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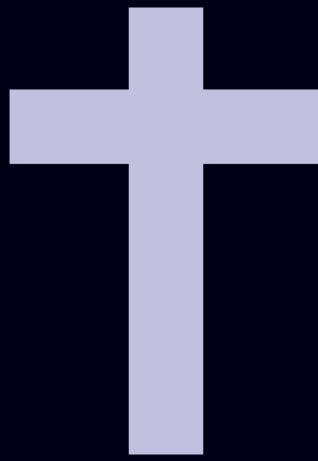

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INTRODUCTION

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 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

* **:** *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.

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 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

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

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 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*

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

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

ANT	Greek New Testament of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (1904 edition, edited by Basileios Ar
CT	Critical Text (This designation is used when SBL, THGNT, and WH are all in agreement.)
HF	Hodges and Farstad, The Greek New Testament According to the Majority Text, 2nd edition (19
MSS	Manuscripts (This designation is used to cite readings supported by at least 5% of manuscripts
NA	Nestle-Aland, 29th edition (2026)
PCK	Wilbur Pickering, The Greek New Testament According to the Family 35, 3rd edition (2020)
RP	Robinson and Pierpont, The New Testament in the Original Greek (2018)
SBL	SBL Greek New Testament (2010)
SCR	Scrivener's Textus Receptus, 1st edition (1881)
ST	Stephanus' Textus Receptus, 3rd edition (1550)
TH	The Greek New Testament, Produced at Tyndale House, Cambridge (2017)
TR	Textus Receptus (This designation is used when TH, ST, and SCR are in agreement.)
WH	Westcott-Hort (1881)

The Textus Receptus

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

† **:** 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.

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.

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.' "

* **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%

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."

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

* **2:11** *saw* ¦ found ST † **2:18** *wailing, weeping,* 99% ¦ weeping CT 0.7% * **3:6** *Jordan* ¦ Jordan River CT † **3:8** *fruit* ¦ fruits TR ‡ **3:11** *Spirit* ¦ Spirit and fire ANT CT TR

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,'

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

§ **3:16** *to him* 99.3% ¦ — SBL WH 0.3% * **4:3** *to him and said* ¦ and said to him CT † **4:10** *Get behind me* 87.6% ¦ Go away CT TR 11.7%

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

5

The Beatitudes
1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up
on the mountain. And when he sat down,
his disciples came to him.
2 Then he opened his mouth and taught
them, saying,

3 **"Blessed are the poor in spirit,**
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 **Blessed are those who mourn,**
for they will be comforted.
5 **Blessed are the meek,**
for they will inherit the earth.
6 **Blessed are those who hunger and**
thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
7 **Blessed are the merciful,**
for they will receive mercy.
8 **Blessed are the pure in heart,**
for they will see God.
9 **Blessed are the peacemakers,**
for they will be called sons of God.
10 **Blessed are those who are**
persecuted for righteousness'
sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

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

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

Anger
21 **"You have heard that it was said to**
those of old, 'You shall not murder,'
and, 'Whoever murders will be
subject to judgment.'
22 **But I say to you that everyone who**
is *rashly angry with his brother will
be subject to judgment. Whoever says
to his brother, 'You idiot,' will be
subject to the Sanhedrin. And
whoever says, 'You fool,' will be
subject to the fires of hell.
23 **So if you are offering your gift at**
the altar and there remember that
your brother has something against
you,
24 **leave your gift there before the**
altar and go. First be reconciled to
your brother, and then come and
offer your gift.
25 **Make friends with your adversary**
quickly while you are on the way with
him, lest your adversary hand you
over to the judge, and the judge †hand
you over to the guard, and you be
thrown into prison.

