so that by all means I
might save some.
23 I do †this for the sake of the
gospel, so that I may share in its
blessings.
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 Every athlete who competes
exercises self-control in all things.
They do so to receive a perishable
wreath, but we do so to receive an
imperishable crown.
26 Therefore I do not run
aimlessly, nor do I box as though
beating the air;
27 but I discipline my body and
make it my slave, lest somehow
after preaching to others I myself
should be disqualified.

10

Warning Against Idolatry

1 *Now 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 were drinking from
the spiritual rock that followed
them, and that rock was Christ.
5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased
with most of them, for their bodies
were scattered in the wilderness.
6 Now these things happened as
examples for us, so that we would
not crave evil things as they did.
7 So do not be idolaters, as some
of them were; as it is written, “The
people sat down to eat and drink,
and rose up to play.”
8 We must not commit fornication
as some of them did, and in a single
day twenty-three thousand of them
died.
9 We must not put †Christ to the
test, as some of them did and were
killed by serpents.
10 And do not grumble as some of
them did and were killed by the
destroyer.
11 Now ‡all these things happened
to them as §examples, and they
were written down for our
instruction, upon whom the end of
the ages has come.
12 Therefore whoever thinks he
stands must be careful not to fall.
13 No temptation has overtaken
you except what is common to
man. God is *faithful; he will not
allow you to be tempted beyond
what you can bear, but with the
temptation he will also provide the
way out so that you can endure it.
14 Therefore, my beloved friends,
flee from idolatry.
15 I am speaking as I would to
sensible people; judge for
yourselves what I am saying.
16 Is not the cup of blessing that
we bless the communion of the
blood of Christ? Is not the bread
that we break the communion of
the body of Christ?

§ **9:20** *law* 92.1% ¦ law (though I myself am not under the law) CT 6.9% * **9:22** *like one who is* ¦ — CT † **9:23** *this* 91.4% ¦ it all CT 7.4% * **10:1** *Now* ¦ For CT † **10:9** *Christ* 89% ¦ the Lord TH WH 7.3% ‡ **10:11** *all* ¦ — CT § **10:11** *examples* 84.4% ¦ an example CT 7.8% * **10:13** *faithful* ¦ capable PCK

17 Because we, who are many, are
one bread and one body; for we all
partake of the one bread.
18 Consider those who belong to
Israel according to the flesh: Are
they not united by eating the
sacrifices of the altar?
19 What am I saying then? That
†an idol is anything, or that food
sacrificed to an idol is anything?
20 No, I am saying that what the
pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice to
demons and not to God. I do not
want you to be participants with
demons.
21 You cannot drink both the cup
of the Lord and the cup of demons.
You cannot share in both the table
of the Lord and the table of
demons.
22 Or are we trying to provoke the
Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger
than he is?

Do Everything for the Glory of God

23 "All things are lawful ‡for me,"
but not all things are beneficial.
"All things are lawful §for me," but
not all things edify.
24 No one should seek his own
good, but *each person should seek
the good of others.
25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat
market, questioning nothing for the
sake of conscience,
26 for "the earth is the Lord's and
the fullness thereof."
27 If one of the unbelievers invites
you to dinner and you want to go,
eat whatever is set before you,
questioning nothing for the sake of
conscience.
28 But if someone says to you, "This
meat was †sacrificed to an idol," do
not eat it, for the sake of the one
who informed you and for the sake
of ‡conscience; for "the earth is the
Lord's and the fullness thereof."
29 But when I say "conscience," I
am not speaking about your own
conscience, but the other person's
conscience. For why is my freedom
judged by another's conscience?
30 If I partake with thankfulness,
why should I be criticized because
of something for which I give
thanks?
31 So whether you eat or drink or
do anything, do it all for the glory
of God.
32 Give no offense to Jews or
Greeks or the church of God,
33 just as I also try to please
everyone in everything I do, not
seeking my own benefit, but the
benefit of many, so that they may
be saved.

11

1 Be imitators of me, as I am of
Christ.

Head Coverings

2 Now I praise *you, brothers,
because you remember me in
everything and hold fast to the
teachings that have been handed
down, just as I delivered them to
you.
3 But I want you to know that the
head of every man is Christ, and
the head of woman is man, and the
head of Christ is God.
4 Every man who prays or
prophesies with his head veiled
disgraces his head,
5 and every woman who prays or
prophesies with her head unveiled
disgraces her head, for it is one and
the same as having her head
shaved.
6 If a woman will not veil herself,
she should cut off her hair. But if it
is disgraceful for a woman to cut
off her hair or shave her head, she
should wear a veil.
7 For a man ought not to have his
head veiled, since he is the image

† **10:19** *an idol is anything, or that food sacrificed to* ¦ food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that CT ‡ **10:23** *for me* ¦ — CT § **10:23** *for me* ¦ — CT * **10:24** *each person should seek* 82.1% ¦ — CT 4.4% † **10:28** *sacrificed to an idol* ¦ offered in sacrifice CT ‡ **10:28** *conscience; for "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."* 88.3% ¦ conscience. CT 8.3% * **11:2** *you, brothers,* ¦ you CT

and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man.
8 For man did not come from woman, but woman from man.
9 Neither was man created for the sake of woman, but woman for the sake of man.
10 That is why a woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.
11 Nevertheless, in the Lord neither is †man independent of woman nor woman independent of man.
12 For just as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman, but all things come from God.
13 Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head unveiled?
14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair it is a disgrace to him,
15 but if a woman has long hair it is her glory? For her long hair is ‡given for a covering.
16 But if anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such custom, and neither do the churches of God.

The Lord's Supper

17 Now in giving the following instructions, I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better, but for the worse.
18 For in the first place, I hear that there are divisions among you when you come together as a church, and in some part I believe it.
19 For there must be factions among you to show which of you are approved.
20 Now when you come together, it is not to eat the Lord's supper.
21 For when you eat, some of you eat your own supper without waiting for others. So one person is hungry while another gets drunk.
22 What! Do you not have houses for eating and drinking? Or do you despise the church of God and put to shame those who do not have anything? What should I say to you? Should I praise you for this? I do not praise you.

23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed took bread,
24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "§Take and eat this bread; this is my body, which is *broken 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, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink †this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
27 So then, whoever eats ‡this bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in §an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
28 So a person should examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.
29 For he who eats and *drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment on himself, since he shows no regard for the body †of the Lord.
30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a considerable number have fallen asleep.
31 If we would evaluate ourselves, we would not be judged.

† **11:11** *man independent of woman nor woman independent of man* ¦ woman independent of man nor man independent of woman CT ‡ **11:15** *given* ¦ given to her ANT NA TR WH § **11:24** *Take and eat this bread; this* 88.7% ¦ This CT 8.3% * **11:24** *broken* ¦ — CT † **11:26** *this* ¦ the CT ‡ **11:27** *this* ¦ the CT § **11:27** *an unworthy manner* ¦ a manner unworthy of the Lord HF RP * **11:29** *drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment on himself, since* 95.6% ¦ drinks, eats and drinks judgment on himself if CT 1.5% † **11:29** *of the Lord* ¦ — CT

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, he should
eat at home, so that when you
come together it will not result in
condemnation. I will set the
remaining matters in order when I
come.

12

Spiritual Gifts

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts,
brothers, I do not want you to be
uninformed.
2 You know that *when you were
pagans you were somehow enticed
and led astray to mute idols.
3 Therefore I make known to you
that no one speaking by the Spirit
of God †calls Jesus accursed, and no
one can ‡call Jesus Lord except by
the Holy Spirit.
4 Now there are varieties of gifts,
but the same Spirit;
5 and there are varieties of
ministries, but the same Lord;
6 and there are varieties of
activities, but it is the same God
who empowers all of them in
everyone.
7 A manifestation of the Spirit is
given to each person for the benefit
of all.
8 To one person there is given a
word of wisdom through the Spirit,
to another a word of knowledge
according to the same Spirit,
9 to another faith by the same
Spirit, to another gifts of healing by
the §same Spirit,
10 to another the working of
miracles, to another prophecy, to
another the discernment of spirits,
to another various kinds of
tongues, and to another the
interpretation of tongues.
11 All these gifts are empowered
by one and the same Spirit, who
distributes to each person
individually just as he wills.

One Body with Many Members

12 For just as the body is one and
has many members, and all the
members constitute one body even
though they are many, so it is with
Christ.
13 For by one Spirit we were all
baptized into one body—whether
Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and
we have all been given *to drink
into one Spirit.
14 Even so the body does not
consist of one member, but many.
15 If the foot should say, “Because
I am not a hand, I am not a part of
the body,” is it for that reason not a
part of the body?
16 And if the ear should say,
“Because I am not an eye, I am not
a part of the body,” is it for that
reason not a part of the body?
17 If the whole body were an eye,
where would the sense of hearing
be? If the whole body were an ear,
where would the sense of smell be?
18 But as it is, God has placed
each one of the members in the
body just as he desired.
19 If they were all one member,
where would the body be?
20 As it is, there are many
members, yet one body.
21 The eye cannot say to the hand,
“I have no need of you,” nor in
turn can the head say to the feet, “I
have no need of you.”
22 On the contrary, the members
of the body that seem to be weaker
are essential,

* **12:2** *when you were pagans you were somehow enticed and led astray to mute idols* ¦ you were pagans, enticed and led astray to mute idols, however you were led TR † **12:3** *calls Jesus accursed,* 94.6% ¦ says, “Jesus is accursed,” CT 3.5% ‡ **12:3** *call Jesus Lord* 92.6% ¦ say, “Jesus is Lord,” CT 5.4% § **12:9** *same* ¦ one CT * **12:13** *to drink into one Spirit* ¦ one Spirit to drink CT

23 and the members of the body
that we consider to be less
honorable are clothed with more
abundant honor. And our
unpresentable parts are treated
with greater modesty,
24 but our presentable parts have
no need of it. Instead, God has put
the body together, giving more
abundant honor to the part that
lacked it,
25 so that there would be no
†divisions in the body, but that the
members would have the same
concern for one another.
26 If one member suffers, all the
other members ‡suffer with it; if
§one member is honored, all the
other members *rejoice with it.
27 Now you are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.
28 And those whom God has
appointed in the church are as
follows: first apostles, second
prophets, third teachers, next
miracles, then gifts of healing,
helping, leading, 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 healing? Do
all speak in tongues? Do all
interpret?
31 No, but earnestly desire the
†better gifts.

And now I will show you a far
more excellent way.

13

The Way of Love

1 If I speak in the tongues of men
and of angels, but do not have love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging
cymbal.
2 If I have the gift of prophecy and
know all mysteries and all
knowledge, and if I have all faith,
so as to move mountains, but do
not have love, I am nothing.
3 If I give away all my possessions
to feed others, and if I deliver up
my body *to be burned, but do not
have love, I receive no benefit.
4 Love is patient and kind. Love
does not envy or boast. It is not
puffed up
5 or rude. It does not seek its own
way, it is not irritable, and it keeps
no record of wrongs.
6 It does not rejoice over
unrighteousness, but rejoices with
the truth.
7 It bears all things, believes all
things, hopes all things, and
endures all things.
8 Love never fails. But as for
prophecies, they will come to an
end; as for tongues, they will cease;
as for knowledge, it will come to an
end.
9 †Now we know in part, and we
prophesy in part.
10 Yet when the perfect comes,
the partial will come to an end.
11 When I was a child, I spoke like
a child, I thought like a child, and I
reasoned like a child. But when I
became a man, I set aside childish
ways.
12 For now we see in a mirror by
means of an obscure image, but
then we will see 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
abide, these three; but the greatest
of these is love.

14

Prophecy and Tongues

1 Pursue love, and earnestly desire
spiritual gifts, but even more that
you may prophesy.
2 For he who speaks in a tongue
speaks not to men but to God; for

† **12:25** *divisions* ¦ division ANT CT PCK TR ‡ **12:26** *suffer* ¦ should suffer PCK § **12:26** *one* ¦ a SBL TH WH * **12:26** *rejoice* ¦ should rejoice PCK † **12:31** *better* 93% ¦ greater CT 5.8% * **13:3** *to be burned* 95.1% ¦ in order to boast NA WH 1.5% † **13:9** *Now* ¦ For CT TR

no one understands him, but he
speaks mysteries in the Spirit.
3 But he who prophesies speaks
edification, encouragement, and
comfort to others.
4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies
himself, but he who prophesies
edifies the church.
5 Now I would like all of you to
speak in tongues, but even more
that you would prophesy. *For
greater is he who prophesies than
he who speaks in tongues, unless
someone interprets, so that the
church may be edified.

6 Now, brothers, if I come to you
speaking in tongues, how will I
benefit you unless I speak to you
with a revelation or knowledge or
prophecy or teaching?
7 It is the same way with lifeless
instruments that produce sound,
such as the flute or harp. If they do
not produce distinct notes, how will
anyone recognize what is being
played?
8 And if the trumpet does not
produce a distinct sound, who will
prepare himself for battle?
9 It is the same with you. If you
do not produce intelligible speech
with your tongue, how will anyone
know what you are saying? You
will just be speaking into the air.
10 There are undoubtedly many
kinds of languages in the world,
and none †of them is without
meaning.
11 If then I do not know the
meaning of a particular language, I
will be a foreigner to him who is
speaking, and he who is speaking
will be a foreigner to me.
12 It is the same with you. Since
you earnestly desire spiritual gifts,
seek to abound in them for the
edification of the church.
13 Therefore anyone who speaks
in a tongue should pray for the
ability to interpret what he says.
14 For if I pray in a tongue, my
spirit prays, but my mind is
unfruitful.
15 What then should I do? I will
pray with my spirit, but I will pray
with my mind also. I will sing
praise with my spirit, but I will sing
praise with my mind also.
16 Otherwise, if you bless with
your spirit, how will anyone in the
position of an outsider say “Amen”
when you give thanks, since he
does not know what you are
saying?
17 For you may very well be
giving thanks, but the other person
is not edified.
18 I give thanks to ‡my God
§speaking in tongues more than
you all.
19 Nevertheless, in church I
would rather speak five words with
my mind to instruct others, than
ten thousand words in a tongue.
20 Brothers, do not be childish in
your way of thinking. Rather, as to
malice be infants, but in your way
of thinking be mature.
21 In the law it is written, “With
foreign tongues and with *foreign
lips I will speak to this people, and
even then they will not listen to me,
says the Lord.”
22 So then, tongues are a sign not
for believers but for unbelievers,
while prophecy is a sign not for
unbelievers but for believers.
23 So if the whole church comes
together and everyone is speaking
in tongues, and outsiders or
unbelievers come in, will they not
say that you are out of your minds?
24 But if an unbeliever or outsider
comes in while everyone is
prophesying, he will be convicted
by all and called to account by all.
25 The secrets of his heart will
†thus be revealed, and he will fall
on his face and worship God,

* **14:5** *For greater* ¦ Greater CT † **14:10** *of them* 89.7% ¦ — CT SCR 7% ‡ **14:18** *my* ¦ — CT § **14:18** *speaking* ¦ that I speak CT * **14:21** *foreign lips* ¦ the lips of foreigners CT † **14:25** *thus* 92.9% ¦ — CT 5.6%

declaring that God is truly among you.

Orderly Worship

26 What then should you do, brothers? When you come together, each one ‡of you has a psalm, a teaching, a §tongue, a revelation, or an interpretation. Everything must be done for edification.
27 If any speak in a tongue, only two, or at the most three, should speak; they should each speak in turn, and someone must interpret.
28 But if there is no interpreter, they should keep quiet in the church and speak in tongues privately to God.
29 Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should evaluate what they say.
30 But if something is revealed to another who is seated, the first speaker should be silent.
31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be encouraged.
32 Remember that the spirits of prophets are subject to the prophets.
33 For God is not a God of disorder but of peace; this is true in all the churches of the saints.
34 *Your women should be silent in the churches, for they †have not been permitted to speak, but must be in submission, just as the law says.
35 If they want to learn anything, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for ‡women to speak in church.
36 Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached?
37 If anyone thinks that he is a prophet or spiritual person, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are §commandments of the Lord.
38 But if anyone ignores this, *let him be ignorant.
39 So then, †brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy and do not forbid speaking in tongues.
40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

15

The Resurrection of Christ

1 Now I make known to you, brothers, the gospel that I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,
2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the message that I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.
3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the twelve.
6 Next he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, but some have fallen asleep.
7 Next he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
8 Last of all, as to one born at the wrong time, he appeared to me as well.
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. On the contrary, I worked harder than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.
11 Whether then it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you have come to believe.

‡ **14:26** *of you* 95% ¦ — CT 2.7% § **14:26** *tongue, a revelation* ¦ revelation, a tongue CT * **14:34** *Your women* ¦ Women CT † **14:34** *have not been* ¦ are not CT ‡ **14:35** *women* ¦ a woman CT § **14:37** *commandments* ¦ a commandment NA TH WH ¦ — SBL * **14:38** *let him be ignorant* ¦ he will be ignored CT † **14:39** *brothers* ¦ my brothers CT

The Resurrection of the Dead

12 Now if it is preached that Christ
has been raised from the dead, how
can some among you say that there
is no resurrection of the dead?
13 If there is no resurrection of the
dead, then not even Christ has been
raised.
14 And if Christ has not been raised,
then our preaching is in vain, and
*your faith is also in vain.
15 We are even found to be false
witnesses about God, because we
have 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, not
even Christ has been raised.
17 And if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is futile; you are still in
your sins.
18 Furthermore, those who have
fallen asleep in Christ have also
perished.
19 If for this life only we have
hoped in Christ, we are of all
people most to be pitied.

20 But as it is, Christ has been
raised from the †dead; he has
become the firstfruits of those who
have fallen asleep.
21 For since death came through a
man, the resurrection of the dead
has also come through a man.
22 For just as all die in Adam, so
all will be made alive in Christ.
23 But each in his own order:
Christ the firstfruits, then, at his
coming, those who belong to Christ.
24 Then comes the end, when he
hands the kingdom over to God the
Father, after he has abolished all
rule and all authority and power.
25 For he must reign until he has
put all his enemies under his feet.
26 The last enemy to be abolished
is death.
27 For God "has put everything in
subjection under his feet." Now
when it says that "everything has
been put in subjection," it is
evident that it does not include God
himself, who put everything in
subjection to Christ.
28 Now when everything has been
subjected to him, the Son himself
will ‡also be subjected to him who
subjected everything to him, so that
God may be all in all.
29 Otherwise, what are people
doing when they get baptized for
the dead? If the dead are not
actually raised, why are people
getting baptized for them?
30 And why do we put ourselves
in danger every hour?
31 I die daily! Yes, just as surely
as §I boast about *you in Christ
Jesus our Lord.
32 If I fought with wild beasts at
Ephesus with no more than human
hopes, what did 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 is
right, and stop sinning. For there
are some who are ignorant of God.
I say this to your shame.

The Resurrection Body

35 But someone will say, "How are
the dead raised? With what kind of
body will they come?"
36 Fool! What you sow does not
come to life unless it dies.
37 And what you sow is not the
body that will be, but a bare kernel,
perhaps of wheat or some other
grain.
38 But God gives it a body just as he
has determined, and he gives to
each of the seeds its own body.
39 Not all flesh is the same flesh, but
there is one †kind for humans,
another for animals, another for
fish, and another for birds.
40 There are also heavenly bodies
and earthly bodies, but the glory of

* **15:14** *your* ¦ our WH † **15:20** *dead; he has become* 92.5% ¦ dead, CT 6.5% ‡ **15:28** *also* ¦ — SBL § **15:31** *I* ¦ we ST * **15:31** *you* 91.6% ¦ you, brothers, NA TH WH 7.8% † **15:39** *kind* ¦ flesh TR

heavenly bodies is one kind, and
the glory of earthly bodies is
another.
41 There is one glory of the sun,
another glory of the moon, and
another glory of the stars; for star
differs from star in glory.

42 So it is with the resurrection of
the dead. The body that is sown is
perishable, but it is raised
imperishable.
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 as a natural body; it
is raised as a spiritual body. ‡There
is a natural body, and there is a
spiritual body.
45 And so it is written, “The first
man Adam became a living being.”
The last Adam became a life-giving
spirit.
46 However, the spiritual body is
not first, but the natural body, then
the spiritual body.
47 The first man was from the
earth, made of dust; the second
man is §the Lord from heaven.
48 As was the man made of dust,
so are those made of dust; and as is
the heavenly man, so are those who
are heavenly.
49 Just as we have borne the
image of the man made of dust, *let
us also bear the image of the
heavenly man.

50 Now I tell you, brothers, that
flesh and blood cannot inherit the
kingdom of God, nor does what is
perishable inherit what is
imperishable.
51 Behold, I tell you a mystery:
We will not all sleep, but we will all
be changed,
52 in an instant, in the twinkling
of an eye, at the last trumpet call.
For the trumpet will sound, and the
dead will be raised imperishable,
and we will be changed.
53 For this perishable body must
put on imperishability, and this
mortal body must put on
immortality.
54 Now when †this perishable
body has put on imperishability,
and this mortal body has put on
immortality, then this saying that is
written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in
victory.”
55 “O Death, where is your ‡sting?
O Hades, where is your victory?”

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 victory through our Lord Jesus
Christ.
58 So then, my beloved brothers,
be steadfast and immovable,
always abounding in the work of
the Lord, knowing that your labor
in the Lord is not in vain.

16

The Collection for the Saints

1 Now concerning the collection for
the saints, you must do what I have
directed the churches of Galatia to
do.
2 On the first day of every week,
each one of you should set
something aside, storing up
whatever he *may be prospered
with, so that collections will not
need to be taken when I come.
3 When I arrive, I will send those
whom you approve by letters to
carry your gift to Jerusalem.
4 If it is advisable for me to go as
well, they can travel with me.

Paul's Travel Plans

‡ **15:44** *There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body* ¦ If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body CT § **15:47** *the Lord* 96.1% ¦ — CT 2.5% * **15:49** *let us* ¦ we will ANT NA SBL TR † **15:54** *this perishable body has put on imperishability, and* ¦ — WH ‡ **15:55** *sting? O Hades, where is your victory* 92.7% ¦ victory? O Death, where is your sting CT 0.8% * **16:2** *may be* ¦ is PCK

5 After I pass through Macedonia, I
will come to you (for I will be
passing through Macedonia),
6 and perhaps I will stay with you
or †even spend the winter, so that
you may send me on my way
wherever I may go.
7 But I do not wish to see you now
only in ‡passing; rather, 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 great and effective door has
been opened to me, and there are
many adversaries.

10 If Timothy comes, make sure
he has nothing to fear while he is
with you, for he is doing the work
of the Lord, just as I am.
11 Therefore let no one despise
him. But send him on his way in
peace so that he may come to me,
for I am expecting him with the
brothers.
12 Now concerning Apollos our
brother, I strongly urged him to
come to you with the other
brothers, but it was not at all his
will to come now. He will come
when he has an opportunity.

Final Exhortations

13 Be watchful, stand firm in the
faith, be men of courage, and be
strong.
14 Everything you do should be
done in love.

15 Brothers, you know that the
household of Stephanas is the
firstfruits of Achaia, and that they
have devoted themselves to serving
the saints. I urge you
16 to submit to such people and to
everyone who joins together in the
work and labors with them.
17 I rejoice over the coming of
Stephanas, Fortunatus, and
Achaicus, because these men have
supplied what was lacking on your
part.
18 For they have refreshed my
spirit as well as yours. So give
recognition to such men.
19 The churches of Asia greet you.
Aquila *and Priscilla greet you
earnestly in the Lord, and so does
the church that meets 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 Jesus Christ, let him be
accursed. Our ‡Lord has come!
23 The grace of the Lord Jesus
§Christ be with you.
24 My love be with you all in
Christ Jesus.
*Amen.

† **16:6** *even* ¦ — WH ‡ **16:7** *passing; rather,* ¦ passing, for CT § **16:8** *will stay* ¦ am staying WH * **16:19** *and Priscilla greet you earnestly in the Lord,* ¦ greets you earnestly in the Lord, and so does Prisca CT † **16:22** *the Lord Jesus Christ* ¦ our Lord Jesus Christ PCK ¦ the Lord CT ‡ **16:22** *Lord has come* ¦ Lord, come HF NA SBL ¦ {inconclusive} PCK {Note: The difference depends on where the word break occurs. The main Greek text reads Μαραν αθα (*Maran atha*) while HF, NA, and SBL read Μαρανα θα (*Marana tha*). PCK does not include a word break, leaving it ambiguous. However, in his English translation, Pickering prefers the reading of the main Greek text.} § **16:23** *Christ* ¦ — CT * **16:24** *Amen.* ¦ — NA SBL WH

THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Greeting

1 Paul, an apostle of *Jesus Christ 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.

Paul's Thanksgiving After Suffering Affliction

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 experiencing any kind of
affliction with the comfort we
ourselves have received from God.
5 For just as we share abundantly in
the sufferings of Christ, so also our
comfort abounds through Christ.
6 If we are afflicted, it is for your
comfort and †salvation, which helps
you patiently endure the same
sufferings that we suffer. And our
hope for you is steadfast. If we are
comforted, it is also for your
comfort and salvation,
7 because we know that just as you
share in our sufferings, so also you
share in our comfort.
8 We do not want you to be
unaware, brothers, of the affliction
we experienced in Asia. For we
were so utterly burdened beyond
our strength that we despaired of
life itself.
9 Indeed, we felt that we had
received the sentence of death. But
this happened so that we would not
rely on ourselves, but on God, who
raises the dead.
10 He rescued us from such a
terrible death and ‡continues to
rescue us. We have put our hope in
him that he will rescue us yet again
11 as you join in helping us by
your prayers. Then many will give
thanks on §your behalf for the
favor granted to us through the
prayers of many.

Paul's Change of Plans

12 Now this is the reason for our
confidence: Our conscience testifies
that we have conducted ourselves
in the world, and especially toward
you, with *integrity and godly
sincerity, not by worldly wisdom,
but by the grace of God.
13 For we are not writing anything
to you other than what you can
read and understand. And I hope
that you will understand
completely—
14 just as you have understood us in
part—that on the day of †the Lord
Jesus you will be proud of us just as
we will be proud of you.
15 Because I was confident of this,
I intended to come to you first, so
that you would ‡be blessed by a
second visit.
16 I wanted to visit you on my
way to Macedonia and return to
you from Macedonia, and then
have you send me on my way to
Judea.
17 Was I vacillating when I
planned to do this? Or do I make
my plans in a worldly manner,

* **1:1** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT † **1:6** *salvation, which helps you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. And our hope for you is steadfast. If we are comforted, it is also for your comfort and salvation,* 67.2% ¦ salvation. If we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which helps you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. And our hope for you is steadfast, NA SBL WH 4% ¦ salvation, which helps you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. If we are comforted, it is for your comfort and salvation. And our hope for you is steadfast, TR 0.8% ‡ **1:10** *continues to* ¦ will CT § **1:11** *your* ¦ our ANT CT TR * **1:12** *integrity* 94.3% ¦ holiness SBL TH WH 4.5% † **1:14** *the* ¦ our NA SBL WH ‡ **1:15** *be blessed by a second visit* ¦ have a second experience of joy WH

ready to say “Yes” and “No” at the same time?
18 As surely as God is faithful, our message to you §did not waver between “Yes” and “No.”
19 For the Son of God, *Jesus Christ, whom Silvanus, Timothy, and I preached among you, did not waver between “Yes” and “No.” On the contrary, in him God's answer has always been “Yes.”
20 For in him every one of God's promises is †“Yes,” and in him we say “Amen” to the glory of God.
21 Now it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and who anointed us.
22 He has also sealed us and put his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
23 I call upon God as a witness against me, that the reason I did not return to Corinth was to spare you.
24 Not that we rule over your faith; rather, we work with you for your joy, because by faith you stand firm.

2

1 So I made up my mind that I would not come to you again in sorrow.
2 For if I make you sorrowful, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have made sorrowful?
3 That is why I wrote *to you as I did, so that when I came I would not have sorrow from those who ought to make me rejoice. I had confidence about you all that my joy would be yours.
4 For I wrote to you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you sorrow, but to let you know the abundant love I have for you.

Forgive the Sinner

5 Now if anyone has caused sorrow, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure (not to put it too severely) to all of you.
6 This punishment by the majority is enough for that person.
7 So you should forgive and comfort him †instead, so that he will not be overwhelmed with excessive sorrow.
8 Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love for him.
9 I wrote to you because I wanted to test your character and see if you would be obedient in everything.
10 Now if you forgive anyone of anything, I also forgive him. For ‡if I have forgiven anyone of anything, I have done it for your sakes in the presence of Christ,
11 so that we might not be exploited by Satan. For we are not ignorant of his schemes.

Triumph in Christ

12 Now when I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, a door was opened for me in the Lord.
13 But I had no rest in my spirit because I did not find my brother Titus. So I took leave of the people there and went on to Macedonia.
14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ everywhere.
15 For we are a sweet fragrance of Christ ascending to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing;
16 to the latter we are a smell of death leading to death, but to the former we are a fragrance of life leading to life. And who is equal to such a task?
17 For we are not like §others who peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak

§ **1:18** *did* ¦ does CT * **1:19** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus WH † **1:20** *“Yes,” and in* 90.3% ¦ “Yes.” And so through CT 6.8% * **2:3** *to you* ¦ — CT † **2:7** *instead* ¦ — WH ‡ **2:10** *if I have forgiven anyone of anything, I have done it* 81.6% ¦ if I have forgiven anything, I have done it MSS 8.6% ¦ what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been CT 3.3% § **2:17** *others* 51.9% ¦ so many others CT TR 46.1%

with sincerity in the presence of
God, as men sent from God.

3

Ministers of the New Covenant

1 Are we beginning to commend
ourselves again? *Do we need, as
some do, letters of recommendation
to you or †letters of
recommendation from you?
2 You are our letter, written on our
hearts, known and read by all.
3 You show that you are a letter
from Christ, delivered by us,
written not with ink, but with the
Spirit of the living God, not on
stone tablets, but on tablets of
human hearts.
4 Such is the confidence that we
have in God through Christ.
5 Not that we are competent in
and of ourselves to claim that
anything comes from us, but our
competence comes from God.
6 He has made us competent to be
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,
which was engraved in letters on
stone, came with glory, so that the
sons of Israel could not gaze at the
face of Moses because of its glory (a
glory that was fading away),
8 will not the ministry of the
Spirit be even more glorious?
9 For if ‡the ministry of
condemnation was glorious, the
ministry of righteousness abounds
in glory even more.
10 For what was once glorious
now has no glory in comparison
with the glory that surpasses it.
11 And if what was fading away
came with glory, what remains will
be even more glorious.
12 Therefore, since we have such
a hope, we act with great boldness.
13 We are not like Moses, who
would put a veil over his face so
that the sons of Israel would not
gaze at the end of what was fading
away.
14 But their minds were
hardened, for to this day the same
veil remains unlifted when the old
covenant is read, §because only in
Christ is it taken away.
15 But to this day, *when Moses is
read, a veil lies over their hearts.
16 But whenever someone 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
reflecting the glory of the Lord, are
being transformed into the same
image from one degree of glory to
another; this comes from the Lord,
who is the Spirit.

4

Paul's Perseverance in Ministry

1 Therefore, since we have this
ministry through God's mercy, we
do not lose heart.
2 Rather, we have renounced
shameful hidden deeds; we do not
act deceitfully or distort the word
of God, but by openly proclaiming
the truth we commend ourselves to
everyone's conscience in the sight
of God.
3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it
is veiled among those who are
perishing.
4 The god of this age has blinded the
minds of unbelievers like them, so

* **3:1** *Do* ¦ Or do CT SCR † **3:1** *letters of recommendation* ¦ — CT ‡ **3:9** *the ministry of condemnation was glorious* ¦ there was glory in the ministry of condemnation NA SBL TH § **3:14** *because only in Christ is it taken away* ¦ which veil is taken away only in Christ RP TR {Note: The only difference is where to place a word break (οτι versus ο τι). Word breaks are not always clear in manuscript evidence. Consequently, this is mostly an editorial decision.} * **3:15** *when* ¦ whenever CT * **4:4** *the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not dawn upon them* ¦ they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God CT

that *the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not dawn upon them.
5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but †Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.
6 For God, who ‡commanded light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of §Jesus Christ.
7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that this extraordinary power is from God and not from us.
8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;
9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;
10 always carrying about in our bodies the death of *the Lord Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our bodies.
11 For we who live are always being delivered up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh.
12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.
13 It is written, “I believed, therefore I spoke.” With that same spirit of faith we also believe, therefore we also speak.
14 For we know that he who raised †the Lord Jesus will also raise us ‡through Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.
15 All of this is for your benefit, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Living by Faith

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though on the outside we are wasting away, on the inside we are being renewed day by day.
17 For our light and momentary affliction is bringing about for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all measure,
18 as we look not to what is seen, but to what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

5

1 Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not made by human hands.
2 For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly dwelling,
3 *because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.
4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.
5 Now he who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has †also given us the Spirit as a guarantee.
6 Therefore we have courage at all times, and we know 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 Yes, we have courage and would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.
9 Therefore, whether we are at home or away, we aspire to be pleasing to him.
10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive his due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

The Ministry of Reconciliation

† **4:5** *Christ Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ NA ‡ **4:6** *commanded light to shine out of darkness,* ¦ said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” CT § **4:6** *Jesus* ¦ — SBL WH * **4:10** *the Lord* ¦ — CT † **4:14** *the Lord* ¦ — SBL ‡ **4:14** *through* ¦ with CT * **5:3** *because when we are clothed,* ¦ if indeed, when we are unclothed NA † **5:5** *also* ¦ — CT

11 Therefore, because we know
what it is to fear the Lord, we
persuade others. What we are is
known to God, and I hope that it is
known in your consciences as well.
12 ‡For we are not commending
ourselves to you again, but we are
giving you an opportunity to boast
about us, so that you may be able
to answer those who boast about
outward appearances and not
about matters of the heart.
13 If we are out of our mind, it is for
God; if we are in our right mind, it
is for you.
14 For the love of Christ compels us,
because we have concluded that §if
one died for all, then all have died.
15 And he died for all so that those
who live may no longer live for
themselves, but for him who died
for *them and was raised.
16 So from now on we regard no
one according to the flesh. Even if
we have known Christ according to
the flesh, we no longer know him
in that way.
17 Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new creation. Old
things have passed away; behold,
†all things have become new.
18 And all these things are from
God, who reconciled us to himself
through ‡Jesus Christ and gave us
the ministry of reconciliation,
19 namely, that God was
reconciling the world to himself in
Christ, not counting people's
trespasses against them. And he
has committed to us the message of
reconciliation.
20 Therefore, we are ambassadors
for Christ, as though God were
making an appeal through us. We
plead on Christ's behalf: “Be
reconciled to God.”
21 §For God made him who did
not know sin to be a sin offering
for us, so that in him we might
become the righteousness of God.

6

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

“At a favorable time I listened to
you,
and in a day of salvation I helped
you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time;
now is the day of salvation.
3 We are putting no obstacle in
anyone's way, so that our ministry
may not be discredited.
4 Rather, as servants of God we
commend ourselves in every way:
in great endurance, in afflictions, in
hardships, in distresses,
5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in
riots, in labors, in sleepless nights,
in hunger,
6 in purity, in knowledge, in
patience, in kindness, in the Holy
Spirit, in genuine love,
7 in the word of truth, in the power
of God; with weapons of
righteousness for the right hand
and the left,
8 through glory and dishonor,
through bad report and good
report; regarded as deceivers, and
yet true;
9 as unknown, and yet well known;
as dying, and behold, we live; as
punished, and yet not put to death;
10 as sorrowful, yet always
rejoicing; as poor, yet making many
rich; as having nothing, yet
possessing everything.
11 O Corinthians, we have spoken
freely to you; our hearts have been
opened wide.
12 You are not restricted by us,
but by your own affections.
13 Now in return—I am speaking
as I would to my own
children—open your hearts to us.

‡ **5:12** *For we* ¦ We CT § **5:14** *if one died for all, then* ¦ one died for all; therefore CT * **5:15** *them* ¦ all PCK † **5:17** *all things have become new* 94.1% ¦ new things have come CT 2.5% ‡ **5:18** *Jesus* ¦ — CT § **5:21** *For* ¦ — CT

Do Not Be Unequally Yoked

14 Do not be unequally yoked with
unbelievers. For what partnership
is there between righteousness and
lawlessness? What fellowship does
light have with darkness?
15 What harmony does Christ have
with Belial? What portion does a
believer have with an unbeliever?
16 And what agreement does the
temple of God have with idols? For
*you are the temple of the living
God, just 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.
Touch no unclean thing,
and I will receive you.
18 I will be a father to you,
and you will be sons and daughters
to me,
says the Lord Almighty."

7

1 Therefore, since we have these
promises, beloved, let us cleanse
ourselves from every defilement of
the flesh and spirit, bringing
holiness to completion in the fear
of God.

Paul's Joy

2 Make room for us in your hearts.
We have wronged no one, we have
corrupted no one, we have 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 so that we die
together with you and live together
with you.
4 Great is my boldness toward you;
great is my boasting on your behalf.
I am filled with comfort; I am
overflowing with joy in all our
affliction.
5 For even when we came to
Macedonia, our bodies had no rest,
but we were afflicted at every turn,
with conflicts on the outside and
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 you had given
him. He told us about your longing,
your contrition, and your deep
concern for me, so that I rejoiced
all the more.
8 For even if I caused you sorrow
by my letter, I do not regret it
(though I did regret *it, for I see
that my letter caused you sorrow,
though only for an hour).
9 But now I rejoice, not that you
were made sorrowful, but that you
were made sorrowful to the point
of repentance. For you felt a godly
sorrow, so that you suffered no loss
through us.
10 For godly sorrow produces a
repentance that leads to salvation,
leaving no regret, but worldly
sorrow produces death.
11 Consider what earnestness this
godly sorrow †of yours has
produced in you, what eagerness to
clear yourselves, what indignation,
what alarm, what longing, what
zeal, what righting of wrong! In
everything you have shown
yourselves to be clear in the matter.
12 So although I wrote to you, it
was not on account of the one who
did the wrong, nor on account of
the one who was wronged, but so
that ‡your earnestness for us might
be revealed to you in the sight of
God.

* **6:16** *you* ¦ we CT * **7:8** *it, for* ¦ it; SBL WH † **7:11** *of yours* ¦ — CT ‡ **7:12** *your earnestness for us* ¦ our earnestness for you SCR § **7:13** *Therefore we have been comforted by your own comfort. And* ¦ In this we find comfort. And in addition to the comfort we received from you, ANT HF RP ¦ In this we find comfort. And in addition to our own comfort, CT {Note: The readings of ANT, CT, HF, and RP would move the paragraph break to be after *In this we find comfort.*}

13 §Therefore we have been
comforted by your own comfort.
And we rejoiced all the more at the
joy of Titus, because his spirit has
been refreshed by you all.
14 For if I made any boast to him
about you, I was not put to shame.
But just as everything we said to
you was true, so our boasting to
Titus has also proven to be true.
15 And his affection for you is
even greater when he remembers
the obedience of you all, how you
received him with fear and
trembling.
16 I *rejoice, because I have
complete confidence in you.

8

Paul's Appeal to Complete the Collection

1 Now *we make known to you,
brothers, the grace of God that has
been given among the churches of
Macedonia.
2 During a severe trial of affliction,
their abundant joy and their deep
poverty abounded in a wealth of
generosity on their part.
3 For I testify that according to their
ability, and even beyond their
ability, they gave of their own
accord,
4 urgently begging us †for the
privilege of contributing to the gift
for the saints in Jerusalem.
5 And they did not do this in the
way we expected, but they gave
themselves first to the Lord and
then to us by the will of God.
6 So we have urged Titus, who
previously encouraged you to begin
gathering money, to return and
help you complete this gracious gift.
7 But just as you abound in
everything—in faith, in speech, in
knowledge, in complete
earnestness, and in ‡your love for
us—make sure you abound in this
gracious gift as well.
8 I am not saying this as a
command, but I want to test the
sincerity of your love by comparing
it with the earnestness of others.
9 For you know the grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ, that though he
was rich, yet for §your sakes he
became poor, so that by his poverty
you could become rich.
10 So I am giving my advice about
what is best for you in this matter.
Last year you were not only the
first who wanted to give, but you
were also the first to begin doing so.
11 Now finish doing it, so that
your eager willingness to give may
be matched by your completion of
the gift, according to what you
have.
12 For if the eager willingness is
there, it is acceptable according to
what one has, not according to
what one does not have.
13 I do not mean there should be
relief for others and hardship for
you, but it is a matter of equality.
At the present time your abundance
should provide for their need,
14 so that in turn their abundance
may provide for your need, and
thus there may be equality.
15 As it is written, “He who
gathered much had nothing left
over, and he who gathered little
had no lack.”

Titus and His Companions

16 But thanks be to God, who has
put into the heart of Titus the same
earnest care for you that I have.
17 For Titus not only accepted our
appeal, but with great enthusiasm
he is coming to you of his own
accord.
18 With him we are sending the
brother who is praised by all the
churches for his preaching of the
gospel.

