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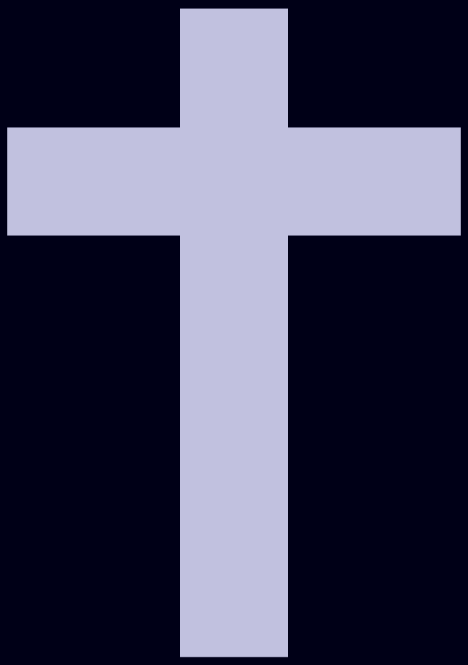

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INTRODUCTION

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 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

* : *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. ‡ : The *Pericope Adulterae* (John 7:53–8:11) and the book of Revelation are special cases in which the Byzantine Greek manuscripts are divided.

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. 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

§ : The alternate letter (υ) is used to indicate second person singular as explained below in the section called *Matters of Orthography*.

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 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

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

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 Patri
CT	Critical Text (This designation is used when N
HF	Hodges and Farstad, The Greek New Testamen
MSS	Manuscripts (This designation is used to cite r
NA	Nestle-Aland, 29th edition (2026)
PCK	Wilbur Pickering, The Greek New Testament A
RP	Robinson and Pierpont, The New Testament in
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 Tynda
TR	Textus Receptus (This designation is used whe
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

† : 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.

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 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 your wife, for the child that is
conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
21 She will give birth to a son, and you
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,
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.

* **1:6** *the king* ¦ — CT † **1:7** *Asa, Asa* ¦ Asaph, Asaph CT ‡ **1:10** *Amon, Amon* ¦ Amos, Amos CT § **1:25** *her firstborn* 98.6% ¦ a CT 0.5%

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,
†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.”

* **2:11** *saw* ¦ found ST † **2:18** *wailing, weeping,* 99% ¦ weeping CT 0.7%

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.
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,'

* **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% * **4:3** *to him and said* ¦ and said to him CT

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.
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,

† **4:10** *Get behind me* 87.6% ¦ Go away CT TR 11.7%

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.'

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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

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.'
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.

† **5:39** *your* ¦ the ANT PCK RP SBL TH ‡ **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%

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 yoʊr name.
10 Yoʊr kingdom come.
Yoʊr 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 yoʊrs 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

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 yoʊ fast, anoint yoʊr head
and wash yoʊr face,
18 so that no one will see that yoʊ are
fasting except yoʊr Father who is in
secret. Then yoʊr Father who sees in
secret will reward *yoʊ.

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 yoʊr eye is clear, yoʊr whole body
will be full of light.
23 But if yoʊr eye is bad, yoʊr whole
body will be full of darkness. If then the
light within yoʊ 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 yoʊr 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?’

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* **6:8** *your* ¦ God your WH † **6:12** *forgive* ¦ have forgiven CT ‡ **6:13** *For yoʊrs 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% * **6:18** *yoʊ* ¦ yoʊ openly ANT TR † **6:21** *your … your* ¦ yoʊr … yoʊr CT ‡ **6:25** *and what you will drink* ¦ or what you will drink NA TH WH ¦ — SBL

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?
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

§ **6:33** *of God* 97% ¦ — SBL WH 0.1% * **6:34** *its own matters* ¦ itself CT * **7:2** *you* ¦ you in return TR † **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

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.

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."

§ **7:29** *the* ¦ their CT * **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

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.
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 your

† **8:21** *his* ¦ the PCK SBL TH WH ‡ **8:23** *the* ¦ a SBL TH WH § **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* **K**$^{X(104)}$ ¦ forgiven you **K**$^{X(61)}$ TR * **9:8** *amazed* 97.5% ¦ afraid CT 2% † **9:11** *eating* ¦ eating and drinking PCK

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.”
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,

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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 * **9:35** *among the people* ¦ — CT † **9:36** *harassed* ¦ faint ANT TR

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.
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

* **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 † **10:25** *called the master of the house* ¦ stigmatized the master of the house as PCK ‡ **10:25** *Beelzebul* ¦ Beelzebub SCR

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.”

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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
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.

* **11:2** *two of* ¦ — CT † **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

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.”

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.”

§ **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% * **12:3** *he* ¦ — CT † **12:4** *ate* ¦ they ate NA SBL WH

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,
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.

‡ **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% ‡ **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

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 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.”

13

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.

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‡ **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 § **12:47** *Then … to speak to you.”* ¦ Then … to see you.” ANT ¦ — WH * **13:2** *the* ¦ a ANT CT PCK

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,

'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.

† **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 * **13:19** *snatches* ¦ takes ANT † **13:20** *receives* ¦ accepts and receives ANT ‡ **13:22** *this* ¦ the NA TH WH

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."