* **5:22** *rashly* 95.4% ¦ — CT 1.9% † **5:25** *hand you over* ¦ — CT

26 **Truly I say to you, you will certainly not come out of there until you have paid the last penny.**

Adultery

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

Divorce

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

Oaths

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

Retaliation

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

Love for Enemies

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

‡ **5:27** *said* ¦ said to those of old ANT TR § **5:30** *be thrown* ¦ go CT * **5:32** *whoever* ¦ anyone who CT † **5:39** *your* ¦ the ANT PCK RP SBL TH ‡ **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%

4 **so that your giving may be in secret.
Then your Father who sees in secret
will †himself reward you openly.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**
10 **Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**
11 **Give us this day our daily bread.**
12 **And forgive us our debts,
as we †forgive our debtors.**
13 **And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
‡For yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

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

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

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

The Lamp of the Body
22 **"The lamp of the body is the eye. If
then your eye is clear, your whole
body will be full of light.**
23 **But if your eye is bad, your whole
body will be full of darkness. If then
the light within you is darkness, how
great is the darkness!**

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

Anxiety
25 **"Therefore I tell you, do not be
anxious about your life, what you will
eat ‡and what you will drink, or about
your body, what you will wear. Is not
life more than food and the body
more than clothing?**
26 **Look at the birds of the sky: They do
not sow or reap or gather into barns,
yet your heavenly Father feeds them.
Are you not of more value than they?**
27 **Which of you by being anxious can
add a single moment to your span of
life?**
28 **And why are you anxious about
clothing? Consider the lilies of the
field, how they grow: They do not toil
or spin,**
29 **yet I tell you that not even Solomon
in all his glory was clothed like one of
these.**
30 **Now if God so clothes the grass of
the field, which is alive today and
tomorrow is thrown into the oven,
will he not much more clothe you, O
you of little faith?**
31 **Therefore do not be anxious, saying,
'What will we eat?' or, 'What will we
drink?' or, 'What will we wear?'**

‡ **6:5** *you* ¦ you CT § **6:6** *openly* 96.9% ¦ — CT 1.9% * **6:8** *your* ¦ God your WH † **6:12** *forgive* ¦ have forgiven CT ‡ **6:13** *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.* 92.6% ¦ — CT 1.2% § **6:15** *their trespasses* 97.3% ¦ — NA SBL 1.1% * **6:18** *you* ¦ you openly ANT TR † **6:21** *your … your* ¦ your … your CT ‡ **6:25** *and what you will drink* ¦ or what you will drink NA TH WH ¦ — SBL

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
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**

§ **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

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."**
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

§ **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 † **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

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 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;**

† **8:29** *Jesus,* ¦ — CT ‡ **8:31** *let us go* ¦ send us CT § **8:32** *herd of* ¦ — CT * **8:32** *of pigs* ¦ — CT * **9:1** *the* ¦ a ANT CT † **9:2** *you* ¦ — CT ‡ **9:4** *Perceiving* 64% ¦ Knowing PCK SBL TH WH 32.7% § **9:5** *forgiven* $\mathbf{K}^{X(104)}$ ¦ forgiven you $\mathbf{K}^{X(61)}$ TR * **9:8** *amazed* 97.5% ¦ afraid CT 2% † **9:11** *eating* ¦ eating and drinking PCK ‡ **9:12** *to them* ¦ — CT § **9:13** *to repentance* ¦ — CT * **9:14** *often* 98.3% ¦ — WH 1.4% † **9:22** *around* ¦ — CT

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, 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.**

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‡ **9:24** *to them* ¦ — CT § **9:27** *him* ¦ — WH * **9:35** *among the people* ¦ — CT † **9:36** *harassed* ¦ faint ANT TR
* **10:3** *Lebbaeus, who was given the name* 97.6% ¦ — CT 0.4% † **10:4** *Cananite* ¦ Cananaean CT ‡ **10:8** *cleanse lepers,* ¦ cleanse lepers, raise the dead, ANT TR ¦ raise the dead, cleanse lepers, CT § **10:10** *staffs* ¦ staff ANT CT ST
* **10:12** *there.* ¦ there, saying, 'May peace be upon this house!' ANT

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 much more will they malign the members of his household!**

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

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

Not Peace, but a Sword
34 **"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.**
35 **For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.**
36 **And a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.**
37 **Whoever loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; whoever loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.**
38 **And whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.**
39 **Whoever finds his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.**

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

11

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

Messengers from John the Baptist
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**

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

the poor have good news preached to them.
6 **And blessed is anyone who does not take offense at me."**

7 As these men went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: **"What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?**
8 **What then did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold, those who wear soft garments are in the palaces of kings.**
9 **But †what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.**
10 **‡For this is the one of whom it is written,**

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

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

17 **'We played the flute for you, but you did not dance;**
we sang a lament ‡for you, but you did not mourn.'