* **7:16** *rejoice,* ¦ rejoice therefore, SCR * **8:1** *we* ¦ I ANT † **8:4** *for the privilege of contributing to the gift for* ¦ to receive their gift and contribution to support PCK TR ‡ **8:7** *your love for us* ¦ our love for you NA SBL WH § **8:9** *your* ¦ our PCK

19 And not only that, but he has also
been appointed by the churches to
travel with us as we administer this
gracious gift for the glory of the
Lord *himself and to show †our
eager willingness to help.
20 We are taking this precaution so
that no one will discredit us with
respect to this large sum that we
are administering.
21 For we are giving careful thought
to do what is right, not only in the
sight of the Lord but also in the
sight of men.
22 We are also sending with them
our brother whom we have often
tested and found to be earnest in
many matters, and now he is even
more earnest because of his great
confidence in you.
23 If there is any question about
Titus, he is my partner and fellow
worker in your service. If there is
any question about our brothers,
they are delegates of the churches,
the glory of Christ.
24 Therefore show them in front of
all the churches the proof of your
love and the reason for our
boasting about you.

9

The Collection for the Saints in Jerusalem

1 There is no need for me to write
to you about this ministry of giving
to the saints in Jerusalem.
2 For I know how eager you are to
help, and I keep boasting about you
to the Macedonians, saying that
Achaia has been prepared to give
since last year; and your zeal has
stirred up most of them.
3 But I have sent the brothers so
that our boasting about you in this
matter may not prove to be empty,
but that you may be prepared, just
as I said you would be.
4 Otherwise, if any of the
Macedonians were to come with me
and find you unprepared, we (not
to mention you) would be ashamed
*of this confident boasting.
5 So I thought it necessary to urge
the brothers to go on ahead to you
and arrange in advance your
previously †announced blessing, so
that this gift of yours may be ready
as a blessing and not as something
you feel forced to do.

6 My point is this: Whoever sows
sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows bountifully will
also reap bountifully.
7 Each person should give as he
‡decides in his heart, not with
sadness or under compulsion, for
God loves a cheerful giver.
8 And God is able to provide you
with every blessing in abundance
so that you will always have
everything you need to abound in
every good work.
9 As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has
given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

10 Now §may he who provides seed
to the sower, and bread for food,
also multiply your seed for sowing
and increase the harvest of your
righteousness!
11 *May you be enriched in every
way to be generous on every
occasion, and through us may your
generosity produce thanksgiving to
God!
12 For this ministry of giving is not
only providing for the needs of the
saints in Jerusalem but is also
abounding through many
thanksgivings to God.

* **8:19** *himself* ¦ — TH WH † **8:19** *our* ¦ your TR * **9:4** *of this confident boasting* 84.8% ¦ for being so confident CT 3.6% † **9:5** *announced* ¦ promised CT ‡ **9:7** *decides* ¦ has decided CT § **9:10** *may he who provides seed to the sower, and bread for food,* 89.1% ¦ he who provides seed to the sower, and bread for food, will CT 3% * **9:11** *May you … may your generosity* ¦ You will … your generosity will CT

13 By their approval of this
ministry, the saints in Jerusalem
will glorify God because of your
submission to the gospel of Christ
that you confess, and also because
of your generous contribution to
them and to all.
14 They will pray for you with deep
affection because of the surpassing
grace of God that is upon you.
15 Thanks be to God for his
indescribable gift!

10

Paul Defends His Ministry

1 Now I, Paul, myself appeal to you
by the meekness and gentleness of
Christ—I who am humble when
with you face to face, but bold
toward you when absent!
2 I ask that when I am present I
need not show boldness by daring
to oppose those who think that we
walk 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 of the flesh, but are
powerful in God for tearing down
strongholds.
5 We tear down arguments and
every high thing that exalts itself
against the knowledge of God, and
we take every thought captive to
the obedience of Christ.
6 We are ready to punish any
disobedience, once your obedience
is complete.
7 Are you looking only at outward
appearances? If anyone is
confident that he belongs to Christ,
he should remind himself that just
as he belongs to Christ, so *we also
belong to Christ.
8 For even if I boast somewhat
further about our authority (which
the Lord has given †us for building
you up and not for tearing you
down), I will not be ashamed.
9 For I do not want to seem as
though I am trying to frighten you
by my letters.
10 For, “His letters,” they say, “are
weighty and strong, but his bodily
presence is weak, and his speech
amounts to nothing.”
11 The people who say such things
should realize that what we say in
our letters when we are absent, we
will demonstrate by our actions
when we are present.
12 For we do not dare to classify
or compare ourselves with some
who commend themselves. When
they measure themselves with one
another and compare themselves to
one another, they do not show good
sense.
13 We, however, will not boast
beyond certain limits, but will
confine our boasting to the area of
ministry that God has assigned to
us, which reaches even as far as
you.
14 For we are not overextending
ourselves, as though we did not
reach you; we were the first to
come all the way to you with the
gospel of Christ.
15 We do not go beyond our limits
by boasting in the labors of others.
On the contrary, our hope is that,
as your faith increases, our area of
ministry among you will be greatly
expanded,
16 so that we can preach the
gospel in the regions beyond you,
without boasting about work
already done in someone else's
area of ministry.
17 But, “Let him who boasts, boast
in the Lord.”
18 For it is not the one who
commends himself who is
approved, but the one whom the
Lord commends.

11

Paul and the False Apostles

* **10:7** *we also belong to Christ* ¦ do we CT † **10:8** *us* ¦ — CT * **11:1** *for a bit in my* ¦ in a little CT

1 If only you would bear with me
*for a bit in my foolishness! Yes, do
bear with me!
2 I am jealous for you with a godly
jealousy, because I promised you in
marriage to one husband, to
present you as a pure virgin to
Christ.
3 But I am afraid that just as the
serpent deceived Eve by his
craftiness, †so your minds will be
led astray from ‡simple devotion to
Christ.
4 For if someone comes to you and
preaches a different message about
Jesus than the one we preached, or
if you receive a different spirit than
the one you received, or a different
gospel than the one you accepted,
you bear with it well enough.
5 For I consider myself to be in no
way inferior to these
“super-apostles.”
6 I may be untrained in speech, but
I do not lack knowledge; indeed, in
every way we have §been made
known to you in everything.

7 Did I commit a sin by humbling
myself so that you might be
exalted, because I preached the
gospel of God to you free of charge?
8 I “robbed” other churches by
receiving support from them in
order to serve you!
9 When I was with you and in
need, I did not burden anyone, for
the brothers who came from
Macedonia supplied what I needed.
I kept myself from being a burden
to you in any way, and I will
continue to do so.
10 As surely 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 I do!

12 But what I am doing I will
continue to do, so that I may deny
any opportunity to those who want
to be regarded as our equals in
what they boast about.
13 For such men are false apostles
and deceitful workers, disguising
themselves as apostles of Christ.
14 And no wonder, for even Satan
disguises himself as an angel of
light.
15 Therefore it is no great
surprise if his servants also
disguise themselves as servants of
righteousness. Their end will be
according to their works.

Paul's Sufferings as an Apostle

16 I repeat: Let no one consider me
to be a fool. But if you do, receive
me just as you would a fool, so that
I too may boast a little.
17 What I say in this confidence of
boasting, I am not saying in
accordance with the Lord, but as a
fool.
18 Since many boast according to
the flesh, I too will boast.
19 For you gladly bear with fools
since you are so wise!
20 You bear with it if anyone
enslaves you, devours you, takes
advantage of you, exalts himself, or
hits you in the face.
21 To my shame I admit that we
were too weak for that! But
whatever anyone else dares to
boast about—I am speaking like a
fool—I also dare to boast about.
22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are
they Israelites? So am I. Are they
the offspring of Abraham? So am I.
23 Are they servants of Christ? (I am
speaking like I am out of my mind!)
I am even more so, with far more
labors, with †beatings beyond
measure, with far more
imprisonments, and often facing
death.

† **11:3** *so* 94.9% ¦ — CT 2% ‡ **11:3** *simple* 94% ¦ simple and pure CT 4% § **11:6** *been made* 94.5% ¦ made this CT 1.3% * **11:10** *silenced* ¦ sealed ST † **11:23** *beatings beyond measure, with far more imprisonments* 93.6% ¦ far more imprisonments, with beatings beyond measure CT 1.6%

24 Five times I received from the
Jews the forty lashes minus one.
25 Three times I was beaten with
rods. Once I was stoned. Three
times I was shipwrecked; a night
and a day I spent in the open sea.
26 I have often been on journeys,
exposed to dangers from rivers,
dangers from robbers, dangers
from my own people, dangers from
the Gentiles, dangers in the city,
dangers in the wilderness, dangers
at sea, and dangers among false
brothers.
27 I have endured labor and
hardship, many sleepless nights,
and hunger and thirst. I have often
gone without food and have been
cold due to a lack of sufficient
clothing.
28 Apart from these external things,
there is ‡my daily burden: 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 with indignation?
30 If I must boast, I will boast
about the things that show my
weakness.
31 The God and Father of §the
Lord Jesus *Christ, 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,
wanting to arrest me,
33 but I was let down in a basket
through a window in the city wall
and escaped from his hands.

12

Visions and Revelations

1 *Surely †it is not beneficial for me
to boast, yet I will go on to visions
and revelations from the Lord.
2 I know a man in Christ who
fourteen years ago was caught up
to the third heaven. (Whether it
was in the body or out of the body I
do not know; God knows.)
3 And I know that this man
(whether in the body or ‡out of the
body I do not know; God knows)
4 was caught up to Paradise and
heard words too sacred to be
spoken, which man is not permitted
to utter.
5 I will boast on behalf of that man,
but on my own behalf I will not
boast, except about my weaknesses.
6 But even if I wanted to boast, I
would not be a fool, for I would be
speaking the truth. Nevertheless, I
refrain so that no one will think
more of me than what he sees in
me or hears from §me.
7 And to keep me from becoming
conceited because of the surpassing
greatness of the revelations I
received, there was given to me a
thorn in the flesh, a messenger of
Satan to harass me so that I would
not become conceited.
8 Three times I pleaded with the
Lord to take it away from me.
9 But he said to me, “My grace is
sufficient for you, for *my power is
made perfect in weakness.”
Therefore I will boast all the more
gladly about my weaknesses, so
that the power of Christ may rest
upon me.
10 So I delight in weaknesses, in
insults, in hardships, in
persecutions, and in distresses for
the sake of Christ. For when I am
weak, then I am strong.

Concern for the Corinthian Church

11 I have become a fool †by
boasting; you compelled me to do it.
I ought to have been commended

‡ **11:28** *my daily burden* ¦ the daily burden on me CT § **11:31** *the* ¦ our ANT TR * **11:31** *Christ* ¦ — CT † **11:32** *Damascenes, wanting* ¦ Damascenes NA SBL WH * **12:1** *Surely* ¦ Although it is necessary CT † **12:1** *it is not beneficial for me to boast* 95.4% ¦ to boast, it is not beneficial CT 2.3% ‡ **12:3** *out of* ¦ apart from NA SBL WH § **12:6** *me. And to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations I received,* ¦ me, even considering the surpassing greatness of the revelations I received. Therefore, to keep me from becoming conceited, CT * **12:9** *my* ¦ — CT † **12:11** *by boasting* 88.1% ¦ — CT 10.2%

by you, for in no way have I been
inferior to these “super-apostles,”
even though I am nothing.
12 The signs of a true apostle were
performed among you with great
perseverance, with signs, wonders,
and miracles.
13 In what way were you treated as
inferior to the rest of the churches,
except that I myself did not burden
you? Forgive me this injustice!

14 Behold, I am ready to come to
you ‡a third time, and I will not
§burden you, for I do not seek what
belongs to you, but you yourselves.
For children are not obligated to
save up for their parents, but
parents for their children.
15 So I will most gladly spend and
be entirely spent for the sake of
your *souls, even if the more I love
you, the less I am loved.
16 Be that as it may, I did not
burden you. But crafty fellow that I
am, I apparently took you in by
deceit!
17 Did I take advantage of you
through any of the men I sent to
you?
18 I urged Titus to visit you and
sent our brother with him. Did
Titus take advantage of you? Did
we not walk in the same spirit and
in the same footsteps?

19 †Do you still think that we are
defending ourselves to you? In the
sight of God we are speaking in
Christ, and everything we do,
beloved, is for your edification.
20 For I fear that when I come I
may not find you as I wish, and
that you may not find me as you
wish. I fear that there may be
‡quarrels, §jealousies, fits of anger,
selfish ambitions, insults, words of
gossip, puffed up behaviors, and
disorderly actions.
21 I fear that when I come again
my God will humble me before you,
and I may have to mourn over
many who have previously sinned
and not repented of the impurity,
fornication, and sensuality they
have practiced.

13

Final Warnings and Greetings

1 This is the third time I am coming
to you. Every matter must be
established by the mouth of two or
three witnesses.
2 I gave a warning when I was
present the second time, and now I
am giving this *written warning
while absent: If I come again I will
not spare those who sinned
previously or any of the others,
3 since you seek proof that Christ is
speaking in me. He is not weak in
dealing with you, but is powerful
among you.
4 For †though he was crucified in
weakness, he lives by the power of
God. Now we also are weak in him,
but in dealing with you we will live
with him by the power of God.

5 Examine yourselves to see if
you are in the faith; test yourselves.
Or do you not realize that ‡Jesus
Christ is in you?—unless, of course,
you fail to meet the test.
6 But I hope you will recognize
that we have not failed the test.
7 §I pray to God that you will not
do anything wrong—not so that we
may appear to have met the test,
but so that you may do what is
right, even though we may appear
to have failed.

‡ **12:14** *a* ¦ this CT § **12:14** *burden you* ¦ be a burden CT * **12:15** *souls, even if the more I love you, the less I am loved.* ¦ souls. If I love you more, am I to be loved less? CT † **12:19** *Do you still think* 92.2% ¦ Have you been thinking all this time CT 3.3% ‡ **12:20** *quarrels* ¦ quarreling NA PCK SBL WH § **12:20** *jealousies* ¦ jealousy CT * **13:2** *written* ¦ — CT † **13:4** *though he was crucified in weakness,* ¦ he was crucified in weakness, but CT ‡ **13:5** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus TH § **13:7** *I* ¦ We CT

8 For we cannot do anything
against the truth, but only for the
truth.
9 We rejoice when we are weak
and you are strong, and we pray
for your restoration.
10 The reason I am writing these
things to you while I am absent is
so that, when I am present, I will
not need to be harsh in my use of
authority, which the Lord has given
me for building up and not for
tearing down.
11 Finally, brothers, rejoice. Be
restored, be comforted, be of the
same mind, and 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.
†Amen.

* **13:14** *the* ¦ our PCK † **13:14** *Amen.* ¦ — CT

THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

Greeting

1 Paul, an apostle—appointed not
by men nor through man, but by
Jesus Christ and God the Father,
who raised him from the dead—
2 and all the brothers 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
deliver us from the present evil
age, according to the will of our
God and Father.
5 To him be the glory forever and
ever. Amen.

No Other Gospel

6 I am astonished that you are so
quickly turning away from him
who called you by the grace of
Christ and turning to a different
gospel,
7 not that there is another gospel,
but there are some who are
troubling you and wish to pervert
the gospel of Christ.
8 But even if we or an angel from
heaven †should preach to you a
gospel contrary to the one we
preached to you, let him be
accursed!
9 As we have said before, so now I
say again: If anyone preaches to
you a gospel contrary to what you
received, let him be accursed!
10 Am I now seeking the approval
of men, or of God? Or am I trying
to please men? If I were still trying
to please men, I would not be a
servant of Christ.

How Paul Became an Apostle

11 ‡But I make known to you,
brothers, that the gospel I preached
did not originate with man.
12 For I did not receive it from man,
nor was I taught it, but I received it
by 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 *God, who set me
apart before I was born and called
me by his grace, was pleased
16 to reveal his Son in me so that I
could preach good news about him
among the Gentiles, I did not
immediately confer with flesh and
blood,
17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to
those who were apostles before me,
but I went away to Arabia and
returned again to Damascus.

18 Then after three years I went
up to Jerusalem to become
acquainted with †Peter, and I stayed
with him for fifteen days.
19 But I saw none of the other
apostles except James, the brother
of the Lord.
20 (Now in what I am writing to
you, I assure you before God that I
am not lying.)
21 Then I went into the regions of
Syria and Cilicia.
22 But I was personally unknown
to the churches of Judea that are in
Christ.
23 They were only hearing people
say, “The man who once persecuted
us is now preaching the good news
of the faith he once tried to
destroy.”

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* **1:3** *the Father and our* ¦ our Father and the NA WH † **1:8** *should* 50.3% ¦ — HF 39.7% ‡ **1:11** *But* ¦ For NA SBL WH § **1:12** *Jesus* ¦ — PCK * **1:15** *God, who … grace,* ¦ he who … grace SBL † **1:18** *Peter* 97.7% ¦ Cephas CT 2.3%

24 So they were glorifying God because of me.

2

Paul Accepted by the Other Apostles

1 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along also.
2 I went up in response to a revelation and presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were held in high esteem, to make sure that I was not running or had not run in vain.
3 But not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he is a Greek.
4 Now this matter arose because of the false brothers who were secretly brought in, who slipped in to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might enslave us.
5 But we did not yield to them in submission for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.
6 Now from those who were esteemed to be something (what sort of men they once were makes no difference to me; God does not show partiality)—those, I say, who were held in high esteem added nothing to me.
7 On the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised.
8 For he who worked through Peter in his apostleship to the circumcised also worked through me in my apostleship to the Gentiles.
9 When James, Cephas, and John, who were esteemed as pillars of the church, recognized the grace given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles and that they should go to the circumcised.
10 They only asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Paul's Rebuke of Peter

11 But when *Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was blameworthy.
12 For he regularly ate with the Gentiles until certain men came from James. But when they came, he drew back and separated himself because he was afraid of the circumcision faction.
13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.
14 But when I saw that they were not walking uprightly in accordance with the truth of the gospel, I said to †Peter in front of them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, ‡why do you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

Justification by Faith

15 We §who are Jews by nature and not Gentile sinners
16 know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in *Jesus Christ. So we too have put our faith in Christ Jesus so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because no flesh will be justified by works of the law.
17 But if we ourselves have also been found to be sinners while seeking to be justified in Christ, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not!
18 For if I build up again the very things that I tore down, I show myself to be a transgressor.

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* **2:11** *Peter* 92.3% ¦ Cephas CT 6.3% † **2:14** *Peter* 91.7% ¦ Cephas CT 4.8% ‡ **2:14** *why do* ¦ how is it that CT § **2:15** *who are … sinners* ¦ are … sinners, yet we ANT CT * **2:16** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus WH

19 For through the law I died to the
law so that I might live for God.
20 I have been crucified with Christ,
and it is no longer I who live, but
Christ who lives in me. The life that
I now live in the flesh, I live by
faith in the Son of God, who loved
me and gave himself up for me.
21 I do not nullify the grace of God,
for if righteousness comes through
the law, then Christ died for
nothing.

3

Law or Faith

1 O foolish Galatians! Who has
bewitched you *to keep you from
obeying the truth? †In your
presence, before your very eyes,
Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed
as crucified.
2 Let me ask you this one question:
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 trying to
be perfected by the flesh?
4 Did you suffer so much in
vain?—if indeed it was in vain.
5 Does God supply you with the
Spirit and work miracles among
you because you perform the
works of the law or because you
hear with faith?
6 Remember, “Abraham believed
God, and it was counted to him as
righteousness.”
7 Therefore you must understand
that those who have faith are the
sons of Abraham.
8 Now the Scripture, foreseeing
that God would justify the Gentiles
by faith, preached the gospel
beforehand to Abraham, saying,
“All the nations will be blessed in
you.”
9 So then, those who have faith
are blessed along with Abraham,
the man of faith.
10 For all who rely on the works
of the law are under a curse,
because it is written, “Cursed is
everyone who does not continue to
do everything written in the Book
of the Law.”
11 Now it is evident 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; on the contrary, “‡The person
who does these things will live by
them.”
13 Christ redeemed us from the
curse of the law by becoming a
curse for us, for it is written,
“Cursed is everyone who hangs on
a tree.”
14 He redeemed us so that the
blessing of Abraham would come to
the Gentiles in §Christ Jesus, so that
we could receive the promise of the
Spirit through faith.

The Law and the Promise

15 Brothers, let me give an example
from everyday life: When a
man-made covenant is ratified, no
one annuls it or adds to it.
16 Now the promises were spoken
to Abraham and to his descendant.
Scripture does not say, “And to his
descendants,” referring to many,
but referring to one man it says,
“And to your descendant,” who is
Christ.
17 My point is this: The law, which
came four hundred and thirty
years later, cannot annul a
covenant previously ratified by God
*to Christ, so as to invalidate the
promise.
18 For if the inheritance comes by
the law, it no longer comes by the
promise; but God granted it to
Abraham by a promise.
19 Why then was the law given? It
was added because of
transgressions, until the descendant
should come to whom the promise

* **3:1** *to keep you from obeying the truth* 92% ¦ — CT 3.1% † **3:1** *In your presence, before* 86.5% ¦ Before CT 9% ‡ **3:12** *The person* 92.6% ¦ He CT 6.6% § **3:14** *Christ Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ WH
* **3:17** *to Christ* ¦ — CT

had been made. It was ordained
through angels by the hand of a
mediator.
20 Now a mediator does not
represent just one party, but God is
one.

Slaves and Sons

21 Is the law then opposed to the
promises of God? Certainly not! For
if a law had been given that was
able to give life, truly righteousness
would have come through the law.
22 But the Scripture has confined all
under sin, so that the promise
might be given on the basis of faith
in Jesus Christ to those who believe.
23 Now before faith came, we
were kept in custody under the
law, confined until the faith that
was to come would be revealed.
24 The law, then, was our
guardian until Christ came, so that
we could 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 neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither slave nor free,
there is neither male nor female,
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
29 And if you belong to Christ,
then you are Abraham's
descendants and heirs according to
the promise.

4

1 Now I say that as long as the heir
is a child, he differs in no way from
a slave, though he is the master of
all.
2 But he is under guardians and
stewards until the time appointed
by his father.
3 In the same way also, when we
were children, we were enslaved to
the elements of the world.
4 But when the fullness of time
came, God sent his Son, born of a
woman, born under the law,
5 to redeem those who were under
the law, so that we might receive
adoption as sons.
6 And because you are sons, God
has sent the Spirit of his Son into
*your hearts, crying out, “Abba!
Father!”
7 So you are no longer a slave, but a
son. And if you are a son, you are
also an †heir of God through Christ.

Paul's Concern for the Galatians

8 At that time, however, when you
did not know God, you were
enslaved to beings that by nature
are not gods.
9 But now that you have come to
know God, or rather to be known
by God, how is it that you are
turning back again to the weak and
worthless elements? Do you wish to
be enslaved to them once more?
10 You observe days, months,
seasons, and years!
11 I am afraid for you, lest somehow
I have labored for you in vain.
12 I plead with you, brothers:
Become as I am, because I also
have become as you are. You did
me no wrong.
13 But you know that it was
because of a physical infirmity that
I preached the gospel to you the
first time.
14 And you did not despise or
reject me even though my physical
condition was a trial ‡for me. On
the contrary, you received me as an
angel of God, as Christ Jesus.
15 §What then has become of that
sense of blessing you had? For I
testify to you that, if possible, you
would have plucked out your own
eyes and given them to me.

* **4:6** *your* ¦ our CT † **4:7** *heir of God through Christ* 72.6% ¦ heir of God through Jesus Christ MSS 14.8% ¦ heir—an heir of God and a fellow heir with Christ MSS 6.1% ¦ heir through God CT 1%
‡ **4:14** *for me* 83.7% ¦ for you CT 1.1% ¦ — MSS 11.4% § **4:15** *What then has become of* ¦ Where then is CT

16 Have I now become your
enemy by telling you the truth?
17 Those false teachers are not
zealous for you in a good way, but
rather they wish to shut you out so
that you will be zealous for them.
18 Now it is good to be zealous for
a good purpose, and to be so at all
times and not just when I am with
you.
19 My *little children, for whom I
am again suffering labor pains
until Christ is formed in you,
20 how I wish that I could be with
you now and change my tone, for I
am perplexed about you!

The Allegory of Hagar and Sarah

21 Tell me, you who wish 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 son of the slave woman
was born according to the flesh,
while the son of the free woman
was born through the promise.
24 This can be explained
allegorically, for these women are
†two covenants. One is from Mount
Sinai, bearing children for slavery;
this is Hagar.
25 ‡For Hagar is Mount Sinai in
Arabia and corresponds to the
present §Jerusalem; she is in
slavery with her children.
26 But the Jerusalem that is above is
the free woman; she is *the mother
of us all.
27 For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren woman, who has
never given birth;
break forth and shout, you who
have never been in labor!
For many are the children of the
desolate woman,
more than those of the woman who
has a husband.”

28 Now †we, brothers, like Isaac, are
children of the promise.
29 But just as at that time the child
who was born according to the
flesh persecuted the child who was
born according to the Spirit, so it is
now also.
30 But what does the Scripture say?
“Cast out the slave woman and her
son, for the son of the slave woman
shall not inherit with the son of the
free woman.”
31 So, brothers, we are not children
of the slave woman, but of the free
woman.

5

Do Not Submit Again to a Yoke of Slavery

1 *Stand fast therefore in the
freedom for which Christ has set us
free, and do not submit again to a
yoke of slavery.
2 Behold, I, Paul, say to 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 entire law.
4 You who are seeking to be
justified by the law are alienated
from Christ; you have fallen away
from grace.
5 For through the Spirit, by faith,
we eagerly await the hope of
righteousness.
6 For in Christ Jesus neither does
circumcision have any significance,
nor uncircumcision, but what
matters is faith working through
love.
7 You were running well. Who
hindered you from obeying the
truth?
8 This persuasion does not come
from him who calls you.

* **4:19** *little* ¦ — NA SBL † **4:24** *two* ¦ the two TR ‡ **4:25** *For* 90% ¦ Now NA SBL WH 5.1% § **4:25** *Jerusalem;* ¦ Jerusalem, for CT * **4:26** *the mother of us all* ¦ our mother CT † **4:28** *we* ¦ you NA SBL TH * **5:1** *Stand fast therefore in the freedom for which Christ has set us free* 65% ¦ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore CT 1%

9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump.
10 I have confidence in you in the Lord that you will adopt no other mindset. But the one who is troubling you will bear his judgment, whoever he may be.
11 Now, brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been done away with.
12 Oh that those who are unsettling you would cut themselves off!
13 You were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another in love.
14 For the entire law is fulfilled in this one commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out, or you will be consumed by one another.

The Fruit of the Spirit and the Works of the Flesh

16 I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desires of the flesh.
17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is contrary to the flesh. These are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the very things you want to do.
18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: †adultery, fornication, impurity, sensuality,
20 idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, ‡quarrels, §jealousies, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions,
21 envy, *murder, drunkenness, revelries, and the like. I warn you, just 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 Now those who belong to †Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.
26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another and envying one another.

6

Bear One Another's Burdens

1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness, paying attention to yourself so that you too are not tempted.
2 Bear one another's burdens, and in this way fulfill the law of Christ.
3 For if anyone thinks that he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
4 But each person should test his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.
5 For each person will bear his own load.
6 Now the one who is instructed in the word must share all good things with the one who instructs him.
7 Do not be misled: God is not mocked. A person reaps what he sows.
8 For he who sows to his own flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but he who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit.
9 So let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not give up.
10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all,

† **5:19** *adultery,* ¦ — CT ‡ **5:20** *quarrels* ¦ quarreling CT PCK § **5:20** *jealousies* ¦ jealousy CT
* **5:21** *murder,* ¦ — NA SBL WH † **5:24** *Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus NA TH WH

and especially to those of the household of faith.

Final Warning and Benediction

11 See what large letters I am using as I write to you with my own hand!
12 It is those who want to make a good appearance in the flesh who compel you to be circumcised, but only so that they may not be persecuted for the cross of *Christ.
13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they can boast about your flesh.
14 But as for me, may I never 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 †in Christ Jesus neither ‡does circumcision have any significance, nor uncircumcision, but what matters is whether we become a new creation.
16 As for all who follow this standard, peace and mercy be upon them and upon the Israel of God.
17 From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear the marks of §the Lord Jesus on my body.
18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

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* **6:12** *Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus WH † **6:15** *in Christ Jesus* 95.5% ¦ — CT 2.7% ‡ **6:15** *does circumcision have any significance* ¦ is circumcision anything CT § **6:17** *the Lord* ¦ — CT

THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

Greeting

1 Paul, an apostle of *Jesus Christ
through the will of God, to the
saints who are in Ephesus, the
faithful in Christ Jesus:
2 Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

Spiritual Blessings in 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 Christ
before the foundation of the world
to be holy and unblemished before
him in love.
5 He foreordained us for adoption
as his sons through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure of
his will,
6 to the praise of the glory of his
grace, †by which he bestowed favor
upon us in the Beloved.
7 In him we have redemption
through his blood, the remission of
our trespasses, according to the
riches of God's grace,
8 which he lavished upon us, along
with all wisdom and
understanding.
9 He made known to us the mystery
of his will, according to his good
pleasure, which he purposed in
Christ
10 as a plan for the fullness of times,
to bring everything together in
Christ, things in heaven and things
on earth.
11 In Christ we have obtained an
inheritance, having been
foreordained according to the
purpose of him who accomplishes
all things according to the counsel
of his own will,
12 so that we who were the first to
hope in Christ, might live for the
praise of his glory.
13 ‡And when you heard the word
of the truth, the gospel of your
salvation, and believed in Christ,
you were also sealed with the
promised Holy Spirit,
14 who is the guarantee of our
inheritance until the redemption of
God's own possession, to the praise
of his glory.

Paul's Prayer for the Ephesians

15 For this reason, ever since I
heard about your faith in the Lord
Jesus and §your love for all the
saints,
16 I have not ceased giving thanks
for you as I remember you in my
prayers.
17 I pray that the God of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give you a spirit of wisdom
and revelation as you come to
know him.
18 I pray that the eyes of your
*heart may be enlightened, so that
you may know what is the hope of
his calling, what are the riches of
the glory of his inheritance in the
saints,
19 and what is the surpassing
greatness of his power toward us
who believe, according to the
working of his great power.
20 He exercised this power in Christ
by raising him from the dead and
seating him at his right hand in the
heavenly places,
21 far above every ruler and
authority, power and dominion,

* **1:1** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus NA SBL WH † **1:6** *by which he bestowed favor* ¦ which he freely bestowed CT ‡ **1:13** *And when you heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Christ,* ¦ We also heard the word of the truth about Christ, the gospel of your salvation; by whom, when you believed, PCK § **1:15** *your love for* 93.9% ¦ toward WH 1.3% * **1:18** *heart* ¦ understanding TR

and every name that is named, not
only in this age but also in the age
to come.
22 God put all things in subjection
under Christ's feet and appointed
him as head over all things for the
church,
23 which is his body, the fullness of
him who fills everything in every
way.

2

Alive with Christ

1 You were dead in the trespasses
and sins
2 in which you once walked when
you followed the ways of this world
and the ruler of the realm of the
air, the spirit that is now at work in
the sons of disobedience.
3 Among them we all once lived in
the lusts of our flesh, carrying out
the desires of our flesh and our
impulses, and we were by nature
children of wrath, like the rest of
mankind.
4 Yet God, who is rich in mercy,
because of the great love with
which he loved us,
5 made us alive together with Christ
even when we were dead in our
trespasses—by grace you have been
saved.
6 And God raised us up with Christ
and seated us with him in the
heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
7 so that in the ages to come he
might show the surpassing riches of
his grace through his kindness
toward us in Christ Jesus.
8 For by grace you have been saved
through faith. And this is not of
yourselves; it is the gift of God,
9 not by 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.

Unity in Christ

11 Therefore remember that *you,
once Gentiles in the flesh, who are
called “the uncircumcision” by
those who call themselves “the
circumcision,” which is made in the
flesh by hands—
12 remember that you were apart
from Christ at that time, excluded
from the citizenship of Israel and
strangers to the covenants of the
promise, having no hope and
without God in the world.
13 But now in Christ Jesus you who
were once far away have been
brought near by the blood of Christ.
14 For he is our peace, who has
united both the Jews and Gentiles
into one people and has broken
down in his flesh the wall of
hostility that divided us.
15 He did this by abolishing the law
with its commandments and
ordinances in order to make peace
between the two groups and create
in himself one new people.
16 He reconciled both groups to God
in one body through the cross, by
which he put the hostility to death.
17 He came and preached the good
news of peace to †you who were far
away ‡and to those who were near.
18 For through him we both have
access in one Spirit to the Father.
19 So then you are no longer
strangers and foreigners, but fellow
citizens with the saints and
members of the household of God,
20 built upon the foundation of the
apostles and prophets, with §Jesus
Christ himself being the chief
cornerstone.
21 In him the whole building is
joined together and rises to become
a holy temple in the Lord.
22 And in him you also are being
built together into a dwelling place
for God in the Spirit.

3

Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

* **2:11** *you, once* ¦ at one time you CT † **2:17** *you* ¦ us PCK ‡ **2:17** *and* 91.1% ¦ and peace CT 6.3% § **2:20** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT

1 For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner
for Christ Jesus for the sake of you
Gentiles, bow my knees in prayer.
2 Surely you have heard of the
stewardship of God's grace that was
given to me for *you,
3 how God made the mystery
known to me by revelation, just as I
have written above in a few words.
4 When you read what I have
written, you can understand my
insight into the mystery of Christ,
5 which in previous generations
was not made known to the sons of
men as it has now been revealed by
the Spirit to his holy apostles and
prophets.
6 This mystery is that the Gentiles
are fellow heirs, fellow members of
the body, and fellow partakers of
†God's promise in ‡Christ through
the gospel.
7 I became a servant of this gospel
according to the gift of God's grace
that was given to me by the
working of his power.
8 This grace was given to me, the
very least of all the saints, to preach
§among the Gentiles the good news
of the boundless riches of Christ,
9 and to bring to light *for everyone
the †plan of the mystery that has
been hidden for ages in God, who
created all things ‡through Jesus
Christ.
10 The purpose of bringing this to
light is that, through the church,
the manifold wisdom of God might
now be made known to the rulers
and the authorities in the heavenly
realms,
11 according to the eternal purpose
that God has carried out in Christ
Jesus our Lord.
12 Because of Christ and our faith in
him, we have boldness and
confident access to God.
13 Therefore I ask you not to lose
heart at my tribulations on your
behalf, which will bring you glory.

Prayer for the Ephesians to Know the Love of Christ

14 For this reason I bow my knees
in prayer before the Father §of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
15 from whom every family in
heaven and on earth is named.
16 I pray that, according to the
riches of his glory, he would grant
you to be strengthened with power
through his Spirit in your inner
being,
17 so that Christ may dwell in your
hearts through faith,
18 as you are being rooted and
grounded in love. I pray that you
may be able to fully comprehend,
together with all the saints, how
wide and long and *deep and high
19 is the love of Christ, and to know
this love that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all
the fullness of God.
20 Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we
could ask or imagine, according to
the power at work within us—
21 to him be glory in the church
†in Christ Jesus throughout all
generations, forever and ever.
Amen.

4

Unity in the Body of Christ

1 Therefore I, a prisoner for the
Lord, urge you to walk in a manner
worthy of the calling you have
received,
2 with all humility and gentleness,
and with patience, bearing with
one another in love,
3 and being diligent to keep the
unity of the Spirit in the bond of
peace.

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* **3:2** *you, how God made the mystery* ¦ you, how the mystery was made NA TH WH ¦ you. The mystery was made SBL † **3:6** *God's* ¦ the CT ‡ **3:6** *Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT § **3:8** *among* ¦ to CT * **3:9** *for everyone* ¦ — WH † **3:9** *plan* ¦ fellowship TR ‡ **3:9** *through Jesus Christ* ¦ — CT § **3:14** *of our Lord Jesus Christ* ¦ — CT * **3:18** *deep and high* 93.2% ¦ high and deep CT 5.3% † **3:21** *in* ¦ and in CT

4 There is one body and one Spirit
(just as you were called to one hope
at 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 *us
all.
7 Now each one of us was given
grace according to the measure of
Christ's gift.
8 Therefore it says,

"When he ascended on high, he led
captivity captive
and gave gifts to men."

9 (Now what does "he ascended"
mean except that he †first also
descended into the lower parts of
the earth?
10 He who descended is the very
one who ascended far above all the
heavens, so that he might fill all
things.)
11 It was he who appointed some to
be apostles, some to be prophets,
some to be evangelists, and some to
be pastors and teachers,
12 to equip the saints for the work
of ministry and to build up the
body of Christ,
13 until we all reach unity in the
faith and in the knowledge of the
Son of God, growing into maturity
with a stature measured by Christ's
fullness.
14 So we must no longer be infants,
tossed back and forth by waves and
carried about by every wind of
doctrine, by the trickery of men
and their craftiness in deceitful
scheming.
15 Rather, speaking the truth in love,
we must grow up in every way into
him who is the head, that is, Christ.
16 From him the whole body, joined
and held together by every
supporting joint, grows and builds
itself up in love as each individual
part does its work.

Living the New Life

17 Therefore, I solemnly declare in
the Lord that you should no longer
walk as ‡the rest of the Gentiles do,
in the futility of their minds.
18 They are darkened in their
understanding, being excluded
from the life of God because of the
ignorance that is in them due to the
hardness of their hearts.
19 They became callous and gave
themselves up to lewd behavior,
greedy to engage in every kind of
impurity.
20 But you did not learn Christ in
that way!
21 Surely you have heard about him
and were taught in him, just as the
truth is in Jesus,
22 to put off your old self, which
belongs to your former way of life
and is being corrupted by its
deceitful desires,
23 to be renewed in the spirit of
your minds,
24 and to put on the new self,
created according to the image of
God in true righteousness and
holiness.

25 Therefore, having laid aside
falsehood, each of you must speak
the truth with his neighbor,
because we are members of one
another.
26 Do not sin in your anger. Do
not let the sun go down while you
are still angry,
27 and do not give any
opportunity to the devil.
28 He who steals must no longer
steal; rather he must labor, doing
honest work with §his hands, so
that he may have something to
contribute to anyone in need.
29 Let no foul word come out of
your mouth, but only what is good
for edification, as fits the occasion,
that it may give grace to those who
hear.

* **4:6** *us* ¦ you TR ¦ — CT † **4:9** *first also* 83.6% ¦ first MSS 6.7% ¦ also CT 2.8% ‡ **4:17** *the rest of* 90.8% ¦ — CT 5.6% § **4:28** *his* 71.7% ¦ his own NA SBL TH 23.3%

30 And do not grieve the Holy
Spirit of God, by whom you were
sealed for the day of redemption.
31 Put away all bitterness, wrath,
anger, outbursts, and slander,
together with all malice.
32 Be kind and compassionate to
one another, forgiving one another,
just as God in Christ has forgiven
*us.

5

1 Therefore, be imitators of God, as
beloved children,
2 and walk in love, just as Christ
loved *us and gave himself up for
us as a fragrant offering and
sacrifice to God.
3 But fornication, impurity of any
kind, and covetousness must not
even be mentioned among you,
because such things are improper
for saints.
4 Nor should there be any
obscenity, foolish talk, or coarse
joking, which are not fitting, but
there should be thanksgiving
instead.
5 For you †know that no one who
is a fornicator, impure, or covetous
(that is, an idolater) has any
inheritance in the kingdom of
Christ and of God.

Walk as Children of Light

6 Let no one deceive you with
empty words, for because of these
things the wrath of God is coming
upon the sons of disobedience.
7 Therefore do not be partners 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 ‡Spirit is found
in all goodness, righteousness, and
truth).
10 Carefully determine what is
pleasing to the Lord.
11 Do not participate in the
unfruitful works of darkness, but
expose them instead.
12 For it is shameful even to
mention what such people do in
secret.
13 But everything exposed by the
light becomes illuminated, and
everything that is illuminated
becomes a light.
14 Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine upon you.”

15 §See then that you walk
carefully, not as unwise people but
as wise,
16 making the best use of the
time, because the days are evil.
17 Therefore do not be foolish, but
understand what the will of the
Lord is.
18 Do not be drunk with wine,
which leads to debauchery, but be
filled with the Spirit,
19 speaking to one another in
psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs,
singing and making melody with
your hearts to the Lord,
20 always giving thanks for
everything to our God and Father in
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
21 and submitting to one another
in the fear of *God.