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

§ **13:32** *the* ¦ all the ANT PCK * **13:34** *did not speak* ¦ spoke nothing ANT CT † **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

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 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.

14

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.

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* **13:51** *Yes, Lord.* ¦ Yes. CT † **13:55** *Joses* ¦ Joseph CT
* **14:6** *was celebrated* ¦ came CT † **14:15** *his* ¦ the CT

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 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:

‡ **14:22** *the* ¦ his ANT PCK TR § **14:22** *the* ¦ a SBL WH * **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

11 It is not what goes into the mouth
that defiles a person; it is 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?"
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

‡ **15:12** *his* ¦ the NA SBL WH § **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 * **15:36** *his* ¦ the CT † **15:36** *crowd* ¦ crowds ANT CT

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.

16

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 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

‡ **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 * **16:20** *commanded* ¦ warned WH † **16:20** *his* ¦ the CT ‡ **16:20** *Jesus* ¦ — CT PCK § **16:21** *Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ WH

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.
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 your 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.

* **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 † **17:15** *suffers terribly* 99.4% ¦ is sick TH WH 0.6% ‡ **17:20** *unbelief* 97.6% ¦ little faith CT 1.5%

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 you 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 you catch. When you open its
mouth, you will find a stater coin. Take
it and give it to them for you 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.

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

§ **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 * **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

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, 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."

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Questions About Divorce

‡ **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 § **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

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 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."

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* **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 ‡ **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

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.
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

§ **19:25** *his* ¦ the CT * **19:29** *wife,* ¦ — NA WH † **19:29** *a hundred* ¦ many WH * **20:6** *idle* ¦ around CT † **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

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.
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.

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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.

† **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 * **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

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."
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.'

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* **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 § **21:28** *my* ¦ the CT * **21:29** *not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went* ¦ go, sir,' but he did not go WH

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.

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

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

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 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?"

† **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

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.'
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 your enemies a footstool
for your 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.

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§ **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 † **22:44** *make your enemies a footstool for* ¦ put your 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.*}

14 “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.

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 those who
are sent to you! How often I have
wanted to gather your children together

† **23:17** *makes* ¦ has made CT ‡ **23:19** *fools and* ¦ — CT WH * **23:25** *unrighteousness* ¦ self-indulgence CT TR WH § **23:38** *desolate* ¦ — WH
§ **23:24** *who strain … swallow* ¦ straining … swallowing † **23:26** *and the dish* ¦ — NA ‡ **23:26** *them* ¦ it NA SBL

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.
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,

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* **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

'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,'
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.

‡ **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 * **25:2** *wise, and five were foolish* ¦ foolish, and five were wise CT

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.'
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

† **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 ‡ **25:29** *has* ¦ thinks he has PCK

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.”

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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.

§ **25:31** *holy* ¦ — CT * **25:44** *answer* ¦ answer him ANT TR * **26:1** *all* ¦ — PCK † **26:3** *priests, the scribes,* ¦ priests CT ‡ **26:8** *his* ¦ the CT § **26:9** *ointment* ¦ — CT

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 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."

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* **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 * **26:27** *the* ¦ a CT † **26:28** *new* ¦ — CT

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.
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.' "

‡ **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 † **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

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 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?”

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* **26:65** *his* ¦ the CT † **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

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 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

* **27:16** *Barabbas* ¦ Jesus Barabbas NA SBL † **27:17** *Barabbas* ¦ Jesus Barabbas NA SBL ‡ **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

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 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.”

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* **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 § **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

66 So they went and secured the tomb by
sealing the stone and posting the guard
of soldiers.

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The Resurrection

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.

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

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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 * **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%

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."
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 yourself to the priest and offer for your 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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‡ **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% ‡ **1:42** *When he said this, the* 95.8% ¦ The CT 2.3%

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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, your sins are
forgiven §you."

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, 'Your sins are †forgiven,' or to
say, 'Rise, take up your mat, and walk'?
10 But so that you may know that the
Son of Man has authority on earth to
forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—
11 "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat,
and go to your 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?"

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

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* **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** *you* ¦ — CT * **2:7** *speak such blasphemies?* ¦ speak like that? He is blaspheming. CT † **2:9** *forgiven* ¦ forgiven you 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% ‡ **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

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."

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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,
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);

‡ **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% § **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%

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?"
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."

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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."

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‡ **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 * **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

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 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

§ **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 ‡ **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

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?"

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

* **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% * **5:1** *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

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 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

§ **5:22** *And behold,* ¦ Then ANT CT * **5:23** *healed. Then she will live* ¦ healed and live CT † **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%

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 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

* **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 † **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%

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?" 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

† **6:22** *the daughter of* 96.4% ¦ his daughter NA WH 0.4% ‡ **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

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.
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
commandment of God so that you may
keep your tradition!

† **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%

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 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.

§ **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%

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."

8

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 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

§ **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 † **8:20** *said* 98.2% ¦ said to him NA SBL WH 1.1%

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?
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.

‡ **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 * **9:3** *like snow,* 94.7% ¦ — CT 0.9%

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 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.”