18 **For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'**
19 **The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her §children."**

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

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.

† **11:9** *what did you go out to see? A prophet?* ¦ why did you go out? To see a prophet? SBL WH ‡ **11:10** *For this* ¦ This CT § **11:15** *to hear* ¦ — NA SBL WH * **11:16** *children* ¦ little children TR † **11:16** *marketplaces* $\aleph^{X(112)}$ ¦ marketplace $\aleph^{X(60)}$ 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%

2 When the Pharisees saw this, they said
to him, "Behold, your disciples are doing
what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath."
3 He said to them, **"Have you not read
what David did when he was hungry,
*he and those who were with him,**
4 **how he entered the house of God and
†ate the bread of the Presence, which
was not lawful for him or those who
were with him to eat, but only for the
priests?**
5 **Or have you not read in the law that
on the Sabbath the priests in the
temple profane the Sabbath and yet
are guiltless?**
6 **But I tell you that ‡something greater
than the temple is here.**
7 **But if you had known what this
means: 'I desire mercy and not
sacrifice,' you would not have
condemned the guiltless.**
8 **For the Son of Man is Lord §of the
Sabbath."**

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

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

18 "Behold, my servant whom I have
chosen,
my beloved, in whom my soul is well
pleased.
I will put my Spirit upon him,
and he will declare justice to the Gentiles.
19 He will not quarrel or cry out,
nor will anyone hear his voice in the
streets.
20 A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not
extinguish,
until he brings justice to victory.
21 And in his name the Gentiles will
hope."

Jesus and Beelzebul
22 Then a demon-possessed man who was
blind and mute was brought to him, and
Jesus healed him, so that the ‡man who
was blind and mute could speak and see.
23 All the crowds were amazed and said,
"Can this be the §Son of David?"
24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they
said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of
demons, that this man casts out demons."
25 Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said to
them, **"Every kingdom divided against
itself is laid waste, and no city or
house divided against itself will stand.**
26 **So if Satan casts out Satan, he is
divided against himself. How then
will his kingdom stand?**
27 **And if I cast out demons by
Beelzebul, by whom *do your
followers cast them out? Therefore
they will be your judges.**
28 **But if I cast out demons by the
Spirit of God, then the kingdom of
God has come upon you.**
29 **Or how can anyone enter the house
of a strong man and plunder his goods
unless he first binds the strong man?
Then he †can plunder his house.**
30 **Whoever is not with me is against
me, and whoever does not gather with
me scatters.**
31 **Therefore I tell you, people will be
forgiven for every sin and blasphemy,
but ‡they will not be forgiven for
blasphemy against the Spirit.**
32 **Whoever speaks a word against the
Son of Man will be forgiven, but
whoever speaks against the Holy
Spirit will not be forgiven, neither in**

* **12:3** *he* ¦ — CT † **12:4** *ate* ¦ they ate NA SBL WH ‡ **12:6** *something* ¦ someone TR § **12:8** *of* ¦ even of ANT TR * **12:10** *man* ¦ man there ANT † **12:15** *Large crowds* 97.1% ¦ Many SBL WH 0.3% ‡ **12:22** *man who was blind and mute* ¦ mute man CT § **12:23** *Son* ¦ Christ, the Son ANT PCK * **12:27** *do* ¦ will ANT † **12:29** *can* ¦ will ANT CT HF RP TR ‡ **12:31** *they will not be forgiven for blasphemy against the Spirit* ¦ blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven CT § **12:32** *the present* ¦ this CT TR

§**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.
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?"

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* **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 † **13:9** *to hear* ¦ — CT ‡ **13:11** *them* ¦ — WH

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.**
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.