Wives and Husbands

22 †Wives, submit to your husbands,
as to the Lord.
23 For the husband is the head of
the wife, just as Christ is the head
and Savior of the church, which is
his body.
24 Just as the church submits to
Christ, so wives should submit to
their husbands in everything.
25 Husbands, love your wives, just
as Christ loved the church and gave
himself up for her

* **4:32** *us* ¦ you NA PCK SBL TR WH * **5:2** *us … us* ¦ you … you WH † **5:5** *know* ¦ know with certainty CT PCK ‡ **5:9** *Spirit* 93.9% ¦ light CT 5.4% § **5:15** *See then that you walk carefully* ¦ Look carefully then how you walk CT * **5:21** *God* ¦ Christ ANT CT RP † **5:22** *Wives, submit to your* 85% ¦ Wives must submit to their TH 8.5%

26 to sanctify her by cleansing her
with the washing of water by the
word,
27 so that he might present ‡her to
himself as a glorious church,
without spot or wrinkle or any such
thing, but holy and unblemished.
28 In the same way husbands
ought to love their wives as their
own bodies. He who loves his wife
loves himself.
29 For no one has ever hated his
own flesh, but nourishes and cares
for it, just as §the Lord does for the
church,
30 because we are members of his
*body, of his flesh and of his bones.
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 is a profound mystery, but
I am talking about Christ and the
church.
33 Nevertheless, each man among
you must love his own wife as he
loves himself, and the wife must
respect her husband.

6

Children and Parents

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 "that it may be well with you and
you may live long on the earth."
4 Fathers, do not provoke your
children to anger, but bring them
up in the training and admonition
of the Lord.

Slaves and Masters

5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters
with fear and trembling, and with
sincerity of heart, just as you would
obey Christ.
6 Do not try to please them only
when they are watching you, but
act like slaves of Christ, doing the
will of God from your heart.
7 Serve with a good attitude, *as
rendering service to the Lord and
not men,
8 knowing that whatever good
anyone does he will receive back
from the Lord, whether he is a
slave or free.
9 Masters, do the same for your
slaves and stop threatening them,
because you know that †your own
Master is in heaven, and there is no
partiality with him.

The Full Armor of God

10 Finally, ‡my brothers, be strong
in the Lord and in the power of his
might.
11 Put on the full armor of God so
that you may be able to stand
against the schemes of the devil.
12 For we wrestle not against flesh
and blood, but against the rulers,
against the authorities, against the
cosmic powers of §the darkness of
this age, and against the spiritual
forces of evil in the heavenly
places.
13 Therefore take up the full armor
of God so that you may be able to
resist the enemy on the day of evil,
and after you have done
everything, to stand firm.
14 Stand firm therefore by fastening
the belt of truth around your waist,
putting on the breastplate of
righteousness,
15 and shodding your feet with the
readiness of the gospel of peace.
16 *Above all, take up the shield of
faith, with which you will be able
to extinguish all the flaming arrows
of the evil one.

‡ **5:27** *her to himself as a glorious church* ¦ the church to himself as glorious CT § **5:29** *the Lord* ¦ Christ CT * **5:30** *body, of his flesh and of his bones.* 91.7% ¦ body. CT 2.5% * **6:7** *as* ¦ — PCK † **6:9** *your own Master* ¦ he who is both their Master and yours CT ‡ **6:10** *my brothers,* 88.3% ¦ brothers, MSS 7.4% ¦ — CT 3.4% § **6:12** *the darkness of this age* 96.9% ¦ this darkness CT 3% * **6:16** *Above all* ¦ In all circumstances CT

17 Take the helmet of salvation and
the sword of the Spirit, which is the
word of God.
18 Pray in the Spirit at all times,
with every prayer and supplication,
and to this end, stay alert and be
persistent in praying for all the
saints.
19 Pray also for me, so that when I
open my mouth to speak, a message
may be given to me to make known
with boldness the mystery of the
gospel,
20 for which I am an ambassador in
chains. Pray that I may declare it
boldly, as I should.

Final Greetings

21 Tychicus, the beloved brother
and faithful servant in the Lord,
will give you a full report of how I
am doing so that you may be
informed.
22 I have sent him to you for this
very purpose, that you may know
how we are doing and that he may
encourage your hearts.
23 Peace be with the brothers, 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 an undying
love.
†Amen.

† **6:24** *Amen.* ¦ — CT SCR

THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Greeting

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of
*Jesus Christ, 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.

Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

3 I give thanks to my God every
time I remember you,
4 always praying with joy in every
one of my prayers for you all
5 because of your partnership with
me in the gospel from the first day
until now.
6 I am confident that he who began
a good work in you will carry it on
to completion until the day of
†Jesus Christ.
7 It is right for me to think this way
about you all, since I have you in
my heart. For you all share with
me in God's grace, both in my
imprisonment and in my defense
and confirmation of the gospel.
8 For God is my witness that I long
for you all with the affection of
‡Jesus Christ.
9 And I pray that your love may
abound more and more in
knowledge and all discernment,
10 so that you may approve what is
excellent in order to be pure and
blameless in the day of Christ,
11 filled with the §fruits of
righteousness that come through
Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise
of God.

Paul's Imprisonment Advances the Gospel

12 Now I want you to know,
brothers, that what has happened
to me has actually helped advance
the gospel,
13 so that it has become known
among the entire imperial guard
and to everyone else that my
imprisonment is for Christ.
14 And the greater part of the
brothers in the Lord have gained
confidence through my
imprisonment and are far more
bold to speak the *word without
fear.

15 Some preach Christ out of envy
and rivalry, but others do it out of
good will.
16 †The former preach Christ out
of selfish ambition, not sincerely
but intending to ‡add affliction to
me in my imprisonment.
17 The latter do it out of love,
knowing that I am appointed for
the defense of the gospel.
18 But what does it matter? Only
that in every way, whether in
pretense or in truth, Christ is
proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.
Yes, and I will continue to rejoice.
19 For I know that this will result
in my deliverance through your
prayers and the provision of the
Spirit of Jesus Christ.
20 My eager expectation and hope
is that I will not be put to shame in
anything, but will speak with
complete boldness so that now, as
always, Christ will be magnified in
my body, whether I live or die.
21 For to me, to live is Christ and
to die is gain.
22 But if I am to live in the flesh,
it will mean fruit from my labor.
Yet I do not know which I prefer.

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* **1:1** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT † **1:6** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus HF NA SBL TH RP ‡ **1:8** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT § **1:11** *fruits … come* 63.8% ¦ fruit … comes CT 26.5% * **1:14** *word* 72.9% ¦ word of God WH 16.3% † **1:16** {verse 16 before verse 17} 85.1% ¦ {verse 17 before verse 16} NA SBL TH 9.4% ‡ **1:16** *add affliction to* 90.9% ¦ raise up affliction for CT 4.3% {Note: In CT this variant is in verse 17.} § **1:23** *which* ¦ for that ANT CT

23 I am hard pressed between the
two. I long to depart and be with
Christ, §which is far better.
24 But to remain 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 the sake of your progress
and joy in the faith,
26 so that your boasting may
abound in Christ Jesus because of
me when I come to you again.
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
that you are standing firm in one
spirit, striving together with one
mind for the faith of the gospel,
28 and not being intimidated in
any way by those who oppose you.
For them this is an indication of
*destruction, but for you it is an
indication of salvation, and that
from God.
29 For it has been granted to you
on behalf of Christ not only to
believe in him, but also to suffer for
him,
30 since you are experiencing the
same conflict that you saw I had
and now hear that I still have.

2

Imitating Christ's Humility

1 So if there is any encouragement
in Christ, if there is any comfort
from love, if there is any fellowship
in the Spirit, if there is any
compassion or mercy,
2 make my joy complete by
adopting the same mindset, having
the same love, being united in
spirit, and having one purpose.
3 Do nothing from selfish ambition
or vain conceit, but in humility
regard others as more important
than yourselves.
4 None of you should look out for
your own interests, but for the
interests of others.
5 *Let the same mind be in you that
was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of
God, did not consider equality with
God as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself by taking the
form of a servant and being born in
the likeness of men.
8 And being found in appearance as
a man, he humbled himself by
becoming obedient to the point of
death, even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is
above every other name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus every
knee should bow, in heaven and on
earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of
God the Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

12 Therefore, my beloved friends,
just 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 God is the one at work in you,
granting you the will and power to
do so, according to his good
pleasure.
14 Do everything without
grumbling or arguing,
15 so that you may be 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 as you hold firmly to the word
of life. Then I will have a reason to
boast in the day of Christ that I did
not run or labor in vain.
17 But even if I am being poured
out as a drink offering upon the

* **1:28** *destruction, but for you it is an indication of* ¦ their destruction, but of your CT * **2:5** *Let the same mind be in you* ¦ Have the same mind in yourselves CT

sacrifice and service of your faith, I
am glad and rejoice with you all.
18 In the same way you also
should be glad and rejoice with me.

Timothy and Epaphroditus

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send
Timothy to you soon so that I too
may be encouraged when I receive
news about you.
20 I have no one else like-minded
who will be genuinely concerned
about your welfare.
21 For they all seek their own
interests, not those of †Christ Jesus.
22 But you know Timothy's proven
character, how as a son with a
father he has served with me in the
work of the gospel.
23 Therefore I hope to send him to
you at once, as soon as I find out
what is going to happen to me.
24 And I am confident in the Lord
that I myself will also come soon.

25 But for now I thought it
necessary to send back to you
Epaphroditus—my brother, fellow
worker, and fellow soldier, who is
also your messenger and minister
to my need.
26 For he has been longing ‡to see
you all and was distressed because
you heard that he was sick.
27 Indeed he was sick, almost to
the point of death. But God had
mercy on him, and not only on him
but also on me, so that I would not
have one sorrow after another.
28 Therefore I am all the more
eager to send him, so that when
you see him again you can rejoice
and I can be less anxious.
29 So receive him in the Lord with
all joy, and honor men like him,
30 because he drew near to death
for the work of §Christ,
*disregarding his own life to
complete what was lacking in your
service to me.

3

Righteousness Through Faith in Christ

1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the
Lord! To write this to you again is
no trouble for me, and it is safe for
you.
2 Watch out for the dogs, watch
out for the evil workers, watch out
for those who mutilate the flesh.
3 For we are the circumcision, we
who worship *by the Spirit of God,
who boast in Christ Jesus, and who
put no confidence in the flesh,
4 even though I myself might put
confidence in the flesh. If anyone
else presumes to have 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 under
the law, blameless.
7 But whatever was gain to me I
have counted as loss for the sake of
Christ.
8 More than that, I count all
things as loss because of the
surpassing value of knowing Christ
Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have
suffered the loss of all things and
count them as rubbish so that I
may gain Christ
9 and be found in him, not having
a righteousness of my own that
comes from the law, but the
righteousness that is through faith
in Christ, which comes from God on
the basis of faith.
10 I want to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection and the
fellowship of his sufferings,
becoming like him in his death,
11 in the hope of attaining the
resurrection from the dead.

Pressing On Toward the Goal

12 Not that I have already obtained
it or have already been made

† **2:21** *Christ Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ NA SBL TH ‡ **2:26** *to see* ¦ for ANT HF NA PCK RP SBL TH TR
§ **2:30** *Christ* ¦ the Lord WH * **2:30** *disregarding* ¦ risking CT * **3:3** *by the Spirit of God* ¦ God by the Spirit TR

perfect, but I press on to take hold
of that for which Christ †Jesus has
taken hold of me.
13 Brothers, I do not consider
myself to have taken hold of it ‡yet.
But one thing I do: Forgetting what
is behind and reaching forward to
what is ahead,
14 I press on toward the goal to win
the prize of the upward call of God
in Christ Jesus.
15 Therefore all of us who are
mature should adopt this mindset,
and if you adopt a different
mindset about anything, God will
reveal that to you as well.
16 Nevertheless, let us live up to the
same standard that we have
already §attained; let us adopt the
same mindset.
17 Join together in imitating me,
brothers, and pay close attention to
those who walk according to the
example you have in us.
18 For I have often told you, and
tell you now with tears, that many
walk as enemies of the cross of
Christ.
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 But our citizenship is in
heaven, and we eagerly await from
there a Savior, the Lord Jesus
Christ,
21 who will transform our lowly
bodies to be like his glorious body,
by the power that enables him to
subject all things to himself.

4

1 Therefore, my brothers, whom I
love and long for, my joy and
crown, stand firm in the Lord in
this way, my beloved friends.

Practical Counsel

2 I urge Euodia and Syntyche to be
of the same mind in the Lord.
3 *Yes, I ask you also, my true
companion, to assist these women,
who have contended for the gospel
at my side, along with Clement and
the rest of my fellow workers,
whose names are in the book of life.
4 Rejoice in the Lord always, and
again I 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
supplication, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
7 And the peace of God that
surpasses all understanding will
guard your hearts and minds in
Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, brothers, whatever is
true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is right, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is
commendable, if anything is
virtuous or praiseworthy, think
about such things.
9 Practice what you have learned
and received from me, and what
you have heard and seen in me.
And the God of peace will be with
you.

Acknowledgment of the Philippians' Gift

10 I have great joy in the Lord that
now at last you have revived your
concern for me. Indeed, you were
concerned but had no opportunity
to show it.
11 Not that I am speaking about
being in need, for I have learned to
be content in whatever
circumstances I find myself.
12 I know how to be brought low,
and I know how to abound. I have
learned the secret of being content
in any and every situation, whether
well fed or hungry, whether having
plenty or being in need.
13 I can do all things through †Christ
who strengthens me.

† **3:12** *Jesus* ¦ — SBL ‡ **3:13** *yet* ¦ — NA HF RP SBL TH TR § **3:16** *attained; let us adopt the same mindset.* 81.2% ¦ attained. CT 1.6% * **4:3** *Yes,* ¦ — TR † **4:13** *Christ* ¦ him CT

14 Nevertheless, you did well by
sharing with me in my affliction.
15 As you Philippians know, in the
early days of the gospel, when I set
out from Macedonia, no church
partnered with me in the matter of
giving and receiving except you
alone.
16 Even when I was in
Thessalonica, you sent me help for
my needs more than once.
17 Not that I seek the gift, but I
seek the fruit that abounds to your
account.
18 I have received everything in
full and have an abundance. I am
amply supplied, now that I have
received from Epaphroditus the
gifts you sent. They are an aroma
of a sweet fragrance, an acceptable
sacrifice, pleasing to God.
19 And my God will fully supply
your every need through Christ
Jesus according to his riches in
glory.
20 Glory be to our God and Father
forever and ever! Amen.

Final Greetings

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus.
The brothers who are 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 §you all.
*Amen.

‡ **4:23** *the* ¦ our TR § **4:23** *you all* 89.5% ¦ your spirit CT 8.8% * **4:23** *Amen.* ¦ — NA SBL WH

THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

Greeting

1 Paul, an apostle of *Jesus Christ
through the will of God, and
Timothy our brother,
2 to the saints and faithful brothers
in Christ who are in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God
our †Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

3 We always give thanks to ‡the God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
when we pray for you,
4 because we have heard of your
faith in Christ Jesus and §your love
for all the saints,
5 the faith and love that spring
from the hope that is laid up for
you in heaven. You have already
heard about this hope in the
message of the truth of the gospel
6 that has come to you. This gospel
has gone out into all the world,
where it is bearing *fruit, just as it
has been doing among you since
the day you heard it and
understood the grace of God in
truth.
7 You learned it from Epaphras, our
beloved fellow servant, who is a
faithful minister of Christ on †your
behalf
8 and who also told us about your
love in the Spirit.

The Preeminence of Christ

9 For this reason, from the day we
heard this, we have not ceased
praying for you and asking that you
may be filled with the knowledge of
God's will in all wisdom and
spiritual understanding,
10 so that you may walk in a
manner worthy of the Lord with
every desire to please him: bearing
fruit in every good work and
increasing in the knowledge of God;
11 being strengthened with all
power, according to his glorious
might, so that you may have great
endurance and patience with joy;
12 giving thanks to ‡the Father, who
has enabled §us to share in the
inheritance of the saints in light.
13 He has rescued us from the
dominion of darkness and
transferred us into the kingdom of
his beloved Son,
14 in whom we have *redemption,
the remission of sins.
15 He is the image of the invisible
God, the firstborn of all creation.
16 For by him all things were
created, in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether
thrones or dominions, rulers or
authorities—all things were created
through him and for him.
17 He is before all things, and in
him all things hold together.
18 He is the head of the body, the
church. He is the beginning, the
firstborn from the dead, so that in
everything he may be preeminent.
19 For in him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell,
20 and through him to reconcile all
things to himself, whether on earth
or in heaven, making peace
through the blood of his cross.

21 At one time you were alienated
from God and hostile in your minds
because of your evil works.
22 But now †God has reconciled
you to himself through the death of
Christ in his physical body, in order

* **1:1** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT † **1:2** *Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.* ¦ Father. CT ‡ **1:3** *the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ* ¦ God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, NA SBL WH § **1:4** *your love* 86.1% ¦ the love that you have CT 11.4% * **1:6** *fruit* 51.3% ¦ fruit and increasing ANT CT HF PCK RP 47.4% † **1:7** *your* ¦ our SBL TH WH ‡ **1:12** *the* ¦ our God and ANT § **1:12** *us* ¦ you CT * **1:14** *redemption* ¦ redemption through his blood PCK TR † **1:22** *God has reconciled you to himself … in order to* ¦ you have been reconciled … so that God might SBL

to bring you into his own presence
as holy, unblemished, and above
reproach,
23 if indeed you continue in the
faith, grounded and steadfast,
without shifting away from the
hope of the gospel that you heard.
This gospel has been preached in
all creation under heaven, and of
this gospel I, Paul, have become a
servant.

Paul's Labor for the Church

24 I rejoice now in my sufferings for
you, and in my flesh I am filling up
what is lacking in Christ's
afflictions for the sake of his body,
that is, the church.
25 I became a servant of the church
according to the stewardship from
God that was given to me for you,
to make the word of God fully
known,
26 the mystery that has been hidden
for ages and generations but has
now been revealed to his saints.
27 To them God resolved to make
known how great among the
Gentiles are the glorious riches of
this mystery, which is Christ in you,
the hope of glory.
28 He is the one we proclaim,
admonishing everyone and
teaching everyone with all wisdom,
so that we may present everyone
mature in Christ ‡Jesus.
29 To this end I labor, striving
according to his energy that is
powerfully at work within 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 me face to face.
2 I want their hearts to be
comforted and knit together in
love, so that they may have all the
riches of being fully assured in
their understanding, and so that
they may know the mystery of *our
God and Father and of Christ,
3 in whom all the treasures of
wisdom and knowledge are hidden.
4 I say this so that no one will
deceive you with persuasive
speech.
5 For though I am absent in body, I
am with you in spirit, rejoicing to
see your good order and the
firmness of your faith in Christ.

Fullness of Life in Christ

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

8 Be careful that no one takes you
captive through philosophy and
empty deceit, according to the
tradition of men and the elements
of the world, and not according to
Christ.
9 For all the fullness of God's
nature dwells bodily in Christ,
10 and you have been filled by
him, who is the head over every
ruler and authority.
11 In him you were also
circumcised with a circumcision
not done by hands, by putting off
the body ‡of the sins of the flesh in
the circumcision of Christ.
12 Having been buried with him
in baptism, you have also been
raised with him through faith in
the powerful working of God, who
raised him from the dead.
13 And §although you were dead
in your trespasses and the
uncircumcision of your flesh, God
made you alive together with
Christ. He forgave *us all our
trespasses

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‡ **1:28** *Jesus* ¦ — CT PCK * **2:2** *our God and Father and of* 77.8% ¦ the God and Father of MSS 12.8% ¦ God, the Father of TH 0.6% ¦ God, which is NA SBL WH 0.3% † **2:7** *in it* ¦ — NA SBL TH ‡ **2:11** *of the sins* 92.3% ¦ — CT 6.9% § **2:13** *although you … flesh, God made you* ¦ you who … flesh God made TR * **2:13** *us … our* ¦ you … your SCR

14 by blotting out the certificate of
debt that stood against us with its
legal demands; he took it away by
nailing it to the cross.
15 He stripped the rulers and
authorities of their power and
made a public display of them,
leading a triumphal procession
over them by the cross.
16 Therefore let no one judge you
in regard to food †or drink, or in
the matter of a feast, a New Moon
celebration, or a Sabbath day.
17 These are a shadow of the
things to come, but the substance is
Christ.
18 Let no one who delights in
false humility and angelic religion
disqualify you. Such a person takes
his stand on things he has ‡not
seen, being puffed up without
reason by the mind of his flesh,
19 while not holding fast to the
head, from whom the entire body,
being supported and knit together
by its joints and tendons, grows
with a growth that is from God.
20 If §then you have died with
Christ to the elements of the world,
why, as though you were living in
the world, do you submit to
regulations such as,
21 "Do not handle, do not taste, do
not touch"?
22 Such regulations are based on
the commandments and doctrines
of men, and apply to things that
will all decay with use.
23 Although these regulations
have a semblance of wisdom in
self-imposed piety, false humility,
and severe treatment of the body,
they are of no value in restraining
fleshly indulgence.

3

Put On the New Self

1 If then 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 the things on earth.
3 For you have died, and your life is
hidden with Christ in God.
4 When Christ, who is *our life, is
revealed, then you also will be
revealed with him in glory.
5 Put to death therefore whatever
belongs to your earthly nature:
fornication, impurity, lust, evil
desire, and covetousness, which is
idolatry.
6 On account of these things the
wrath of God is coming †upon the
sons of disobedience.
7 You too once walked in these
ways when you lived among them.
8 But now you must put them all
aside: wrath, anger, malice,
slander, and filthy language from
your mouth.
9 Do not lie to one another, since
you have put off the old self with
its practices
10 and have put on the new self,
which is being renewed in
knowledge according to the image
of its Creator.
11 Here there is no distinction
between Greek and Jew,
circumcised and uncircumcised,
barbarian, Scythian, slave and free,
but Christ is all and in all.
12 Therefore, as God's chosen
people, holy and beloved, put on
tenderhearted mercy, kindness,
humility, gentleness, and patience,
13 bearing with one another and
forgiving one other if any one of
you has a complaint against
another; just as ‡Christ forgave you,
so you also must forgive.
14 Above all, put on love, which is
the bond of perfection.
15 Let the peace of §God rule in
your hearts, since as members of
one body you were called to peace.
And be thankful.

† **2:16** *or* ¦ and NA WH ‡ **2:18** *not* 92.6% ¦ — CT 1.8% § **2:20** *then* ¦ — CT HF RP * **3:4** *our* ¦ your NA SBL TH † **3:6** *upon the sons of disobedience* ¦ — WH ‡ **3:13** *Christ* ¦ the Lord CT § **3:15** *God* 95.2% ¦ Christ CT 4.8%

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in
you richly, teaching and
admonishing one another with all
wisdom as you sing psalms, hymns,
and spiritual songs to *the Lord
with gratitude in your hearts.
17 And whatever you do, in word
or in deed, do it all in the name of
the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to
†our God and Father through him.

Rules for Christian Households

18 Wives, submit to your husbands,
as is fitting in the Lord.
19 Husbands, love your wives, and
do not be embittered against them.
20 Children, obey your parents in
everything, for this pleases the
Lord.
21 Fathers, do not provoke your
children, lest they become
discouraged.
22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters
in everything. Do not try to please
them only when they are watching
you, but obey with sincerity of
heart, fearing ‡God.
23 Whatever you do, work at it with
all your heart, as working for the
Lord and not for men,
24 knowing that you will receive an
inheritance from the Lord as your
reward; §for you serve the Lord
Christ.
25 *But he who does wrong will be
paid back for the wrong he has
done, and there is no partiality.

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1 Masters, treat your slaves with
justice and equity, knowing that
you also have a Master in heaven.

Further Instructions

2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being
watchful in it with thanksgiving.
3 At the same time pray for us as
well, that God may open a door to
us for the word so that we may
speak the mystery of Christ, for
which I am in chains.
4 Pray that I may make it known in
the way I ought to speak.

5 Walk in wisdom toward
outsiders, making the best use of
the time.
6 Let your speech always be with
grace, seasoned with salt, so that
you may know how to answer each
person.

Final Greetings

7 Tychicus will tell you all the news
about me. He is our beloved
brother, a faithful minister and
fellow servant in the Lord.
8 I have sent him to you for this
very purpose, that *he may know
how you are doing and encourage
your hearts.
9 With him I have sent Onesimus,
our faithful and beloved brother,
who is one of you. They will tell
you everything that is happening
here.

10 Aristarchus, my fellow
prisoner, greets you, and so does
Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about
whom you have received
instructions: if he comes to you,
welcome him).
11 Jesus who is called Justus also
greets you. These men are my only
fellow workers for the kingdom of
God who are of the circumcision,
and they have been a comfort to
me.
12 Epaphras, who is one of you
and a servant of †Christ, greets you,
always striving for you in his
prayers, so that you may stand
mature and ‡complete in all the
will of God.
13 For I testify about him that he
has much §zeal for you and for
those in Laodicea and Hierapolis.
14 Luke the beloved physician
greets you, and so does Demas.

* **3:16** *the Lord* ¦ God CT † **3:17** *our God and* ¦ God the CT ‡ **3:22** *God* ¦ the Lord CT § **3:24** *for* ¦ — CT * **3:25** *But* ¦ For CT * **4:8** *he may know how you are doing and* 85% ¦ you may know how we are doing and that he may NA SBL WH 9% † **4:12** *Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus NA TH WH ‡ **4:12** *complete* ¦ fully assured CT § **4:13** *zeal* ¦ toil CT

15 Give my greetings to the
brothers in Laodicea, and to
*Nymphas and the church that
meets in his house.
16 After this letter has been read
among you, have it read in the
church of the Laodiceans as well,
and make sure you also read the
letter from Laodicea.
17 Tell Archippus, “Be sure to
complete the ministry you have
received in the Lord.”
18 I, Paul, write this greeting with
my own hand. Remember my
chains. Grace be with you.
†Amen.

* **4:15** *Nymphas … his* ¦ Nympha … her NA SBL WH ¦ Nympha … their TH † **4:18** *Amen.* ¦ — CT

THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Greeting

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
*from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

The Thessalonians' Good Example

2 We always give thanks to God for
you all, making mention of you in
our prayers,
3 remembering without ceasing, in
the presence of our God and Father,
your work of faith, your labor of
love, and your endurance of hope
in our Lord Jesus Christ.
4 For we know, brothers beloved by
God, that you have been chosen,
5 because our gospel did not come
to you in word only, but also in
power and in the Holy Spirit and
with much conviction. You know
what sort of men we proved to be
among you for your sake.
6 And you became imitators of us
and of the Lord when you received
the word in much affliction with
the joy of the Holy Spirit.
7 As a result you have become
†examples to all the believers in
Macedonia and Achaia.
8 For not only has the word of the
Lord sounded forth from you in
Macedonia and Achaia, but reports
of your faith in God have gone out
everywhere, so that we have no
need to say anything about it.
9 For the people themselves report
what kind of reception we ‡had
among you, and how you turned
away from idols to serve the living
and true God,
10 as you wait for his Son Jesus to
return from heaven, whom God
raised from the dead, and who
rescues us from the coming wrath.

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Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica

1 For you yourselves know,
brothers, that our visit to you was
not in vain.
2 On the contrary, even though we
had previously suffered and been
mistreated in Philippi, as you know,
we had boldness in our God to
declare to you the gospel of God in
the face of strong opposition.
3 For our exhortation does not
come from error or impurity or
with deceit,
4 but just as we have been
approved by God to be entrusted
with the gospel, so we speak, not as
pleasing men, but God, who
examines our hearts.
5 God is our witness that we never
came with words of flattery or with
a pretext for greed, as you well
know.
6 Nor did we seek glory from men
(neither from you nor from others),
though as Christ's apostles we could
have asserted our authority.
7 Instead, we were *gentle among
you, like a nursing mother caring
for her children.
8 We had such strong affection for
you that we were pleased to share
with you not only the gospel of God
but also our own selves, because
you had become dear to us.
9 For you remember, brothers,
our labor and hardship. Working
night and day so as not to be a
burden on any of you, we preached
to you the gospel of God.
10 You are witnesses, and so is
God, of how devoutly, righteously,
and blamelessly we conducted
ourselves among you who believe.

* **1:1** *from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.* 84.7% ¦ — CT 7.5% † **1:7** *examples* ¦ an example CT ‡ **1:9** *had* ¦ have ST * **2:7** *gentle* 85.9% ¦ infants NA WH 11.5%

11 As you know, we dealt with
each one of you like a father deals
with his own children,
12 exhorting you, encouraging
you, and testifying that you should
walk in a manner worthy of God,
who calls you into his own
kingdom and glory.
13 We also give thanks to God
without ceasing because, when you
received the word of God that you
heard from us, you accepted it not
as the word of men, but as it truly
is, the word of God, which is at
work in you who believe.
14 For you, brothers, became
imitators of the churches of God in
Christ Jesus that are in Judea,
because you suffered the same
things from your own countrymen
that they did from the Jews,
15 who killed the Lord Jesus and
†their own prophets, and who also
drove ‡us out. They displease God
and are hostile to all men
16 by hindering us from telling
the Gentiles how they can be saved.
In this way they are always filling
up the measure of their sins, but
wrath has come upon them at last.

Paul's Longing to See the Thessalonians

17 As for us, brothers, when we
were bereaved of you for a brief
hour (being physically absent, but
with you in our hearts), we longed
with great eagerness to see you
face to face.
18 §Therefore we wanted to come to
you—certainly I, Paul, tried to do so
again and again—but Satan
hindered us.
19 For what is our hope or joy or
crown of boasting in the presence
of our Lord *Jesus at his coming? Is
it not you?
20 Yes, you are our glory and joy!

3

1 Therefore, when we could bear it
no longer, we thought it best to stay
in Athens alone,
2 and we sent Timothy our brother,
who is *a servant of God and our
fellow worker in the gospel of
Christ, to establish you and
encourage you in your faith,
3 so that no one would be shaken by
these afflictions. For you yourselves
know that we have been appointed
to afflictions such as these.
4 In fact, when we were with you,
we told you in advance that we
were going to suffer affliction, and
as you well know, it has now
happened.
5 For this reason, when I could bear
it no longer, I sent Timothy to find
out about your faith, lest somehow
the tempter had tempted you and
our labor had been in vain.

Timothy's Encouraging Report

6 But Timothy has now come back
to us from you and has brought us
good news of your faith and love.
He reports that you always think of
us with affection, longing to see us,
just as we also long to see you.
7 Therefore, brothers, in all our
†affliction and distress, we were
encouraged about you because of
your faith.
8 For now we really live, since you
are standing firm in the Lord.
9 How can we thank God enough
for you in return for all the joy we
have in the presence of our God
because of you?
10 Night and day we pray earnestly
that we may see you face to face
and supply what is lacking in your
faith.
11 Now may our God and Father
himself and our Lord Jesus ‡Christ
direct our way to you.

† **2:15** *their own* 94% ¦ the CT 5% ‡ **2:15** *us* ¦ you ST § **2:18** *Therefore* ¦ For CT * **2:19** *Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ ANT TR * **3:2** *a servant of God and our fellow worker* 92.5% ¦ a servant of God TH WH 3.2% ¦ God's fellow worker NA SBL 0.3% † **3:7** *affliction and distress* ¦ distress and affliction CT ‡ **3:11** *Christ* ¦ — CT

12 May the Lord cause you to
increase and abound in your love
for one another and for all, just as
we abound in our love for you.
13 And may he strengthen your
hearts to be blameless in holiness
in the presence of our God and
Father when our Lord Jesus §Christ
comes with all his *saints.

4

Living to Please God

1 Finally, brothers, we ask and urge
you in the Lord Jesus that, just as
you learned from us how you ought
to walk and to please *God, you do
so more and more.
2 For you know the commands we
gave you by the authority of the
Lord Jesus.
3 It is God's will that you be
sanctified, that you abstain from
fornication,
4 and that each of you know how to
control your own body in holiness
and honor,
5 not in lustful passion like the
Gentiles who do not know God.
6 In this matter no one should
wrong or take advantage of his
brother, because the Lord is an
avenger in all these things, as we
told you before and solemnly
warned you.
7 For God did not call us to be
impure, but to live in holiness.
8 Therefore whoever rejects this
command does not reject man but
God, who †has given his Holy Spirit
to ‡you.
9 Now concerning brotherly love,
you have no need for anyone to
write to you, for you yourselves
have been taught by God to love
one another.
10 And indeed you do love all the
brothers throughout Macedonia.
But we urge you, brothers, to do so
more and more.
11 We urge you to aspire to lead a
quiet life, to attend to your own
affairs, and to work with your
§own hands, just as we
commanded you,
12 so that you may walk properly
toward outsiders and not be in
need of anything.

The Coming of the Lord

13 But *we do not want you to be
uninformed, brothers, about those
who †have fallen asleep, so that you
may not be grieved like others who
do not have hope.
14 For since we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, we also believe
that God will bring with Jesus those
who have fallen asleep in him.
15 According to the word of the
Lord, we declare to you that we
who are alive, who are left behind
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 commanding
shout, with the voice of an
archangel, and with the trumpet
call of God, and the dead in Christ
will rise first.
17 Then we who are alive, who are
left behind, 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

The Day of the Lord

1 Now concerning the times and
seasons, brothers, you have no
need for anything to be written to
you.
2 For you yourselves know very
well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night.
3 When people are saying, “Peace
and safety,” destruction will come

§ **3:13** *Christ* ¦ — CT * **3:13** *saints.* ¦ saints. Amen. NA * **4:1** *God,* ¦ God, just as you are doing, that CT † **4:8** *has given* ¦ gives NA SBL WH ‡ **4:8** *you* ¦ us TR § **4:11** *own* ¦ — SBL TH WH * **4:13** *we* ¦ I TR † **4:13** *have fallen* ¦ are CT

upon them suddenly, like labor
pains upon a woman with child,
and they will certainly not escape.
4 But you, brothers, are not in
darkness so that this day should
catch you like *a thief.
5 †You are all sons of light and sons
of the day; we are not of the night
or of the darkness.
6 So then let us not sleep, as others
do, but let us be watchful and
sober.
7 For those who sleep, sleep at
night; and those who get drunk, get
drunk at night.
8 But since ‡we are of the day, let us
be sober, putting on the breastplate
of faith and love, and the hope of
salvation as a helmet.
9 For God has not appointed us to
suffer 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, even as
you are doing.

Final Instructions and Benediction

12 Now we ask you, brothers, to
recognize those who labor among
you, who lead you in the Lord and
admonish you,
13 and to regard them very highly
in love because of their work. Be at
peace with one another.
14 And we urge you, brothers, to
admonish those who are idle,
encourage the fainthearted, support
the weak, and be patient toward all.
15 Make sure no one repays anyone
evil for evil, but always strive to do
good to each other and to everyone
else.
16 Rejoice always,
17 pray without ceasing,
18 and in everything give thanks;
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 Avoid every form of evil.
23 Now may the God of peace
himself sanctify you completely,
and may your entire spirit, soul,
and body be kept blameless at the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
24 He who calls you is faithful; he
will surely do it.
25 Brothers, pray for *us.
26 Greet all the brothers with a
holy kiss.
27 I charge you by the Lord to
have this letter read to all the †holy
brothers.
28 The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with you.
‡Amen.

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* **5:4** *a thief* ¦ thieves WH † **5:5** *You* ¦ For you CT ‡ **5:8** *we* ¦ you ANT § **5:20** *prophecies, but test* ¦ prophecies. Test TR * **5:25** *us* ¦ us as well NA WH † **5:27** *holy* 89.5% ¦ — CT 5.3% ‡ **5:28** *Amen.* ¦ — NA SBL WH

THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Greeting

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
*our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

The Judgment at Christ's Coming

3 We ought always to give thanks to
God for you, brothers, as is only
fitting, because your faith is greatly
increasing and the love that each of
you has for one another is
abounding.
4 As a result we ourselves boast
about you in the churches of God
for your perseverance and
faithfulness in all the persecutions
and tribulations that you are
enduring.
5 This is evidence of the righteous
judgment of God, and it is
happening so that you may be
considered worthy of the kingdom
of God, for which you are suffering.
6 It is indeed right for God to repay
with affliction those who afflict you,
7 and to give relief to you who are
being afflicted, and to us as well, at
the revelation of the Lord Jesus
from heaven with his mighty
angels.
8 With blazing fire he will inflict
vengeance on those who do not
know God and on those who do not
obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus
†Christ.
9 They will suffer the punishment
of eternal destruction, separated
from the presence of the Lord and
from the glory of his might,
10 on that day when he comes to be
glorified by his saints and to be
marveled at by all who ‡have
believed, including you, because
you have believed our testimony.
11 With this in mind, we always
pray for you that our God will make
you worthy of his calling and by his
power bring to fulfillment every
good intention and work of faith,
12 so that the name of our Lord
§Jesus will be glorified in you, and
you in him, according to the grace
of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.

2

The Man of Sin

1 Now concerning the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ and our being
gathered to him, we ask you,
brothers,
2 not to be quickly shaken from
your understanding or alarmed by
*any spirit or message or by any
letter supposedly from us alleging
that the day of †Christ has already
come.
3 Let no one deceive you in any
manner, for that day cannot come
unless the apostasy comes first and
the man of ‡sin is revealed, the son
of destruction.
4 He will oppose and exalt himself
above every so-called god and
object of worship, so that he sits
§as God in the temple of God,
proclaiming himself to be God.
5 Do you not remember that I told
you these things when I was still
with you?
6 And you know what is now
restraining him so that he will be
revealed in his *own time.
7 For the mystery of lawlessness is
already at work, but the one who
now restrains will do so until he is
taken out of the way.

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* **1:2** *our* ¦ the SBL WH † **1:8** *Christ* ¦ — CT RP ‡ **1:10** *have believed* ¦ believe TR § **1:12** *Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ ANT PCK TR * **2:2** *any spirit or message or by any* ¦ the spirit or by any message or ANT † **2:2** *Christ* ¦ the Lord CT ‡ **2:3** *sin* 93.5% ¦ lawlessness CT 5.5% § **2:4** *as God* 85.8% ¦ — CT 7.7% * **2:6** *own* ¦ — WH

8 And then the lawless one will be
revealed, whom the Lord †will
destroy with the breath of his
mouth and annihilate by the
appearance of his coming.
9 The coming of the lawless one will
be in accordance with the working
of Satan, with all kinds of
counterfeit miracles, signs, and
wonders,
10 and with every kind of wicked
deception ‡among those who are
perishing, because they refused to
love the truth and so be saved.
11 For this reason God §will send
them a powerful delusion, leading
them to believe what is false,
12 so that all who have not believed
the truth but have taken pleasure
in unrighteousness will be
condemned.

Chosen for Salvation

13 But we must always give thanks
to God for you, brothers beloved by
the Lord, because God chose you
*from the beginning for salvation
through sanctification by the Spirit
and belief in the truth.
14 He called you to this through our
gospel, so that you might obtain the
glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
15 So then, brothers, stand firm and
hold fast to the teachings that were
passed on to you, whether by word
of mouth or by a letter from us.
16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ
himself and God our Father, who
has loved us and given us eternal
comfort and good hope by his
grace,
17 comfort †your hearts and
establish you in every good ‡word
and work.

3

Pray for Us

1 Finally, brothers, pray for us, that
the word of the Lord may spread
rapidly and be glorified, just as it
was with you.
2 And pray that we may be rescued
from deviant and evil men, for not
all have faith.
3 But the Lord is faithful; he will
establish you and guard you from
the evil one.
4 We have confidence in the Lord
about you, that you are doing and
will continue to do what we
command *you.
5 May the Lord direct your hearts to
the love of God and the
steadfastness of Christ.

Warning Against Idleness

6 Now we command you, brothers,
in the name of †our Lord Jesus
Christ, to keep away from every
brother who walks in idleness and
does not live according to the
teaching we passed on to ‡them.
7 For you yourselves know how you
ought to imitate us, because we
were not idle when we were with
you,
8 nor did we eat bread from anyone
free of charge. On the contrary,
with labor and hardship we
worked day and night so as not to
be a burden to any of you.
9 We did this, not because we do
not have the right to be supported,
but to present ourselves as an
example for you to imitate.
10 For even when we were with
you, we gave you this command:
“If anyone is not willing to work,
neither should he eat.”
11 For we hear that some among
you are walking in idleness, not
working at all, but being
busybodies.
12 Now we command and exhort
such people §by our Lord Jesus

† **2:8** *will destroy* 82.6% ¦ Jesus will destroy MSS 8.2% ¦ Jesus will kill CT 4.4% ‡ **2:10** *among* ¦ for CT § **2:11** *will send* ¦ sends CT * **2:13** *from the beginning* ¦ as the firstfruits NA SBL † **2:17** *your hearts and establish you* ¦ and establish your hearts CT ‡ **2:17** *word and work* ¦ work and word CT * **3:4** *you* ¦ — CT † **3:6** *our* ¦ the WH ‡ **3:6** *them* ¦ him TR ¦ you WH § **3:12** *by our* ¦ in the CT

Christ to work quietly and eat their
own bread.
13 But as for you, brothers, do not
grow weary in doing good.
14 If anyone does not obey what
we say in this letter, take note of
him and do not associate with him,
so that he will feel ashamed.
15 Yet do not regard him as an
enemy, but admonish him as a
brother.

Benediction

16 Now may the Lord of peace
himself give you peace at all times
and in every way. The Lord be with
you all.
17 I, Paul, write this greeting with
my own hand. This is the
distinguishing mark in all my
letters; it is the way I write.
18 The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with you all.
*Amen.

* **3:18** *Amen.* ¦ — CT

THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

Greeting

1 Paul, an apostle of *Jesus Christ
according to the command of God
our Savior and †the Lord Jesus
Christ our hope,
2 to Timothy, my true child in the
faith: Grace, mercy, and peace
from God ‡our Father and §Christ
Jesus our Lord.