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† **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 † **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%

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.
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.'

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‡ **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% ‡ **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%

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.
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

* **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 ‡ **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%

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."

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

† **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 * **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%

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

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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.

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‡ **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 * **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

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 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."

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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

* **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 ‡ **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

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 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."

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* **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 ‡ **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

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 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.
42 Then a poor widow came and put in
two small copper coins, which are worth
a penny.

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* **12:25** *the* ¦ — NA PCK SBL WH † **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

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."

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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.
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.

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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% † **13:18** *your flight* ¦ it CT

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 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.

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‡ **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 † **14:4** *another, saying,* ¦ another: CT ‡ **14:5** *It* ¦ This ointment ANT CT § **14:7** *can* ¦ can always WH

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.
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

* **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% ‡ **14:27** *away* ¦ away because of me this night ANT HF PCK RP TR § **14:31** *all the more* ¦ — CT

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 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,

* **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 ‡ **14:51** *The young men* ¦ They CT § **14:52** *from them* 96.7% ¦ — CT 0.3% * **14:53** *together with him* ¦ — NA SBL WH

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 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?”

† **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 * **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

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,
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.

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† **15:12** *do you want me to* ¦ should I NA TH WH ‡ **15:18** *him:* ¦ him, saying, PCK § **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

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 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.

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* **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% * **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.}

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;
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.

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‡ **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% ‡ **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;
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."

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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 ‡ **1:55** *forever* ¦ until eternity PCK

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 yoʊr 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 yoʊ, child, will be called a
prophet of the Most High,
for yoʊ 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.”

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.

§ **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 * **2:5** *wife* ¦ — CT

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 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.”

† **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

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
you‿r 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.
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, you‿r 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,

† **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 * **3:2** *high priesthood of* ¦ time of the high priests TR

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 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,

† **3:12** *baptized* ¦ baptized by him PCK ‡ **3:14** *threats or false accusations* ¦ false accusations or threats ANT § **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

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,
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.’ ”

* **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 * **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

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,
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

† **4:17** *unrolled* ¦ opened WH ‡ **4:18** *to heal the brokenhearted,* ¦ — CT

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."
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

§ **4:41** *the Christ,* ¦ — CT * **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

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.
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

† **5:17** *to heal the people* 98.4% ¦ for him to heal CT 0.9% ‡ **5:20** *to the man* ¦ — CT § **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

1 On the *second major Sabbath, Jesus
was going through †the grainfields, and
his disciples were plucking heads of
grain, rubbing off 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.
23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for
behold, great is your reward in heaven,

‡ **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

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.
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

§ **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 † **6:45** *the evil treasure of his heart* ¦ his evil treasure CT

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.”

7

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.”
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,

‡ **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% § **7:19** *Jesus* ¦ the Lord CT * **7:21** *Now in that very* ¦ In that CT

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.
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

† **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 § **7:39** *a prophet* ¦ the Prophet WH * **7:42** *tell me,* ¦ — CT

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 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.

† **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 § **8:16** *"No* ¦ As he said this he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear. No PCK

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.
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

* **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% ‡ **8:31** *he* ¦ they CT SCR § **8:34** *off* ¦ off, went away, TR * **8:37** *Gadarenes* ¦ Gerasenes CT

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 yoʊr house, and declare all that God has done for yoʊ." 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 yoʊ and pressing against *yoʊ, and yet yoʊ 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; yoʊr faith has healed yoʊ. Go in peace."

49 While he was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house and said §to him, "Yoʊr 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

† **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** *yoʊ, and yet yoʊ say, 'Who touched me?'* ¦ yoʊ. CT † **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

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 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.

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

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.
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

* **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

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.
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.'

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* **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 * **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 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.
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.

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‡ **10:11** *to you* ¦ — CT § **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

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.
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."

11

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 asks for a fish,
will give him a serpent instead of a fish;

§ **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

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

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.

† **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 † **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

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 the 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.

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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

§ **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

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 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.

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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 ‡ **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

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 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,

‡ **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 § **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

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.”

13

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 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

§ **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 ‡ **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

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.
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!' "

14

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.

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* **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 † **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

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.
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.

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‡ **14:6** *him* ¦ — CT § **14:9** *say to you, 'Give* ¦ say, 'You give PCK * **14:10** *those* ¦ all CT † **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

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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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.

§ **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 * **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

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.
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.

‡ **15:21** *son.* 87.1% ¦ son; make me like one of your hired workers. WH 12.5% § **15:22** *Bring* ¦ Quickly bring CT * **15:26** *the* ¦ his ST † **15:32** *again* ¦ — CT * **16:1** *his* ¦ the CT † **16:9** *you die* ¦ it runs out CT

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

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

‡ **16:12** *property of your own* ¦ our property WH § **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

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 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 and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building.

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‡ **17:3** *against you* ¦ — CT § **17:4** *in that day* ¦ — CT * **17:4** *back* ¦ back to you ANT CT TR † **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

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."

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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 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?"

§ **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%

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."
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.

19

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.

‡ **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 * **19:5** *saw him. Then he* ¦ — CT

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?'
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.' "

† **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 † **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

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.
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.