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

35 This was to fulfill what had been
spoken through the prophet:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth
53 When Jesus had finished these
parables, he departed from there.
54 Then he went to his hometown and
taught the people in their synagogue.
They were astonished and said, "Where
did this man get this wisdom and these
miraculous powers?
55 Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not
his mother's name Mary, and are not his
brothers James, †Joses, Simon, and Judas?
56 Are not all his sisters with us? Where
then did this man get all these things?"
57 And they took offense at him. Then
Jesus said to them, **"A prophet is not
without honor except in his
hometown and in his own household."**
58 And he did not do many miracles there
because of their unbelief.

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The Death of John the Baptist
1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard
the report about Jesus
2 and said to his servants, "This man is
John the Baptist; he has been raised from
the dead, and that is why these mighty
powers are at work in him."
3 For Herod had arrested John, bound
him, and put him in prison on account of
Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.
4 For John had been saying to him, "It is
not lawful for you to have her."
5 Although Herod wanted to kill John, he
was afraid of the crowd, because they
regarded John as a prophet.
6 But when Herod's birthday *was
celebrated, the daughter of Herodias
danced before the guests and pleased
Herod.

† **13:35** *of the world* 99.2% ¦ — SBL TH WH 0.6% ‡ **13:36** *the* ¦ his ANT § **13:37** *to them* ¦ — CT * **13:40** *this* ¦ the CT † **13:43** *to hear* ¦ — CT ‡ **13:44** *Again, the* ¦ The CT § **13:50** *teeth." Jesus said to them,* ¦ teeth. CT * **13:51** *Yes, Lord.* ¦ Yes. CT † **13:55** *Joses* ¦ Joseph CT * **14:6** *was celebrated* ¦ came CT

7 So he promised with an oath to give her
whatever she might ask.
8 Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give
me here on a platter the head of John the
Baptist."
9 The king was grieved, but because of his
oaths and his guests, he commanded it to
be given
10 and sent orders to have John beheaded
in prison.
11 John's head was then brought on a
platter and given to the girl, and she
brought it to her mother.
12 Later, John's disciples came and took
his body and buried it. Then they went
and brought word to Jesus.

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

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

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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,**

† **14:15** *his* ¦ the CT ‡ **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

‘Whoever speaks evil of his father or mother must surely die.’
5 **But you say, ‘If anyone says to his father or mother, “Whatever benefit you might have received from me is now a gift devoted to God,” ‡then he certainly need not honor his father §or his mother.’**
6 **You have nullified the *commandment of God for the sake of your tradition.**
7 **Hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said,**

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

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

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‡ **15:5** *then* ¦ — CT § **15:5** *or his mother* ¦ — CT * **15:6** *commandment* 98.2% ¦ word CT 0.5% † **15:8** *draws near to me with their mouth and* ¦ — CT ‡ **15:12** *his* ¦ the NA SBL WH § **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

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
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 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.”

* **15:36** *his* ¦ the CT † **15:36** *crowd* ¦ crowds ANT CT ‡ **15:39** *Magdala* ¦ Magadan CT * **16:3** *Hypocrites!* ¦ — CT † **16:3** *discern* ¦ recognize ANT ‡ **16:4** *the prophet* ¦ — CT § **16:5** *his* ¦ the CT * **16:8** *to them* ¦ — CT † **16:8** *brought* 97.4% ¦ have NA TH WH 1.7% ‡ **16:11** *talking about bread when I told you to beware … Sadducees?* ¦ speaking to you about bread? But beware … Sadducees. CT § **16:13** *I, the Son of Man, am* ¦ the Son of Man is CT * **16:20** *commanded* ¦ warned WH † **16:20** *his* ¦ the CT ‡ **16:20** *Jesus* ¦ — CT PCK § **16:21** *Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ WH

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."**

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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.
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

* **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% § **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

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 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?"

† **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 ‡ **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

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.”**

19

Questions About Divorce
1 When Jesus had finished saying these things, he departed from Galilee and came into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.
2 Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.
3 Then *the Pharisees came up to Jesus and tested him by asking †him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?”
4 He answered ‡them, **“Have you not read that he who §made them from the beginning ‘made them male and female,’**
5 **and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’?**
6 **So then, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”**
7 They said to him, “Why then did Moses command us to give her a certificate of divorce and send her away?”
8 He said to them, **“Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.**
9 **I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, except for fornication, and marries another, commits adultery. *And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”**
10 †His disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.”
11 But Jesus said to them, **“Not all men can accept this statement, but only those to whom it is given.**
12 **For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Whoever is able to accept this should accept it.”**

Let the Little Children Come to Me
13 Then little children were brought to Jesus so that he might lay his hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked those who brought them.
14 Yet Jesus said, **“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them,**

‡ **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 * **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

for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
15 And after laying his hands on them, he departed from there.