Warning Against False Teachers

3 Just as I urged you when I was
going to Macedonia, remain in
Ephesus so that you may charge
certain people not to teach
different doctrines
4 or to occupy themselves with
myths and endless genealogies,
which promote disputes rather
than the *plan of God that operates
by faith.
5 The goal of our instruction is love
from a pure heart, from a good
conscience, and from sincere faith.
6 Some have strayed from these and
have turned aside to meaningless
talk,
7 desiring to be teachers of the law,
although they do not understand
what they are talking about or
what they so confidently affirm.
8 Now we know that the law is
good, if one uses it lawfully.
9 We know that the law is not laid
down for the righteous, but for the
lawless and rebellious, for the
ungodly and sinners, for the unholy
and profane, for those who kill
their father or mother, for
murderers,
10 fornicators, homosexuals, slave
traders, liars, perjurers, and
whatever else is opposed to the
sound teaching
11 that conforms to the gospel of
the glory of the blessed God, which
has been entrusted to me.

Paul's Testimony of God's Mercy

12 I give thanks to Christ Jesus our
Lord, who has given me strength,
because he considered me to be
faithful and appointed me to serve
him,
13 even though I was formerly a
blasphemer, a persecutor, and an
insolent man. But I received mercy
because I had acted ignorantly in
unbelief,
14 and the grace of our Lord
abounded to me greatly with the
faith and love that are in Christ
Jesus.
15 This saying is trustworthy and
deserving of full acceptance: Christ
Jesus came into the world to save
sinners, of whom I am the
foremost.
16 But I received mercy for this
reason, that in me, as the foremost
sinner, †Jesus Christ might show
complete patience, making me an
example for those who would come
to believe in him for eternal life.
17 Now to the King of the ages,
immortal, invisible, the only ‡wise
God, be honor and glory forever
and ever. Amen.
18 This charge I entrust to you,
Timothy, my child, according to the
prophecies once made about you,
so that by them you may fight the
good fight,
19 having faith and a good
conscience. By rejecting this, some
have shipwrecked their faith.
20 Among them are Hymenaeus
and Alexander, whom I have
handed over to Satan so that they
may learn not to blaspheme.

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* **1:1** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT † **1:1** *the Lord Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT ‡ **1:2** *our* ¦ the CT § **1:2** *Christ Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ SCR * **1:4** *plan of God that operates by* ¦ edification of God, which is in SCR † **1:16** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus NA SBL WH ‡ **1:17** *wise* 96.6% ¦ — CT 1.8%

2

Instruction About Prayer

1 I urge then, first of all, that
supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings be
made for all people,
2 for kings and all who are in
authority, so that we may lead
quiet and peaceful lives in all
godliness and dignity.
3 *For this is good and acceptable
before God our Savior,
4 who wants 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 men,
the man Christ Jesus,
6 who gave himself as a ransom for
all, a testimony given at the proper
time.
7 For this testimony I was appointed
to be a preacher, an apostle, and a
teacher of the Gentiles in faith and
truth. (I am speaking the truth †in
Christ; I am not lying.)

8 Therefore I want the men in
every place to pray, lifting up holy
hands without anger or ‡argument.

9 Likewise, I want the women to
adorn themselves in respectable
apparel, with modesty and
discretion, not with elaborately
braided §hair, gold, pearls, or
expensive clothing,

10 but with good works, which is
proper for women who profess
godly reverence.

11 A woman should learn quietly
with full submission.

12 I do not permit a woman to
teach or to have authority over a
man; rather, she is to remain quiet.

13 For Adam was formed first,
then Eve.

14 And Adam was not the one
who was deceived; it was the
woman who was deceived and fell
into transgression.

15 Nevertheless, women will be
saved through childbearing, if they
continue in faith, love, and
holiness, with self-control.

3

Qualifications for Overseers

1 This saying is trustworthy: If
anyone aspires to the office of
overseer, he desires a good work.
2 Therefore the overseer must be
above reproach, the husband of
one wife, sober-minded, sensible,
respectable, hospitable, able to
teach,
3 not given to wine, not violent,
*not greedy for sordid gain, but
gentle, not contentious, and not a
lover of money.
4 He must lead his own household
well, keeping his children in
submission with all dignity.
5 (For if a man does not know how
to lead his own household, how
will he take care of God's church?)
6 He must not be a new convert, or
he may become puffed up and fall
into the condemnation of the devil.
7 He must also have a good
reputation among outsiders, so that
he does not fall into the reproach
and snare of the devil.

Qualifications for Deacons

8 Deacons likewise must be
dignified, not double-tongued, not
given to much wine, and not greedy
for sordid gain.
9 They must hold the mystery of the
faith with a clear conscience.
10 They must first be tested; if they
are above reproach, let them serve
as deacons.
11 Their wives likewise must be
dignified, not slanderers, but
sober-minded and faithful in all
things.
12 A deacon must be the husband of
one wife and must lead his children
and his own household well.
13 For those who have served well
as deacons obtain a good standing

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* **2:3** *For this* ¦ This CT † **2:7** *in Christ* ¦ — CT ‡ **2:8** *argument* ¦ arguments WH § **2:9** *hair, gold, pearls,* ¦ hair and gold, or pearls CT * **3:3** *not greedy for sordid gain,* 69.5% ¦ — CT 29.5%

for themselves along with great
boldness in the faith that is in
Christ Jesus.

The Mystery of Godliness

14 I am writing these things to you,
hoping to come to you soon.
15 But if I delay, I am writing so that
you may know how one ought to
conduct himself in the household of
God, which is the church of the
living God, a pillar and foundation
of the truth.
16 Beyond all question, great is the
mystery of godliness:

†God was revealed in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
preached among nations,
believed on in the world,
and taken up in glory.

4

Some Will Fall Away from the Faith

1 Now the Spirit expressly says that
in latter times some will fall away
from the faith and occupy
themselves with deceitful spirits
and the teachings of demons,
2 being influenced by the hypocrisy
of liars who are seared in their
own consciences.
3 They forbid marriage and demand
abstinence from foods that God
created to be received with
thanksgiving by those who believe
and know the truth.
4 For everything created by God is
good, and nothing is to be rejected
when it is received with
thanksgiving,
5 since it is sanctified through the
word of God and prayer.

A Good Servant of Jesus Christ

6 If you point these things out to the
brothers, you will be a good servant
of *Jesus Christ, nourished by the
words of the faith and the sound
doctrine that you have closely
followed.
7 Have nothing to do with profane
myths and old wives' tales. Rather
train yourself for godliness.
8 For bodily training is beneficial to
a certain extent, but godliness is
beneficial in every way, since it
holds †promise for both the present
life and the life to come.
9 This saying is trustworthy and
deserving of full acceptance.
10 For this is why we labor and
‡suffer reproach, because we have
put our hope in the living God, who
is the Savior of all people, and
especially of those who believe.
11 Command and teach these
things.
12 Let no one despise you because
you are young, but set an example
for the believers in your speech,
conduct, love, §spirit, faith, and
purity.
13 Until I come, give attention to
the public reading of Scripture, to
exhortation, and to teaching.
14 Do not neglect the gift that is in
you, which was given to you
through prophecy when the council
of elders laid their hands on you.
15 Attend to these things and
immerse yourself in them, so that
your progress may be evident to all.
16 Watch your life and doctrine
closely. Persevere in these things,
for as you do this, you will save
both yourself and those who listen
to you.

5

Instructions for the Church

1 Do not rebuke an older man, but
appeal to him as you would to a
father. Speak to younger men as
brothers,
2 older women as mothers, and
younger women as sisters, in all
purity.

† **3:16** *God* ¦ He CT * **4:6** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT † **4:8** *promise* ¦ promises ANT PCK
‡ **4:10** *suffer reproach* ¦ strive NA TH WH § **4:12** *spirit,* 90.4% ¦ — CT 9%

3 Honor widows who are truly
widows.
4 But if any widow has children
or grandchildren, they should first
learn to show godliness toward
their own household and to make
some repayment to their parents,
for this is *acceptable in the sight
of God.
5 Now a woman who is truly a
widow and left all alone has put
her hope in God and continues
night and day in her supplications
and prayers.
6 But she who lives in
self-indulgence is dead even while
she lives.
7 Give these commands as well, so
that no one will be open to blame.
8 But if anyone does not provide
for his own relatives, and especially
for those of his own household, he
has denied the faith and is worse
than an unbeliever.

9 A widow may be put on the list
to receive support if she is at least
sixty years old, has been the wife of
one husband,
10 and has a reputation for good
works, that is, if she has brought up
children, shown hospitality, washed
the feet of the saints, helped the
afflicted, and devoted herself to
every good work.
11 But reject younger widows, for
when their sensual desires draw
them away from Christ, they wish
to marry,
12 thus bringing judgment upon
themselves because they have
broken their previous pledge.
13 At the same time, they learn to
be idle, wandering about from
house to house. And they are not
only idle, but also gossips and
busybodies, saying things they
should not say.
14 So I advise the younger widows
to marry, bear children, and
manage their households, so as to
give the adversary no opportunity
to revile us.
15 For some have already turned
away to follow Satan.
16 If any believing †man or
woman has relatives who are
widows, they must help them; the
church should not be burdened, so
that it may help those who are
truly widows.

17 Elders who lead well should be
considered worthy of double honor,
especially those who labor in
preaching and teaching.
18 For the 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 unless it is
confirmed by two or three
witnesses.
20 As for those who sin, reprove
them in the presence of all, so that
others will be afraid to follow their
example.
21 I solemnly charge you before
God and ‡the Lord Jesus Christ and
the chosen angels to observe these
things without partiality, doing
nothing out of favoritism.
22 Do not lay hands on anyone
hastily, and do not take part in the
sins of others; keep yourself pure.
23 (No longer drink only water,
but use a little wine for the sake of
your stomach and your frequent
illnesses.)
24 The sins of some are obvious,
going before them to judgment, but
the sins of others trail along behind.
25 In the same way, good works
are obvious, and even those that
are not obvious cannot remain
hidden.

6

1 All who are under the yoke of
slavery must regard their own
masters as worthy of all honor, so

* **5:4** *acceptable* ¦ good and acceptable ANT TR † **5:16** *man or woman … they* 95.1% ¦ woman … she CT 1.9% ‡ **5:21** *the Lord Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT

that no one will revile God's name or his doctrine.
2 Slaves who have believing masters must not despise them, for they are brothers; rather they must serve them, because those who benefit from their good service are faithful and beloved.

False Teachers and the Love of Money

Teach and encourage these things.
3 If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness,
4 he is puffed up and understands nothing. Moreover, he has an unhealthy desire for controversies and quarrels about words, from which come envy, strife, slanderous words, evil suspicions,
5 and constant disagreement among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, supposing that godliness is a means of gain. *Keep away from such people.
6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.
7 For we brought nothing into the world, and †it is clear that we cannot bring anything out either;
8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.
9 But those who wish to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many senseless and harmful desires that sink people into ruin and destruction.
10 For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to become rich some have wandered away from the faith, piercing themselves with many sorrows.

Fight the Good Fight

11 But as for you, O man of God, flee from these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness.
12 Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and concerning which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
13 I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who made the good confession in his testimony before Pontius Pilate,
14 that you obey what has been commanded without fault or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 which God will reveal in his own time. He is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has ever seen or is able to see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.
17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but in ‡the living God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good works, and to be generous and willing to share,
19 treasuring up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, so that they may take hold of §eternal life.
20 O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you and avoid the profane chatter and counterarguments of what is falsely called “knowledge.”
21 By professing it, some have strayed from the faith.

Grace be with *you.
†Amen.

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* **6:5** *Keep away from such people.* 92.5% ¦ — CT 2.9% † **6:7** *it is clear that* ¦ — CT ‡ **6:17** *the living* 84.3% ¦ — CT 6.9% § **6:19** *eternal* ¦ that which is truly CT * **6:21** *you* ¦ you CT † **6:21** *Amen.* ¦ — CT

THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

Greeting

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

Paul's Charge to Timothy

3 I thank God, whom I serve with a
clear conscience as my forefathers
did, as night and day I constantly
remember you in my prayers.
4 Recalling your tears, I long to see
you so that I may be filled with joy.
5 I am reminded of the sincere faith
that is in you, which dwelt first in
your grandmother Lois and in your
mother Eunice, and now, I am sure,
dwells in you also.
6 Therefore 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
timidity, but a spirit of power, love,
and sound judgment.
8 Therefore do not be ashamed of
the testimony of our Lord or of me
his prisoner. Rather, join with me
in suffering for the gospel as you
rely on the power of God.
9 He saved us and called us with
a holy calling, not according to our
works, but according to his own
purpose and grace. This grace was
given to us in Christ Jesus before
time began,
10 but has now been revealed
through the appearing of our Savior
†Jesus Christ, who abolished death
and brought life and immortality to
light through the gospel.
11 For this gospel I was appointed
to be a preacher, an apostle, and a
teacher ‡of the Gentiles.
12 That is why I am suffering
these things. But I am not ashamed,
for I know whom I have believed,
and I am persuaded that he is able
to guard what has been entrusted
to me until that day.
13 Hold to the pattern of sound
teaching that you have heard from
me, in the faith and love that are in
Christ Jesus.
14 By the Holy Spirit who dwells
within us, guard the good deposit
that has been entrusted to you.
15 You know that everyone in Asia
has turned away from me,
including §Phygellus and
Hermogenes.
16 May the Lord give mercy to the
household of Onesiphorus, because
he often refreshed me and was not
ashamed of my chains.
17 On the contrary, when he
arrived in Rome, he sought me out
*very diligently and found me.
18 May the Lord grant him to find
mercy from the Lord on that day!
You know very well all the ways he
helped me in Ephesus.

2

A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus

1 You then, my child, be strong in
the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
2 Entrust what you have heard
from me in the presence of many
witnesses to faithful men who will
be competent to teach others also.
3 Endure *hardship as a good
soldier of †Jesus Christ.
4 No one serving as a soldier
entangles himself in the affairs of
civilian life, since he seeks to please
the one who enlisted him.

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* **1:1** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus ANT CT HF † **1:10** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus NA WH ‡ **1:11** *of the Gentiles* 98.1% ¦ — CT 0.9% § **1:15** *Phygellus* ¦ Phygelus CT HF RP * **1:17** *very* 91.6% ¦ — CT 3.1% * **2:3** *hardship* 93.3% ¦ hardship with me CT 3.9% † **2:3** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT

5 Similarly, an athlete is not
crowned unless he competes
according to the rules.
6 The hardworking farmer ought to
receive the first share of the crops.
7 Think about what I am ‡saying.
May the Lord give you
understanding in everything.

8 Remember Jesus Christ, the
offspring of David, who was raised
from the dead according to my
gospel.
9 For this gospel I suffer to the
point of being chained like a
criminal, but the word of God is not
chained.
10 Therefore I endure everything
for the sake of the chosen, so that
they too may obtain the salvation
that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal
glory.
11 This 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 will also deny us;
13 if we are unfaithful,
he remains faithful;
§he cannot deny himself.

A Faithful Workman of God

14 Remind the people of these
things, solemnly charging them
before *the Lord not to quarrel
about words, which does no good
but only leads to the ruin of those
who are listening.
15 Be diligent to present yourself to
God as a proven worker who does
not need to be ashamed and who
correctly teaches the word of truth.
16 Avoid profane chatter, for those
who engage in such talk will stray
further and further into
ungodliness,
17 and their message will spread
like gangrene. Among them are
Hymenaeus and Philetus,
18 who have strayed from the truth,
saying that †the resurrection has
already happened. They are
undermining the faith of some.
19 Nevertheless, the foundation of
God stands firm, having this seal:
“The Lord knows those who are
his,” and, “Everyone who calls
upon the name of ‡the Lord must
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 are
for honorable use and some for
dishonorable use.
21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses
himself from what is dishonorable,
he will be a vessel for honorable
use, set apart as holy, useful to the
master, and prepared for every
good work.
22 Flee youthful lusts and pursue
righteousness, faithfulness, love,
and peace, along with those who
call upon the Lord from a pure
heart.
23 Have nothing to do with foolish
and ignorant controversies,
knowing that they breed quarrels.
24 A servant of the Lord ought not
to quarrel, but to be kind to
everyone, able to teach, and
patient,
25 instructing his opponents with
gentleness. Perhaps God will grant
them repentance leading to the
knowledge of the truth.
26 Then they will come to their
senses and escape from the snare
of the devil, who has taken them
captive to do his will.

3

Hard Times in the Last Days

1 But know this: Hard times will
come in the last days.

‡ **2:7** *saying. May the Lord* ¦ saying, for the Lord will CT § **2:13** *he* ¦ for he NA TH WH * **2:14** *the Lord* ¦ God NA WH † **2:18** *the* ¦ a SBL WH ‡ **2:19** *the Lord* ¦ Christ TR

2 For people will be lovers of
themselves, lovers of money,
boasters, proud, blasphemous,
disobedient to parents, ungrateful,
unholy,
3 without natural affection,
irreconcilable, slanderous, without
self-control, brutal, having no love
for what is good,
4 traitors, reckless, puffed up, and
lovers of pleasure rather than
lovers of God,
5 having a form of godliness but
denying its power. Avoid such
people.
6 Among them are those who
*worm their way into houses and
captivate vulnerable women who
are overwhelmed with sins and
swayed by various evil desires.
7 Such women are always learning
yet never able to come to the
knowledge of the truth.
8 Just as Jannes and Jambres
opposed Moses, so these false
teachers also oppose the truth.
They are corrupted in mind and
have proven themselves to be
unqualified with respect to the
faith.
9 But they will not make any further
progress, for their folly will become
obvious to everyone, just like the
folly of Jannes and Jambres.

Continue in What You Have Learned

10 You, however, have closely
followed my teaching, conduct,
purpose, faith, patience, love, and
endurance.
11 You know how much persecution
and suffering I endured in Antioch,
Iconium, and Lystra. Yet the Lord
rescued me from it all.
12 Indeed, everyone who wants to
live a godly life in Christ Jesus will
be persecuted,
13 while evil people and imposters
will become worse and worse,
deceiving and being deceived.
14 But as for you, continue in what
you have learned and firmly
believed, knowing from whom you
have learned it,
15 and how from childhood you
have known the sacred writings,
which are able to give you wisdom
for salvation through faith in Christ
Jesus.
16 All Scripture is inspired by God
and is beneficial for teaching,
reproof, correction, and instruction
in righteousness,
17 so that the man of God may be
complete, fully equipped for every
good work.

4

Preach the Word

1 I solemnly charge you *therefore
in the presence of God and †the
Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge
the living and the ‡dead when he
appears with his kingdom:
2 Preach the word, be prepared
whether the time is favorable or
not, reprove, rebuke, and
encourage, with complete patience
and careful instruction.
3 For a time is coming when people
will not tolerate sound doctrine,
but having itching ears they will
surround themselves with teachers
to suit their own desires.
4 They will turn their ears away
from the truth and be turned aside
to myths.
5 But as for you, be sober-minded in
all things, endure hardship, do the
work of an evangelist, and fulfill
your ministry.
6 For I am already being poured
out like a drink offering, and the
time of my departure is at hand.
7 I have fought the good fight, I
have finished the race, I have kept
the faith.
8 There is now laid up for me a
crown of righteousness, which the
Lord, the righteous Judge, will give

* **3:6** *worm their way* ¦ press PCK * **4:1** *therefore* 83.5% ¦ — CT 9% † **4:1** *the Lord Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT ‡ **4:1** *dead when he appears with* ¦ dead, and by his appearing and CT

to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Personal Instructions

9 Make every effort to come to me soon.
10 For Demas, who is in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.
11 Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.
12 Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.
13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus in Troas, as well as my scrolls, especially the parchments.
14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm. §May the Lord repay him according to his works.
15 You yourself should be on guard against him, for he *has vehemently opposed our message.
16 At my first defense no one came to stand by me; instead, they all deserted me. May it not be counted against them.
17 But the Lord stood by 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 And the Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and preserve me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Final Greetings

19 Greet Prisca and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus.
20 Erastus stayed in Corinth, and Trophimus, who was sick, I left in Miletus.
21 Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers.
22 The Lord †Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. ‡Amen.

§ **4:14** *May the Lord* ¦ The Lord will CT * **4:15** *has* ¦ — CT † **4:22** *Jesus Christ* ¦ — CT ‡ **4:22** *Amen.* ¦ — CT

THE LETTER OF PAUL TO TITUS

Greeting

1 Paul, a servant of God and an
apostle of Jesus Christ, appointed to
further the faith of God's chosen
ones and the knowledge of the
truth that is in accordance with
godliness,
2 in the hope of eternal life, which
God, who does not lie, promised
before time began;
3 in his own time he revealed his
word through the preaching with
which I was entrusted by the
command of God our Savior;
4 to Titus, my true child in our
common faith: *Grace, mercy, and
peace from God the Father and †the
Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

Qualifications for Elders

5 The reason I left you in Crete was
for you to put in order what
remained to be done and to appoint
elders in every town, as I directed
you.
6 An elder must be above reproach,
the husband of one wife, with
faithful children who are not
rebellious and cannot be accused of
debauchery.
7 For an overseer, as God's steward,
must be above reproach, not
self-willed, not quick-tempered, not
given to wine, not violent, not
greedy for sordid gain,
8 but hospitable, a lover of
goodness, sensible, just, holy, and
self-controlled,
9 holding firmly to the trustworthy
message as it has been taught, so
that he can encourage others with
sound doctrine and refute those
who contradict it.
10 For there are many rebellious
people, full of meaningless talk and
deception, especially those of the
circumcision faction.
11 They must be silenced, because
they are ruining entire households
by teaching what they ought not to
teach, for the sake of sordid gain.
12 One of their very own prophets
said,

"Cretans are always liars, evil
beasts, and lazy gluttons."

13 This testimony is true. Therefore
rebuke them sharply, so that they
may become sound in the faith,
14 not paying any attention to
Jewish myths or the
commandments of men who turn
away from the truth.
15 To the pure, all things are pure;
but to those who are defiled and do
not believe, nothing is pure. In fact,
both their minds and their
consciences are defiled.
16 They profess to know God, but by
their works they deny him. They
are detestable, disobedient, and
have proven themselves to be
unqualified for any good work.

2

Teach Sound Doctrine

1 But as for you, teach what is
consistent with sound doctrine.
2 Elderly men are to be
sober-minded, dignified, sensible,
and sound in faith, love, and
patience.
3 Elderly women likewise are to be
reverent in behavior, not
slanderous or enslaved to much
wine, but teaching what is good,
4 so that they can admonish the
young women to be loving to their
husbands, loving to their children,
5 sensible, pure, *homemakers,
kind, and submissive to their own
husbands, so that the word of God
may not be discredited.
6 In the same way, urge the
younger men to be of sound mind.

* **1:4** *Grace, mercy,* 91.3% ¦ Grace CT 4.2% † **1:4** *the Lord Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT * **2:5** *homemakers* ¦ working at home CT

7 Show yoυrself to be a model of
good works in every way, and in
yoυr teaching show integrity,
dignity, †incorruptibility,
8 and sound speech that is above
reproach, so that any opponent
may be put to shame because he
has nothing bad to say about ‡us.
9 Slaves are to be submissive to
their own masters and
well-pleasing in everything, not
talking back,
10 not pilfering, but showing all
good faith, so that in every way
they will make the teaching of God
§our Savior attractive.
11 For the *saving grace of God
has appeared to all people,
12 instructing us to deny
ungodliness and worldly lusts and
to live in a sensible, righteous, and
godly manner in the present age,
13 as we wait for the blessed
hope—the appearing of the glory of
our great God and Savior, †Jesus
Christ.
14 He gave himself for us to
redeem us from all lawlessness and
to purify for himself a people for
his own possession, zealous for
good works.
15 Declare these things;
encourage and rebuke with all
authority. Let no one despise yoυ.

3

Be Ready for Every Good Work

1 Remind the people to be subject to
rulers and authorities, to be
obedient, to be ready for every
good work,
2 to slander no one, and to be
peaceable and considerate, always
showing gentleness toward
everyone.
3 For we ourselves were once
foolish, disobedient, led astray, and
enslaved to various lusts and
pleasures. Living in wickedness
and envy, we were loathsome and
hated one another.
4 But when the kindness of God our
Savior and his love for mankind
appeared,
5 he saved us, not because of any
righteous works we had done, but
according to his mercy, through the
washing of regeneration and the
renewal of the Holy Spirit.
6 He richly poured out his Spirit
upon us through Jesus Christ our
Savior,
7 so that, having been justified by
his grace, we might become heirs
according to the hope of eternal
life.
8 This saying is trustworthy. I want
yoυ to insist on these things, so that
those who have put their trust in
God may be careful to devote
themselves to good works. These
things are good and beneficial for
people.
9 But avoid foolish controversies,
genealogies, quarrels, and *disputes
about the law, for they are
unprofitable and futile.
10 Reject a divisive person after a
first and second warning.
11 For yoυ know that such a person
is corrupted and sinful; he is
self-condemned.

Final Instructions and Greetings

12 When I send Artemas to yoυ, or
Tychicus, make every effort to
come to me at Nicopolis, for I have
decided to spend the winter there.
13 Do everything yoυ can to help
Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on
their way, and make sure they lack
nothing.
14 Our people must learn to devote
themselves to good works in order
to meet pressing needs, so that they
will not be unfruitful.
15 All who are with me greet yoυ.
Greet those who love us in the faith.

† **2:7** *incorruptibility,* 74.2% ¦ — CT 12.7% ‡ **2:8** *us* ¦ you TR § **2:10** *our* ¦ your ST * **2:11** *saving grace of God has appeared* ¦ grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation CT † **2:13** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus WH * **3:9** *disputes* ¦ any dispute PCK WH † **3:15** *Amen.* ¦ — CT

Grace be with you all.
†Amen.

THE LETTER OF PAUL TO PHILEMON

Greeting

1 Paul, a prisoner for *Jesus Christ,
and Timothy our brother, to
Philemon, our beloved friend and
fellow worker,
2 and also to †the beloved Apphia,
to Archippus our fellow soldier,
and to the church that meets in
yoυr house:
3 Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

Philemon's Love and Faith

4 I give thanks to my God, always
making mention of yoυ in my
prayers,
5 because I hear of yoυr love for all
the saints and the faith that yoυ
have toward the Lord Jesus.
6 I pray that yoυr fellowship with
us in the faith may be effective in
deepening yoυr understanding of
every blessing that ‡we have in
Christ §Jesus.
7 *We are very thankful for the
comfort we have received from
yoυr love, because the hearts of the
saints have been refreshed through
yoυ, brother.

Paul's Appeal for Onesimus

8 Therefore, although I am bold
enough in Christ to command yoυ
to do what is right,
9 I would rather appeal to yoυ on
the basis of love. I, Paul, an old
man and now a prisoner for †Jesus
Christ,
10 appeal to yoυ on behalf of my
child, Onesimus, whose father I
have become during my
imprisonment.
11 Once he was useless to yoυ, but
now he is useful both to yoυ and to
me. I am sending him ‡back,
12 §and I ask yoυ to receive him,
that is, my very own heart.
13 I wanted to keep him with me so
that he could serve me in yoυr
place during my imprisonment for
the gospel.
14 But I did not want to do anything
without yoυr consent, so that yoυr
good deed would not be done out of
compulsion but of yoυr own free
will.
15 Perhaps the reason he was
separated from yoυ for an hour
was so that yoυ might have him
back forever,
16 no longer as a slave, but more
than a slave, as a beloved brother,
especially to me, but even more so
to yoυ, both in the flesh and in the
Lord.
17 So if yoυ consider me to be a
partner, receive him as yoυ would
receive me.
18 If he has wronged yoυ in any
way or owes yoυ anything, charge
it to me.
19 I, Paul, write this with my own
hand: I will repay it (not to
mention that yoυ owe me yoυr very
own life).
20 Yes, brother, let me have some
benefit from yoυ in the Lord.
Refresh my heart in *the Lord.
21 Trusting in yoυr obedience, I
write to yoυ, knowing that yoυ will
do even more than I ask.
22 At the same time, I want yoυ to
prepare a guest room for me, for I
hope that through your prayers I
will be restored to you soon.

Final Greetings

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* **1:1** *Jesus Christ* 54.5% ¦ Christ Jesus ANT CT HF RP TR 45.2% † **1:2** *the beloved* 93.4% ¦ our sister CT 5.4% ‡ **1:6** *we* 64.4% ¦ you PCK TR 34.7% § **1:6** *Jesus* 96.6% ¦ — CT 2.1% * **1:7** *We are very thankful for the comfort we have received* 76.2% ¦ We have received much joy and comfort SCR 4.8% ¦ I have received much joy and comfort CT 4.1% † **1:9** *Jesus Christ* 91.9% ¦ Christ Jesus CT 6.1% ‡ **1:11** *back* 93.1% ¦ back to yoυ CT 0.7% § **1:12** *and I ask yoυ to receive him,* 91.6% ¦ — CT 0.9% * **1:20** *the Lord* 74.4% ¦ Christ CT 20.3%

23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in
Christ †Jesus,
24 and Mark, Aristarchus, Demas,
and Luke, my fellow workers, greet
you.
25 The grace of ‡our Lord Jesus
§Christ be with your spirit.
*Amen.

† **1:23** *Jesus, and Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers, greet you.* 72.8% ¦ Jesus greets you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. ANT CT 25.5%
‡ **1:25** *our* 89.4% ¦ the NA SBL WH 6.7% § **1:25** *Christ* 80% ¦ — PCK 15.9% * **1:25** *Amen.* 91.2% ¦ — NA SBL WH 2.3%

THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

God Has Spoken Through His Son

1 God spoke to our fathers long ago
at many times and in many ways
through the prophets, but in these
last days he has spoken to us
through his Son,
2 whom he appointed heir of all
things, and through whom he made
the universe.
3 He is the radiance of God's glory
and the exact representation of his
nature, sustaining all things by his
powerful word. When he had made
purification for *our sins †by giving
his own life, he sat down at the
right hand of the Majesty in high
places,
4 having become as much superior
to the angels as the name he has
inherited is more excellent than
theirs.

The Son Is Superior to Angels

5 For to which of the angels did God
ever say,

"You are my Son;
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son"?

6 And again, when he brings his
firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all the angels of God worship
him."

7 Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds
and his servants a flame of fire,"

8 but of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, endures
forever and ever;
the scepter ‡of §your kingdom is a
scepter of uprightness.
9 You have loved righteousness and
hated lawlessness;
therefore God, your God, has
anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond
your companions."

10 And,

"In the beginning you, O Lord, laid
the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the works 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 *robe,
and they will be changed.
But you remain the same,
and your years will never come to
an end."

13 To which of the angels did God
ever say,

"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a
footstool for your feet"?

14 Are they not all ministering
spirits sent out to serve those who
will inherit salvation?

2

Warning Against Neglecting Salvation

1 Therefore we must pay greater
attention to what we have heard, so
that we do not drift away.
2 For if the message spoken through
angels was valid and every
transgression and disobedience
received a just retribution,

* **1:3** *our* ¦ — CT † **1:3** *by giving his own life* 89.5% ¦ — NA TH WH 5.1% {Note: The main Greek text literally reads *through himself.*} ‡ **1:8** *of … kingdom is a scepter of uprightness* 97.8% ¦ of uprightness is the scepter of … kingdom CT 1.4% § **1:8** *your* ¦ his WH * **1:12** *robe, and* 98.8% ¦ robe; like a garment NA SBL WH 1.2%

3 how will we escape if we neglect
so great a salvation? This salvation
was first announced by the Lord,
and it was confirmed to us by those
who heard him.
4 God also bore further witness
with signs, wonders, various
miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit
distributed according to his will.

Jesus the Author of Salvation

5 For it was not to angels that God
subjected the world to come, about
which we are speaking.
6 But in one place someone has
testified:

"What is man that you are mindful
of him,
or the son of man that you care for
him?
7 You made him a little lower than
the angels
and crowned him with glory and
*honor;
8 you put everything in subjection
under his feet."

In subjecting everything †to him,
God left nothing that is not
subjected to him. But now we do
not yet see everything subjected to
him.
9 But we do see Jesus, who for a
little while was made lower than
the angels, now crowned with glory
and honor because he suffered
death, so that ‡by the grace of God
he might taste death for everyone.
10 For in bringing many sons to
glory, it was fitting that God, for
whom and through whom all
things exist, should make the
author of their salvation perfect
through suffering.
11 For he who sanctifies and those
who are being sanctified all have
one Father. That is why Jesus is not
ashamed to call them brothers,
12 saying,

"I will declare your name to my
brothers;
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, with the children God
has given me."

14 Therefore, since the children
all have §flesh and blood, Jesus
himself took on flesh and blood as
well, so that through death he
might destroy the one who has the
power of death, that is, the devil,
15 and free those who all their
lives were held in slavery by the
fear of death.
16 For surely it is not angels that
he helps, but the descendants of
Abraham.
17 Therefore he had to become
like his brothers in every way, so
that he could be a merciful and
faithful high priest in service to
God, in order to make atonement
for the sins of the people.
18 Because he himself suffered
when he was tempted, he is able to
help those who are being tempted.

3

Jesus Is Superior to Moses

1 Therefore, holy brothers, you who
share in a heavenly calling,
consider *Jesus Christ, the apostle
and high priest of our confession,
2 who was faithful to the one who
appointed him, just as Moses was
faithful in †all God's house.
3 Yet Jesus is considered worthy of
more glory than Moses, just as the
builder of a house has more honor
than the house itself.

* **2:7** *honor; you* 73.6% ¦ honor; you set him over the works of your hands, and TR WH 26.1%
† **2:8** *to him* ¦ — SBL ‡ **2:9** *by the grace of* ¦ apart from SBL § **2:14** *flesh and blood* ¦ blood and flesh CT * **3:1** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus TR ¦ Jesus CT † **3:2** *all* ¦ — SBL

4 For every house is built by
someone, but the builder of all
things is God.
5 Now Moses was faithful in all
God's house as a servant, which
provided testimony to what would
be spoken later.
6 But Christ is faithful over God's
house as a Son. And we are ‡his
house if §indeed we hold *our
confidence firm to the end along
with the hope in which we boast.

Do Not Harden Your Hearts

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 fathers tried †me,
tested me,
and saw my works for forty years.
10 Therefore I was angry with that
generation
and said, 'They always go astray in
their hearts;
they have not known my ways.'
11 As I swore in my wrath,
'They shall never enter my rest!' "

12 Brothers, make sure that none
of you has an evil heart of unbelief
that turns away from the living
God.
13 But encourage one another
each day, as long as it is called
"Today," so that none of you will be
hardened by the deceitfulness of
sin.
14 For we have come to share in
Christ, but only if we hold our
original confidence firm to the end.
15 As it is said,

"Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the
rebellion."

16 For ‡some did rebel when they
heard God's voice, but not all
whom Moses led out of Egypt.
17 Now with whom was God angry
for forty years? Was it not with
those who sinned, whose bodies fell
in the wilderness?
18 And to whom did God swear that
they would not enter his rest, if not
to those who were disobedient?
19 So we see that it was because of
their unbelief that they were not
able to enter.

4

1 Therefore, while the promise of
entering his rest remains open, let
us proceed with fear so that none
of you may be found to have fallen
short of it.
2 For we also have received good
news just as they did. But the
message they heard did not benefit
them, since *they were not united
by faith with those who listened.
3 For we who have believed enter
that rest. As for the others, God has
said,

"As I swore in my wrath,
'They shall never enter my rest!' "

Now God's works have been
finished from the foundation of the
world.
4 For in one place it speaks about
the seventh day as follows: "On the
seventh day God rested from all his
works."
5 But again, God says in the passage
above: "They shall never enter my
rest!"
6 Therefore, since God's rest
remains open for some to enter,
and those who formerly received
good news did not enter because of
their disobedience,
7 he again designates a certain day,
calling it "Today," as he says

‡ **3:6** *his* ¦ that SBL § **3:6** *indeed* ¦ — SBL TH WH * **3:6** *our confidence firm to the end along with* 95.3% ¦ firm to our confidence and NA SBL TH 0.8% † **3:9** *me, tested* ¦ me by testing CT ‡ **3:16** *some did rebel when they heard God's voice, but … Egypt. Now* ¦ who were those who heard God's voice and yet rebelled? Was it … Egypt? And ANT CT HF PCK * **4:2** *they were not united by faith with those who listened* ¦ it was not mixed with faith in those who heard it TR

through David much later, in the
passage already quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts."

8 For if Joshua had given them rest,
God would not have spoken later
about another day.
9 So then, there remains a Sabbath
rest for the people of God.
10 For anyone who has entered
God's rest has rested from his own
works, just as God rested from his.
11 Therefore let us make every
effort to enter that rest, so that no
one will fall into the same pattern
of disobedience.
12 For the word of God is living
and active, sharper than any
two-edged sword, piercing to the
point of dividing soul from spirit,
and joints from marrow, and
discerning the thoughts and
intentions of the heart.
13 No creature is hidden from his
sight, but all are naked and
exposed to the eyes of him to
whom we must give an account.

Jesus the Great High Priest

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, just as
we are, yet was without sin.
16 Therefore let us draw near to the
throne of grace with confidence, so
that we may receive mercy and find
grace to help us in our time of need.

5

1 For every high priest taken from
among the people is appointed to
represent the people in matters
related to God, to offer gifts and
sacrifices for sins.
2 He is able to deal gently with
those who are ignorant and going
astray, since he himself is subject to
weakness.
3 That is why he is obligated to
offer sacrifices for his own sins, as
well as for the sins of the people.
4 No one takes this honor for
himself, but *receives it when he is
called by God, just as Aaron was.
5 In the same way, Christ did not
glorify himself in becoming a high
priest, but was appointed by the
one who said to him,

"You are my Son;
today I have begotten you."

6 And in another passage he says,

"You are a priest forever
according to the order of
Melchizedek."

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus
offered up prayers and
supplications, with loud cries and
tears, to the one who was able to
save him from death, and he was
heard because of his reverence.
8 Even though he was the Son, he
learned obedience from what he
suffered.
9 And having been made perfect, he
became the source of eternal
salvation to all who obey him
10 and was designated by God as a
high priest according to the order
of Melchizedek.
11 On this topic we have much to
say, and it is hard to explain, since
you have become sluggish in
hearing.
12 For though you ought to be
teachers by this time, you need
someone to teach you again the
basic principles of the oracles of
God. You need milk, not solid food.
13 Anyone who lives on milk is
unacquainted with the teaching

* **5:4** *receives it when he is called by God, just as Aaron was* ¦ he who is called by God receives it, just as Aaron did HF TR

about righteousness, for he is an infant.
14 But solid food is for the mature, whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish between good and evil.

6

Warning Against Falling Away

1 Therefore, let us leave behind the elementary teaching about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith in God,
2 and of instruction about baptisms, 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 to renew to repentance those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit,
5 who have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the coming age,
6 and yet have fallen away, since, to their own harm, they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and exposing him to public shame.
7 For land that has drunk the rain that often falls upon it, and produces a crop useful to those for whom it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God.
8 But land that bears thorns and thistles is worthless and on the verge of being cursed; its end is to be burned.
9 Even though we speak in this way, beloved, we are confident of better things in your case, things that pertain to salvation.
10 For God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the *labor of love that you have shown toward his name by serving the saints, as you still do.
11 We want each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope to the very end,
12 so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who inherit the promises through faith and patience.

The Certainty of God's Promise

13 When God made his promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater to swear by, he swore by himself,
14 saying, “I will surely bless you and multiply you.”
15 And so Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise.
16 People swear by someone greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation.
17 So when God wanted to show the unchangeable nature of his purpose even more clearly to the heirs of the promise, he guaranteed it with an oath,
18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.
19 We have this hope as a sure and steadfast anchor for the soul. It enters into the inner sanctuary behind the veil,
20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, because he has become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

7

The Priestly Order of Melchizedek

1 Now this Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. When Abraham was returning from the slaughter of the kings, Melchizedek met him and blessed him,

* **6:10** *labor of* 86.6% ¦ — CT 8.6%

2 and Abraham gave him a tenth of
all the spoils. His name means
“king of righteousness,” but he is
also “king of Salem,” which means,
“king of peace.”
3 He is without father, without
mother, and without genealogy;
there is no beginning to his days or
end to his life. But resembling the
Son of God, he remains a priest
forever.

4 Consider how great this man
must be, that *even Abraham the
patriarch gave him a tenth of the
spoils.
5 Now the law commands the
sons of Levi who receive the
priestly office to collect tithes from
the people, that is, their brothers,
even though their brothers are also
descended from Abraham.
6 But Melchizedek, who was not
among the descendants of Levi,
received a tithe from Abraham. He
also blessed Abraham, who had
received the promises.
7 It is beyond all dispute that the
inferior is blessed by the superior.
8 In the one case, tithes are
received by mortal men; but in the
other case, they are received by one
who is attested to be living.
9 One might even say that Levi
himself, who receives tithes, paid
tithes through Abraham.
10 For Levi was still in the loins of
his ancestor Abraham when
Melchizedek met him.