20

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

‡ **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 * **20:1** *priests* ¦ chief priests CT TR † **20:5** *Why* ¦ Why then ANT TR

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.
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.”

‡ **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 † **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

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. 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

§ **20:40** *And* ¦ For CT * **20:42** *Even* ¦ For CT † **20:45** *his* ¦ the SBL WH * **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

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.
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.

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* **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 * **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

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."
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

* **22:4** *priests* ¦ priests, scribes, ANT † **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

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."
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

‡ **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 † **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

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.
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

‡ **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

about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign.
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.
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.

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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 § **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.}

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 rested on
the Sabbath according to the
commandment.

24

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.

* **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 * **24:1** *prepared, and some other women were with them.* ¦ prepared. CT † **24:3** *of the Lord Jesus* ¦ — SBL ‡ **24:4** *greatly* ¦ — CT

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 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.

§ **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 ‡ **24:29** *is* ¦ is now CT

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 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.

§ **24:32** *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 § **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

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!

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* **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

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.
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.

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* **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%

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."
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?"

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

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.
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

* **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 § **3:36** *remains* ¦ will remain PCK

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,'
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

* **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

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.
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.

§ **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% † **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%

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.”
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

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* **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 ‡ **5:16** *and seeking to kill him* 92% ¦ — CT 1.3%

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.
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

§ **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.} † **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

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 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.

‡ **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 ‡ **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%

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, 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?"

* **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% * **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

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.)

7

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?

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

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, 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?”

§ **7:26** *truly* ¦ — CT * **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%

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.

8

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 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.

† **7:52** *has ever arisen* ¦ arises CT ‡ **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%

18 I testify about myself, and the Father
who sent me also testifies about me."
19 Then they said to him, "Where is your
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 you?"
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 you 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 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

‡ **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

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."
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 your
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."

† **8:54** *say, 'He is our God.'* ¦ say that he is your God. ANT TH TR WH ‡ **8:58** *So* $\mathbf{K}^{X(98)}$ ¦ — $\mathbf{K}^{X(64)}$ 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 ‡ **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%

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 you say about him, since he
opened your 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 you? How did he open your
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,
“You 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!
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

§ **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 § **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

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.
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.

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* **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 † **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%

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.

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."

* **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 * **11:12** *His disciples said* ¦ The disciples said to him CT

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.
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

† **11:19** *the women who were with* ¦ — CT ‡ **11:22** *But even* ¦ Even SBL WH § **11:30** *was* ¦ was still CT
* **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

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.

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,

‡ **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 § **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

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.
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:

† **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 ‡ **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

"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."

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?

† **12:40** *back* ¦ — CT ‡ **12:41** *when* ¦ because CT § **12:47** *believe* ¦ keep them CT * **13:2** *By the time supper ended* ¦ When it was time for supper CT

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.
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."

† **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

14

I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

1 “Let not your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God; believe also in me.
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 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

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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

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.
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.

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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

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, 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.

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* **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

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.
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

‡ **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 § **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

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

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.

‡ **17:17** *your* ¦ the CT § **17:21** *one* ¦ — NA SBL WH * **17:23** *and* ¦ — CT * **18:13** *away* 96% ¦ — CT 0.4%

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 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.”

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† **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% * **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%

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 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

§ **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 † **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

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,
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.

‡ **19:24** *Scripture that says,* ¦ Scripture: WH § **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

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."
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

* **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

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 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, you know

† **20:29** *me,* ¦ me, Thomas, TR ‡ **20:30** *his* ¦ the SBL WH * **21:1** *again* ¦ — PCK † **21:1** *the* **K**$^{X(75)}$ ¦ his **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 § **21:16** *sheep* ¦ little sheep WH

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.

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* **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 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.'

* **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

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.
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.'

§ **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

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.”
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.

* **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 † **2:38** *sins* 94.8% ¦ your sins CT 1.8% ‡ **2:41** *gladly* ¦ — CT

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.
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.

§ **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% § **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

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, 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

† **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 ‡ **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

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 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.

§ **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 ‡ **4:32** *their* ¦ his ANT CT PCK TR § **4:36** *Joses* ¦ Joseph CT

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 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

* **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%

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,

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.

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* **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 ‡ **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 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.
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,

‡ **6:8** *faith* 78.4% ¦ grace CT 19.8% § **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

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
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

§ **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 ‡ **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

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 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.
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

† **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

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.
22 Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and plead with ‡God in the hope that the intention of your heart might be forgiven you.
23 For I see that you 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

* **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% ‡ **8:22** *God* ¦ the Lord CT § **8:24** *the Lord* ¦ God ANT

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 you understand what you 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 you,
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 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

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* **8:33** *his* ¦ — SBL TH WH † **8:36** *baptized?”* 86.5% ¦ baptized?”
37 He said to him, “If you believe with all your heart, you may be baptized.” He answered, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the

* **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

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 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.

§ **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% † **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%

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!"
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.

† **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 * **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%

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.
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

‡ **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 † **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

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
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.'