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

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

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

‡ **19:16** *and said to him* ¦ to him and said CT § **19:16** *Good* ¦ — CT * **19:17** *do you call me good? No one is good except God alone* 97.7% ¦ do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good CT 0.2% † **19:20** *from the time I was a young boy* ¦ — CT ‡ **19:24** *go through* ¦ enter SBL WH § **19:25** *his* ¦ the CT * **19:29** *wife,* ¦ — NA WH † **19:29** *a hundred* ¦ many WH * **20:6** *idle* ¦ around CT † **20:7** *well, and you will receive whatever is right.* ¦ well. CT ‡ **20:8** *them* ¦ — WH

them equal to us, who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'
13 **But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me to work for a denarius?**
14 **Take what is yours and go. I wish to give to this last man just as I gave to you.**
15 §**Or is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is mine? *Are you envious because I am good?'**
16 **So the last will be first, and the first will be last. †For many are called, but few are chosen."**

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

The Request of the Mother of James and John
20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came with her sons to Jesus, and bowing down she asked him for a favor.
21 So he said to her, **"What do you want?"** She said to him, "Declare that one of these two sons of mine may sit on your right and the other on your left in your kingdom."
22 Jesus answered, **"You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to †drink, or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"** The two brothers said to him, "We are able."
23 So he said to them, **"You will indeed drink my ‡cup and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with, but to sit on my right and on my left is not mine to give, but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."**
24 When the ten heard this, they were indignant with the two brothers.
25 So Jesus called them over and said, **"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them.**
26 **But it §shall not be so among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant,**
27 **and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave,**
28 **just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."**

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men
29 As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him.
30 And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the road. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "*Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!"
31 But the crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent. Yet they cried out even more loudly, "†Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!"
32 So Jesus stopped, called them over, and said, **"What do you want me to do for you?"**
33 They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened."
34 Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes, and immediately ‡their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

21

The Triumphal Entry
1 When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to *Bethsphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples ahead,
2 telling them, **"Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me.**
3 **If anyone says anything to you, say, 'The Lord has need of them.' And immediately he will send them."**

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

4 Now †all this took place to fulfill what
the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

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

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

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

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

Jesus Cleanses the Temple Courts

12 Then Jesus entered the *courts of God's
temple and drove out all who were
selling and buying there. He overturned
the tables of the money changers and the
seats of those who were selling doves.
13 And he said to them, **"It is written,
'My house shall be called a house of
prayer,' but you †have made it a den
of robbers."**
14 Then the ‡lame and the blind came to
him in the temple courts, and he healed
them.
15 But when the chief priests and the
scribes saw the wonderful things that he
did and the children crying out in the
temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of
David," they were indignant
16 and said to him, "Do you hear what
these children are saying?" Jesus said to
them, **"Yes, have you never read,**

**'Out of the mouths of babies and
nursing infants
you have prepared praise'?"**

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

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

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

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

23 When he entered the temple courts, the
chief priests and the elders of the people
came up to him as he was teaching and
said, "By what authority are you doing
these things? And who gave you this
authority?"
24 Jesus answered them, **"I will also ask
you one question. If you tell me the
answer, I will also tell you by what
authority I am doing these things.**
25 **Where did John's authority to
baptize come from? From heaven or
from men?"** So they discussed it among
themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From
heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did
you not believe him?'
26 But we are afraid of what the crowd
might do if we say, 'From men,' for
everyone regards John as a prophet."
27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not
know." Then he said to them, **"Neither
will I tell you by what authority I am
doing these things.**

The Parable of the Two Sons

28 **"But what do you think? A man had
two sons. He went to his first son and
said, 'Son, go work today in §my
vineyard.'**
29 **His son answered, 'I will *not,' but
afterward he changed his mind and
went.**