Jesus Compared to Melchizedek

11 Now if perfection had been
attainable through the Levitical
priesthood (for under this
priesthood the people received the
law), what further need would
there have been for another priest
to arise according to the order of
Melchizedek rather than the order
of Aaron?
12 For when the priesthood is
changed, the law must also be
changed.
13 Now he of whom these things are
spoken belongs to a different tribe,
from which no one has ever served
at the altar.
14 For it is clear that our Lord arose
from Judah, and in connection with
that tribe Moses said nothing about
†priesthood.

15 Now this point becomes even
more clear when there arises
another priest like Melchizedek,
16 one who has become a priest,
not through a legal requirement
concerning physical descent, but
through the power of an endless
life.
17 For ‡God testifies,

“You are a priest forever
according to the order of
Melchizedek.”

18 The former commandment is set
aside because of its weakness and
ineffectiveness
19 (for the law made nothing
perfect), and a better hope is
introduced, by which we draw near
to God.
20 And none of this happened
without an oath. Aaron's
descendants become priests
without an oath,
21 but Jesus was made a priest
with an oath by the one who said to
him,

“The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
‘You are a priest forever
§according to the order of
Melchizedek.’ ”

22 Accordingly, Jesus has become
the guarantor of a better covenant.
23 Now the former priests were
many in number, because they

* **7:4** *even* ¦ — SBL WH † **7:14** *priesthood* 83.6% ¦ priests CT 1.5% ‡ **7:17** *God testifies* ¦ it is attested of him CT § **7:21** *according to the order of Melchizedek* 97.8% ¦ — CT 1.9%

were prevented by death from
continuing in office;
24 but because Jesus continues
forever, he has a permanent
priesthood.
25 Therefore he is able to save to
the uttermost those who come to
God through him, because he
always lives to intercede for them.
26 It was fitting for us to have
such a high priest, one who is holy,
innocent, undefiled, separated from
sinners, and exalted above the
heavens.
27 He has no need, like the other
high priests, to offer up daily
sacrifices, first for his own sins, and
then for the sins of the people. For
he did this once for all when he
offered up himself.
28 For the law appoints as high
priests men who have weakness,
but the word of the oath, which
came after the law, appoints the
Son, who has been made perfect
forever.

8

The High Priest of the New Covenant

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 Majesty's throne
in heaven,
2 where he serves as a minister of
the holy places and the true
tabernacle, which was set up by the
Lord, not by man.
3 For every high priest is appointed
to offer gifts and sacrifices;
therefore, it was necessary for this
priest also to have something to
offer.
4 *For if he were on earth, he would
not even be a priest, since there are
already priests who offer gifts
according to the law.
5 They serve a copy and shadow of
the heavenly things. For when
Moses was about to build the
tabernacle, he was warned by God,
"Be sure to make everything
according to the pattern that was
shown to you on the mountain."
6 But as it is, the ministry Jesus has
received is as superior to the old
priesthood as the covenant he
mediates is superior to the old
covenant, since it has been enacted
on better promises.
7 For if that first covenant had
been faultless, there would have
been no need to look for a second
one.
8 But finding fault with †it, God
says to the people,

"Behold, the days are coming, says
the Lord,
when I will establish a new
covenant with the house of
Israel
and with the house of Judah,
9 not like the covenant I made with
their fathers
on the day when I took them by the
hand to lead them out of the
land of Egypt.
For they did not continue in my
covenant,
so I had no regard for 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 longer will a man teach his
‡fellow citizen
or his brother, saying, 'Know the
Lord,'
for they will all know me,
from the least of them to the
greatest.
12 For I will be merciful toward
their iniquities;
their sins §and their lawless deeds I
will remember no more."

13 In speaking of "a new covenant,"
he has made the first one obsolete.

* **8:4** *For* ¦ Now CT † **8:8** *it, God says to the people* ¦ the people, God says NA SBL WH ‡ **8:11** *fellow citizen* ¦ neighbor PCK TR § **8:12** *and their lawless deeds* 90.6% ¦ — CT 3.5%

And what is becoming obsolete and
growing old will soon disappear.

9

The Earthly Sanctuary

1 Now *even the first †covenant had
regulations for worship and an
earthly sanctuary.
2 For a tabernacle was prepared. In
the first room were the lampstand,
the table, and the bread of the
Presence; this is called the Holy
Place.
3 Behind the second veil was a
room called the Holy of Holies.
4 It had a golden censer and the ark
of the covenant, which was
overlaid on all sides with gold. In
the ark were the golden jar
containing the manna, the rod of
Aaron that had budded, and the
tablets of the covenant.
5 Above the ark were the cherubim
of glory, overshadowing the mercy
seat. But we cannot discuss these
things in detail now.
6 When these things were all in
place, the priests regularly entered
the first room of the tabernacle,
performing their sacred duties.
7 But into the second room, the
high priest alone entered only once
a year, and never without blood,
which he offered for himself and
for the unintentional sins of the
people.
8 By this arrangement the Holy
Spirit was showing that the way
into the holy places had not yet
been disclosed as long as the first
tabernacle was still standing.
9 This is a symbol for the present
time, during which gifts and
sacrifices are offered that cannot
perfect the conscience of the
worshiper,
10 but deal only with food and
drink, and various ‡washings and
regulations for the flesh, imposed
until the time of reformation.

Redemption Through the Blood of Christ

11 But when Christ came as high
priest of the good things §to come,
through the greater and more
perfect tabernacle, not made with
hands (that is, not of this creation),
12 he entered once for all into the
holy places, not by the blood of
goats and calves, but by his own
blood, thus obtaining eternal
redemption.
13 For if the blood of *bulls and
goats, and the ashes of a heifer
sprinkled on those who are defiled,
sanctify for the purification of the
flesh,
14 how much more will the blood of
Christ, who through the †eternal
Spirit offered himself without
blemish to God, purify ‡your
consciences from dead works to
serve the living God?
15 That is why he is the mediator
of a new covenant, so that those
who are called may receive the
promised eternal inheritance, since
a death has occurred that redeems
them from the transgressions
committed under the first covenant.
16 For in the case of a will, it is
necessary to establish the death of
the one who made it,
17 because a will takes effect only
after the person's death; it is §never
in force while the person who
made it is alive.
18 That is why even the first
covenant was not inaugurated
without blood.
19 For when Moses had
proclaimed every commandment of

* **9:1** *even* ¦ — SBL † **9:1** *covenant* ¦ tabernacle ANT ST {Note: The word *covenant* does not appear in the main Greek text but is supplied in the English translation. However, the word *tabernacle* does appear in the Greek text of ANT and ST.} ‡ **9:10** *washings and regulations for the flesh,* 93.2% ¦ washings, regulations for the flesh CT 4.2% § **9:11** *to* 97% ¦ that have NA SBL WH 0.9% * **9:13** *bulls and goats* ¦ goats and bulls CT † **9:14** *eternal* ¦ Holy PCK ‡ **9:14** *your* ¦ our NA SBL WH § **9:17** *never … alive.* ¦ not … alive, is it? WH * **9:19** *and goats* 82.5% ¦ — SBL 16.4%

the law to all the people, he took
the blood of calves *and goats,
along with water, scarlet wool, and
hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll
itself and all the people,
20 saying, “This is the blood of the
covenant that God has ordained for
you.”
21 In the same way, he sprinkled
with blood the tabernacle and all
the vessels used in worship.
22 Indeed, according to the law
nearly everything is purified with
blood, and without the shedding of
blood there is no remission.
23 So it was necessary for the
copies of the things in heaven to be
purified with these sacrifices, but
for the heavenly things themselves
to be purified with better sacrifices
than these.
24 For Christ did not enter holy
places made with hands, which are
copies of the true ones; he entered
heaven itself, so that he might now
appear before God on our behalf.
25 Nor did he enter heaven to
offer himself many times, as the
high priest enters the holy places
year after year with blood that is
not his own,
26 for then Christ would have had
to suffer again and again since the
foundation of the world. But as it
is, he has appeared once for all at
the end of the ages to remove sin
by the sacrifice of himself.
27 And just as it is appointed for
men to die once and then face
judgment,
28 so also Christ, having been
offered once to bear the sins of
many, will appear a second time,
not to bear sin, but to bring
salvation to those who are eagerly
waiting for him.

10

Christ's Sacrifice Once for All

1 Since the law has only a shadow
of the good things to come and not
the true form of those things, *the
same sacrifices offered year after
year can never perfect those who
draw near to worship.
2 Otherwise, would they not have
ceased to be offered, since the
worshipers would have been
purified once and for all and would
no longer have any consciousness
of their sins?
3 But year after year they are
reminded of their sins by these
sacrifices.
4 For it is impossible for the blood
of bulls and goats to take away sins.
5 Therefore, when Christ came
into the world, he said,

“Sacrifice and offering you did not
desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
6 in whole burnt offerings and sin
offerings
you took no pleasure.
7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come
to do your will, O God,
as it is written about me in the
scroll of the book.’ ”

8 In the passage above he says,
“†Sacrifice and offering, and whole
burnt offerings and sin offerings
you did not desire, nor did you take
pleasure in them” (although they
are offered according to the law),
9 Then he adds, “Behold, I have
come to do your ‡will, O God.” He
takes away the first in order to
establish the second.
10 And it is by God's will that we
have been sanctified through the
offering of the body of Jesus Christ
once for all.
11 Now every priest stands daily
at service, offering again and again
the same sacrifices that can never
take away sins.

* **10:1** *the same sacrifices offered year after year can never* ¦ it can never, by the same sacrifices offered year after year, ANT NA PCK SBL TR † **10:8** *Sacrifice and offering* ¦ Sacrifices and offerings CT ‡ **10:9** *will, O God.* 76.3% ¦ will. CT 14.6%

12 But when Christ had offered
for all time one sacrifice for sins, he
sat down at the right hand of God,
13 where he is now waiting until
his enemies are made a footstool
for his feet.
14 For by one offering he has
perfected for all time those who are
being sanctified.
15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to
us about this. First he says,

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 Later he says,

“And their sins and their lawless
deeds I will remember no
more.”

18 Now where there is remission of
these, an offering for sin is no
longer needed.

A Call to Persevere in the Faith

19 Therefore, brothers, since we
have confidence to enter the holy
places by the blood of Jesus,
20 by the new and living way he
opened for us through the veil (that
is, through his flesh),
21 and since we have a great priest
over the house of God,
22 let us draw near with true hearts,
in full assurance of faith, with 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
he who promised is faithful.
24 And let us consider how to spur
one another on to love and good
works,
25 not neglecting to meet together,
as is the habit of some, but
encouraging one another, and all
the more as you see the Day
drawing near.
26 For if we continue sinning
deliberately after receiving the
knowledge of the truth, there no
longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
27 but only a fearful expectation
of judgment and a fury of fire that
will consume God's 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
someone who has trampled the Son
of God underfoot, who has
profaned the blood of the covenant
by which he was sanctified, and
who has insulted the Spirit of
grace?
30 For we know him who said,
“Vengeance is mine; I will §repay,
says the Lord.” 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 earlier days
when, after you were enlightened,
you endured a hard struggle in the
face of suffering.
33 At times you were publicly
exposed to reproach and affliction,
and at other times you were
partners with those who were
treated that way.
34 For you sympathized with *me
when I was in prison, and you
accepted the plundering of your
possessions with joy, knowing †that
you have for yourselves a better
and lasting possession ‡in heaven.
35 Therefore do not throw away
your confidence, which has a great
reward.
36 For you have need of
endurance, so that when you have
done the will of God, you will
receive what was promised.

§ **10:30** *repay, says the Lord.* 95.7% ¦ repay. CT 4.2% * **10:34** *me when I was* 91% ¦ those CT 6.6%
† **10:34** *that you have for yourselves* ¦ in yourselves that you have ANT TR ¦ that you yourselves have CT ‡ **10:34** *in heaven* 93.6% ¦ — CT 1.7%

37 “For in just a little while
he who is coming will come and
not delay.
38 But §the righteous one will live
by faith;
and if he shrinks back,
my soul will take no pleasure in
him.”

39 But we are not among those who shrink back and are destroyed, but among those who have faith and preserve their souls.

11

The Meaning of Faith

1 Now faith is the assurance of what we hope for and the conviction of what we do not see.
2 Because of their faith, the people of old were commended.
3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed by the word of God. Consequently, we know that what can be seen did not come from anything visible.
4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous when God gave approval to his gifts. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.
5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death, and he was not to be found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.
6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, for anyone who comes to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
7 By faith Noah, when he was warned about things not yet seen, was moved with reverent fear and built an ark to save his household. By faith he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.
8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to *the place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
9 By faith he sojourned 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 looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.
11 By faith †Sarah herself received the ability to conceive, and she bore a child when she was beyond the proper age, because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.
12 And so from one man, who was as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.
13 All these people died in faith without receiving the things that were promised. But they saw them from a ‡distance and welcomed them. And they acknowledged that they were strangers and sojourners on the earth.
14 For people who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.
15 If they had been thinking of the land they left behind, they would have had an opportunity to return.
16 Instead, they were longing for a better land, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

§ **10:38** *the* ¦ my CT * **11:8** *the* ¦ a CT † **11:11** *Sarah herself received the ability to conceive, and she bore a child when she was beyond the proper age, because she* ¦ Sarah herself received the ability to conceive, even though she was barren and beyond the proper age, because she NA ¦ he received the ability to procreate, together with Sarah herself, even though he was beyond the proper age, since he SBL ¦ Sarah herself received the ability to conceive, even though she was beyond the proper age, because she TH WH ‡ **11:13** *distance* ¦ distance, were assured of them, TR

17 By faith Abraham, when he
was tested, offered up Isaac. He
who had received the promises was
ready to offer up his one and only
son,
18 even though God had said to
him, “Through Isaac your
descendants will be counted.”
19 He reasoned that God could
even raise him from the dead. And
figuratively speaking, he did
receive Isaac back from death.
20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and
Esau concerning things to come.
21 By faith Jacob, when he was
dying, blessed each of the sons of
Joseph, and worshiped as he leaned
on the top of his staff.
22 By faith Joseph, when his end
was near, mentioned the exodus of
the sons of Israel and gave
instructions concerning his bones.

23 By faith Moses, when he was
born, was hidden for three months
by his parents, because they saw
that he was a beautiful child, and
they did not fear the decree of the
king.
24 By faith Moses, when he had
grown 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 to be greater wealth than the
treasures §of Egypt, for he was
focused on the reward.
27 By faith he left Egypt, not
fearing the wrath of the king, for he
endured as though he could see
him who is invisible.
28 By faith he celebrated the
Passover and the sprinkling of the
blood, so that the destroyer of the
firstborn would not touch the
Israelites.

29 By faith they passed through
the Red Sea as on dry land, but
when the Egyptians tried to do so,
they were drowned.
30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell
after they had been encircled for
seven days.
31 By faith Rahab the prostitute
did not perish with those who were
disobedient, because she had
welcomed the spies in peace.

32 And what more shall I say? For
time will fail me if I tell of Gideon,
Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David,
Samuel, and the prophets,
33 who by faith conquered
kingdoms, carried out justice,
obtained promises, stopped the
mouths of lions,
34 quenched the power of fire,
escaped the edge of the sword,
were made strong from weakness,
became mighty in battle, and
routed the armies of foreigners.
35 Women received back their
dead by resurrection. Other people
were tortured, refusing to accept
release, so that they might obtain a
better resurrection.
36 Others endured mocking and
flogging, as well as chains and
imprisonment.
37 They were stoned, they were
*sawn in two, they were tempted,
and they were killed with the
sword. They went around in
sheepskins and goatskins; they
were destitute, afflicted, and
mistreated.
38 The world was not worthy of
them. They wandered in deserts
and mountains, hiding in caves and
holes in the ground.

39 †All these people were
commended for their faith, but they
did not receive what was promised.
40 For God had planned
something better for us, so that
they would not be made perfect
without us.

§ **11:26** *of* ¦ in TR * **11:37** *sawn in two, they were tempted,* 86.7% ¦ sawn in two, NA SBL 7.3% ¦ tempted, they were sawn in two, WH 3.1% † **11:39** *All these people were* ¦ They were all SBL

12

The Discipline of the Lord

1 Therefore, since we have such a
great cloud of witnesses
surrounding us, let us lay aside
every weight and the sin that so
easily entangles us, and let us run
with endurance the race that lies
before us,
2 fixing our eyes upon Jesus, the
author and perfecter of our faith.
For the joy set before him he
endured the cross, disregarding its
shame, and sat down at the right
hand of the throne of God.
3 Consider him who endured such
opposition from sinners against
*himself, so that you will not grow
weary or lose heart.
4 In your struggle against sin, you
have not yet resisted to the point of
shedding your blood.
5 And you have completely
forgotten the exhortation that
addresses you as sons:

"My son, do not think lightly of the
discipline of the Lord,
and do not lose heart when he
rebukes you.
6 For the Lord disciplines the one
he loves,
and he punishes every son whom
he accepts."

7 †If you are enduring discipline, it
is because God is treating you as
sons. For what son is not
disciplined by his father?
8 If you do not experience
discipline, which is something
everyone receives, then you are
illegitimate children and not sons.
9 Furthermore, we have all had
earthly fathers who disciplined us,
and we respected them. Should we
not submit even more to the Father
of our spirits and live?
10 For our fathers disciplined us for
a short time as seemed best to
them, but God disciplines us for our
good, so that we may share in his
holiness.
11 Now no discipline seems pleasant
at the time, but painful. Later on,
however, it produces the peaceful
fruit of righteousness for those
trained by it.

12 Therefore, lift up your
drooping hands and strengthen
your weak knees.
13 Make straight paths for your
feet, so that what is lame may not
be put out of joint but be healed
instead.
14 Pursue peace with everyone,
and holiness, for without it no one
will see the Lord.
15 Make sure no one falls short of
the grace of God and that no root of
bitterness springs up and causes
trouble, which would result in
many becoming defiled.
16 And make sure that no one is a
fornicator or a profane person like
Esau, who sold his birthright in
exchange for a single meal.
17 You know that afterward,
when he desired to inherit the
blessing, he was rejected, for he
found no opportunity for
repentance, even though he sought
the blessing with tears.

Mount Sinai and Mount Zion

18 For you have not come to ‡a
mountain that can be touched, to a
blazing fire, darkness, gloom, and a
whirlwind.
19 You have not come to a trumpet
blast and a voice whose words
made the hearers beg that no
further word be spoken to them.
20 For they could not bear the order
that was given: "If even a beast
touches the mountain, it shall be
§stoned."

* **12:3** *himself* 93.5% ¦ themselves SBL WH 1.1% † **12:7** *If you are enduring discipline, it is because* ¦ For the sake of discipline you must endure; CT HF RP ‡ **12:18** *a mountain* 93% ¦ something CT 2.1% § **12:20** *stoned* ¦ stoned or shot with an arrow TR

21 Indeed, the sight was so
terrifying that Moses said, “I am
trembling with fear.”
22 But you have come to Mount
Zion, to the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem. You have
come to myriads of angels,
23 to the festive gathering and
assembly of the firstborn, whose
names are enrolled in heaven. You
have come to God, the judge of all,
and to the spirits of righteous
people who have been made
perfect.
24 And you have come to Jesus, the
mediator of a new covenant, and to
the sprinkled blood that speaks *a
better word than the blood of Abel.
25 Be careful not to refuse him
who is speaking. For if the people
did not escape when they refused
him who warned them on earth,
how much less will we escape if we
turn away from him who warns us
from heaven?
26 At that time his voice shook the
earth, but now he has promised,
“Yet once more I will shake not only
the earth, but also the heavens.”
27 Now the phrase, “Yet once
more,” indicates the removal of
what can be shaken—that is,
created things—so that what cannot
be shaken may remain.
28 Therefore, since we are
receiving a kingdom that cannot be
shaken, let us be thankful. †It is by
our thankfulness that we offer God
acceptable worship, with
‡reverence and godly fear.
29 For our God is a consuming
fire.

13

Sacrifices Pleasing to God

1 Continue in brotherly love.
2 Do not neglect to show hospitality
to strangers, for by showing
hospitality some have hosted angels
without knowing it.
3 Remember those in prison, as
though you were in prison with
them. Also remember those who
are mistreated, as though you
yourselves were suffering with
them.
4 Marriage must be held in honor
by all, and the marriage bed must
be kept pure, *but God will judge
fornicators and adulterers.
5 Keep your lives free from the love
of money, and be content with what
you have, for God has said, “I will
never leave you or forsake you.”
6 So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my †helper,
so I will not fear anything that man
might do to me.”

7 Remember your leaders, who
spoke to you the word of God.
Consider the outcome of their
conduct, and imitate their faith.
8 Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.
9 Do not be carried ‡away by
various kinds of strange teachings,
for it is good for the heart to be
strengthened by grace, not by
regulations about food, which have
not benefited those who follow
them.
10 We have an altar from which
those who serve in the tabernacle
have no right to eat.
11 For the bodies of those beasts
whose blood is brought into the
holy places by the high priest as an
offering for sin are burned outside
the camp.
12 So Jesus also suffered outside
the city gate in order to sanctify the
people by his own blood.
13 Therefore let us go to him
outside the camp and bear the
reproach he endured.

* **12:24** *a better word* ¦ better things TR † **12:28** *It is by our thankfulness that we* ¦ And by our thankfulness let us ANT NA SBL TR WH ‡ **12:28** *reverence and godly fear* 89.7% ¦ godly fear and awe CT 1.8% * **13:4** *but* ¦ for CT † **13:6** *helper, so* ¦ helper; SBL WH ‡ **13:9** *away* ¦ about TR

14 For here we do not have a
lasting city, but we seek the city
that is to come.
15 Through §Jesus, therefore, let
us continually offer up a sacrifice
of praise to God, that is, the fruit of
lips that confess his name.
16 Do not neglect to do good and
to share with others, for such
sacrifices are pleasing to God.
17 Obey your leaders and submit
to them, for they keep watch over
your souls as those who must 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 clear
conscience, desiring to live
honorably in every way.
19 I urge you all the more to do
this, so that I may be restored to
you more quickly.

Benediction

20 Now may the God of peace, who
by the blood of the eternal
covenant brought back from the
dead our Lord Jesus, the great
Shepherd of the sheep,
21 equip you in every good *work
so that you may do his will. May he
accomplish in †us what is pleasing
in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to
whom be the glory forever ‡and
ever. Amen.
22 Now I urge you, brothers, to
bear with this brief word of
exhortation that I have written to
you.
23 You should know that our
brother Timothy has been released.
If he comes soon, he will be with
me when I see you.
24 Greet all your leaders and all
the saints. Those from Italy greet
you.
25 Grace be with you all.
§Amen.

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§ **13:15** *Jesus, therefore,* ¦ Jesus WH * **13:21** *work* 95.9% ¦ thing CT 1.4% † **13:21** *us* ¦ you ANT HF PCK RP TR ‡ **13:21** *and ever* ¦ — SBL § **13:25** *Amen* ¦ — NA SBL WH

THE LETTER OF JAMES

Greeting

1 James, a servant of God and of the
Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve
tribes who are scattered abroad:
Greetings.

The Testing of Your Faith Produces Endurance

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when
you experience various trials,
3 because you know that the testing
of your faith produces endurance.
4 And let endurance have its full
effect, so that you may be perfect
and complete, lacking in nothing.
5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he
should ask God, who gives
generously to all without reproach,
and it will be given to him.
6 But he must ask in faith without
doubting, for he who doubts is like
a wave of the sea that is driven by
the wind and tossed about.
7 That person should not expect to
receive anything from the Lord.
8 A double-minded man is unstable
in all his ways.

The Lowly Brother and the Rich Man

9 The lowly brother should rejoice
in being exalted,
10 and the rich man should rejoice
in being made low, because he will
pass away like a flower of grass.
11 For the sun rises with its
scorching heat and withers the
grass, and its flower falls, and its
beautiful appearance is lost. So also
will the rich man fade away in his
pursuits.

Enduring Temptation

12 Blessed is the man who endures
temptation, for when he has stood
the test, he will receive the crown
of life, which *the Lord has
promised to those who love him.
13 No one should say when he is
tempted, "I am being tempted by
God," for God is not tempted by
evil, and he himself tempts no one.
14 But each person is tempted when
he is drawn away and enticed by
his own evil desires.
15 And when desire has conceived,
it gives birth to sin. And when sin
is fully grown, it brings forth death.
16 Do not be deceived, my beloved
brothers.
17 Every good and perfect gift is
from above, coming down from the
Father of lights, with whom there is
no variation or shadow of turning.
18 Of his own will he gave us
birth by the word of truth so that
we would be a kind of firstfruits of
his creatures.

Hearing and Abiding by the Word

19 †So then, my beloved brothers,
everyone should be quick to listen,
slow to speak, and slow to anger.
20 For the anger of man does not
produce the righteousness of God.
21 Therefore, putting aside all
filthiness and rampant wickedness,
humbly receive the implanted
word, which is able to save your
souls.
22 But be doers of the word and
not hearers only. Otherwise, you
are deceiving yourselves.
23 For if anyone is a hearer of the
‡word and not a doer, he is like a
man who looks at his face in a
mirror.
24 For he looks at himself and
goes away, and then immediately
forgets what he looks like.
25 But he who looks into the
perfect law, the law of liberty, and
abides by it, §is not a forgetful

* **1:12** *the Lord* 89.1% ¦ he CT 2% † **1:19** *So then, my beloved brothers, everyone* ¦ Know this, my beloved brothers: Everyone CT ‡ **1:23** *word* ¦ law PCK § **1:25** *is not a forgetful hearer but a doer who acts. He* 87.1% ¦ is thus not a forgetful hearer but a doer who acts. He MSS 6.8% ¦ being not a forgetful hearer but a doer who acts, he CT 5.4% * **1:26** *among you* 88.3% ¦ — CT 9.4%

hearer but a doer who acts. He will
be blessed in what he does.
26 If anyone *among you
considers himself to be religious
but does not bridle his tongue, he
deceives himself and his religion is
worthless.
27 Pure and undefiled religion
before God our Father is this: to
look after orphans and widows in
their affliction and to keep oneself
unstained by the world.

2

Warning Against Partiality

1 My brothers, practice your faith in
our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of
glory, without showing partiality.
2 Suppose a man in fine clothing
comes into your assembly wearing
a gold ring, and a poor man in
filthy clothing also comes in.
3 If you pay attention to the man
who is wearing fine clothing and
say *to him, "You sit here in a good
place," but you say to the poor
man, "You †stand there, or sit here
under my footstool,"
4 have you not made distinctions
among yourselves and become
judges with evil thoughts?
5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has
not God chosen the poor ‡of the
world to be rich in faith and heirs
of the kingdom that he has
promised to those who love him?
6 But you have dishonored the
poor man. Is it not the rich who
oppress you? Are they not the ones
who drag you into court?
7 Do they not blaspheme the good
name by which you are called?
8 If you really fulfill the royal law
according to the Scripture, "You
shall love your neighbor as
yourself," you do well.
9 But if you show partiality, you
commit sin and are convicted by
the law as transgressors.
10 For whoever keeps the entire
law but stumbles in one point has
become guilty of it all.
11 For he who said, "§Do not
commit adultery," also said, "Do
not murder." Now if you do not
commit adultery but do commit
murder, you have become a
transgressor of the law.
12 Speak and act as people who
will be judged by the law of liberty.
13 For judgment is without mercy
to anyone who has not shown
mercy; mercy *is exalted over
judgment.

Faith and Works

14 What is the benefit, my brothers,
if someone claims to have faith but
does not have works? Can that
faith save him?
15 If a brother or sister is poorly
clothed and lacks daily food,
16 and one of you says to them, "Go
in peace, be warmed and filled,"
without giving them anything to
address their physical needs, what
is the benefit?
17 In the same way faith by itself, if
it does not have works, is dead.
18 But someone will say, "You
have faith, and I have works."
Show me your faith †by your works,
and I, by my works, will show you
my faith.
19 Do you believe that God is one?
You do well; even the demons
believe—and shudder!
20 Do you want to be shown, O
foolish man, that faith without
works is ‡dead?
21 Was not our father Abraham
justified by works when he offered
his son Isaac on the altar?
22 Do you see how faith was
active along with his works, and by

* **2:3** *to him* ¦ — CT † **2:3** *stand there, or sit here* 86.4% ¦ stand there, or sit TH 1% ¦ stand, or sit there NA SBL WH 1% ‡ **2:5** *of the* 89.6% ¦ of this TR 6.1% ¦ in the CT 2.3% § **2:11** *Do … Do* ¦ You shall … You shall HF RP * **2:13** *is exalted* ¦ triumphs ANT CT TR † **2:18** *by* 87.7% ¦ apart from CT SCR 11.1% ‡ **2:20** *dead* 98.2% ¦ useless CT 1.6%

works his faith was brought to completion?
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 §then that a person is justified by works, and not by faith alone.
25 In the same way, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?
26 *For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

3

Taming the Tongue

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.
2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle his entire body as well.
3 *Behold, we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they will obey us, and we guide their entire bodies.
4 Or take ships for example, though they are so large and driven by fierce winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the helmsman directs.
5 In the same way, the tongue is a small member, yet it makes great boasts.
Consider how great a forest †a little fire kindles.
6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of unrighteousness, staining the entire body, setting the course of life on fire, and itself being set on fire by hell.
7 Every species of beast, bird, reptile, and sea creature can be tamed and has been tamed by man,
8 but no man can tame the tongue. It is ‡an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
9 With it we bless §God our Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in God's likeness.
10 Out of the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.
11 Does a spring pour out fresh water and bitter water from the same opening?
12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, produce olives, or a grapevine figs? *In the same way, no spring can produce both salt water and fresh water.

The Wisdom from Above

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct he should show that his works are done with the gentleness that comes from wisdom.
14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast or deny the truth.
15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above; rather, it is earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.
16 For where there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and every evil practice.
17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easily entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and unhypocritical.
18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

§ **2:24** *then* 86.9% ¦ — CT 11.7% * **2:26** *For just* ¦ Just WH * **3:3** *Behold, we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they will obey us, and we guide their entire bodies.* ¦ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they will obey us, we guide their entire bodies as well. CT † **3:5** *a little* ¦ such a small CT ‡ **3:8** *an unruly* 97.4% ¦ a restless CT 2.6% § **3:9** *God our* ¦ our Lord and CT * **3:12** *In the same way, no spring can produce both salt water and* ¦ Neither can salt water produce CT

4

Friendship with the World

1 Where do wars and *fights among
you come from? Do they not come
from your passions that wage war
among your members?
2 You desire but do not have. You
murder and are jealous but cannot
obtain what you want. You fight
and war. †You do not have because
you do not ask.
3 You ask and do not receive
because you ask wrongly, so that
you may spend what you get on
your pleasures.
4 ‡Adulterers and 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? The spirit that
§dwells in us desires to the point of
envy,
6 but God gives greater grace.
Therefore it says, "God opposes the
proud but gives grace to the
humble."
7 Submit yourselves therefore to
*God, but resist the devil, and he
will flee from you.
8 Draw near to God, and he will
draw near to you. Cleanse your
hands, you sinners, and purify your
hearts, you double-minded.
9 Grieve, mourn, and weep. Turn
your laughter into mourning and
your joy into gloom.
10 Humble yourselves before the
Lord, and he will exalt you.

Speaking Evil Against One Another

11 Do not speak evil against one
another, brothers. †He who speaks
evil against a brother ‡and judges
his brother, speaks evil against the
law and judges the law. Now if you
judge the law, you are not a doer of
the law but a judge.
12 There is only one §lawgiver—he
who is able to save and destroy.
*But who are you to judge
†another?

Boasting About Tomorrow

13 Come now, you who say, "Today
‡and tomorrow §let us go to such
and such a city, spend a year there,
trade, and make a profit."
14 You do not know *what will
happen tomorrow. What is †your
life? ‡It is a vapor that appears for a
little while and then vanishes away.
15 Instead you ought to say, "If the
Lord wills, §let us live and do this
or that."
16 But as it is, you boast in your
arrogant schemes; all such boasting
is evil.
17 So whoever knows the right
thing to do and does not do it, for
him it is sin.

5

Warning to the Rich

1 Come now, you who are rich,
weep and howl over the miseries
that are coming upon you.
2 Your riches have rotted, and your
garments are moth-eaten.
3 Your gold and silver have rusted,
and their rust will be a testimony
against you and will eat your flesh
like fire. You have laid up treasure
in the last days.
4 Behold, the wages of the workers
who harvested your fields, which
you kept back by fraud, cry out,
and the cries of the reapers have

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* **4:1** *fights* ¦ where do fights CT † **4:2** *You* ¦ And you ANT ¦ Yet you TR ‡ **4:4** *Adulterers and adulteresses* 97.8% ¦ Adulteresses CT 1.8% § **4:5** *dwells* ¦ he made to dwell CT * **4:7** *God, but* ¦ God; ANT PCK TR † **4:11** *He* ¦ For he PCK ‡ **4:11** *and* 83.5% ¦ or CT 15.3% § **4:12** *lawgiver* ¦ lawgiver and judge ANT CT PCK SBL WH * **4:12** *But who* ¦ Who TR † **4:12** *another* ¦ your neighbor CT ‡ **4:13** *and* ¦ or CT SCR § **4:13** *let us* ¦ we will ANT CT SCR * **4:14** *what will happen* ¦ about WH † **4:14** *your* ¦ our PCK ‡ **4:14** *It is* ¦ You are CT {Note: The main Greek text literally reads *It will be.*} § **4:15** *let us* ¦ we will ANT CT SCR

reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.
5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have nourished your hearts *as in a day of slaughter.
6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous man; he does not resist you.

Patience in Suffering

7 Therefore be patient, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient for it until it receives the early and latter rain.
8 You also must be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord has drawn near.
9 Do not complain against one another, brothers, so that you will not be †judged. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door.
10 As an example of suffering and patience, ‡my brothers, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord.
11 Behold, we regard as blessed those who §endure. You have heard of the endurance of *Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, that †he is full of compassion and mercy.
12 Above all, my brothers, do not swear, neither by heaven, nor by earth, nor by any other oath. But let your “Yes” be “Yes” and your “No” be “No,” so that you will not fall ‡into hypocrisy.

The Prayer of Faith

13 Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone of good cheer? He should sing praise.
14 Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.
15 The prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.
16 §Confess your *trespasses to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful and effective.
17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the land.
18 Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain, and the land produced its fruit.
19 †Brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone turns him back,
20 be assured that whoever turns a sinner back from the error of his way will save ‡a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

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* **5:5** *as* ¦ — CT † **5:9** *judged* ¦ condemned TR ‡ **5:10** *my* ¦ — CT PCK § **5:11** *endure* ¦ have endured CT * **5:11** *Job, and you have seen* ¦ Job. Now consider RP † **5:11** *he* 87.7% ¦ the Lord ANT CT TR 11.3% ‡ **5:12** *into hypocrisy* ¦ under judgment CT SCR § **5:16** *Confess* ¦ Therefore confess CT * **5:16** *trespasses* 90.1% ¦ sins CT 9.7% † **5:19** *Brothers* ¦ My brothers CT ‡ **5:20** *a* 90.9% ¦ his CT 5.7%

THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Greeting

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the sojourners scattered abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, chosen
2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be multiplied to you.

A Living Hope

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he 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, reserved in heaven for *you,
5 who by the power of God are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials
7 so that the proven character of your faith—far more precious than gold that perishes even though it is tested by fire—may result in praise, †honor, and glory when Jesus Christ is revealed.
8 Although you ‡once did not know him, you love him; although you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with an unspeakable and glorious joy,
9 because you are receiving the end result of §your faith—the salvation of your souls.
10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that would come to you searched and carefully investigated,
11 inquiring about the time and circumstances that the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when he testified in advance to the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.
12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but *you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to catch a glimpse of these things.

Be Holy

13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed.
14 As children of obedience, do not conform yourselves to the evil desires you had before when you lived in ignorance.
15 But just as he who called you is holy, you also must be holy in all your conduct,
16 for it is written, "†Be holy, because I am holy."

17 If you call on the Father who judges without partiality according to each person's work, pass the time of your sojourn in reverent fear.
18 For you know that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your fathers, not with perishable things like silver or gold,
19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or spot.
20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but was

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* **1:4** *you* ¦ us ST † **1:7** *honor, and glory* ¦ glory, and honor CT PCK ‡ **1:8** *once did not know* ¦ have not seen CT SCR {Note: The word *once* is not in the main Greek text but has been added for stylistic purposes.} § **1:9** *your* ¦ — WH * **1:12** *you* ¦ us TR † **1:16** *Be* ¦ You shall be CT ‡ **1:20** *last* ¦ end of CT

revealed in the ‡last times for your sake.
21 Through him you §believe in
God, who raised him from the dead
and gave him glory, so that your
faith and hope might be in God.
22 Since you have purified your
souls by your obedience to the
truth *through the Spirit, resulting
in genuine brotherly love, love one
another deeply, from †a pure heart.
23 For you have been born again,
not of perishable seed but of
imperishable, through the ‡word of
God that lives and abides forever.
24 For,

"All flesh is like grass,
and all §the glory of man is like a
flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and *its flower falls,
25 but the word of the Lord endures
forever."

This word is the good news that
was preached to you.

2

Christ the Living Stone

1 So put aside all wickedness, all
deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all
slander.
2 Like newborn babies, long for
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 men but chosen and
precious in the sight of God,
5 you yourselves, like living stones,
are being built up as a spiritual
‡house, a holy priesthood, to offer
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to
God through Jesus Christ.
6 §For it says in Scripture,

"Behold, I lay in Zion a stone,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and no one who believes in him
will ever be put to shame."

7 This precious value is for you who
believe, but to those who *are
disobedient,

"The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,"

8 and,

"A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense."

By disobeying the word they
stumble, which is what they were
appointed to do.
9 But you are a chosen lineage, a
royal priesthood, a holy nation, a
people for God's own possession, so
that you may proclaim the
excellencies of him who called you
out of darkness into his marvelous
light.
10 Once you were not a people,
but now you are the people of God.
Once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Live as Servants of God

11 Beloved, I urge you as strangers
and †sojourners to abstain from the
desires of the flesh that wage war
against your soul,
12 keeping your conduct honorable
among the Gentiles, so that when
they speak against you as evildoers,
they may see your good works and

§ **1:21** *believe* ¦ are believers NA SBL WH * **1:22** *through the Spirit* 91.7% ¦ — CT 7.5% † **1:22** *a pure* 99.2% ¦ the SBL WH 0.6% ‡ **1:23** *word of God that lives and abides forever* 90.1% ¦ living and abiding word of God CT 6% § **1:24** *the glory of man* ¦ its glory CT * **1:24** *its* ¦ the CT * **2:2** *into salvation* ¦ — HF RP TR † **2:3** *indeed* ¦ — CT ‡ **2:5** *house,* ¦ house, to be CT § **2:6** *For it says in Scripture* ¦ For Scripture says PCK ¦ Therefore it also says in Scripture TR * **2:7** *are disobedient* ¦ do not believe CT † **2:11** *sojourners to abstain* ¦ sojourners, abstain ANT ‡ **2:13** *Therefore, be* ¦ Be CT

glorify God on the day of his visitation.
13 ‡Therefore, be subject to every human institution for the sake of the Lord, whether to the king as supreme
14 or to governors as those who are sent by him to punish evildoers and to praise those who do good.
15 For it is God's will that you silence the ignorance of foolish people by doing good.
16 Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as an excuse to do evil; live as servants of God.
17 Give honor to all, love the brotherhood, fear God, and honor the king.

The Example of Christ's Suffering

18 Servants, submit to your masters with complete respect, not only to those who are good and gentle but also to those who are cruel.
19 For there is favor upon anyone who endures pain while suffering unjustly for the sake of conscience toward God.
20 What credit do you get if you endure when you sin and are beaten for it? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this finds favor with God.
21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also §suffered for us, leaving an example so that you could follow in his footsteps.
22 He committed no sin, nor was deceit found in his mouth.
23 When he was reviled, he did not revile 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 cross, so that we might die to our sins and live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.
25 For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of *your souls.

3

Wives and Husbands

1 In the same way, wives, submit to your own husbands, so that, *even if some are disobedient to the word, they †will be won without a word by the way you live
2 when they observe your pure and reverent conduct.
3 Do not adorn yourselves outwardly with elaborately braided hair, gold jewelry, or fancy clothing.
4 Rather, let your adornment be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable quality 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 the past, by submitting to their own husbands,
6 just as Sarah obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You have become her children if you do good and do not give way to fear.
7 Husbands, in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker partner, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Suffering for Righteousness' Sake

8 Finally, you must all be of one mind, sympathetic, loving as brothers, tenderhearted, and §kind.
9 Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but, on the contrary, bless, *knowing that to this you were called, so that you may inherit a blessing.