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* **10:45** *All the* ¦ The WH † **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

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.
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

‡ **11:17** *Christ* ¦ — PCK § **11:20** *Hellenists* ¦ Hellenists also CT * **11:21** *believed and* ¦ who believed CT † **11:22** *to go* ¦ — CT ‡ **11:28** *indeed* ¦ — CT § **11:28** *Caesar* ¦ — CT

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.
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

* **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

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.
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 him down

‡ **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

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.
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.

† **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

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 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

* **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

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 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,

‡ **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 † **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

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.
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

§ **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 ‡ **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 brackets.}

* **15:36** *our* ¦ the CT † **15:40** *God* ¦ the Lord CT

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 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

* **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 ‡ **16:17** *us* ¦ Silas ANT PCK § **16:17** *us* ¦ you CT

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 yoυrself 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 yoυ will be saved, yoυ and yoυr 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.”
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,

* **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

"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 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

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* **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 § **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%

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,
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,

§ **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 * **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

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.
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.

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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.

§ **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% * **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

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 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."

§ **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 § **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

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.
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.

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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,

* **19:29** *whole* ¦ — CT † **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

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.
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

§ **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% ‡ **20:32** *now, brothers,* ¦ now CT § **20:32** *God* ¦ the Lord WH * **20:32** *an* ¦ the CT

three years I did not stop 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.
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

* **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

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 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,

‡ **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 * **21:37** *speak* ¦ say something ANT CT TR

"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.
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

* **22:9** *light and were afraid, but they* 86.4% ¦ light, but CT 10.4% † **22:12** *in Damascus* ¦ there CT RP TR ‡ **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

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.

23

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?"
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

† **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 * **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

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 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 your consent."

22 So the commander sent the young man away, ordering him, "Tell no one that you 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 you at once, also ordering his accusers to state before you the charges against him. *Farewell."

‡ **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% § **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

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 you a hearing
once your accusers have arrived.” Then
he gave orders for him to be kept at
Herod's headquarters.

24

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 you,
and †prosperity is coming to this nation
by your 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 you any
further, I request that, in your
forbearance, you 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.
6 He even tried to desecrate the temple,
so we seized §him.
8 By examining him yourself you 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
you have been a †judge over this nation
for many years, I ‡all the more
cheerfully make my defense concerning
these charges against me.
11 You 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 you, 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.

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* **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 § **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 come before yo

* **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 you 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

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 you 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 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.

25

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

‡ **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 * **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

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 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

† **25:14** *he was staying … to him* ¦ they were staying … to the king ANT CT PCK TR ‡ **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

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 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."

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* **26:3** *you* ¦ I know you SCR † **26:4** *in* ¦ and in CT ‡ **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

24 As Paul was saying these things in
his own defense, Festus said with a loud
voice, "You are out of your 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 the opportunity
had come for them to carry out their
plan. So they weighed anchor §and
sailed closely along the shore of Crete.

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* **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 § **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%

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.”
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.

† **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 § **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

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.

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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

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

‡ **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 § **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%

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.”
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.

‡ **28:25** *our* ¦ your CT § **28:28** *the* ¦ this ANT CT * **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
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.

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* **1:1** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus NA SBL † **1:16** *of Christ* ¦ — CT ‡ **1:23** *exchanged* ¦ exchanged for themselves PCK

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, 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.

§ **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 ‡ **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

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?
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

§ **2:20** *truth. You* ¦ truth—you CT * **3:7** *For* ¦ But NA SBL WH

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 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

† **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 † **4:11** *as well* ¦ — SBL TH WH

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,
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

‡ **4:15** *for* ¦ but CT § **4:19** *did not consider … or* ¦ considered … and CT * **4:19** *now* ¦ — SBL * **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.}

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,
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.

* **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%

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.
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.

* **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%

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,
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

§ **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%

brought into the 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 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

* **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

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 yoυr 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 yoυ up for the very purpose
of showing my power in yoυ, 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 Yoυ 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 yoυ
to answer back to God? Shall the thing
formed say to him who formed it, “Why
did yoυ 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;
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.

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* **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% ‡ **9:31** *a law of righteousness* ¦ that law CT

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 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;

§ **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 * **10:15** *who preach the gospel of peace,* 89.3% ¦ — CT 10.4% † **10:17** *God* ¦ Christ CT

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.
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.

* **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% § **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

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,
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.

‡ **11:31** *may* ¦ may now NA SBL WH * **12:11** *Lord* ¦ time ST

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, 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.

† **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% ‡ **13:7** *Therefore render* ¦ Render CT § **13:9** *You shall not give false testimony,* ¦ — ANT CT HF RP * **13:11** *us* ¦ you CT † **12:12** *lay* 98.2% ¦ cast SBL 0.7%

14

Do Not Judge Yoʋr 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 yoʋ 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.
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 Yoʋ, then, why do yoʋ judge yoʋr
brother? Or yoʋ, why do yoʋ despise
yoʋr 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 Yoʋr 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 yoʋr brother is distressed by what
yoʋ eat, yoʋ are no longer walking in
love. Do not let what yoʋ 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 yoʋr brother
‡stumbles or is offended or made weak.
22 §Do yoʋ 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.