‡ **21:5** *a* ¦ on a CT § **21:7** *Jesus sat* ¦ they set Jesus SCR * **21:12** *courts of God's temple* 96.3% ¦ temple courts CT 3.4% † **21:13** *have made* ¦ are making CT ‡ **21:14** *lame and the blind* ¦ blind and the lame CT TR § **21:28** *my* ¦ the CT * **21:29** *not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went* ¦ go, sir,' but he did not go WH † **21:30** *other* $\mathbf{K}^{X(102)}$ ¦ second $\mathbf{K}^{X(69)}$ ANT RP SBL TH TR WH

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.

22

The Parable of the Wedding Feast
1 Once again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying,
2 **"The kingdom of heaven can be compared to a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son.**
3 **He sent his servants to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come.**
4 **Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and the fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast." '**
5 **But they paid no attention and went away, one to his own field and another to his business.**
6 **The rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.**
7 ***When the king heard about it, he was furious. So he sent his armies, who destroyed those murderers and burned down their city.**
8 **Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.**
9 **Go therefore to where the roads exit the city and invite to the wedding feast anyone you find.'**
10 **So the servants went out to the roads and gathered together all whom they found, both evil and good, and the wedding feast was filled with guests.**
11 **"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not clothed with a wedding garment.**
12 **So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' But the man was speechless.**

‡ **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 † **22:13** *feet and hands* **K**$^{X(98)}$ ¦ hands and feet **K**$^{X(71)}$ PCK ‡ **22:13** *take him away,* ¦ — NA SBL WH

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

The Question About Paying Taxes to Caesar

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

The Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

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

The Greatest Commandment

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

§ **22:21** *to him* ¦ — WH * **22:23** *(who say there is no resurrection) came to Jesus and* $\mathbf{K}^{X(85)}$ ¦ came to Jesus, saying there is no resurrection, and they $\mathbf{K}^{X(85)}$ CT † **22:27** *also* ¦ — CT ‡ **22:30** *of God* ¦ — NA WH § **22:38** *most important and greatest* ¦ greatest and most important CT * **22:39** *like it is this* ¦ is like it ANT HF NA RP SBL TR WH † **22:44** *make your enemies a footstool for* ¦ put your enemies under CT

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

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

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 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!' "**

24

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

‡ **23:26** *them* ¦ it NA SBL WH § **23:38** *desolate* ¦ — WH * **24:2** *said to* ¦ answered CT † **24:6** *hear* ¦ be concerned when you hear PCK ‡ **24:6** *all* 92.3% ¦ — CT 1% § **24:7** *famines, plagues,* ¦ famines CT

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, '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.**

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* **24:18** *garments* ¦ garment CT PCK † **24:24** *as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen* ¦ that, if possible, even the chosen might be led astray WH ‡ **24:28** *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

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.**
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?**

† **24:49** *to eat and drink* ¦ eats and drinks ANT CT * **25:2** *wise, and five were foolish* ¦ foolish, and five were wise CT † **25:3** *those who were* ¦ the CT ‡ **25:6** *is coming* ¦ — CT § **25:9** *not* ¦ certainly not CT * **25:13** *in which the Son of Man is coming* 89.3% ¦ — CT 10.4% † **25:16** *made* ¦ earned CT ‡ **25:16** *talents* ¦ — CT § **25:17** *also* ¦ — CT * **25:20** *besides them* ¦ — CT † **25:22** *besides them* ¦ — CT

27 **Then you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and when I came I would have received what is mine with interest.**
28 **Therefore take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents.**
29 **For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. But the one who does not have, even what he** ‡**has will be taken away from him.**
30 **And throw that worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'**

The Final Judgment
31 **"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the** §**holy angels with him, he will sit down on his throne of glory.**
32 **All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them from one another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.**
33 **He will set the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.**
34 **Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.**
35 **For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in;**
36 **I was naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you looked after me; I was in prison, and you came to visit me.'**
37 **Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?**
38 **When did we see you as a stranger and take you in, or naked and clothe you?**
39 **When did we see you sick or in prison and come to visit you?'**
40 **The King will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'**
41 **"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.**
42 **For I was hungry, and you did not give me anything to eat; I was thirsty, and you did not give me anything to drink;**
43 **I was a stranger, and you did not take me in; I was naked, and you did not clothe me; I was sick and in prison, and you did not look after me.'**
44 **Then they too will** *__answer__, **'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or as a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not take care of you?'**
45 **He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, neither did you do it to me.'**
46 **And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."**

26

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

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

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

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."**
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.