§ **2:21** *suffered for us, leaving an example so that you* 64% ¦ suffered for us, leaving an example so that we TR 10.3% ¦ suffered for you, leaving an example so that you CT 10.2% ¦ died for us, leaving an example so that you MSS 5.2% * **2:25** *your* ¦ our PCK * **3:1** *even* ¦ — WH † **3:1** *will* ¦ may TR ‡ **3:4** *gentle and quiet* ¦ quiet and gentle WH § **3:8** *kind* 71.8% ¦ humble CT 22.7% * **3:9** *knowing that* 84.9% ¦ for CT 9%

10 For,

“Whoever wants to love life
and see good days
must keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking deceit;
11 he must turn aside from evil and
do good;
he must seek peace and pursue it.
12 For the eyes of the Lord are upon
the righteous,
and his ears are open to their
prayers.
But the face of the Lord is against
those who do evil.”

13 Now who will harm you if you become †imitators of what is good?
14 But even if you do suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear people's threats or be troubled,
15 but sanctify ‡the Lord God in your hearts. Always be ready to make a defense to anyone who asks you for an explanation of the hope you have within you, §with gentleness and respect,
16 keeping a clear conscience, so that, when *those who revile your good conduct in Christ speak against you as evildoers, they may be put to shame.
17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.
18 For Christ also †suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, so that he might bring ‡us to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,
19 in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison,
20 who disobeyed long ago when God §waited patiently in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water.
21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves *us—not by removing dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

4

Good Stewards of God's Grace

1 Therefore, since Christ has suffered *for us in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same mentality, because whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,
2 so as to live the remaining time in the flesh no longer for the evil desires of men, but for the will of God.
3 For †we have spent enough of our ‡lives doing what the Gentiles like to do, walking in sensual indulgences, evil desires, excesses of wine, revelries, drinking bouts, and illicit idolatries.
4 They are surprised when you do not run with them into the same flood of debauchery, so they revile you.
5 But they will give an account to him who §is ready to judge the living and the dead.
6 For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to the dead, so that, though they have been judged

† **3:13** *imitators of* ¦ zealous for CT ‡ **3:15** *the Lord God* ¦ Christ the Lord CT § **3:15** *with* ¦ yet with CT * **3:16** *those who revile your good conduct in Christ speak against you as evildoers, they* 89.1% ¦ you are slandered, those who revile your good conduct in Christ CT 5% † **3:18** *suffered* ¦ died WH ‡ **3:18** *us* ¦ you CT HF RP § **3:20** *waited* ¦ once waited TR * **3:21** *us* ¦ you CT * **4:1** *for us* 83% ¦ for you MSS 6.3% ¦ — CT 2.8% † **4:3** *we have spent enough of our … doing* 47% ¦ you have spent enough of your … doing ANT HF PCK 41.5% ¦ enough … has been spent doing CT 11.2% ‡ **4:3** *lives* ¦ time CT PCK § **4:5** *is ready to judge* ¦ readily judges WH

in the flesh as men are, they might
live in the spirit as God does.
7 The end of all things has drawn
near. Therefore be alert and
sober-minded for the sake of *your
prayers.
8 Above all, maintain a deep love
for one another, because love †will
cover a multitude of sins.
9 Be hospitable to one another
without grumbling.
10 As each of you has received a
gift, use it to serve one another, as
good stewards of the manifold
grace of God.
11 If anyone speaks, he should do
so as one who speaks the oracles of
God; if anyone serves, he should do
so as one who serves from
‡strength as God supplies it, so that
in all things God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ. To him be the
glory and the power forever §and
ever. Amen.

Suffering as a Christian

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at
the fiery trial that has come upon
you to test you, as though a strange
thing were happening to you.
13 But insofar as you share in the
sufferings of Christ, rejoice, so that
you may also rejoice and be glad
when his glory is revealed.
14 If you are reproached for the
name of Christ, you are blessed,
because the Spirit of *glory and of
God †rests upon you. ‡On their part
he is blasphemed, but on your part
he is glorified.
15 None of you should suffer as a
murderer, thief, evildoer, or
meddler,
16 but if anyone suffers as a
Christian, he should not be
ashamed, but should glorify God in
this §matter.
17 For it is time for judgment to
begin with the household of God,
and if it begins first with us, what
will be the outcome for those who
are disobedient to the gospel of
God?
18 And,

“If the righteous man is scarcely
saved,
what will become of the ungodly
man and sinner?”

19 Therefore, those who suffer
according to the will of God should
entrust their souls to him as their
faithful Creator while doing what is
good.

5

Exhortation to the Elders and the Flock

1 *I exhort the elders among you, I
who am a fellow elder, a witness of
the sufferings of Christ, and a
partaker of the glory that will be
revealed:
2 Shepherd the flock of God that is
among you, †exercising oversight,
not under compulsion, but
‡willingly; not for sordid gain, but
eagerly.
3 Do not lord it over those entrusted
to you, but be examples to the flock.
4 And when the chief Shepherd
appears, you will receive the
unfading crown of glory.
5 In the same way, you who are
younger must submit to your
elders. And all of you must clothe
yourselves with humility §as you
submit to one another, for “God
opposes the proud but gives grace
to the humble.”

* **4:7** *your prayers* ¦ prayer CT † **4:8** *will cover* ¦ covers CT PCK ‡ **4:11** *strength as God supplies it* ¦ the strength that God supplies CT TR § **4:11** *and ever* ¦ — PCK * **4:14** *glory* 71.5% ¦ glory and of power ANT 22.3% † **4:14** *rests* ¦ has come to rest PCK ‡ **4:14** *On their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified.* ¦ — CT § **4:16** *matter* ¦ name SBL TH WH * **5:1** *I* ¦ Therefore, I SBL TH WH † **5:2** *exercising oversight,* 95% ¦ — WH 0.8% ‡ **5:2** *willingly;* ¦ willingly, according to the will of God; NA SBL TH § **5:5** *as you submit to* 90.6% ¦ toward CT 3.5%

6 Humble yourselves therefore
under the mighty hand of God, so
that he may exalt you in due time,
7 casting all your anxiety on him,
because he cares for you.
8 Be sober-minded and *watchful;
your adversary the devil †walks
around like a roaring lion, seeking
‡someone to devour.
9 Resist him, standing firm in the
faith, because you know that your
brothers throughout the world are
enduring the same kinds of
suffering.
10 And after you have suffered for
a little while, §may the God of all
grace, who called *you to his
eternal glory in Christ †Jesus,
himself perfect you; he will
establish, strengthen, and settle
you.
11 To him be the ‡glory and the
power forever §and ever. Amen.

Final Greetings

12 Through Silvanus, whom I regard
as a faithful brother, I have written
to you briefly, encouraging you and
testifying that this is the true grace
of God in which you stand.
13 She who is in Babylon, who is
chosen together with you, greets
you, and so does my son Mark.
14 Greet one another with a kiss of
love.
Peace be with all of you who are
in Christ *Jesus.
†Amen.

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* **5:8** *watchful;* ¦ watchful, because PCK TR † **5:8** *walks* ¦ goes PCK ‡ **5:8** *someone to* ¦ someone he can ANT HF RP TR ¦ to WH § **5:10** *may the God … himself perfect you; he will establish, strengthen, and settle* ¦ may the God … himself perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle PCK TR ¦ the God … will himself perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle ANT NA SBL TH ¦ the God … will himself perfect, establish, and strengthen WH * **5:10** *you* ¦ us TR † **5:10** *Jesus* ¦ — CT ‡ **5:11** *glory and the power* 60.6% ¦ glory and power MSS 29.3% ¦ power and the glory MSS 6.8% ¦ power CT 0.6% § **5:11** *and ever* ¦ — NA WH * **5:14** *Jesus* ¦ — CT † **5:14** *Amen.* ¦ — CT

THE SECOND LETTER OF PETER

Greeting

1 *Simeon Peter, a servant and
apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who
have obtained a faith as precious as
ours through the righteousness of
our God and †Savior Jesus Christ:
2 Grace and peace be multiplied to
you in the knowledge of God and of
Jesus our Lord.

Confirm Your Calling

3 His divine power has given us
everything we need for life and
godliness through the knowledge of
him who called us ‡by glory and
virtue.
4 Through these he has given us his
§precious and magnificent
promises, so that through them you
may become partakers of the
divine nature, having escaped from
the corruption that is in the world
because of evil desires.
5 For this very reason, make every
effort to supplement your faith with
virtue, your virtue with knowledge,
6 your knowledge with self-control,
your self-control with endurance,
your endurance with godliness,
7 your godliness with brotherly
affection, and your brotherly
affection with love.
8 For if you possess these qualities
and continue to grow in them, they
will keep you from being
ineffective and unfruitful in the
knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 For whoever lacks these qualities
is so nearsighted that he is blind,
having forgotten the cleansing of
his former sins.
10 Therefore, brothers, be all the
more diligent to confirm that you
are among those whom God has
called and chosen, because if you
do these things, you will never
stumble.
11 For in this way, entry into the
eternal kingdom of our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ will be richly
provided for you.
12 Therefore, I *will not neglect to
keep reminding you about these
things, though you know them and
are established in the truth you
now have.
13 I think it is right, as long as I
am in this bodily tent, to stir you up
by way of reminder,
14 because I know that this tent
will soon be laid aside, as our Lord
Jesus Christ made clear to me.
15 And I will make every effort to
ensure that after my departure you
will be able to recall these things at
any time.

Eyewitnesses of His Majesty

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 that
voice came to him from the
Majestic Glory: “This is my
†beloved Son, in whom I am well
pleased.”
18 We ourselves heard this voice
come from heaven when we were
with him on the holy mountain.
19 So we have the prophetic word
more fully confirmed. You will do
well to pay attention to it, as to a
lamp shining in a dark place, until
the day dawns and the morning
star rises in your hearts.
20 First of all, you must understand
that no prophecy of Scripture is a
matter of one's own interpretation.

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* **1:1** *Simeon* ¦ Simon SCR WH † **1:1** *Savior* ¦ our Savior SCR ‡ **1:3** *by* ¦ by his own NA SBL TH § **1:4** *precious and magnificent* 81.7% ¦ magnificent and precious TR 7.8% * **1:12** *will not neglect* 95.2% ¦ intend CT 2.8% † **1:17** *beloved Son,* 97.6% ¦ Son, my beloved, NA SBL WH 0.4% ‡ **1:21** *holy men of God spoke* 83.5% ¦ men spoke from God CT 5.6% ¦ the holy men of God spoke ST 4.4%

21 For no prophecy ever came by
the will of man, but ‡holy men of
God spoke as they were carried
along by the Holy Spirit.

2

False Prophets and Teachers

1 But there were also false prophets
among the people, just as there will
be false teachers among you, who
will secretly bring in destructive
heresies. They will even deny the
Master who bought them, bringing
upon themselves swift destruction.
2 Many will follow their *sensual
ways, and because of †them the
way of truth will be maligned.
3 In their greed they will exploit
you with deceptive words. Their
condemnation from of old is not
idle, and their destruction ‡will not
slumber.
4 For if God did not spare angels
when they sinned, but cast them
down to Tartarus and committed
them to §chains of darkness to be
kept for judgment;
5 and if he did not spare the
ancient world, but preserved Noah,
a preacher of righteousness, along
with seven others, when he
brought a flood upon the world of
the ungodly;
6 and if he condemned the cities
of Sodom and Gomorrah *to
destruction by reducing them to
ashes, making them an example †to
those who would live in an ungodly
way;
7 and if he rescued righteous Lot,
who was distressed by the sensual
conduct of the lawless
8 (for as ‡that righteous man
dwelt among them, his righteous
soul was tormented day after day
by the lawless deeds he saw and
heard)—
9 then the Lord knows how to
rescue the godly from trials and
how to keep the unrighteous under
punishment until the day of
judgment,
10 especially those who indulge
the corrupt desires of the flesh and
who despise authority.

Bold and self-willed, they do not
tremble when they blaspheme
glorious beings,
11 whereas angels, who are
greater in strength and power, do
not bring a blasphemous judgment
against them §before the Lord.
12 But these men blaspheme in
matters they do not understand.
They are like irrational beasts,
creatures of instinct born for
capture and destruction, and in the
destruction of those beasts *they
will be destroyed,
13 †receiving the wages of
unrighteousness. Counting
indulgence in the daytime as
pleasure, they are stains and
blemishes, openly indulging in their
deceptions as they feast with you.
14 They have eyes full of adultery,
insatiable for sin. They entice
unstable souls. They are accursed
children with hearts trained in
‡greed.
15 They have abandoned the
straight path and gone astray,
following the way of Balaam, the
son of §Bosor, who loved the wages
of unrighteousness.
16 But he received a rebuke for
his own transgression when a
donkey—a speechless
animal—spoke with a human voice
and prevented the prophet's

* **2:2** *sensual* ¦ destructive TR † **2:2** *them* ¦ that PCK ‡ **2:3** *will* ¦ does CT TR § **2:4** *chains* ¦ pits TH WH * **2:6** *to destruction* ¦ — WH † **2:6** *to those who would live in an ungodly way* ¦ of what is going to happen to the ungodly SBL WH ‡ **2:8** *that righteous man dwelt* ¦ a righteous man dwelling WH § **2:11** *before the Lord* ¦ — SBL * **2:12** *they* ¦ they too HF CT † **2:13** *receiving* 97.6% ¦ suffering harm as NA SBL WH 2% ‡ **2:14** *greed* ¦ greedy practices TR § **2:15** *Bosor* ¦ Beor WH * **2:17** *water, clouds … reserved forever* 81.7% ¦ water and mists … reserved forever MSS 5.8% ¦ water and mists … reserved CT 1%

madness.
17 These men are springs without
*water, clouds driven by a storm,
for whom the thick gloom of
darkness has been reserved
forever.
18 For they speak bombastic
words of nonsense, and with
sensual desires of the flesh they
entice people who †have truly
escaped from others who live in
error.
19 They promise them freedom
while they themselves are slaves of
corruption. For a man is a slave to
whatever masters him.
20 For if after they have escaped
from the defilements of the world
through the knowledge of the Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ, they are
again entangled in these
defilements and overcome, the last
state is worse for them than the
first.
21 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 that was passed on
to them.
22 What the true proverb says has
happened to them: "A dog returns
to its own vomit, and a sow, after
washing herself, returns to
wallowing in the mire."

3

The Promise of the Lord's Coming

1 Beloved, this is now the second
letter that I am writing to you. In
both of them I have tried to stir up
your sincere mind by way of
reminder,
2 so that you remember the words
spoken in the past by the holy
prophets and the commandment of
*our Lord and Savior given through
your apostles.
3 First of all, you must understand
that scoffers will come in the last
†days, walking according to their
own lusts.
4 They will say, "Where is the
promise of his coming? For ever
since the fathers fell asleep,
everything continues as it has since
the beginning of creation."
5 They deliberately overlook the
fact that by the word of God the
heavens came into being long ago
and the earth emerged through the
water and was separated from the
water.
6 And by ‡the water and the word,
the world of that time was deluged
and destroyed.
7 Furthermore, by §his word the
heavens and the earth that now
exist have been reserved for fire,
being kept until the day of
judgment and the destruction of the
ungodly.

8 But do not overlook this one
fact, beloved, that with the Lord
one day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like one
day.
9 The Lord is not slow in keeping
his promise, as some understand
slowness, but is patient toward *us,
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 †in the night. On
that day the heavens will pass away
with a roar, the elements will be
destroyed with intense heat, and

† **2:18** *have truly escaped* ¦ are truly escaping NA TH ¦ are barely escaping SBL WH * **3:2** *our Lord and Savior given through your apostles* ¦ us, the apostles of our Lord and Savior TR † **3:3** *days* ¦ days with scoffing CT ‡ **3:6** *the water and* ¦ — NA {Note: In the man Greek text the words translated as *And by the water and the word* literally read *through which.* In Greek the word *which* is plural, likely referring to *the water and the word* (although it could refer to *the heavens and the earth*, *the heavens*, or *the waters*). But in the NA variant the word *which* is singular, likely referring only to *the word.* The likely referents of the pronouns have been stated explicitly in the translation and footnote for the sake of clarity and flow.} § **3:7** *his* ¦ the same CT SCR * **3:9** *us* ¦ you CT † **3:10** *in the night* 87.9% ¦ — CT 12.1%

the earth and its works will ‡be
burned up.
11 §Therefore, since all these
things will be destroyed, what sort
of people ought you to be? You
ought to conduct yourselves in
holiness and godliness,
12 waiting for and hastening the
coming of the day of God. On that
day the heavens will be set on fire
and destroyed, and the elements
will melt in the intense heat.
13 But, according to his promise,
we wait for new heavens and a new
earth, where righteousness dwells.
14 Therefore, beloved, as you wait
for these things, be diligent to be
found at peace, spotless and
blameless in his sight.
15 And count the patience of our
Lord as salvation, just as our
beloved brother Paul has written to
you according to the wisdom given
to him.
16 He speaks about these things in
all his letters. Some *of the things
he says are hard to understand,
which ignorant and unstable
people †twist to their own
destruction, just as they do with the
other Scriptures.
17 Therefore, beloved, since you
have been forewarned, be on your
guard so that you will not be led
astray by the error of these lawless
men and fall from your own secure
position.
18 But ‡grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ. To him be the glory
both now and to the day of eternity.
§Amen.

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‡ **3:10** *be burned up* 89.6% ¦ be found SBL TH WH 3.1% ¦ not be found NA 0% § **3:11** *Therefore, since all these things will be destroyed* 86% ¦ Since all these things will be destroyed in this way NA SBL WH 4.8% * **3:16** *of the things he says* ¦ things in his letters CT † **3:16** *twist* ¦ will twist NA ‡ **3:18** *grow … Christ.* ¦ may you grow … Christ! PCK § **3:18** *Amen.* 96.8% ¦ — NA WH 2.6%

THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

The Word of Life

1 We declare to you what was from
the beginning, what we have heard,
what we have seen with our eyes,
what we have looked at and
touched with our hands,
concerning the word of life.
2 This life was revealed; we have
seen it, and we testify and declare
to you the eternal life that was with
the Father and that was revealed to
us.
3 What we have seen and heard we
declare to *you, so that you also
may have fellowship with us, and
indeed our fellowship is with the
Father and with his Son Jesus
Christ.
4 We are writing these things †to
you so that ‡our joy may be full.

God Is Light

5 This is the §message that we have
heard from him and proclaim to
you, that God is light, and in him
there is no darkness at all.
6 If we say that we have fellowship
with him and yet walk in the
darkness, we lie and do not live by
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 †Christ his Son cleanses us
from all sin.
8 If we say that we do not have 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 to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.
10 If we say that we have not
sinned, we make him out to be a
liar, and his word is not in us.

2

Keeping Christ's Commandments

1 My little children, I am writing
these things to you so that you will
not sin. But if anyone does sin, we
have an advocate with the
Father—Jesus Christ, the righteous
one.
2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our
sins, and not only for ours, but also
for the sins of the whole world.
3 By this we can be sure that we
know him: if we keep his
commandments.
4 Whoever says, “I know him” but
does not keep his commandments
is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
5 But whoever keeps his word, truly
in him the love of God has been
perfected. By this we know that we
are in him:
6 Whoever says he abides in him
ought to walk just as he walked.

A New Commandment

7 *Brothers, I am not writing you a
new commandment, but an old
commandment, which you have
had from the beginning. The old
commandment is the message you
have heard †from the beginning.
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 but
hates his brother is still in the
darkness.
10 Whoever loves his brother abides
in the light, and there is no cause
for stumbling in him.
11 But whoever hates his brother is
in the darkness and walks in the
darkness; he does not know where
he is going, because the darkness
has blinded his eyes.

12 I am writing to you, little
children,

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* **1:3** *you* ¦ you also CT † **1:4** *to you* ¦ — CT ‡ **1:4** *our* ¦ your TR § **1:5** *message* ¦ promise ANT ST * **1:7** *But if* ¦ If NA † **1:7** *Christ* 92.5% ¦ — CT 4.5% * **2:7** *Brothers* 82.8% ¦ Beloved CT 15% † **2:7** *from the beginning* 87% ¦ — CT 8.2%

because your sins have been
forgiven you on account of
his name.
13 I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from
the beginning.
I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the
evil one.
I ‡am writing to you, children,
because you know the Father.
14 I have written to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from
the beginning.
I have written to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God abides 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
lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes,
and the pride of life—is not from
the Father, but from the world.
17 And the world is passing away
along with its lusts, but whoever
does the will of God abides forever.

The Antichrist

18 Children, it is the last hour, and
just as you have heard that §the
antichrist is coming, even now
many antichrists have come. This is
how we know it is the last hour.
19 They went out from us, but they
did not belong to us; for if they had
belonged to us, they would have
remained with us. But they went
out so that it might be revealed that
they do not belong to us.
20 But you have an anointing from
the Holy One, and you *know all
things.
21 I have not written to you because
you do not know the truth, but
because you know it, and because
no lie is of the truth.
22 Who is a liar but he who denies
that Jesus is the Christ? Anyone
who denies the Father and the Son
is an antichrist.
23 No one who denies the Son has
the †Father.
24 ‡Therefore let what you have
heard from the beginning abide in
you. If what you have heard from
the beginning abides in you, then
you will abide in the §Son and in
the Father.
25 And this is what he has promised
us—eternal life.
26 I have written these things to
you concerning those who are
trying to deceive you.
27 But the anointing you received
from him abides in you, and you
have no need for anyone to teach
you. But *the same anointing
teaches you about all things; it is
true, not a lie. So, just as it has
taught you, †you must abide in him.

Children of God

28 And now, little children, abide in
him, so that when he appears we
may have confidence and not
shrink back from him in shame at
his coming.
29 If you know that he is righteous,
you know that everyone who
practices righteousness has been
born of him.

3

1 See what great love the Father has
lavished upon us, that we should be
called children of *God! The reason
the world does not know †you is
that it did not know him.
2 Beloved, now we are children of
God, and what we will be has not
yet been revealed. But we know

‡ **2:13** *am writing* 80.3% ¦ have written ANT CT 18.5% § **2:18** *the* ¦ — CT * **2:20** *know all things* 96.4% ¦ all know NA SBL WH 2.4% † **2:23** *Father.* 77.5% ¦ Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. CT SCR 21% ‡ **2:24** *Therefore let* ¦ Let CT § **2:24** *Son and in the Father* ¦ Father and in the Son PCK * **2:27** *the same* ¦ his CT † **2:27** *you must* ¦ — CT * **3:1** *God!* 83.5% ¦ God! And that is what we are. CT 13.4% † **3:1** *you* ¦ us CT PCK TR

that when he appears, we will be
like him, because we will see him
as he is.
3 Everyone who places this hope in
him purifies himself, just as he is
pure.
4 Everyone who practices sin also
practices lawlessness; sin is
lawlessness.
5 But you know that he appeared
in order to take away ‡our sins, and
in him there is no sin.
6 No one who abides in him
continues in sin; no one who
continues in sin has either seen
him or known him.
7 §Little children, let no one
deceive you: Whoever practices
righteousness is righteous, just as
he is righteous.
8 Whoever practices sin is of the
devil, for the devil has been sinning
from the beginning. The reason the
Son of God appeared was to destroy
the works of the devil.
9 No one who has been born of
God continues in sin, because God's
seed abides in him; he cannot
continue in sin, because he has
been born of God.
10 By this the children of God and
the children of the devil are
revealed: Anyone who does not
practice righteousness is not of
God, nor is anyone who does not
love his brother.

Love One Another

11 For this is the message you have
heard from the beginning, that we
should love one another.
12 We should not be like Cain, who
was of the evil one and murdered
his brother. And why did he
murder him? Because his own
deeds were evil, but the deeds of
his brother were righteous.
13 Do not be surprised, *my
brothers, if the world hates you.
14 We know that we have passed
from death to life because we love
our brothers. Whoever does not
love †his brother abides in death.
15 Anyone who hates his brother is
a murderer, and you know that no
murderer has eternal life abiding
in him.
16 By this we know ‡love, that he
laid down his life for us. And we
ought to lay down our lives for our
brothers.
17 If anyone has earthly
possessions and sees his brother in
need but closes his heart against
him, how does the love of God
abide in him?
18 §My little children, let us show
our love, not with mere words or
speech, but in truth by our actions.
19 By this *we know that we are
of the truth and can reassure our
hearts before him:
20 If our hearts condemn us, God
is greater than our hearts and
knows all things.
21 Beloved, if our hearts do not
condemn †us, we have confidence
before God
22 and receive from him
whatever we ask, 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.
24 Whoever keeps his
commandments abides in God, and
God abides in him. And we know
that he abides in us because of the
Spirit he has given us.

4

Testing the Spirits

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

‡ **3:5** *our* ¦ — CT § **3:7** *Little children* ¦ Children NA * **3:13** *my* ¦ — CT † **3:14** *his brother* 95.1% ¦ — CT 3.7% ‡ **3:16** *love* ¦ the love of God SCR § **3:18** *My little* ¦ Little CT * **3:19** *we … can reassure* ¦ we will … reassure CT † **3:21** *us* ¦ — WH ‡ **3:23** *commanded* ¦ commanded us CT TR * **4:2** *the Spirit of God is known* ¦ you know the Spirit of God ANT CT TR

2 By this *the Spirit of God is
known: Every spirit that confesses
that Jesus Christ has come in the
flesh is from God,
3 but every spirit that does not
confess †that Jesus ‡Christ has come
in the flesh is not from God. This is
the spirit of the antichrist, which
you have heard is coming and is
now in the world already.
4 You are from God, little children,
and you have overcome them,
because greater is he who is in you
than he who is in the world.
5 They are from the world;
therefore what they say is 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 know the Spirit of truth
and the spirit of error.

God Is Love

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 does not
know God, because God is love.
9 In this the love of God was
revealed among us, that God sent
his one and only Son into the world
so that we might live through him.
10 In this is love, not that we loved
God, but that he loved us and sent
his Son to be the atoning sacrifice
for our sins.
11 Beloved, if God loved us in this
way, we also ought to love one
another.
12 No one has ever seen God. If we
love one another, God abides in us,
and his love is perfected in us.

13 We know that we abide in him
and he in us because he has given
us his Spirit.
14 And we have seen and we
testify that the Father has sent the
Son to be the Savior of the world.
15 If anyone confesses that §Jesus
is the Son of God, God abides in
him, and he in God.
16 And we have come to know
and to trust in the love that God
has for us.
God is love, and whoever abides
in love abides in God, and God
*abides in him.
17 In this way, love is perfected
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 has to do with punishment.
Whoever fears has not been
perfected in love.
19 We love †him because he first
loved us.
20 Whoever says, “I love God,”
and yet hates his brother is a liar.
For ‡if anyone does not love his
brother whom he has seen, how
can he love God whom he has not
seen?
21 And this is the commandment
we have from him: Whoever loves
God must also love his brother.

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Overcoming the World by Faith

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus
is the Christ has been born of God,
and everyone who loves him who
has begotten *also loves the one
begotten of him.
2 By this we know that we love the
children of God, when we love God
and keep his commandments.
3 For this is the love of God, that we
keep his commandments. And his
commandments are not
burdensome.

† **4:3** *that Jesus … has come in the flesh* 93.7% ¦ Jesus CT 2.5% ‡ **4:3** *Christ* 87% ¦ — CT 5.2% § **4:15** *Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ WH * **4:16** *abides* ¦ — ANT PCK TR † **4:19** *him* ¦ — CT ‡ **4:20** *if anyone … seen, how can he … seen?* 95.5% ¦ he who … seen cannot … seen. CT 4.3% {Note: In the main Greek text this sentence literally reads, *For he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?*} * **5:1** *also* ¦ — WH † **5:4** *your* 43% ¦ our ANT CT PCK RP TR 56.4%

4 For everyone who has been born
of God overcomes the world. This
is the victory that has overcome the
world—†your faith.
5 Who is it that overcomes the
world but he who believes that
Jesus is the Son of God?

The Testimony of God About His Son

6 This is he who came by water and
blood—Jesus Christ. He did not
come by water only, but by water
and blood. It is the Spirit who
testifies, because the Spirit is the
truth.
7 For there are three ‡that testify:
8 the Spirit, the water, and the
blood; and these three are in
agreement.
9 If we receive the testimony of
men, we should know that the
testimony of God is greater,
because it is the testimony that God
has given 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 that God
has given about his Son.
11 And this is the testimony, that
God has given 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.

The Knowledge of Eternal 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, and so that
you may continue believing *in the
name of the Son of God.
14 This is the confidence that we
have toward him, that if we ask
anything according to his will, he
hears us.
15 And if we know that he hears us
in whatever we ask, we know that
we have what we have asked of
him.
16 If anyone sees his brother
committing a sin that does not lead
to death, he should pray for him,
and God will give him life. I refer
to those who commit sins that do
not lead to death. There is sin that
leads to death; I do not say that he
should pray about that.
17 All unrighteousness is sin, but
there is sin that does not lead to
death.
18 We know that no one who has
been born of God continues in sin,
but he who is born of God guards
†himself, and the evil one does not
touch him.
19 We know that we are from
God, and that the whole world lies
in the power of the evil one.
20 And we know that the Son of
God has come and given us
understanding so that we may
know him who is true. And we are
in him who is true, in his Son Jesus
Christ. He is the true God and
eternal life.
21 Little children, guard
yourselves from idols.
‡Amen.

‡ **5:7** *that testify:* 87.3% ¦ who testify in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that testify on earth: ANT TR 0.6% § **5:13** *life, and so that you may continue believing* 73% ¦ life, and so that you may believe MSS 10.2% ¦ life. CT 4.7% * **5:13** *in the name of the Son of God* 70.9% ¦ — CT 0.8% † **5:18** *himself* ¦ him SBL WH ‡ **5:21** *Amen.* 84.3% ¦ — CT 15.5%

THE SECOND LETTER OF JOHN

Greeting

1 The elder to the chosen lady and
her children, whom I love in
truth—and not only I, but also all
who know the truth—
2 because of the truth that abides in
us and will be with us forever:
3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be
with *us from God the Father and
from †the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son
of the Father, in truth and love.

Walking in Truth and Love

4 I was overjoyed to find some of
yoʋr children walking in the truth,
just as we have been commanded
by the Father.
5 And now I ask yoʋ, dear lady—not
as ‡writing yoʋ a new
commandment, but one we have
had from the beginning—that we
love one another.
6 Now this is love, that we walk
according to his commandments.
This is the commandment, just as
you have heard it from the
beginning, that you should walk in
it.
7 For many deceivers have §come
into the world, who do not confess
that Jesus Christ has come in the
flesh. This is the deceiver and the
antichrist.
8 Watch yourselves, so that *we do
not lose what †we have worked for,
but may receive a full reward.
9 Everyone who ‡transgresses and
does not abide in the teaching of
Christ does not have God. Whoever
abides in the teaching §of Christ
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, and
do not greet him;
11 for whoever greets him takes
part in his evil works.

Final Greetings

12 Although I have much to write to
you, I would rather not use paper
and ink. Instead, I hope to come to
you and speak face to face, so that
*our joy may be full.
13 The children of yoʋr chosen
sister greet yoʋ.
†Amen.

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* **1:3** *us* ¦ you ANT PCK SCR † **1:3** *the Lord* 91.2% ¦ — CT 6.2% ‡ **1:5** *writing* 81.3% ¦ though I were writing ST 12.4% § **1:7** *come* ¦ gone out CT * **1:8** *we … may* 80% ¦ you … so that you may CT 17% † **1:8** *we* ¦ you TH ‡ **1:9** *transgresses* 99% ¦ goes on ahead CT 1% § **1:9** *of Christ* 89.3% ¦ — CT 4.5% * **1:12** *our* ¦ your SBL WH † **1:13** *Amen.* 89% ¦ — CT 8.8%

THE THIRD LETTER OF JOHN

Greeting

1 The elder to the beloved Gaius,
whom I love in the truth.
2 Beloved, I pray that in all
respects you may prosper and be in
good health, even as your soul
prospers.
3 For I was overjoyed when the
brothers came and testified about
your faithfulness to the truth and
how you walk in the truth.
4 I have no greater *joy than to
hear that my children are walking
in the truth.

Gaius Commended

5 Beloved, you are acting faithfully
in whatever you do for the
†brothers and for those who are
strangers to you.
6 They have testified of your love
before the church, and you will do
well to send them on their way in a
manner worthy of God.
7 For they went out for the sake of
‡the Name, receiving nothing from
the Gentiles.
8 Therefore we ought to §receive
men like them, so that we may be
fellow workers for the truth.

Diotrephes Denounced

9 I *wrote to the church, but
Diotrephes, who loves to put
himself first among them, does not
acknowledge us.
10 So if I come, I will call attention
to what he is doing and the evil
accusations of nonsense that he is
making against us. And he is not
satisfied with that! He not only
refuses to receive the brothers, but
also stops those who want to do so
and throws them out of the church.

Demetrius Commended

11 Beloved, do not imitate what is
evil but what is good. Whoever
does good is of God; whoever does
evil has not seen God.
12 Demetrius is well spoken of by
everyone—and even by the truth
itself. We also speak well of him,
and †you know that our testimony
is true.

Final Greetings

13 I have much to ‡write, but I do
not want to write to you with pen
and ink.
14 I hope to see you soon, and we
will speak face to face.
15 Peace be with you. The friends
greet you. Greet the friends by
name.

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* **1:4** *joy* ¦ grace WH † **1:5** *brothers and for those who* 89.8% ¦ brothers, even though they CT 7.6% ‡ **1:7** *the Name* ¦ his name SCR § **1:8** *receive* 91.4% ¦ support CT 7.6% * **1:9** *wrote* ¦ wrote something CT † **1:12** *you* 61.2% ¦ we PCK 23.2% ¦ you CT 15% ‡ **1:13** *write* ¦ write to you CT

THE LETTER OF JUDE

Greeting

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and
a brother of James, to those who
are called and *sanctified by God
the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:
2 Mercy, peace, and love be
multiplied to you.

Judgment on False Teachers

3 Beloved, although I was quite
eager to write to you about our
common salvation, I found it
necessary to write to you and urge
you to contend for the faith that
was once for all delivered to the
saints.
4 For certain men whose
condemnation was written about
long ago have crept in unnoticed.
They are ungodly men who pervert
the grace of our God, turning it into
a license for sensuality. By doing
so, they deny †God, who is our only
Master, and also the Lord Jesus
Christ.
5 Now I want to remind you,
although you ‡already know this,
that after the Lord saved a people
out of the land of Egypt, he
subsequently destroyed those who
did not believe.
6 And the angels who did not
keep within their proper domain,
but left their own dwelling, he has
kept under darkness in everlasting
chains for the judgment of the
great day.
7 Likewise, Sodom and Gomorrah
and the cities around them, who
indulged in fornication and went
after strange flesh in a manner
similar to those angels, serve as an
example by undergoing the
punishment of eternal fire.
8 In the same way these ungodly
men, relying on their dreams, defile
the flesh, reject authority, and
revile glorious beings.
9 But when Michael the archangel
was contending with the devil and
disputing about the body of Moses,
he did not dare to bring a reviling
judgment against him, but said,
“May the Lord rebuke you!”
10 Yet these men slander
whatever they do not understand,
and they are corrupted by what
they, like irrational beasts,
instinctively comprehend.
11 Woe to them! For they went in
the way of Cain, they rushed for
reward to the error of Balaam, and
they perished in the rebellion of
Korah.
12 These men are hidden reefs at
your love feasts, feasting among
you without fear as shepherds
feeding only themselves. They are
clouds without water, carried along
by winds; fruitless trees in late
autumn, twice dead, pulled up by
the roots.
13 They are wild waves of the sea,
foaming out their own shameful
deeds; wayward stars, for whom
the thick gloom of darkness has
been reserved forever.
14 Enoch, in the seventh
generation from Adam, prophesied
about these men, saying, “Behold,
the Lord is coming with thousands
upon thousands of his holy ones
15 to execute judgment against all,
and to convict §all the ungodly
among them of all their ungodly
deeds that they have done in an
ungodly way, and to convict
ungodly sinners of all the harsh
words they have spoken against
him.”

* **1:1** *sanctified* 90.2% ¦ beloved CT 8.9% † **1:4** *God, who is our only Master, and also the Lord* 78.7% ¦ our only Master and Lord, ANT CT 12.9% ‡ **1:5** *already know this, that after the Lord* 81.5% ¦ already know all things, that after Jesus NA SBL TH 0.4% ¦ already know all things, that after the Lord WH 0% § **1:15** *all the ungodly among them* 79.5% ¦ all the ungodly SBL TH WH 15.8% ¦ every person NA 0.6%

16 These men are grumblers and
complainers, walking according to
their own lusts. They speak
bombastic words with their
mouths, flattering others for their
own advantage.

A Call to Persevere in the Faith

17 But you, beloved, must
remember what the apostles of our
Lord Jesus Christ foretold,
18 how they said to you, “In the end
times there will be scoffers who
walk according to their own
ungodly lusts.”
19 These people *cause divisions;
they are worldly and do not have
the Spirit.
20 But you, beloved, by building
yourselves up in your most holy
faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,
21 must keep yourselves in the love
of God as you wait for the mercy of
our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to
eternal life.
22 †Have mercy on some, using
discernment;
23 ‡and others save with fear by
snatching them out of the fire,
hating even the garment that is
stained by the flesh.

Doxology

24 Now to him who is able to keep
§them from falling and to make
them stand unblemished in the
presence of his glory with great joy,
25 to *the only wise God our †Savior,
be ‡glory and majesty, power and
authority, §both now and
forevermore.
Amen.

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* **1:19** *cause divisions* 77.5% ¦ separate themselves SCR 20.8% † **1:22** *Have mercy on some, using discernment* 88% ¦ Refute those who doubt TH 6.9% ¦ Have mercy on those who doubt NA SBL WH 2.1% ‡ **1:23** *and others save with fear by snatching them out of the fire,* 74.9% ¦ and others save by snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy on others with fear, NA SBL TH 5% ¦ save them by snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy on others with fear, WH 0.2% § **1:24** *them … them stand unblemished* 63% ¦ you … you stand unblemished CT SCR 21.9% ¦ you … you stand unblemished and unstained MSS 7.4% * **1:25** *the only wise God our* 82.3% ¦ the only God our CT 7.4% ¦ our only wise MSS 5.5% † **1:25** *Savior,* 77.9% ¦ Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, CT 21.1% ‡ **1:25** *glory and majesty, power* 86.4% ¦ glory, majesty, power, CT 11.2% § **1:25** *both* 78.4% ¦ before all ages and CT 21.4%

THE REVELATION TO JOHN

Prologue

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ,
which God gave him to show his
servants what must soon take place.
He made it known by sending his
angel to his servant John,
2 who testified to the word of God
and the testimony of Jesus Christ,
even to all that he *saw.
3 Blessed is he who reads and those
who hear the words of this
prophecy and keep what is written
in it, for the time is near.

Greeting to the Seven Churches

4 John to the seven churches in
Asia: Grace to you and peace from
†God, who is and who was and who
is to come, and from the seven
spirits who are before his throne,
5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful
witness, the firstborn from the
dead, and the ruler of the kings of
the earth.

To him who ‡loves us and
§washed us from our sins with his
blood
6 and made us *to be a kingdom,
priests to his God and Father—to
him be the glory and the power
forever †and ever. Amen.
7 Behold, 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 wail
on account of him. So shall it be!
Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the
‡Omega," says the Lord §God, "who
is and who was and who is to
come, the Almighty."

John's Vision of Christ

9 I, John, your brother and partner
in the tribulation, kingdom, and
endurance that are *in Christ Jesus,
was on the island called Patmos
because of the word of God and the
testimony of Jesus †Christ.
10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's
day, and I heard behind me a loud
voice like that of a trumpet,
11 saying, "‡Write what you see in a
book and send it to the §seven
*churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna,
Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis,
Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

12 Then I turned †in that direction
to see the voice that was speaking
to me. And when I turned, I saw
seven golden lampstands,
13 and in the midst of the ‡seven
lampstands I saw one like a son of
man, clothed with a robe reaching
down to his feet and with a golden
sash wrapped around his chest.
14 His head and his hair were
white like wool, as white as snow.
His eyes were like a flame of fire,
15 his feet were like burnished
bronze refined in a furnace, and
his voice was like the roar of many
waters.
16 In his right hand he held seven
stars, out of his mouth came a
sharp two-edged sword, and his
face was like the sun shining in its
strength.
17 When I saw him, I fell at his
feet as though I were dead. But he
placed his right hand upon me and

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* **1:2** *saw.* 53% ¦ saw, what is now and what must take place after this. PCK 33.7% † **1:4** *God,* 51.5% ¦ him CT PCK TR 45.8% ‡ **1:5** *loves* 54.6% ¦ loved PCK TR 39.4% § **1:5** *washed* 67% ¦ released CT 26.1% * **1:6** *to be a kingdom,* 69.7% ¦ kings and TR 22% † **1:6** *and ever* 82.5% ¦ — WH 15.2% ‡ **1:8** *Omega,* 63.7% ¦ Omega, the beginning and the end, TR 32.4% § **1:8** *God* 96.8% ¦ — TR 1.8% * **1:9** *in Christ Jesus* 66.1% ¦ of Jesus Christ TR 25.7% ¦ in Jesus CT 3.9% ¦ in Jesus Christ ANT 0.4% † **1:9** *Christ* 81.3% ¦ — CT 17.8% ‡ **1:11** *Write* 67.7% ¦ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last," and, "Write TR 12.5% § **1:11** *seven* 95.9% ¦ — ST 1.8% * **1:11** *churches* 97.7% ¦ churches that are in Asia TR 1.8% † **1:12** *in that direction* 60.1% ¦ — CT TR 39% ‡ **1:13** *seven* 73.5% ¦ — NA SBL WH 25.3% § **1:17** *said* 93.7% ¦ said to me TR 6.3%

§said, “Do not be afraid. I am the
first and the last,
18 the living one. I was dead, but
behold, I am alive forevermore.
*Amen. I have the keys of †Death
and Hades.
19 ‡Therefore write what you
have seen, what is now and what
will take place after this.
20 This is the mystery of the seven
stars that you saw in my right hand
and the seven golden lampstands:
The seven stars are the angels of
the seven churches, and the seven
§lampstands are the seven
churches.