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* **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 § **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 yoʋ have a firm belief about these things? Have* ¦ Any firm belief that yoʋ have about these things, have CT

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.
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.

* **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.} * **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

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,
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.

* **15:19** *Spirit of God* ¦ Holy Spirit WH ¦ Spirit SBL † **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

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.
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.‡›

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* **16:14** *Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes* ¦ Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas CT † **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,
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.

* **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

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 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

* **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

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,
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

* **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 * **4:2** *Now* ¦ In this regard CT

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?

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

† **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% * **5:1** *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%

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 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.

‡ **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 § **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

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 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.

‡ **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% † **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

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 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

† **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% ‡ **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

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?
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?

† **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% † **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%

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 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.

† **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 § **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 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?
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.

‡ **10:11** *all* ¦ — CT § **10:11** *examples* 84.4% ¦ an example CT 7.8% * **10:13** *faithful* ¦ capable PCK † **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

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 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

† **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

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.
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 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

† **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 * **14:5** *For greater* ¦ Greater CT

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, 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.

† **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% ‡ **14:26** *of you* 95% ¦ — CT 2.7% § **14:26** *tongue, a revelation* ¦ revelation, a tongue CT

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.

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.

* **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 * **15:14** *your* ¦ our WH

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 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.

† **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 ‡ **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%

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

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.

* **15:49** *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 † **16:6** *even* ¦ — WH ‡ **16:7** *passing; rather,* ¦ passing, for CT § **16:8** *will stay* ¦ am staying WH

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.

* **16:19** *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, 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

* **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 § **1:18** *did* ¦ does CT * **1:19** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus WH

"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 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.

† **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% * **3:1** *Do* ¦ Or do CT SCR † **3:1** *letters of recommendation* ¦ — CT

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 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.

‡ **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 † **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

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

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.

* **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 ‡ **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

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.

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

† **5:17** *all things have become new* 94.1% ¦ new things have come CT 2.5% ‡ **5:18** *Jesus* ¦ — CT § **5:21** *For* ¦ — CT * **6:16** *you* ¦ we CT

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.
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.

* **7:8** *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*.}
* **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

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.
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

‡ **8:7** *your love for us* ¦ our love for you NA SBL WH § **8:9** *your* ¦ our PCK * **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

†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.
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.

‡ **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 * **10:7** *we also belong to Christ* ¦ do we CT † **10:8** *us* ¦ — CT

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

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

* **11:1** *for a bit in my* ¦ in a little CT † **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

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.
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.

† **11:23** *beatings beyond measure, with far more imprisonments* 93.6% ¦ far more imprisonments, with beatings beyond measure CT 1.6% ‡ **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

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 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.

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† **12:11** *by boasting* 88.1% ¦ — CT 10.2% ‡ **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.”
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,

* **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%

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.
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.

* **2:11** *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 * **3:1** *to keep you from obeying the truth* 92% ¦ — CT 3.1% † **3:1** *In your presence, before* 86.5% ¦ Before CT 9%

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 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

‡ **3:12** *The person* 92.6% ¦ He CT 6.6% § **3:14** *Christ Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ WH * **3:17** *to Christ* ¦ — CT

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.
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.

* **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 * **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

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.
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.

† **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% † **5:19** *adultery,* ¦ — CT ‡ **5:20** *quarrels* ¦ quarreling CT PCK § **5:20** *jealousies* ¦ jealousy CT * **5:21** *murder,* ¦ — NA SBL WH

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, 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.

† **5:24** *Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus NA TH WH * **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, 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

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* **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

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

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.

* **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 * **3:2** *you, how God made the mystery* ¦ you, how the mystery was made NA TH WH ¦ you. The mystery was made SBL

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.
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

† **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 * **4:6** *us* ¦ you TR ¦ — CT † **4:9** *first also* 83.6% ¦ first MSS 6.7% ¦ also CT 2.8%

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.
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

‡ **4:17** *the rest of* 90.8% ¦ — CT 5.6% § **4:28** *his* 71.7% ¦ his own NA SBL TH 23.3% * **4:32** *us* ¦ you NA PCK SBL TR WH * **5:2** *us … us* ¦ you … you WH † **5:5** *know* ¦ know with certainty CT PCK

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
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.

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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.

‡ **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% ‡ **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%

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.
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.

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* **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 † **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.
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,

* **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

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 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.

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* **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 † **2:21** *Christ Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ NA SBL TH

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 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.

‡ **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 † **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%

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.
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.

* **4:3** *Yes,* ¦ — TR † **4:13** *Christ* ¦ him CT

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 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

* **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

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
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.

‡ **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 † **2:16** *or* ¦ and NA WH

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.

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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.
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

‡ **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% * **3:16** *the Lord* ¦ God CT † **3:17** *our God and* ¦ God the CT

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.

4

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.
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.

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‡ **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 * **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.
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

* **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%

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.

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.

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† **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 § **3:13** *Christ* ¦ — CT * **3:13** *saints.* ¦ saints. Amen. NA

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 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

* **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 * **5:4** *a thief* ¦ thieves WH † **5:5** *You* ¦ For you CT ‡ **5:8** *we* ¦ you ANT

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.

§ **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.
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.