* **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 ‡ **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

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.' "
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

§ **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 * **26:65** *his* ¦ the CT † **26:71** *also* ¦ — CT

you also are one of them, for even your accent gives you away."
74 Then he began to invoke curses and to swear, saying, "I do not know the man." And immediately a rooster crowed.
75 Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said ‡to him: **"Before a rooster crows, you will deny me three times."** And he went out and wept bitterly.

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Jesus Handed Over to Pontius Pilate
1 Now when morning came, all the chief priests and the elders *of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.
2 They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to †Pontius Pilate, the governor.

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

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

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

‡ **26:75** *to him* ¦ — CT * **27:1** *of the people* ¦ — PCK † **27:2** *Pontius* ¦ — CT ‡ **27:4** *innocent* ¦ righteous WH § **27:11** *to him* ¦ — NA SBL WH * **27:16** *Barabbas* ¦ Jesus Barabbas NA SBL † **27:17** *Barabbas* ¦ Jesus Barabbas NA SBL ‡ **27:22** *to him* ¦ — CT § **27:24** *righteous* ¦ — NA SBL WH

before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
30 Then they spit on him, took the reed, and beat him repeatedly on his head.
31 When they had finished mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own garments back on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

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

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

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

28

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.

§ **27:64** *his* ¦ the WH * **27:64** *by night, steal him away,* ¦ and steal him away CT * **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
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,

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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% ‡ **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

"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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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**

‡ **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% * **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

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 from the old cloth, and a worse tear would be made.**
22 **And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the ‡new wine would burst the wineskins; the wine would be §spilled, and the wineskins would be ruined. But new wine *must be put into new wineskins."**

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

3

Jesus Heals a Man with a Withered Hand
1 Once again Jesus went into *the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand.
2 Now the Pharisees were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal the man on the Sabbath, so that they could accuse him.
3 And he said to the man with the withered hand, **"Rise and come forward."**
4 Then Jesus said to them, **"Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?"** But they were silent.
5 After looking around at them with anger, grieved by the hardness of their hearts, he said to the man, **"Stretch out**

‡ **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 ‡ **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

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);
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."**

4

The Parable of the Sower
1 Once again Jesus began to teach by the sea, and a *large crowd was gathered around him. So he got into †the boat and

‡ **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% ‡ **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

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

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

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

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

‡ **4:4** *along* ¦ on ANT § **4:4** *birds* ¦ birds of the sky TR * **4:8** *seed* ¦ seeds CT † **4:8** *thirty, sixty, or even* ¦ some thirty, some sixty, and some HF NA SBL TR ‡ **4:9** *said* ¦ said to them ANT TR § **4:10** *parable* ¦ parables CT * **4:11** *it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God* ¦ it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God ANT ¦ the mystery of the kingdom of God has been given CT † **4:12** *of their sins* ¦ — CT ‡ **4:15** *their hearts* ¦ them CT § **4:18** *They* ¦ These are the ones who CT ST * **4:19** *this* ¦ the CT † **4:20** *thirty, sixty, or even* ¦ some thirty, some sixty, and some HF NA SBL TR ‡ **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

28 †**For the earth produces a crop by itself: first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.**
29 **When the crop is ready, the man immediately sends in the sickle, for the harvest has come."**

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

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

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

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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

‡ **4:30** *can* ¦ shall HF PCK § **4:30** *describe* ¦ present CT * **4:34** *speak* ¦ speak the word ANT † **4:34** *his* ¦ his own CT ‡ **4:36** *little* ¦ — ANT CT § **4:37** *it was nearly swamped* ¦ it was already beginning to sink ANT ¦ the boat was nearly swamped CT * **4:40** *so* 96.7% ¦ — CT 1% † **4:40** *How is it that you* 97.4% ¦ Do you still CT 1.9% * **5:1** *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 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.