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The Letter to the Church in Ephesus

1 “To the angel of the *church in
Ephesus write: ‘These are the
words of him who holds the seven
stars in his right hand and who
walks among the seven golden
lampstands:
2 I know your works, †your labor,
and your endurance. I know that
you cannot tolerate those who are
evil, and that you have tested those
who ‡declare themselves §to be
apostles but are not, and have
found them to be false.
3 You have *persevered and
endured hardships †for the sake of
my ‡name, and have not grown
weary.
4 But I have this against you: You
have left your first love.
5 Therefore, remember where you
have fallen from; repent and do the
works you did at first. If you do not
repent, I will come to you §quickly
and remove your lampstand from
its place.
6 Yet you do have this: You hate the
works of the Nicolaitans, which I
also hate.
7 He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit is saying to the
churches. To him who overcomes I
will give the right to eat of the tree
of life, which is *in the paradise of
†my God.’

The Letter to the Church in Smyrna

8 “To the angel of the church ‡in
Smyrna write: ‘These are the words
of the first and the last, who was
dead and came to life:
9 I know your §works, your
tribulation, and your poverty—yet
you are rich! I know the slander of
those who declare themselves to be
Jews and are not, but are a
synagogue of Satan.
10 Do not be afraid of what you are
about to suffer. Behold, 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, even to the
point of death, and I will give you
the crown of life.
11 He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit is saying to the
churches. He who overcomes will
certainly not be harmed by the
second death.’

The Letter to the Church in Pergamum

12 “To the angel of the church in
Pergamum write: ‘These are the

* **1:18** *Amen.* 79.2% ¦ — ANT CT 18.1% † **1:18** *Death and Hades* 81.5% ¦ Hades and Death TR 18% ‡ **1:19** *Therefore write* 88.2% ¦ Write TR 11.8% § **1:20** *lampstands* 40.6% ¦ lampstands you saw PCK TR 37.1% * **2:1** *church in Ephesus* 88.7% ¦ church of the Ephesians MSS 7.3% ¦ Ephesian church TR 1.4% † **2:2** *your* 68.5% ¦ — CT PCK 30% ‡ **2:2** *declare themselves* 95.5% ¦ say they TR 1.4% § **2:2** *to be* 84.8% ¦ are TR 5.8% ¦ — CT 4.7% * **2:3** *persevered and endured hardships* 52.1% ¦ endured hardships and persevered PCK TR 31.1% ¦ borne with me and persevered MSS 5.9% ¦ baptized others and persevered MSS 5.9% † **2:3** *for* 95% ¦ and for TR 2.7% ‡ **2:3** *name, and have not grown weary* 79.8% ¦ name, and have grown weary MSS 7.8% ¦ name you have labored and not grown weary TR 3.9% § **2:5** *quickly* 94.5% ¦ — CT 5.1% * **2:7** *in* 53.2% ¦ in the midst of PCK TR 42.2% † **2:7** *my* 68.9% ¦ — CT TR 29.7% ‡ **2:8** *in Smyrna* 89% ¦ of the Smyrneans TR 7.8% § **2:9** *works, your tribulation,* 94.1% ¦ tribulation CT 4.3% * **2:10** *tested, and you will* 88.1% ¦ tested and WH 11.9%

words of him who has the sharp
two-edged sword:
13 I know †your works and where
you dwell, where Satan's throne is.
Yet you hold fast to my name, and
you did not deny your faith in ‡me
in the days §when Antipas was my
*faithful witness, who was killed
among you, where Satan dwells.
14 But I have a few things against
you: You have some there who hold
to the teaching of Balaam, who
taught †Balak to put a stumbling
block before the sons of Israel ‡and
to eat food sacrificed to idols and to
commit fornication.
15 §In the same way, you also have
some who hold to the teaching of
the Nicolaitans.
16 *Therefore repent. Otherwise, I
will come to you quickly and make
war against them with the sword of
my mouth.
17 He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit is saying to the
churches. To him who overcomes I
will †give some of the hidden
manna. I will also give him a white
stone, and on the stone will be
written a new name that no one
knows except the one who receives
it.'

The Letter to the Church in Thyatira
18 "To the angel of the church in
Thyatira write: 'These are the
words of the Son of God, whose
eyes are like a flame of fire and
whose feet are like burnished
bronze:
19 I know your works, your love
and ‡faith, your service and
§endurance, and that your latter
works are greater than the ones
you did at first.
20 But I have *this against you: You
†tolerate ‡your wife Jezebel, who
calls herself a §prophetess while
teaching and seducing my servants
to commit fornication and to eat
food sacrificed to idols.
21 I gave her time to *repent, but
she refuses to repent of her
fornication.
22 Behold, I will throw her onto a
sickbed, and those who commit
adultery with her I will throw into
great tribulation, unless they
repent from †her works.
23 I will strike her children dead.
Then all the churches will know
that I am he who searches minds
and hearts, and I will give to each
of you according to your works.
24 But to ‡the rest of you who are in
Thyatira, who do not hold to this
teaching and have not learned
what some call the deep things of
Satan—to you I say: I §place no
further burden upon you.
25 Only hold fast to what you have
until I come.

† **2:13** *your works and* 93.3% ¦ — CT 5.5% ‡ **2:13** *me* 91.8% ¦ me, even ANT CT TR 8.2% § **2:13** *when Antipas was* 90.7% ¦ of Antipas CT 2.7% * **2:13** *faithful witness* 85.5% ¦ faithful witness (for every witness is faithful) MSS 9.4% ¦ witness, my faithful one SBL WH 2.7% † **2:14** *Balak* 67.2% ¦ others in the passage about Balak ST 15.3% ¦ Balak in the passage about Balaam MSS 7.4% ‡ **2:14** *and to eat food sacrificed to idols and to commit* 49.5% ¦ so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed CT PCK TR 45.9% § **2:15** *In the same way, you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.* 77.5% ¦ In the same way, you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans, which I hate. MSS 8.7% ¦ So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans, which I hate. TR 9.6% * **2:16** *Therefore repent* 61% ¦ Repent PCK TH TR 39% † **2:17** *give* 40.4% ¦ give the right to eat PCK TR 41.7% ‡ **2:19** *faith, your service* 83.5% ¦ service, your faith TR 5% § **2:19** *endurance, and that your* 94.9% ¦ endurance and your works, and the TR 4.6% * **2:20** *this* 82.4% ¦ many things 15.3% ¦ a few things ANT TR 1.9% † **2:20** *tolerate* 79.1% ¦ allow TR 6% ¦ have tolerated MSS 5.6% ‡ **2:20** *your wife* 70% ¦ the woman CT TR 27.2% § **2:20** *prophetess while teaching and seducing* 96.8% ¦ prophetess, to teach and seduce TR 1.4% * **2:21** *repent, but she refuses to repent of her fornication* 78.4% ¦ repent from her fornication MSS 7.8% ¦ repent from her fornication, but she did not repent TR 6.9% † **2:22** *her* 72.5% ¦ their TR 27.5% ‡ **2:24** *the rest of you who are* 95.4% ¦ you and to the rest TR 1.8% § **2:24** *place* 68.6% ¦ will place PCK TR 27.9%

26 To him 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; like earthen vessels they
*will be shattered, just as I have
received authority from my Father.
28 I will also give him the morning
star.
29 He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit is saying to the
churches.'

3

The Letter to the Church in Sardis

1 "To the angel of the church in
Sardis write: 'These are the words
of him who has the *seven spirits
of God and the seven stars: I know
yoʋr works; yoʋ have †made a
name for yoʋrself and yoʋ are
alive, but actually yoʋ are dead.
2 Be watchful and ‡strengthen what
remains, which §yoʋ were about to
throw away, for I have not found
yoʋr works to be complete in the
sight of *my God.
3 So remember what yoʋ have
received and heard; obey it and
repent. If yoʋ do not wake up, I
will come †upon yoʋ like a thief,
and yoʋ will certainly not know at
what hour I will come upon yoʋ.
4 ‡But yoʋ have a few individuals
§in Sardis who have not defiled
their garments. They will walk with
me in white, for they are worthy.
5 He who overcomes will be
*clothed in white garments. I will
certainly not blot out his name
from the book of life, but will
confess his name before my Father
and his angels.
6 He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit is saying to the
churches.'

The Letter to the Church in Philadelphia

7 "To the angel of the church in
Philadelphia write: 'These are the
words of him who is holy and true,
who has the key of David and
opens doors that no one †else can
open or shut:
8 I know yoʋr works. Behold, I have
set before yoʋ an open ‡door that
no one can shut. I know that yoʋ
have little strength, but yoʋ have
kept my word and have not denied
my name.
9 Those of the synagogue of Satan
are liars. They declare themselves
to be Jews but are not. Behold, I
will make them come and bow
down at yoʋr feet, and they will
know that I love yoʋ.
10 Because yoʋ have kept my
command to persevere, I will keep
yoʋ from the hour of trial that is
about to come upon the whole
world to test those who dwell on
the earth.
11 §I am coming quickly. Hold fast
to what yoʋ have so that no one
will take yoʋr crown.
12 The one who overcomes I will
make a pillar in the temple of my
God, and he will no longer go out at
all. I will write on him the name of
my God, the name of the city of my
God (the new Jerusalem that comes

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* **2:27** *will be* 78.6% ¦ are CT TR 17.1% * **3:1** *seven* 98.6% ¦ — ST 1.4% † **3:1** *made a name for yoʋrself and yoʋ are* 44.1% ¦ reputation for being ANT CT PCK RP TR 54.1% ‡ **3:2** *strengthen* 72.8% ¦ keep HF 22.3% § **3:2** *yoʋ were about to throw away* 63.5% ¦ was about to die ANT CT 26.5% ¦ is about to die TR 1.8% * **3:2** *my* 80.9% ¦ — TR 19.1% † **3:3** *upon yoʋ* 78.6% ¦ — CT 20.9% ‡ **3:4** *But yoʋ* 89.6% ¦ Yoʋ TR 10% § **3:4** *in* 91.8% ¦ even in TR 8.2% * **3:5** *clothed* 62.7% ¦ clothed like them ANT CT PCK 35.9% † **3:7** *else can open or shut* 52.7% ¦ can shut, and shuts doors that no one can open ANT CT TR 25.9% {Note: In the main Greek text the latter portion of this verse literally reads *who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut it, except he who opens, and no one will open.*} ‡ **3:8** *door that no one can shut* 89.1% ¦ door, and no one can shut it TR 9.5% § **3:11** *I* 92.8% ¦ Behold, I TR 7.2% * **3:12** *the new name he is to receive* 45.5% ¦ my new name ANT CT HF PCK RP TR 53.6% {Note: The main Greek text literally reads *the new name* or *his new name.*}

down from heaven from my God),
and *the new name he is to receive.
13 He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit is saying to the
churches.'

The Letter to the Church in Laodicea

14 "To the angel of the church †in
Laodicea write: 'These are the
words of the Amen, the faithful and
true witness, the origin of God's
creation:
15 I know your works; you are
neither cold nor hot. If only you
were cold or hot!
16 So, because you are lukewarm,
and ‡not hot or cold, I am about to
spit you out of my mouth.
17 For you say, "I am rich; I have
become wealthy and need nothing,"
but you do not realize that you are
wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and
naked.
18 I counsel you to buy from me
gold refined by fire so that you can
become rich, and white garments
so that you can clothe yourself and
the shame of your nakedness will
not be §exposed, and eye salve to
anoint your eyes so that you can
see.
19 Those whom I love, I reprove and
discipline. Therefore be zealous
and repent.
20 Behold, 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 To him who overcomes I will give
the right to sit with me on my
throne, just as I overcame and sat
down with my Father on his throne.
22 He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit is saying to the
churches.' "

4

Worship in Heaven

1 After this I looked, and behold, a
door was standing open in heaven!
And the voice I had previously
heard speaking to me like a
trumpet said, "Come up here, and I
will show you what must take place
after this."
2 Immediately I was in the Spirit,
and behold, there was a throne in
heaven, with one sitting on the
*throne,
3 like jasper and carnelian in
appearance. And around the
throne was a rainbow that looked
like an emerald.
4 Surrounding the throne were
twenty-four other thrones, and
†sitting on the thrones were the
twenty-four elders. They were
clothed in white garments and had
golden crowns on their heads.
5 From the throne came flashes of
lightning, ‡rumblings, and peals of
thunder, and there were seven
flaming torches burning before the
throne, which are the seven spirits
of God.
6 Also before the throne was
§something like a sea of glass that
looked like crystal.

Around the throne on each side
were four living creatures, full of
eyes in front and in back.
7 The first living creature was like
a lion, the second living creature
was like a calf, the third living
creature had *the face of a man,

† **3:14** *in Laodicea* 83.5% ¦ of the Laodiceans TR 1.4% ‡ **3:16** *not hot or cold* 64.4% ¦ neither hot nor cold ANT CT 24.7% ¦ neither cold nor hot TR 4.1% § **3:18** *exposed, and eye salve to anoint your eyes* 57% ¦ exposed; and you must anoint your eyes with eye salve PCK TR 31.2% * **4:2** *throne, like* 79.2% ¦ throne. He who was sitting on it was like CT TR 17.8% † **4:4** *sitting on the thrones were the twenty-four elders* 51.8% ¦ sitting on the thrones were twenty-four elders CT 26.6% ¦ I saw the twenty-four elders sitting on the thrones PCK TR 14.7% ‡ **4:5** *rumblings, and peals of thunder* 89.9% ¦ peals of thunder, and rumblings TR 9.2% § **4:6** *something like* 86.2% ¦ — TR 13.8% * **4:7** *the face of* 44.9% ¦ a face like PCK TR 38.3% ¦ a face like that of ANT CT 1.6% † **4:7** *fourth* 43.1% ¦ fourth living creature ANT CT PCK RP TR 54.1%

and the †fourth was like an eagle in
flight.
8 Each of the four living creatures
had six wings and was covered
with eyes all around and within.
Day and night they never stop
saying,

"Holy, holy, holy,
‡holy, holy, holy,
holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and who is and who is to
come."

9 And whenever the living
creatures give glory, honor, and
thanks to him who sits on the
throne, who lives forever and ever,
10 the twenty-four elders fall down
before him who sits on the throne
and worship him who lives forever
and ever. They cast their crowns
before the throne and say,

11 "You are worthy, §our Lord and
God, the Holy One,
to receive glory, honor, and power;
for you created all things,
and by your will they *came into
existence and were created."

5

The Scroll and the Lamb

1 Then I saw in the right hand of
him who sits on the throne a scroll
written on the inside and *outside,
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 But no one in heaven †above or
on earth or under the earth could
open the scroll or look inside it.
4 So I began to weep loudly because
no one was found who was worthy
to ‡open the scroll or look inside it.
5 Then one of the elders said to me,
"Do not weep; behold, the Lion of
the tribe of Judah, the Root of
David, has §conquered; he is the
one who can open the scroll *and
its seven seals."
6 Then I †saw a Lamb that looked
like it had been slain; he was
standing among the elders in the
midst of the throne and the four
living creatures. He had seven
horns and seven eyes, which are
the seven spirits of God sent out
into all the earth.
7 He went and took the scroll out
of the right hand of him who was
sitting on the throne.
8 When he took the scroll, the
four living creatures and the
twenty-four elders fell down before
the Lamb. Each of them had a harp
and golden bowls full of incense,
which are the prayers of the saints.
9 And they sang a new song:

"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your
blood you redeemed ‡us for
God
out of every tribe, tongue, people,
and nation.
10 You have made §them *kings and
priests to our God,
and †they will reign on the earth."

11 Then I looked, and I heard
‡something like the voice of many

‡ **4:8** *holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy* 39.6% ¦ — ANT CT RP TR 53.9% § **4:11** *our Lord and God, the Holy One,* 58% ¦ O Lord our God, MSS 25.3% ¦ our Lord and God, ANT CT 5.9% ¦ O Lord, TR 2.3% * **4:11** *came into existence* 45.6% ¦ exist PCK TR 46.1% * **5:1** *outside* 80.2% ¦ on the back SBL TH TR WH 8.9% † **5:3** *above* 56% ¦ — ANT CT PCK TR 43.1% ‡ **5:4** *open* 65.3% ¦ open and read PCK TR 28.2% § **5:5** *conquered; he is the one who can* 41.7% ¦ conquered so as to ANT CT PCK TR 53.5% * **5:5** *and* 94% ¦ and break TR 4.6% † **5:6** *saw* 87.1% ¦ looked, and behold, there was TR 9.7% ‡ **5:9** *us for God out of* 89.1% ¦ us out of MSS 7% ¦ for God people from SBL WH 0.4% § **5:10** *them* 97.2% ¦ us TR 1.4% * **5:10** *kings* 93.7% ¦ to be a kingdom CT 5.1% † **5:10** *they will* 60.3% ¦ they SBL WH 35.8% ¦ we will TR 3.1% ‡ **5:11** *something like* 76.5% ¦ — CT TR 23.5%

angels surrounding the throne, the
living creatures, and the §elders.
Their number was myriads of
myriads and thousands of
thousands,
12 and they were saying with a
loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength,
honor, glory, and blessing!"

13 Then I heard every creature in
heaven, on earth, under the earth,
in the sea, and all that is in them,
saying,

"To him who sits on the throne and
to the Lamb,
be blessing and honor, glory and
power,
forever and ever! *Amen."

14 And †I heard the four living
creatures saying, "Amen." And the
‡elders fell down and §worshiped.

6

The Seven Seals

1 Then I *saw the Lamb open one of
the †seven seals, and I heard one of
the four living creatures say with a
voice like thunder, "‡Come and
see."
2 And behold, there was a white
horse! Its rider had a bow, and he
was given a crown and went out
conquering and to conquer.

3 When the Lamb opened the
second seal, I heard the second
living creature say, "§Come."
4 Then another horse came out, a
fiery red one. Its rider was
permitted to take peace from the
earth, so that people would slay
one another, and he was given a
great sword.

5 When the Lamb opened the
third seal, I heard the third living
creature say, "*Come and see." And
behold, there was a black horse! Its
rider had a balance scale in his
hand.
6 Then I heard †a voice from
among the four living creatures
saying, "A measure of wheat for a
denarius, and three measures of
barley for a denarius, and do not
damage the oil and wine."

7 When the Lamb opened the
fourth seal, I heard ‡the fourth
living creature say, "§Come and
see."
8 And behold, there was a pale
green horse! The name of its rider
was Death, and Hades followed
him. *He was given authority over
a fourth of the earth to kill by the
sword, by famine and pestilence,
and by the wild beasts of the earth.

9 When the Lamb 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 ‡of the
Lamb which they had upheld.

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§ **5:11** *elders. Their number was myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, and they* 97.2% ¦ elders. And thousands of thousands ST 0% * **5:13** *Amen.* 74.2% ¦ — ANT CT TR 19.6% † **5:14** *I heard the four living creatures* 44.5% ¦ the four living creatures were ANT CT TR 41.3% ¦ {omit *And I heard the four living creatures saying, "Amen."*} MSS 5% ‡ **5:14** *elders* 97.2% ¦ twenty-four elders TR 1.8% § **5:14** *worshiped* 97.3% ¦ worshiped him who lives forever and ever TR 1.4% * **6:1** *saw the Lamb open* 66.4% ¦ watched as the Lamb opened CT TR 33.2% † **6:1** *seven* 79.8% ¦ — TR 20.2% ‡ **6:1** *Come and see." And* 43.1% ¦ Come." Then I looked, and ANT CT PCK 32.9% ¦ Come and see." Then I looked, and TR 12.1% § **6:3** *Come." Then* 78.9% ¦ Come and see." Then I looked, and behold, MSS 6.6% ¦ Come and see." Then TR 12.9% * **6:5** *Come and see." And* 45.9% ¦ Come." Then I looked, and ANT CT PCK 39% ¦ Come." And MSS 6.9% ¦ Come and see." Then I looked, and TR 7.3% † **6:6** *a* 81.2% ¦ something like a ANT CT 18.3% ‡ **6:7** *the* 58.9% ¦ the voice of the ANT CT PCK TR 33.8% § **6:7** *Come and see." And* 44.7% ¦ Come." Then I looked, and ANT CT PCK 39.7% ¦ Come and see." Then I looked, and TR 10.5% * **6:8** *He was* 73.4% ¦ They were CT TR 26.1% † **6:9** *those* 61.6% ¦ the people PCK 37.3% ‡ **6:9** *of the Lamb* 67.7% ¦ — CT TR 27.6%

10 They cried out with a loud
voice, “How long, O Master, Holy
and True, will you not judge those
who dwell on the earth and avenge
our blood?”
11 They were each given a white
robe and told to rest a §while
longer, until their fellow servants
and their brothers, who were about
to be killed just as they had been,
should *complete their course.
12 Then I watched as the Lamb
opened the sixth †seal, and there
was a great earthquake. The sun
became as black as sackcloth made
of goat hair, the ‡entire moon
became like blood,
13 and the stars of the sky fell to
the earth like a fig tree dropping its
unripe figs when it is shaken by a
strong wind.
14 The sky was split §apart, being
rolled up like a scroll, and every
mountain and island was removed
from its place.
15 Then the kings of the earth, the
magnates, the *commanders, the
rich, the mighty, and every slave
and †free man hid themselves in
the caves and among the rocks of
the mountains.
16 And they said to the mountains
and rocks, “Fall on us, and hide us
from the face of him who sits on
the throne and from the wrath of
the Lamb,
17 for the great day of ‡his wrath
has come, and who can withstand
it?”

7

The Sealing of the 144,000

1 After this I saw four angels
standing at the four corners of the
earth, holding the four winds of the
earth so that no wind could blow
on the earth, on the sea, or on any
tree.
2 Then I saw another angel
*ascending from the rising of the
sun, with the seal of the living God.
He cried out with a loud voice to
the four angels who had been given
power to harm the earth and the
sea:
3 “Do not harm the earth, the sea,
or the trees until we have put a seal
on the foreheads of the servants of
our God.”
4 Then I heard the number of those
who were sealed: one hundred and
forty-four thousand, sealed from
every tribe of the sons of Israel.

5 From the tribe of Judah twelve
thousand were sealed,
from the tribe of Reuben twelve
†thousand,
from the tribe of Gad twelve
‡thousand,
6 from the tribe of Asher twelve
§thousand,
from the tribe of Naphtali twelve
*thousand,
from the tribe of Manasseh twelve
†thousand,
7 from the tribe of Simeon twelve
‡thousand,
from the tribe of Levi twelve
§thousand,
from the tribe of Issachar twelve
*thousand,
8 from the tribe of Zebulun twelve
†thousand,

§ **6:11** *while* 59.5% ¦ little while ANT CT TR 26.5% * **6:11** *complete their course* 96.8% ¦ be completed in number SBL TR WH 2.8% † **6:12** *seal, and* 93.5% ¦ seal; MSS 5.1% ¦ seal, and behold, TR 1.4% ‡ **6:12** *entire* 54.8% ¦ — PCK TR 40.1% § **6:14** *apart, being rolled up like a scroll* 49.5% ¦ apart like a scroll being rolled up ANT CT PCK RP TR 50% * **6:15** *commanders, the rich* 83.9% ¦ rich, the commanders TR 14.7% † **6:15** *free* 57.4% ¦ every free PCK TR 42.1% ‡ **6:17** *his* 90.9% ¦ their SBL TH WH 7.1% * **7:2** *ascending* 97.2% ¦ that had ascended ST 2.8% † **7:5** *thousand* 78.1% ¦ thousand were sealed TR 16.3% ‡ **7:5** *thousand* 88% ¦ thousand were sealed TR 7.4% § **7:6** *thousand* 90.1% ¦ thousand were sealed TR 5.6% * **7:6** *thousand* 92.6% ¦ thousand were sealed TR 3.7% † **7:6** *thousand* 91.2% ¦ thousand were sealed TR 3.7% ‡ **7:7** *thousand* 92.1% ¦ thousand were sealed TR 3.7% § **7:7** *thousand* 92.6% ¦ thousand were sealed TR 3.7% * **7:7** *thousand* 94% ¦ thousand were sealed TR 3.7% † **7:8** *thousand* 93% ¦ thousand were sealed TR 3.7% ‡ **7:8** *thousand* 90.2% ¦ thousand were sealed TR 3.7%

from the tribe of Joseph twelve
‡thousand,
and from the tribe of Benjamin
twelve thousand were sealed.

Praise from the Great Multitude

9 After this I looked, and behold,
there was a great multitude, which
no one could number, from every
nation, tribe, people, and tongue,
standing before the throne and
before the Lamb. They were
clothed in white robes, §with palm
branches in their hands.
10 They were crying out with a loud
voice, "Salvation belongs to *our
God, who sits on the throne, and to
the Lamb."
11 And all the angels stood around
the throne and around the elders
and the four living creatures, and
they fell on their faces before the
throne and worshiped God,
12 saying,

"Amen! Blessing, glory, and
wisdom,
thanksgiving and honor,
power and strength,
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen."

13 In response one of the elders
said to me, "Who are these people
clothed in white robes, and where
did they come from?"
14 I said to him, "Sir, you know."
And he said to me, "These are the
ones coming out of the great
tribulation. They have washed
their robes and made them white
in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore they are before the
throne of God,
and they serve him day and night
in his temple,
and he who sits on the throne will
spread his tabernacle over
them.
16 They will hunger and thirst no
more;
the sun will certainly not beat
down upon them,
and neither will any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb in the midst of the
throne †shepherds them;
he ‡leads them to §springs of living
water,
and God will wipe away every tear
from their eyes."

8

The Seventh Seal

1 When the Lamb 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 Then another angel with a
golden censer came and stood at
the altar. He was given a large
amount of incense to offer with the
prayers of all the saints on the
golden altar before the throne.
4 And the smoke of the incense,
with the prayers of the saints,
ascended up to God from the hand
of the angel.
5 Then the angel took the censer,
filled it with fire from the altar, and
threw it to the earth, and there
were *peals of thunder, rumblings,
flashes of lightning, and an
earthquake.

The Seven Trumpets

6 Then the seven angels who had
the seven trumpets prepared to
sound them.
7 The †first sounded his trumpet,
and hail and fire, mixed with blood,
were hurled down to the earth. ‡A
third of the earth was burned up, a

§ **7:9** *with palm branches* 63.3% ¦ and palm branches were ANT CT TR 36.7% * **7:10** *our God, who sits on the throne,* 98.2% ¦ him who sits on the throne of our God ST 0.5% † **7:17** *shepherds* 43.5% ¦ will shepherd CT TR 56.5% ‡ **7:17** *leads* 49.3% ¦ will lead ANT CT TR 50.7% § **7:17** *springs of living* 83.4% ¦ living springs of TR 15.2% * **8:5** *peals of thunder, rumblings* 45.9% ¦ rumblings, peals of thunder PCK TR 41.7% † **8:7** *first* 76.4% ¦ first angel TR 23.6% ‡ **8:7** *A third of the earth was burned up, a* 91.8% ¦ A TR 7.3%

third of the trees were burned up,
and all the green grass was burned
up.
8 The second angel sounded his
trumpet, and something like a great
§burning mountain 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
upon a third of the rivers and upon
the springs of water.
11 The name of the star is
Wormwood, and a third *of the
waters became bitter like
wormwood, and many people died
from the water, because it 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 were darkened. A third of
the day was without light, and also
a third of the night.
13 Then I looked, and I heard an
†eagle saying ‡with a loud voice as
it flew directly overhead, "Woe,
woe, woe to those who dwell on the
earth, because of the remaining
blasts of the trumpet from 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 earth, and
the star was given the key to the pit
of the abyss.
2 He opened the pit of the abyss,
and from the pit rose smoke like
the smoke of a *burning furnace.
The sun and the air were darkened
by the smoke from the pit.
3 Then out of the smoke locusts
descended upon the earth, and they
were given power like that of the
scorpions of the earth.
4 They were told not to harm the
grass of the earth or any green
thing or any tree, but only those
who do not have the seal of God on
their foreheads.
5 They were permitted to torment
them for five months, but not to kill
them, and their torment was like
the torment of a scorpion when it
stings someone.
6 In those days people will seek
death but will †certainly not find it.
They will long to die, but death will
flee from them.
7 The locusts looked like horses
prepared for battle, and on their
heads they wore something like
‡golden crowns; their faces were
like human faces.
8 They had hair like the hair of
women, and their teeth were like
the teeth of lions.
9 They had breastplates like
breastplates of iron, and the sound
of their wings was like the sound of
many horses and chariots rushing
into battle.
10 They have tails §and stingers
like scorpions, and in their *tails
they have the 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
his name is Apollyon.
12 The first woe has passed.
Behold, two woes are still to come
after this.
13 Then the sixth angel sounded
his trumpet, and I heard a single

§ **8:8** *burning mountain* 61.5% ¦ mountain, burning with fire, ANT CT TR 35.8% * **8:11** *of the waters* 94.5% ¦ — ST 1.4% † **8:13** *eagle* 70% ¦ angel TR 29.5% ‡ **8:13** *with* 73.1% ¦ three times with PCK 21.8% * **9:2** *burning* 67.1% ¦ great CT TR 28.7% † **9:6** *certainly* 97.2% ¦ — TR 1.4% ‡ **9:7** *golden crowns* 62.7% ¦ crowns resembling gold ANT CT TR 36.4% § **9:10** *and stingers like scorpions, and* 61.9% ¦ like scorpions and stingers MSS 37.2% ¦ like scorpions, and stingers were TR 0.9% * **9:10** *tails they have the power* 59.4% ¦ tails is their power CT 16.6% ¦ tails, and their power is TR 11.5% † **9:13** *four* 83.8% ¦ — SBL TH WH 10.6%

voice from the †four 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 were
prepared for this hour, day, month,
and year were released to kill a
third of mankind.
16 The number of the troops ‡on
horse was §ten thousand times ten
thousand; I heard their number.
17 Now this is what the horses
and their riders looked like in my
vision: The riders had breastplates
that were fiery red, hyacinth blue,
and sulfur yellow. The heads of the
horses were like the heads of lions,
and out of their mouths came fire,
smoke, and sulfur.
18 By these three *plagues a third
of mankind was killed—by the fire,
the smoke, and the sulfur that came
out of the horses' mouths.
19 For †the power of the horses ‡is
in their mouths §and in their tails,
because their tails have heads like
serpents, and with them they inflict
harm.
20 The rest of mankind, who were
not killed by these plagues, did not
repent from the works of their
hands; they did not stop worshiping
demons and idols of gold, silver,
bronze, stone, and wood, which
cannot see, hear, or walk.
21 Nor did they repent of their
murders, sorceries, fornication, or
thefts.

10

The Angel and the Little Scroll

1 Then I saw *a mighty angel
coming down from heaven,
wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow
over his head; his face was like the
sun, and his legs were like pillars of
fire.
2 In his hand he held †an open
scroll. He placed his right foot on
the sea and his left foot on the land,
3 and cried out with a loud voice,
like a lion roaring. When he cried
out, the seven thunders sounded
their voices.
4 And when the seven thunders
‡spoke, I was about to write. But I
heard a voice from heaven §saying,
“Seal up what the seven thunders
have said, and *do not write it
down.”
5 Then the angel I had seen
standing on the sea and on the land
raised his †right hand to heaven
6 and swore by him 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, and said
that there would no longer be
delay,
7 but that in the days when the
seventh angel would sound his
trumpet, the mystery of God would
be completed, ‡according to the
good news he had announced to his
servants the prophets.
8 Then the voice I had heard from
heaven spoke to me again, saying,
“Go take the §little scroll that is
open in the hand of the angel who
is standing on the sea and on the
land.”

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‡ **9:16** *on horse* 54.7% ¦ of horsemen CT TR 40.6% § **9:16** *ten thousand* 74.3% ¦ twice ten thousand CT 18.2% ¦ two ten thousands ANT TR 6.5% * **9:18** *plagues* 86.6% ¦ things TR 8.3% † **9:19** *the power of the horses* 90.8% ¦ their power SCR 2.3% ¦ their powers ST 2.3% ‡ **9:19** *is* 91.7% ¦ are ST 0.5% § **9:19** *and in their tails* 80.6% ¦ — ST 11.1% * **10:1** *a* 71% ¦ another ANT CT TR 25.3% † **10:2** *an open scroll* 44.7% ¦ a little scroll that was open CT PCK TR 55.3% ‡ **10:4** *spoke* 88% ¦ sounded their voices TR 0.5% ¦ {omit *sounded their voices.* 4 *And when the seven thunders*} MSS 8.8% § **10:4** *saying* 95.4% ¦ saying to me TR 0.9% * **10:4** *do not* 61.6% ¦ after this you can PCK 27.6% † **10:5** *right* 88.9% ¦ — TR 10.6% ‡ **10:7** *according to the good news he had announced* 68.7% ¦ which had been announced as good news PCK 19.6% ¦ according to the good news that had been announced MSS 5.6% § **10:8** *little* 94.4% ¦ — CT 5.1% * **10:9** *asked him to give me the little scroll.* 57.7% ¦ said to him, “Give me the little scroll.” PCK TR 42.3%

9 So I went over to the angel and
*asked him to give me the little
scroll. And he said to me, “Take the
scroll and eat it. It will make your
stomach bitter, but in your mouth it
will be as sweet as honey.”
10 So I took the †scroll from the
angel's hand and ate it. In my
mouth it was as sweet as honey,
but when I had eaten it, my
stomach turned bitter.
11 Then I was told, “You must
prophesy again about many
peoples, nations, tongues, and
kings.”

11

The Two Witnesses

1 Then I was given a measuring rod
like a staff, and *I was told, “Rise
and measure the temple of God and
the altar, and count those who
worship there.
2 But exclude the courtyard †outside
the temple; do not measure it,
because it has been given to the
Gentiles, and they will trample the
holy city for forty-two months.
3 And I will give authority to my
two witnesses, and they will
prophesy for one thousand two
hundred sixty 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 out of their mouth and
devours their enemies. If anyone
wants to harm them, he must be
killed in this way.
6 These two men have the power
to shut the sky, so that no rain will
fall during the days of their
prophesying. They also have power
over the waters to turn them into
blood and to strike the earth with
every plague as often as they want.
7 When they have finished their
testimony, the beast that comes up
out of the abyss will wage war
against them, and overpower and
kill them.
8 Their dead bodies will lie in the
street of the great city, which in a
spiritual sense is called Sodom and
Egypt, where *their Lord was
crucified.
9 For three and a half days some
from among the peoples, tribes,
tongues, and nations will look at
their dead bodies and refuse to let
them be placed in †a tomb.
10 And those who dwell on the
earth will rejoice over them and
celebrate and ‡give each other gifts,
because these two prophets had
tormented those who dwell on the
earth.
11 But after §the three and a half
days, the breath of life from God
entered them, and they stood on
their feet, and great fear fell upon
those who were watching them.
12 Then *I heard a loud voice
from heaven saying to them, “Come
up here.” And they went up to
heaven in a cloud while their
enemies watched them.
13 †On that day 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.
Behold, the third woe is coming
quickly.

The Seventh Trumpet

15 Then the seventh angel sounded
his trumpet, and there were loud
voices in heaven, saying, “The
‡kingdom of the world has become

† **10:10** *scroll* 49.1% ¦ little scroll CT PCK TR 48.6% * **11:1** *I was told* 71.5% ¦ the angel stood and said PCK SCR 20.6% † **11:2** *outside* 86% ¦ inside ST 13.5% ‡ **11:4** *the* 96.3% ¦ — ST 3.7% § **11:4** *Lord* 75.8% ¦ God TR 24.2% * **11:8** *their* 95.9% ¦ our TR 1.8% † **11:9** *a tomb* 92.1% ¦ tombs TR 2.3% ‡ **11:10** *give* 51.4% ¦ send ANT CT PCK TR 47.7% § **11:11** *the* 57.1% ¦ — PCK 41.9% * **11:12** *I* 90.3% ¦ they CT TR 6.9% † **11:13** *On that day* 73.3% ¦ In that hour CT TR 26.7% ‡ **11:15** *kingdom of the world has* 83.9% ¦ kingdoms of the world have TR 12.9%

the kingdom of our Lord and of his
Christ, and he will reign forever
and ever."
16 And the twenty-four elders, who
sit on their thrones before §the
throne of God, fell on their faces
and worshiped God,
17 saying,

"We give thanks to you, O Lord
God, the Almighty,
who is and who *was,
because you have taken your great
power
and begun to reign.
18 The nations were angry,
but your wrath has come,
and the time has come for judging
the †dead,
and for rewarding your servants
the prophets,
along with the saints ‡and those
who fear your name,
both small and great,
and for destroying those who
§destroy the earth."

19 Then the temple of God in
heaven was opened, and the ark of
*the covenant of the Lord was seen
in his temple. And there were
flashes of lightning, †rumblings,
peals of thunder, and great hail.

12

The Woman and the Dragon

1 Then a great sign appeared in
heaven: a woman clothed with the
sun, with the moon under her feet
and a crown of twelve stars on her
head.
2 She was with child and cried out
in the pain and agony of giving
birth.
3 Then another sign appeared in
heaven: behold, a great fiery red
dragon with seven heads and ten
horns, and seven crowns on his
heads.
4 His tail swept down a third of the
stars of heaven and hurled them to
the earth. Then the dragon stood in
front of the woman who was about
to give birth, so that when she gave
birth he could devour her child.
5 She gave birth to a son, a male
child, who was to rule all nations
with a rod of iron, but her child
was caught up to God and to his
throne.
6 And the woman fled into the
wilderness, where God had a place
prepared for her to be nourished
for one thousand two hundred
sixty days.

7 Then war broke out in heaven;
Michael and his angels fought
against the dragon. And the dragon
fought back, along with his angels.
8 But *he did not prevail, and no
longer was any place found for
†him in heaven.
9 The ‡great dragon was thrown
down, the old serpent, who is called
the devil and Satan, the deceiver of
the whole world. He was thrown
down to the §earth, and his angels
were thrown down with him.
10 Then I heard a loud voice *in
heaven saying, "The salvation,
power, and kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Christ,
have now come. For the accuser of
our brothers has been thrown
down, he who accuses them day

§ **11:16** *the throne of* 40.4% ¦ — CT PCK RP TR 45.3% * **11:17** *was* 66.7% ¦ was and who is to come ANT PCK TR 30.1% † **11:18** *dead* 94.1% ¦ nations ANT 5.9% ‡ **11:18** *and those* 77.1% ¦ — ANT 22.9% § **11:18** *destroy* 70.7% ¦ have destroyed ANT PCK 27.1% * **11:19** *the covenant of the Lord* 58.8% ¦ his covenant CT TR 32.4% ¦ the covenant of God MSS 13.5% † **11:19** *rumblings, peals of thunder,* 52.1% ¦ rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, ANT CT TR 28.4% ¦ peals of thunder, rumblings, MSS 6.5% ¦ peals of thunder, rumblings, earthquakes MSS 5.1% * **12:8** *he* 61.8% ¦ they NA TH TR 36.9% † **12:8** *him* 62.7% ¦ them CT TR 29.1% ‡ **12:9** *great dragon was thrown down, the* 87.1% ¦ dragon was thrown down, the great ANT 11.5% § **12:9** *earth, and his angels were thrown down with him* 77.9% ¦ earth; his angels were also thrown down 13.8% ¦ earth, along with his angels MSS 6.5% * **12:10** *in heaven saying* 82.5% ¦ saying in heaven TR 6%

and night before our God.
11 They overcame him by the
blood of the Lamb and by the word
of their testimony; they did not love
their lives so as to shy away from
death.
12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens
and you who dwell in them! But
woe to †the earth and the sea, for
the devil has come down to you
with great wrath, because he
knows that his time is short."
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 But the woman was given two
wings like those of a great eagle so
that she could fly away from the
presence of the serpent to her place
in the wilderness, ‡to be nourished
there for a time, times, and half a
time.
15 Then out of his mouth the
serpent spewed water like a river
after the woman, to sweep her
away with a flood.
16 But the earth helped the
woman by opening its mouth and
swallowing the river that the
dragon had spewed out of his
mouth.
17 So the dragon was angry with
the woman and went off to wage
war against the rest of her
offspring, those who keep the
commandments of God and hold to
the testimony of §Jesus.