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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 † **2:8** *will destroy* 82.6% ¦ Jesus will destroy MSS 8.2% ¦ Jesus will kill CT 4.4%

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 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

‡ **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

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.

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.

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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% * **2:3** *For this* ¦ This CT

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 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,

† **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% † **3:16** *God* ¦ He CT

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 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

* **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% * **5:4** *acceptable* ¦ good and acceptable ANT TR

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 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.

† **5:16** *man or woman … they* 95.1% ¦ woman … she CT 1.9% ‡ **5:21** *the Lord Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT
* **6:5** *Keep away from such people.* 92.5% ¦ — CT 2.9% † **6:7** *it is clear that* ¦ — CT

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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‡ **6:17** *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.

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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.
5 Similarly, an athlete is not crowned
unless he competes according to the
rules.

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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

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 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.

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‡ **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 * **3:6** *worm their way* ¦ press PCK

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 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.

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* **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 § **4:14** *May the Lord* ¦ The Lord will CT * **4:15** *has* ¦ — CT

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.

† **4:22** *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.
7 Show yourself to be a model of good
works in every way, and in your
teaching show integrity, dignity,
†incorruptibility,

* **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 † **2:7** *incorruptibility,* 74.2% ¦ — CT 12.7% ‡ **2:8** *us* ¦ you TR

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 you.

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 you
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 you know that such a person is
corrupted and sinful; he is
self-condemned.

Final Instructions and Greetings

12 When I send Artemas to you, or
Tychicus, make every effort to come to
me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to
spend the winter there.
13 Do everything you 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 you.
Greet those who love us in the faith.
Grace be with you all.
†Amen.

§ **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

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 your 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 you in my prayers,
5 because I hear of your love for all the
saints and the faith that you have toward
the Lord Jesus.
6 I pray that your fellowship with us in
the faith may be effective in deepening
your understanding of every blessing
that ‡we have in Christ §Jesus.
7 *We are very thankful for the comfort
we have received from your love,
because the hearts of the saints have
been refreshed through you, brother.

Paul's Appeal for Onesimus

8 Therefore, although I am bold enough
in Christ to command you to do what is
right,
9 I would rather appeal to you on the
basis of love. I, Paul, an old man and
now a prisoner for †Jesus Christ,
10 appeal to you on behalf of my child,
Onesimus, whose father I have become
during my imprisonment.
11 Once he was useless to you, but now
he is useful both to you and to me. I am
sending him ‡back,
12 §and I ask you to receive him, that is,
my very own heart.
13 I wanted to keep him with me so that
he could serve me in your place during
my imprisonment for the gospel.
14 But I did not want to do anything
without your consent, so that your good
deed would not be done out of
compulsion but of your own free will.
15 Perhaps the reason he was separated
from you for an hour was so that you
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 you, both in the
flesh and in the Lord.
17 So if you consider me to be a
partner, receive him as you would
receive me.
18 If he has wronged you in any way or
owes you anything, charge it to me.
19 I, Paul, write this with my own
hand: I will repay it (not to mention that
you owe me your very own life).
20 Yes, brother, let me have some
benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my
heart in *the Lord.
21 Trusting in your obedience, I write
to you, knowing that you will do even
more than I ask.
22 At the same time, I want you to
prepare a guest room for me, for I hope
that through your prayers I will be
restored to you soon.

Final Greetings

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.

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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 you CT 0.7% § **1:12** *and I ask you to receive him,* 91.6% ¦ — CT 0.9% * **1:20** *the Lord* 74.4% ¦ Christ CT 20.3% † **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,
3 how will we escape if we neglect so
great a salvation? This salvation was

* **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%

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.
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.

* **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 ‡ **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%

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 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.

† **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

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 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,

* **5:4** *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

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,
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

* **6:10** *labor of* 86.6% ¦ — CT 8.6% * **7:4** *even* ¦ — SBL WH

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 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

† **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% * **8:4** *For* ¦ Now CT

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. 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),

† **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% * **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%

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 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;

* **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% * **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

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.
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.

† **10:8** *Sacrifice and offering* ¦ Sacrifices and offerings CT ‡ **10:9** *will, O God.* 76.3% ¦ will. CT 14.6% § **10:30** *repay, says the Lord.* 95.7% ¦ repay. CT 4.2%

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.

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

* **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% § **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

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.
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.

§ **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

40 For God had planned something
better for us, so that they would not be
made perfect without us.

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."
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,

* **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

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.
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

* **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 § **13:15** *Jesus, therefore,* ¦ Jesus WH

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.

* **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 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

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* **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%

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 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?

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* **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% § **2:24** *then* 86.9% ¦ — CT 11.7%

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.

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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.

* **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 * **4:1** *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

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 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

* **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 * **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%

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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‡ **5:12** *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
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.

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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 § **1:21** *believe* ¦ are believers NA SBL WH * **1:22** *through the Spirit* 91.7% ¦ — CT 7.5%

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 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.

† **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

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.

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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.
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.”

§ **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% † **3:13** *imitators of* ¦ zealous for CT

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 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

‡ **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 * **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

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."
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.

* **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% * **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

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.