13

The First Beast

1 Then *I stood on the sand of the
sea. And I saw a beast coming up
out of the sea that had †ten horns
and seven heads, with ten crowns
on his horns and ‡blasphemous
names on his heads.
2 The beast I saw was like a
leopard; his feet were like those of
a bear, and his mouth was like the
mouth of a lion. The dragon gave
the beast his power, his throne, and
great authority.
3 §One of the beast's heads
appeared to be mortally wounded.
But his mortal wound had been
healed, and *the whole world was
amazed and followed the beast.
4 They worshiped the dragon †that
had given ‡his authority to the
beast, and they also worshiped the
beast, saying, "Who is like the
beast, and who can wage war
against him?"
5 The beast was given a mouth to
utter great boasts and §blasphemy,
and he was *given authority to
wage war for forty-two months.
6 And he opened his mouth to
utter †blasphemy against God and
to slander his ‡name and his
tabernacle, that is, those who dwell
in heaven.
7 He was permitted to wage war
against the saints and conquer
them, and he was given authority
over every tribe, §people, tongue,
and nation.
8 All who dwell on the earth will
worship him, *everyone whose
name has not been written from
the foundation of the world in the
book of life of the Lamb who was
slain.

† **12:12** *the* 92.6% ¦ those who inhabit the TR 6% ‡ **12:14** *to be nourished there* 59.9% ¦ where she was nourished CT TR 30.4% § **12:17** *Jesus* 97.7% ¦ Jesus Christ TR 0.9% * **13:1** *I* 87.1% ¦ he CT 11.5% {Note: In CT the words *Then he stood on the sand of the sea* are found in 12:18.} † **13:1** *ten horns and seven heads* 96.3% ¦ seven heads and ten horns TR 1.4% ‡ **13:1** *blasphemous names* 73.8% ¦ a blasphemous name NA TH TR 25.4% § **13:3** *One* 93.5% ¦ I saw that one TR 5.5% * **13:3** *the whole world was amazed and* 77.3% ¦ it was marveled at in all the earth, and they ST 16.4% † **13:4** *that* 62.4% ¦ because he CT 28% ‡ **13:4** *his* 91.7% ¦ — TR 2.3% § **13:5** *blasphemy* 56.6% ¦ blasphemies CT TR 31.4% * **13:5** *given authority to wage war* 69.3% ¦ permitted to exercise authority CT TR 23.9% † **13:6** *blasphemy* 85.5% ¦ blasphemies CT 10.1% ‡ **13:6** *name and his tabernacle, that is,* 65% ¦ name, his tabernacle, and TR 33.2% § **13:7** *people,* 70.5% ¦ — PCK TR 28.1% * **13:8** *everyone whose name has* 75.1% ¦ whose names have TR 24%

9 If anyone has an ear, let him
hear:

10 "If anyone †has captivity as his
lot,
away he goes;
if anyone ‡kills with the sword,
with the sword he must be killed."

This calls for the endurance and
the faith of the saints.

The Second Beast

11 Then I saw another beast coming
up out of the earth. He had two
horns like a lamb, but he spoke like
a dragon.
12 He exercised all the authority of
the first beast in his presence, and
made the earth and those who
dwell in it worship the first beast,
whose mortal wound had been
healed.
13 He performed great signs, even
making fire come down from
heaven to earth in the presence of
the people.
14 By the signs he was permitted to
do in the presence of the first beast,
he deceived §my own people who
dwell on the earth, telling those
who dwell on the earth to make an
image of the first beast, who had *a
wound from the sword but still
lived.
15 The second beast was permitted
to give breath to the image of the
first beast, so that the image could
speak and cause whoever refused
to worship the image to be killed.
16 The second beast required
everyone, both small and great,
both rich and poor, both free and
slave, to receive a mark on their
right hand or on their forehead,
17 so that no one could buy or sell
unless he had the †mark, that is, the
name of the beast or the number of
his name.
18 This calls for wisdom: Let anyone
who has understanding calculate
the number of the beast, for it is
the number of a man; his number
is six hundred sixty-six.

14

The Song of the 144,000

1 Then I looked, and behold, *the
Lamb was standing on Mount Zion,
and with him †was a multitude
numbering one hundred forty-four
thousand, who had ‡his name and
the name of his Father written on
their foreheads.
2 And I heard a voice from heaven
like the roar of many waters and
like the sound of great thunder.
§The voice I heard was like the
sound of harpists playing their
harps.
3 They were *singing a new song
before the throne and before the
four living creatures and the elders.
No one could learn the song except
the one hundred forty-four
thousand who had been redeemed
from the earth.
4 These are the ones who have not
defiled themselves with women, for
they are virgins. These are the ones
who follow the Lamb wherever he
goes. They have been redeemed †by
Jesus from among men as firstfruits
to God and to the Lamb.

† **13:10** *has captivity as his lot, away he goes;* 55.3% ¦ is assigned to captivity, away he goes; NA TH 20.7% ¦ goes away to captivity, MSS 6.5% ¦ leads others into captivity, MSS 5.5% ¦ leads others away into captivity, into captivity he goes; ANT 3.7% ¦ leads others into captivity, into captivity he goes; TR 0.9% ¦ is assigned to captivity, into captivity he goes; SBL WH 0.5% ‡ **13:10** *kills with the sword, with the sword he must* 50.8% ¦ with the sword, he must HF 33.6% ¦ is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he is to be SBL 0.4% {Note: The literal translation of HF is nonsensical in English.} § **13:14** *my own people* 46.6% ¦ those ANT CT TR 50.2% * **13:14** *a* 59% ¦ the ANT CT PCK RP TR 39.8% † **13:17** *mark, that is,* 78.9% ¦ mark of 8.7% ¦ mark, or TR 3.2% * **14:1** *the* 60.5% ¦ a PCK TR 39.5% † **14:1** *was a multitude numbering* 52.3% ¦ were ANT CT PCK TR 47.2% ‡ **14:1** *his name and* 94.9% ¦ — TR 4.2% § **14:2** *The voice I heard was like* 74.9% ¦ I heard TR 11.6% ¦ I heard something like MSS 7.4% * **14:3** *singing* 74.5% ¦ singing what sounded like CT TR 24.7% † **14:4** *by Jesus* 58.9% ¦ — ANT CT TR 35%

5 No ‡lie was found in their §mouths, for they are *blameless.

The Messages of the Three Angels

6 Then I saw †an angel flying directly ‡overhead, with an eternal gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth, to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.
7 He said with a loud voice, "Fear §the Lord and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

8 *A second angel followed, saying, "†Fallen is Babylon the ‡great! §She has made all the nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

9 A third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *a mark on his forehead or his hand,
10 he too will drink of the wine of the wrath of God that has been mixed undiluted in the cup of his anger. He will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of †the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.
11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image or for anyone who receives the mark of his name."

12 This calls for the endurance of the ‡saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to their faith in Jesus.

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven §saying, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, *and their works will follow them."

The Harvest of the Earth

14 Then I looked, and behold, there was a white cloud, and sitting 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 And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take yoυr sickle and reap, because †the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."
16 So he who was sitting 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; he too had a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel, who had authority over the fire, came out from the altar and called out with a loud ‡cry to the angel who had the sharp sickle, "Take yoυr sharp sickle and gather the clusters §from the vintage of the earth, for *the grapes of the earth are ripe."

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‡ **14:5** *lie* 94% ¦ deceit TR 5.1% § **14:5** *mouths, for* 89.4% ¦ mouths; CT 7.7% * **14:5** *blameless.* 93.5% ¦ blameless. These are the ones who follow the Lamb. MSS 5.1% ¦ blameless before the throne of God TR 0.9% † **14:6** *an* 63.7% ¦ another ANT CT PCK TR 31.9% ‡ **14:6** *overhead, with an eternal gospel to preach* 65.4% ¦ overhead, with an eternal gospel to be preached PCK 22% ¦ overhead, coming with an eternal gospel to be preached MSS 6.1% § **14:7** *the Lord* 49.4% ¦ God CT PCK TR 50.6% * **14:8** *A second angel* 88% ¦ Another angel TR 4.8% † **14:8** *Fallen* 55.8% ¦ Fallen, fallen ANT CT PCK TR 41.9% ‡ **14:8** *great* 87.6% ¦ great city TR 1.4% § **14:8** *She* 67.3% ¦ because she TR 15.1% ¦ she who ANT SBL TH WH 12.7% {Note: The readings of ANT, SBL, TH, TR, and WH would change the preceding exclamation point to a comma.} * **14:9** *a* 84.3% ¦ the ANT 14.7% † **14:10** *the* 67% ¦ — CT 20.2% ‡ **14:12** *saints,* 53.2% ¦ saints; this is a call for PCK TR 46.4% § **14:13** *saying* 54.6% ¦ saying to me PCK TR 42.2% * **14:13** *and* 87.1% ¦ for CT 11.3% † **14:15** *the hour to reap has come* 78.5% ¦ your hour to reap has come MSS 15.1% ¦ the hour has come for yoυ to reap TR 5% ‡ **14:18** *cry* 90% • ANT ¦ voice SBL WH 8.5% § **14:18** *from the vintage* 96.3% ¦ — ST 2.3% * **14:18** *the grapes of the earth* 38.6% ¦ its grapes CT PCK RP TR 48%

19 So the angel swung his sickle
across the earth, gathered the
vintage of the earth, and threw it
into the great winepress of the
wrath of God.
20 Then the winepress was
trodden outside the city, and blood
came out of the winepress, as high
as a horse's bridle, for one
thousand six hundred stadia.

15

The Seven Angels with Seven Plagues

1 Then I saw another great and
marvelous sign in heaven: seven
angels with the seven final plagues,
because with them the wrath of
God is completed.
2 I also saw something like a sea
of glass mixed with fire, and those
who had overcome *the beast, his
image, †and the number of his
name were standing by the sea of
glass, holding ‡the harps of God.
3 They sang the song of Moses,
the servant of God, and the song of
the Lamb:

"Great and marvelous are your
works,
O Lord God, the Almighty!
Righteous and true are your ways,
O King of the §nations!
4 Who could not fear *you, O Lord,
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
†All will come
and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been
revealed."

5 After this I looked, ‡and the
sanctuary of the tent of witness in
heaven was opened,
6 and §out came the seven angels
with the seven *plagues. They were
clothed in pure bright †linen, with
golden sashes wrapped around
their chests.
7 Then one of the four living
creatures gave the seven angels
seven golden bowls full of the
wrath of God, who lives forever
and ever.
8 And the temple was filled with
‡the smoke from the glory of God
and from his power, and no one
could enter the temple until the
seven plagues of the §seven angels
were completed.

16

The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath

1 Then I heard a loud *voice saying
to the seven angels, "Go pour out
on the earth the †seven bowls of the
wrath of God."
2 So the first went and poured out
his bowl on the earth. Then
harmful and painful sores came
upon the people who had the mark
of the beast and who worshiped his
image.
3 The second ‡angel poured out
his bowl into the sea, and it turned
into blood, like that of a dead
person, and every §creature in the
sea died.
4 The *third poured out his bowl
into the rivers and the springs of
water, and they became blood.

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* **15:2** *the beast, his image* 58.5% ¦ the image, the beast himself 36.8% † **15:2** *and the number of his name* 61.8% ¦ his mark, and the number of his name MSS 30.9% ¦ and his mark, that is, the number of his name, TR 2.3% ‡ **15:2** *the harps of* 38.8% ¦ harps from CT PCK RP TR 60.7% § **15:3** *nations* 90.9% ¦ ages SBL WH 8.2% ¦ saints TR 0.9% * **15:4** *you* 64.4% ¦ — ANT CT 27.4% † **15:4** *All* 44.3% ¦ All the nations ANT CT PCK RP TR 52.1% ‡ **15:5** *and* 99.1% ¦ and behold, TR 0.9% § **15:6** *out* 41% ¦ out of the sanctuary ANT CT RP TR 39.2% ¦ out of heaven PCK 13.8% * **15:6** *plagues. They were* 68.9% ¦ plagues, CT TR 30.1% † **15:6** *linen* 93.5% ¦ stone WH 3.7% ‡ **15:8** *the* 39.4% ¦ — CT PCK RP TR 53.2% § **15:8** *seven* 66.7% ¦ — PCK 29.7% * **16:1** *voice* 44% ¦ voice from the temple ANT CT HF PCK RP TR 49.1% † **16:1** *seven* 66.5% ¦ — PCK TR 33.5% ‡ **16:3** *angel* 91.3% ¦ — CT 8.3% § **16:3** *creature* 44% ¦ living creature ANT CT PCK RP TR 54.8% * **16:4** *third* 53.2% ¦ third angel PCK TR 46.3%

5 And I heard the angel of the
waters say,

“Just are you, †who is and who was,
the Holy One,
because you have brought these
judgments.
6 For they have shed the blood of
saints and prophets,
and you have given them blood to
drink;
‡it is what they deserve.”

7 And I heard §the altar say,

“Yes, Lord God, the Almighty,
true and just are your judgments.”

8 The *fourth poured out his bowl
on the sun, and the sun was
permitted to scorch people with
fire.
9 People were scorched with
intense heat, and they blasphemed
the name of God, who had
authority over these plagues, but
they did not repent and give him
glory.
10 The †fifth poured out his bowl
on the throne of the beast, and the
beast's kingdom was plunged into
darkness. People gnawed their
tongues in agony
11 and blasphemed the God of
heaven because of their pains and
sores, but they did not repent of
their works.
12 The ‡sixth poured out his bowl
on the great river Euphrates, and
its water was dried up to prepare
the way for the kings of the east.
13 Then I saw three unclean
spirits that looked like frogs coming
out of the mouth of the dragon, out
of the mouth of the beast, and out
of the mouth of the false prophet.
14 They are demonic spirits
performing §signs, who go out to
the kings *of the whole world to
assemble them for battle on †that
great day of God, the Almighty.
15 (“Behold, I am coming like a
thief! Blessed is he who stays
awake and keeps his garments on,
so that he will not walk around
naked and have people see his
shame.”)
16 Then they assembled the kings
at the place called in Hebrew,
‡Megiddo.

17 The §seventh poured out his
bowl into the air, and a loud voice
came from the throne of *the
temple of heaven, saying, “It is
done!”
18 Then there were †flashes of
lightning, peals of thunder,
rumblings, ‡and a great earthquake
such as had not occurred since men
have been on the earth, so great
was the quake.
19 The great city was split into
three parts, and the cities of the
nations fell. God remembered
Babylon the great and gave her the
cup filled with the wine of the fury
of his wrath.

† **16:5** *who is and who was, the Holy One* 58.3% ¦ who is and has always been holy MSS 16.1% ¦ who is and who was, even the Holy One MSS 9.2% ¦ who is and who was, and holy MSS 6% ¦ O Lord, who is and who was, even the Holy One ST 0.9% ¦ O Lord, who is and who was and who is to come SCR 0% ‡ **16:6** *it* 91.3% ¦ for it TR 2.8% § **16:7** *the* 89% ¦ said from the altar MSS 9.2% ¦ another from the altar say TR 0% * **16:8** *fourth* 41.7% ¦ fourth angel PCK RP TR 58.3% † **16:10** *fifth* 50.9% ¦ fifth angel PCK TR 47.2% ‡ **16:12** *sixth* 55% ¦ sixth angel PCK TR 45% § **16:14** *signs, who* 72.8% ¦ signs to ST 24% * **16:14** *of* 91.7% ¦ of the earth and of TR 0.9% † **16:14** *that* 89.4% ¦ the CT 5.6% ‡ **16:16** *Megiddo* 39.4% ¦ Armageddon ANT CT PCK RP TR 48.6% {Note: Armageddon means *hill of Megiddo*.} § **16:17** *seventh* 50.7% ¦ seventh angel PCK TR 47.9% * **16:17** *the temple of heaven* 65.3% ¦ heaven MSS 23.7% ¦ the temple CT 9.1% † **16:18** *flashes of lightning, peals of thunder, rumblings* 62.7% ¦ flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder ANT CT 15% ¦ rumblings, peals of thunder, and flashes of lightning TR 6.4% ¦ flashes of lightning and rumblings MSS 6.4% ‡ **16:18** *and* 52.5% ¦ and there was ANT CT PCK TR 47% {Note: The reading of PCK would require the word *and* to be added before *rumblings* in the previous variant unit.}

20 Every island fled, and no
mountain could be found.
21 And great hailstones, about the
weight of a talent, fell on people
from heaven, and they blasphemed
God for the plague of hail, because
the plague was so severe.

17

The Great Prostitute and the Beast

1 Then one of the seven angels who
had the seven bowls came and said
to me, “Come, I will show you the
judgment of the great prostitute
who sits on many waters.
2 With her the kings of the earth
have committed fornication, and
those who dwell on the earth have
become drunk with the wine of her
fornication.”
3 So he carried me away in the
Spirit to a wilderness, and I saw a
woman sitting on *a scarlet beast
that was full of blasphemous names
and had seven heads and ten horns.
4 The †woman was clothed in purple
and scarlet, and adorned with gold,
precious stones, and pearls. She
held in her hand a golden cup full
of abominations and the filth of
‡the fornication of the earth.
5 A mysterious name was written
on her forehead: “Babylon the
great, the mother of prostitutes and
of the abominations of the earth.”
6 And I saw the woman drunk with
the blood of the §saints, the blood
of the martyrs of Jesus.

When I saw her, I was greatly
amazed.
7 But the angel said to me, “Why
are you so amazed? I will tell you
the mystery of the woman and of
the beast with seven heads and ten
horns that carries her.
8 The beast that you saw was, and
is not, and is about to come up out
of the abyss and go to destruction.
Those who dwell on the earth,
*everyone whose name has not
been written in the book of life
from the foundation of the world,
will be amazed when they see †that
the beast was and is not and ‡will
be back.
9 This calls for a mind that has
wisdom: The seven heads are seven
mountains on which the woman
sits.
10 They are also seven kings. Five
have fallen, one is, and another has
not yet come; but when he does
come, he must remain for only a
little while.
11 The beast that was and is not,
is an eighth king. Yet he is one of
the seven and is on his way to
destruction.
12 The ten horns that you saw are
ten kings who have not yet
received a kingdom, but they will
receive authority as kings for one
hour with the beast.
13 These kings have one mind and
will give their power and authority
to the beast.
14 They will make war with the
Lamb, but the Lamb will conquer
them because he is the Lord of
lords and King of kings, and those
with him are called, chosen, and
faithful.”
15 Then the angel said to me, “The
waters you saw, where the
prostitute sits, are peoples,
multitudes, nations, and tongues.
16 The §beast and the ten horns
you saw will hate the prostitute.
They will make her desolate and
naked; they will eat her flesh and
burn her with fire.
17 For God has put it into their

* **17:3** *a scarlet beast* 69.5% ¦ a scarlet beast, the one HF 29.1% ¦ the scarlet beast ANT 3.6% † **17:4** *woman was … pearls. She* 96.8% ¦ woman, who was … pearls, ST 1.8% ‡ **17:4** *the fornication of the earth* 40.4% ¦ her fornication CT PCK RP TR 52.3% § **17:6** *saints, the blood of the* 40.6% ¦ saints and the blood of the ANT CT PCK TR 47% ¦ holy MSS 8.8% * **17:8** *everyone whose name has* 45.6% ¦ whose names have PCK RP TR 52.8% † **17:8** *that the beast* 52.5% ¦ the beast, because he ANT CT PCK TR 44.2% ‡ **17:8** *will be back* 78.2% ¦ yet is here MSS 17.6% ¦ yet is TR 2.3% § **17:16** *beast and the ten horns you saw* 97.2% ¦ ten horns you saw on the beast TR 0.9%

hearts to carry out his purpose by
being of one mind and handing
their kingdom over to the beast
until the words of God are fulfilled.
18 As for the woman you saw, she
is the great city that has dominion
over the kings *of the earth."

18

The Fall of Babylon the Great

1 After this I saw *another angel
coming down from heaven. He had
great authority, and the earth was
illuminated with his glory.
2 He cried out †with a mighty voice,

"‡Fallen is Babylon the great!
She has become a dwelling place
for demons,
a haunt for every unclean §spirit,
and a haunt for every unclean and
hated bird.
3 For *all the nations have fallen
because of the †wine of the wrath
of her fornication.
The kings of the earth have
committed fornication with
her,
and the merchants of the earth
have become rich from the
power of her luxury."

4 Then I heard another voice from
heaven say,

"Come out of her, my people,
so that you do not participate in
her sins,
and so that you do not receive any
of her plagues;
5 for her sins ‡are heaped as high as
heaven,
and God has remembered her
unrighteous acts.
6 Render to her as she herself has
§rendered;
*make it double, as she has done,
even according to her works.
Mix a double portion for her in the
cup she has mixed.
7 As much as she has glorified
herself and lived in luxury,
give her the same amount of
torment †and mourning,
for in her heart she says,
'I sit enthroned as a queen;
I am not a widow
and will never see mourning.'
8 Therefore her plagues will come
in a single day—
death, mourning, and famine.
She will be burned up with fire,
for mighty is the Lord God who
‡has judged her."

9 The kings of the earth who have
committed fornication with her and
lived in luxury with her will §weep
and wail over her when they see
the smoke of her burning.
10 In fear of her torment they will
stand at a distance and say,

"Alas, alas, for the great city,
Babylon, the mighty city!
For in a single hour your judgment
has come."

11 The merchants of the earth
*will weep and mourn over her,
because no one buys their cargo
anymore,

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* **17:18** *of* 70.6% ¦ over HF 27.1% * **18:1** *another* 95.4% ¦ an ST 2.8% † **18:2** *with a mighty* 78.3% ¦ mightily with a loud TR 15.7% ‡ **18:2** *Fallen* 49.1% ¦ Fallen, fallen, ANT CT PCK TR 50.5% § **18:2** *spirit, and a haunt for every unclean and hated bird* 52.5% ¦ and hated spirit MSS 24% ¦ spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, and a haunt for every unclean and hated beast SBL 1.8% * **18:3** *all the nations have fallen because of* 45.4% ¦ all the nations have drunk ANT HF PCK TR 36% ¦ she has made all the nations drink MSS 7.8% † **18:3** *wine of the wrath* 48.8% ¦ wrath of the wine PCK 41.5% ‡ **18:5** *are heaped as high* 98.6% ¦ have reached as far ST 0.9% § **18:6** *rendered* 48.8% ¦ rendered to you PCK TR 47.5% * **18:6** *make it double, as she has done, even* 27.7% ¦ repay her double ANT PCK RP TR 53.4% ¦ make it double CT 5.2% † **18:7** *and mourning* 75.3% ¦ — PCK 22.3% ‡ **18:8** *has judged* 79.5% ¦ judges TR 20.5% § **18:9** *weep* 72.7% ¦ weep for her ANT TR 21.3% * **18:11** *will weep and mourn* 42.8% ¦ weep and mourn CT PCK TR 40% ¦ will weep MSS 8.4%

12 cargo of gold, silver, precious
stones, pearls, fine linen, purple
cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of
citron wood, all kinds of articles
made of ivory, all kinds of articles
made of costly wood, bronze, iron,
and marble;
13 cargo of †cinnamon, incense,
myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine
flour, wheat, ‡sheep, cattle, horses
and chariots, and bodies and souls
of men.

14 "The ripe fruit that was the
desire of your soul
§is gone from you,
and all your delicacies and
splendors
*are lost to †you;
you will never find them again!"

15 The merchants of these wares,
who became rich from her, will
stand at a distance in fear of her
torment, weeping and mourning
aloud,

16 "Alas, alas, for the great city
that was clothed in fine linen,
in purple and scarlet,
adorned with gold,
with precious stone and pearls!
17 For in a single hour such great
wealth has been laid waste!"

And every shipmaster and
seafaring man, sailors and all
whose trade is on the sea, stood at
a distance
18 and cried out as they saw the
smoke of her burning, "What city is
like the great city?"
19 They threw dust on their heads
and cried out, weeping and
mourning aloud,

"Alas, alas, for the great city,
where all who had ships at sea
grew rich from her valuable
merchandise!
For in a single hour she has been
laid waste.
20 Rejoice over her, O heaven,
and you ‡saints, apostles, and
prophets,
for God has given judgment for you
against her."

21 Then a mighty angel picked up
a stone like a great millstone and
threw it into the sea, and said,

"With §such violence Babylon the
great city
will be thrown down,
never to be found again.
22 The sound of harpists, musicians,
flutists, and trumpeters
will never be heard in you again.
No craftsman of any trade
will ever be found in you again.
The sound of a mill
will never be heard in you again.
23 The light of a lamp
will never shine in you again.
The voice of bridegroom and bride
will never be heard in you again,
*for your merchants were the
magnates of the earth,
and all the nations were deceived
by your sorcery."

24 And in her was found the blood
of prophets and of saints and of all
who have been slain on the earth.

19

Heaven Rejoices over Babylon

1 After this I heard *what sounded
like a loud voice of a great
multitude in heaven, saying,

"Hallelujah!

† **18:13** *cinnamon,* 76% ¦ cinnamon, amomum, ANT CT 17.9% ‡ **18:13** *sheep, cattle* 42.6% ¦ cattle, sheep ANT CT PCK TR 46.7% § **18:14** *is gone from* 95.9% ¦ is lost to ANT 0% * **18:14** *are lost to* 72.3% ¦ have gone from ANT TR 19.8% † **18:14** *you; you will never find them* 76% ¦ you, never to be found CT 6.2% ‡ **18:20** *saints, apostles,* 77.4% ¦ holy apostles TR 19.4% § **18:21** *such* 82.1% ¦ — PCK 13.4% * **18:23** *for* 68.3% ¦ — HF 29.8% * **19:1** *what sounded like* 69.2% ¦ — TR 30.8%

Salvation, †power, and glory belong
to our God,
2 for true and just are his
judgments;
he has judged the great prostitute,
who corrupted the earth with her
fornication.
He has avenged the blood of his
servants shed by her hand."

3 A second time ‡the voice said,

"Hallelujah!
Her smoke goes up forever and
ever."

4 Then the twenty-four elders and
the four living creatures fell down
and worshiped God, who sits on the
throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"
5 And a voice came out from the
throne, saying,

"Praise our God,
all you his servants,
§and you who fear him,
both small and great."

6 Then I heard what sounded like
the voice of a great multitude, like
the roar of many waters and like
the sound of mighty peals of
thunder, saying,

"Hallelujah!
For the Lord *our God
the Almighty reigns.
7 Let us rejoice and be †glad
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has
come,
and his bride has made herself
ready.
8 It has been granted to her to be
clothed
with fine linen, ‡bright and pure."
For the fine linen represents the
righteous acts of the saints.

9 Then the angel said to me,
"Write: 'Blessed are those who are
invited to the marriage supper of
the Lamb.' " He also said to me,
"These are the true words of God."
10 Then I fell at his feet to
worship him, but he said to me, "Do
not do that! I am a fellow servant
of yours and of your brothers who
hold to the testimony of Jesus.
Worship God." For the testimony of
Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

The Rider on the White Horse

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and
behold, 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 crowns.
*Names were written on him,
including a name that no one
knows but he himself.
13 He is clothed with a garment
†dipped in blood, and his name is
the Word of God.
14 The armies of heaven, clothed in
fine linen, white and pure, were
following him on white horses.
15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp
‡two-edged sword with which he
can strike down the nations, and he
will rule them with a rod of iron.
He will tread the winepress of the
fury §of the wrath of God, the
Almighty.
16 On his garment and on his thigh
a name is written: King of kings
and Lord of lords.

17 Then I saw an angel standing
in the sun, and he cried out with a
loud voice, saying to all the birds
that were flying directly overhead,

† **19:1** *power, and glory belong to* 59.8% ¦ glory, and power belong to ANT CT 21.5% ¦ glory, honor, and power belong to MSS 6.1% ¦ glory, honor, and power belong to the Lord TR 5.1% ‡ **19:3** *the voice* 55.3% ¦ they ANT CT TR 41.9% § **19:5** *and* 98.6% ¦ — WH 1.4% * **19:6** *our* 93% ¦ — ANT SBL TR 6.5% † **19:7** *glad and* 93.9% ¦ glad, and we will SBL WH 4.7% ‡ **19:8** *bright and pure* 69.1% ¦ pure and bright TR 27.2% § **19:12** *a* 81.7% ¦ like a ANT TR 18.3% * **19:12** *Names were written on him, including a name* 61.1% ¦ A name was written on him CT TR 31.8% † **19:13** *dipped in* 87.8% ¦ sprinkled with WH 8.9% ‡ **19:15** *two-edged* 73.2% ¦ — CT TR 24.9% § **19:15** *of the* 67.3% ¦ and TR 23.8%

"*Come, gather together for the †great supper of God,
18 so that you may eat the flesh of
kings, the flesh of commanders, the
flesh of mighty men, the flesh of
horses and their riders, and the
flesh of all men, ‡both free and
slave, §both small and great."
19 Then I saw the beast, the kings
of the earth, and their armies
gathered together to wage war
against the rider on the horse and
against his army.
20 But the beast was captured,
and *so was the false prophet who
was with him, who in his sight had
performed the signs by which he
had deceived those who had
received the mark of the beast and
who worshiped his image. The two
of them were thrown alive into the
lake of fire that burns with sulfur.
21 The rest were killed by the
sword that came out of the mouth
of the rider on the horse, and all
the birds gorged themselves on
their flesh.

20

Satan Bound for a Thousand Years

1 Then I saw an angel coming down
from heaven, holding in his hand
the key to the abyss and a great
chain.
2 He seized the dragon, the ancient
serpent, who is the devil and Satan,
*the deceiver of the whole world,
and he bound him for a thousand
years.
3 He threw him into the abyss and
†locked and sealed it over him, so
that he would ‡no longer deceive
the nations until §the thousand
years were completed. After that he
must be released for a short time.
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 for the testimony of Jesus
and for the word of God. They had
not worshiped the beast or his
image and had not received the
mark on their foreheads or their
hands. They came to life and
reigned with Christ for *the
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 are those who
take part in the first resurrection.
The second death has no power
over them, but they will be priests
of God and of Christ, and they will
reign with him for ‡a thousand
years.

Satan Thrown into the Lake of Fire

7 §After the thousand years, Satan
will be released from his prison
8 and will go out to deceive the
nations that are 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 marched up over the
breadth of the earth and
surrounded the camp of the saints

* **19:17** *Come, gather together for* 87.6% ¦ Come to MSS 11% ¦ Come and gather together for TR 1% † **19:17** *great supper of* 721.8% ¦ supper of the great TR 21.5% ‡ **19:18** *both* 88% ¦ — ST 12% § **19:18** *both* 62.5% ¦ and CT TR 32.2% * **19:20** *so was the false prophet who was with him,* 49.3% ¦ with him the false prophet CT PCK TR 41.7% * **20:2** *the deceiver of the whole world,* 66.8% ¦ the deceiver of the world, ANT 0.5% ¦ — CT TR 32.2% † **20:3** *locked* 87.6% ¦ bound 9.6% ¦ locked him in TR 0.5% ‡ **20:3** *no longer* 84.6% • TR 2.4% ¦ not 11.1% § **20:3** *the* 73.2% ¦ a 25.4% * **20:4** *the* 49.3% ¦ a ANT CT PCK SCR 50.7% † **20:5** *(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed.)* 35.6% • SBL TH WH 1% • ANT 0% • MSS 5.8% ¦ (The rest of the dead did not come to life again until the thousand years were completed.) TR 0.5% ¦ — NA 36.5% ‡ **20:6** *a* 82.4% ¦ the TH WH 17% § **20:7** *After the thousand years* 38.6% ¦ When the thousand years are completed ANT CT PCK RP TR 46.9% ¦ When the thousand years were completed MSS 6.3% * **20:9** *out of heaven from God* 61.3% ¦ from God out of heaven NA TR 7.8% • 6.4% ¦ from heaven SBL TH WH 6.4%

and the beloved city, but fire came down *out of heaven from God and devoured them.
10 And the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Judgment Before the Great White Throne

11 Then I saw a great white throne and one who sat upon it. The †earth and the sky fled from his presence, and no place was found for them.
12 And I saw the dead, ‡great and small, standing before §the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to their works.
13 Then the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and each person was judged according to his works.
14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. *This is the second death, the lake of fire.
15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

21

The New Heaven and the New Earth

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 was no more.
2 *I also saw the holy city, 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 ‡heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with §them.
4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more, and there will no longer be mourning, crying, or *pain, for the former things have passed away.”

5 Then he who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And he †said, “Write this down, for these ‡are the trustworthy and true words of God.”

6 He also said to me, “§I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To him who thirsts I will freely give from the spring of the water of life.

7 *I will give these things to him who overcomes; I will be his God, and he will be my son.

8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, †the sinful, the detestable, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their portion is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

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9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven final plagues ‡came and said

† **20:11** *earth and the sky* 74.4% ¦ sky and the earth PCK 21.2% ‡ **20:12** *great and small,* 55.2% ¦ small and great, TR 1.5% • MSS 7.9% ¦ — 30% § **20:12** *the throne* 89.7% ¦ God TR 9.8% * **20:14** *This is the second death, the lake of fire.* 63.4% ¦ This is the second death. ANT TR 1% ¦ — 21.8% * **21:2** *I* 95.6% ¦ I, John, TR 1% † **21:2** *out of heaven from God* 58.6% ¦ from God out of heaven PCK TR 35% ‡ **21:3** *heaven* 96.1% ¦ the throne CT 1.3% § **21:3** *them* 62.7% ¦ them as their God NA TH TR 24.6% * **21:4** *pain, for* 77.1% ¦ pain; CT 14.9% † **21:5** *said* 36.9% ¦ said to me ANT PCK RP TR 58.6% ‡ **21:5** *are the trustworthy and true words of God* 39.9% ¦ words are true and trustworthy PCK RP TR 41.4% ¦ words are trustworthy and true ANT CT 10.8% ¦ are the true and trustworthy words of God MSS 5.9% § **21:6** *I* 74.8% ¦ It is done! I ANT SBL TH TR WH 20.7% * **21:7** *I will give these things to him who overcomes* 42% ¦ He who overcomes will inherit these things CT PCK RP 48.5% ¦ He who overcomes will inherit all things TR 6.9% ¦ These things will belong to him who overcomes ANT 0% † **21:8** *the sinful,* 70.6% ¦ — ANT CT TR 29.4% ‡ **21:9** *came* 99% ¦ came to me TR 1%

to me, “Come, I will show you the §wife, the bride of the Lamb.”
10 And he carried me away in the
Spirit to a great and high mountain
and showed me the *holy city
Jerusalem coming down out of
heaven from God.
11 The city shone with the glory of
God, and its radiance was like a
very precious stone, like a jasper
stone, clear as crystal.
12 It had a great, high wall with
twelve gates. Twelve angels were at
the gates, and on the gates were
written the names of the twelve
tribes of the sons of Israel.
13 There were three gates on the
east, three gates on the north, three
gates on the south, and three gates
on the west.
14 The wall of the city had twelve
foundations, and on them were the
†twelve names of the twelve
apostles of the Lamb.

15 The angel who spoke to me had
a golden ‡measuring rod to
measure the §city, its gates, and its
wall.
16 The city is laid out as a square;
its length *is the same as its width.
The angel measured the city with
the rod and found it to be twelve
thousand †and twelve stadia. The
length, width, and height are all
equal.
17 ‡Then he measured its wall and
found it to be one hundred
forty-four cubits according to
human measurement, which the
angel was using.
18 The wall was made of jasper,
while the city was pure gold, like
clear glass.
19 The foundations of the city
wall were adorned with every kind
of precious stone. The first
foundation stone was jasper; the
second, sapphire; the third, agate;
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; and the twelfth,
amethyst.
21 The twelve gates were twelve
pearls—each one of the gates was
made of a single pearl—and the
street of the city was pure gold, like
transparent glass.
22 I did not see a temple in the
city, for the Lord God Almighty is
its temple, and so is the Lamb.
23 The city has no need for the
sun or moon to §shine, for the
glory of God itself gives it light, and
its lamp is the Lamb.
24 The nations *will walk by its
light, and the kings of the earth will
bring †the glory and honor of the
nations to the city to present to God.
25 Its gates will never be shut at
the end of the day, for there will be
no night there.
26 They will bring the glory and
honor of the nations ‡to the city, so
that they may enter in.
27 §No unclean thing *and no one
who causes an abomination or a lie

§ **21:9** *wife, the bride of the Lamb* 51.9% ¦ bride of the Lamb, the wife TR 26.2% ¦ bride, the wife of the Lamb ANT CT 12.7% * **21:10** *holy city* 48.3% ¦ great and holy city MSS 33% ¦ great city, the holy PCK RP TR 16.7% † **21:14** *twelve* 94% ¦ — TR 4% ‡ **21:15** *measuring* 80.1% ¦ — TR 19.9% § **21:15** *city, its gates, and its wall* 48.1% ¦ city and its gates PCK 49.4% * **21:16** *is the same as* 89.6% ¦ and 8.5% † **21:16** *and twelve* 53% ¦ — ANT CT TR 42.6% ‡ **21:17** *Then he measured its wall and found it to be* 59.5% ¦ Its wall was HF 40% § **21:23** *shine, for the glory of God itself* 39.9% ¦ shine upon it, for the glory of God ANT CT PCK RP TR 60% * **21:24** *will walk by its light* 88.7% ¦ of those who have been saved will walk in its light—the nations by its light MSS 5.4% ¦ of those who have been saved will walk in its light TR 2% † **21:24** *the glory and honor of the nations to the city to present to God* 41.1% ¦ their glory to the city CT 25.1% ¦ their glory and honor to the city ANT PCK TR 19.2% ‡ **21:26** *to the city, so that they may enter in* 46.3% ¦ into the city ANT CT PCK RP TR 53.7% § **21:27** *No unclean thing* 97.5% ¦ Nothing that defiles TR 1% * **21:27** *and no one who* 45.3% ¦ and nothing that PCK RP TR 44.4% ¦ that MSS 5.2%

will ever enter it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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The River of Life and the Tree of Life

1 Then the angel showed me a *river of the water of life, as bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
2 through the middle of the street of the city. On each side of the river is the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, with each month yielding its own fruit. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
3 †No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.
4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.
5 ‡There will be no night, and §there will be no need for *any lamp or light, for the Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever.

I Am Coming Quickly

6 Then the angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the †spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.
7 "Behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."
8 I, John, am the one who ‡heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me.
9 But he said to me, "Do not do that! §I am a fellow servant of yours, and of your brothers the prophets, *and of those who obey the words of this book. Worship God."
10 Then he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.
11 Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still †do right, and the holy still be holy."
12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward is with me, to repay each person according to their works.
13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, ‡the first and the last, the beginning and the end."
14 Blessed are those who §keep God's commandments, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by its gates.
15 Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the fornicators, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.
16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star."
17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty

* **22:1** *river* 44.5% ¦ pure river PCK RP TR 54% ¦ Nothing accursed will be there PCK 50.5% † **22:3** *No longer will there be anything accursed* 48% ¦ There will be no night there PCK RP TR 52.3% ¦ Night will be no more ANT CT 11.2% ‡ **22:5** *There will be no night* 29.9% ¦ people will not need CT PCK RP TR 58.8% § **22:5** *there will be no need for* 33% ¦ any lamp or the light of the sun ANT PCK RP TR 42.9% ¦ the light of a lamp or the light of the sun CT 10.6% * **22:5** *any lamp or light* 33.3% ¦ holy TR 25.6% ¦ spirits of the holy MSS 7% † **22:6** *spirits of the* 62.3% ¦ saw and heard these things 35.5% ¦ saw these things and heard them TR 2.5% ‡ **22:8** *heard and saw these things* 54.8% ¦ For I TR 2% § **22:9** *I* 98% ¦ — PCK 38.1% * **22:9** *and of those* 61.9% ¦ be righteous TR 9.1% ¦ {omit *and the righteous still do right*} MSS 5.6% † **22:11** *do right* 82.7% ¦ the beginning and the end, the first and the last PCK TR 40% ‡ **22:13** *the first and the last, the beginning and the end* 49.5% ¦ wash their robes CT 6.6% {Note: The main Greek text literally reads *do his commandments*.} § **22:14** *keep God's commandments* 88.3% ¦

come. And let anyone who wishes
to do so 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 them,
†may God add to him the ‡plagues
that are written in this book.
19 If anyone takes away from the
words of the book of this prophecy,
§may God take away his share in
the *tree of life and in the holy
†city, which are written about in
this book.
20 He who testifies to these things
says, "Surely I am coming quickly."
Amen. ‡So shall it be. Come, Lord
Jesus!
21 The grace of §the Lord Jesus
Christ be with *all the saints.
†Amen.

* **22:18** *I* 95.9% ¦ For I TR 1% † **22:18** *may God* 50% ¦ God will ANT CT TR 40.7% ‡ **22:18** *plagues* 54.4% ¦ seven plagues PCK 41.5% § **22:19** *may God* 51% ¦ God will ANT CT TR 45.3% * **22:19** *tree* 97.9% ¦ book TR 1% † **22:19** *city, which* 98.5% ¦ city and in the things that TR 1% ‡ **22:20** *So shall it be.* 65.6% ¦ — CT 30.8% § **22:21** *the Lord Jesus Christ* 71.5% ¦ the Lord Jesus NA SBL TH 11.9% ¦ our Lord Jesus Christ TR 10.4% * **22:21** *all the saints* 93.3% ¦ you all TR 0.5% ¦ all SBL 0.5% ¦ the saints TH WH 0.5% † **22:21** *Amen.* 88.6% ¦ — SBL WH 10.9%