* **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.
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.

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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%

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
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

* **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% † **2:18** *have truly escaped* ¦ are truly escaping NA TH ¦ are barely escaping SBL WH

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 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.

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* **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% ‡ **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

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.

† **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,
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,

* **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% ‡ **2:13** *am writing* 80.3% ¦ have written ANT CT 18.5%

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 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.

§ **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 ‡ **3:5** *our* ¦ — CT § **3:7** *Little children* ¦ Children NA

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.

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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.
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.

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* **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 † **4:3** *that Jesus … has come in the flesh* 93.7% ¦ Jesus CT 2.5% ‡ **4:3** *Christ* 87% ¦ — CT 5.2%

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 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

§ **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% ‡ **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%

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.

§ **5:13** *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.”
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,

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* **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%

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 §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.

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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% * **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%

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 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

§ **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% † **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%

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.
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.'

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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 your works; you have †made a name for yourself and you are alive, but actually you are dead.
2 Be watchful and ‡strengthen what remains, which §you were about to throw away, for I have not found your

§ **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% * **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 yourself and you are* 44.1% ¦ reputation for being ANT CT PCK RP TR 54.1% ‡ **3:2** *strengthen* 72.8% ¦ keep HF 22.3% § **3:2** *you were about to throw away* 63.5% ¦ was about to die ANT CT 26.5% ¦ is about to die TR 1.8%

works to be complete in the sight of *my God.
3 So remember what you have received
and heard; obey it and repent. If you do
not wake up, I will come †upon you like
a thief, and you will certainly not know
at what hour I will come upon you.
4 ‡But you 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 your works. Behold, I have set
before you an open ‡door that no one
can shut. I know that you have little
strength, but you 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 your feet, and
they will know that I love you.
10 Because you have kept my command
to persevere, I will keep you 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 you have so that no one will take
your 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 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.

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* **3:2** *my* 80.9% ¦ — TR 19.1% † **3:3** *upon you* 78.6% ¦ — CT 20.9% ‡ **3:4** *But you* 89.6% ¦ You 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.*} † **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%

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, 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.

* **4:2** *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% ‡ **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%

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 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

§ **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% § **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%

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.
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.

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* **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% § **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%

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,
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.

† **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%
§ **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%

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 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.

* **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% § **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%

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 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

† **9:13** *four* 83.8% ¦ — SBL TH WH 10.6% ‡ **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%

hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land."
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 the kingdom of our
Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign
forever and ever."

* **10:9** *asked him to give me the little scroll.* 57.7% ¦ said to him, "Give me the little scroll." PCK TR 42.3% † **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% § **11:16** *the throne of* 40.4% ¦ — CT PCK RP TR 45.3%

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
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

* **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% † **12:12** *the* 92.6% ¦ those who inhabit the TR 6%

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.
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.

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‡ **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% † **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.}

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.
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."

§ **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% ‡ **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.}

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
your 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 your sharp sickle and gather the
clusters §from the vintage of the earth,
for *the grapes of the earth are ripe.”
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?

* **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 you 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% * **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%

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.
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

‡ **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% † **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%

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.
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

§ **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.} * **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%

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 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

§ **17:16** *beast and the ten horns you saw* 97.2% ¦ ten horns you saw on the beast TR 0.9% * **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%

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,
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.

‡ **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% † **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%

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!
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.

* **18:23** *for* 68.3% ¦ — HF 29.8% * **19:1** *what sounded like* 69.2% ¦ — TR 30.8% † **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%

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, "*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

‡ **19:15** *two-edged* 73.2% ¦ — CT TR 24.9% § **19:15** *of the* 67.3% ¦ and TR 23.8% * **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%

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 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.”

The New Jerusalem

* **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% † **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% § **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%

9 Then one of the seven angels who had
the seven bowls full of the seven final
plagues ‡came and said 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 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,

* **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%
* **22:1** *river* 44.5% ¦ pure river PCK RP TR 54%

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 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

† **22:3** *No longer will there be anything accursed* 48% ¦ Nothing accursed will be there PCK 50.5% ‡ **22:5** *There will be no night* 29.9% ¦ 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 need for* 33% ¦ people will not need CT PCK RP TR 58.8% * **22:5** *any lamp or light* 33.3% ¦ 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% † **22:6** *spirits of the* 62.3% ¦ holy TR 25.6% ¦ spirits of the holy MSS 7% ‡ **22:8** *heard and saw these things* 54.8% ¦ saw and heard these things 35.5% ¦ saw these things and heard them TR 2.5% § **22:9** *I* 98% ¦ For I TR 2% * **22:9** *and of those* 61.9% ¦ — PCK 38.1% † **22:11** *do right* 82.7% ¦ be righteous TR 9.1% ¦ {omit *and the righteous still do right*} MSS 5.6% ‡ **22:13** *the first and the last, the beginning and the end* 49.5% ¦ the beginning and the end, the first and the last PCK TR 40% § **22:14** *keep God's commandments* 88.3% ¦ wash their robes CT 6.6% {Note: The main Greek text literally reads *do his commandments.*} * **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%

*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.

‡ **22:20** *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%