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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

§ **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%

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
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

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

30 Meanwhile, the apostles gathered
around Jesus and told him about all they
had done and taught.
31 Then he said to them, **"Come away by
yourselves to a desolate place and
rest for a little while."** For many
people were coming and going, and Jesus
and his apostles did not even have an
opportunity to eat.
32 So they went away in ‡the boat to a
desolate place by themselves.
33 Now §many saw them going away and
recognized *Jesus. They ran together on
foot from all the †towns, got there ahead
of them, and then gathered around him.
34 When Jesus went ashore and saw a
large crowd, he was moved with
compassion for them, because they were
like sheep without a shepherd. So he
began to teach them many things.

35 When the hour was already quite
late, his disciples came to him and said,
"This place is desolate, and the hour is
now late.
36 Send the people away so that they
can go into the surrounding countryside
and villages and buy themselves ‡some
bread, for they have nothing to eat."
37 But Jesus answered them, **"You give
them something to eat."** They said to
him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred
denarii worth of bread and give it to
them to eat?"
38 He said to them, **"How many loaves
do you have? Go and see."** When they
found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."
39 Then he directed them to have all the
people sit down in groups on the green
grass.
40 So they sat down in groups of
hundreds and fifties.
41 Then he took the five loaves and the
two fish, and looking up to heaven, he
said the blessing. He broke the loaves and
gave them to §his disciples to set before
the people, and he divided the two fish
among them all.
42 They all ate and were filled,
43 and the disciples picked up twelve
baskets full of the broken pieces and of
the fish.
44 Now those who had eaten the loaves
were *five thousand men.

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

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The Traditions of the Elders

‡ **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 † **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

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!**
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.

* **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% § **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

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

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

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

The Leaven of the Pharisees and Herod
14 Now the disciples had forgotten to bring bread, and they had nothing with them in the boat except for one loaf.
15 Then Jesus gave them strict orders, saying, **"Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."**
16 So they discussed §this with one another, saying, "He must have said this because we have no bread."
17 Aware of this, Jesus said to them, **"Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet**

§ **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% § **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

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

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

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

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection
31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.
32 He was stating the matter plainly, so Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.
33 But turning around and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, **"Get behind me, Satan! For you are not thinking about the things of God, but the things of men."**
34 Then he called the crowd over, along with his disciples, and said to them, "‡**Whoever wants to be one of my disciples must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.**
35 **For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel will save it.**
36 **For what §will it benefit a person *if he gains the whole world but forfeits his soul?**
37 †**Or what can a person give in exchange for his soul?**
38 **If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."**

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

The Transfiguration
2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them.
3 His garments became radiant and extremely white, *like snow, such as no launderer on earth could whiten them.
4 Then Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.
5 So Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

† **8:20** *said* 98.2% ¦ said to him NA SBL WH 1.1% ‡ **8:21** *How is it that you do not* ¦ How is it that you do not yet PCK TH ¦ Do you not yet ANT NA SBL WH § **8:22** *Jesus* ¦ they CT * **8:23** *him if he saw anything.* 98.2% ¦ him, "Do you see anything?" CT 0.7% † **8:25** *again and had him look up* ¦ again, and the man looked intently CT ‡ **8:25** *everyone* ¦ everything CT § **8:26** *go into the village or tell anyone in the village what has happened.* 93.6% ¦ even go into the village. NA SBL WH 0.6% * **8:28** *answered* ¦ said to him CT † **8:29** *said to* ¦ asked CT ‡ **8:34** *Whoever … disciples* ¦ If anyone … disciples, he CT § **8:36** *will* ¦ does CT * **8:36** *if he gains the whole world but forfeits* ¦ to gain the whole word but forfeit CT † **8:37** *Or* ¦ For CT * **9:3** *like snow,* 94.7% ¦ — CT 0.9% † **9:6** *what to say* ¦ how to respond CT

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."**

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

‡ **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% ‡ **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

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.’**
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,**

‡ **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% * **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

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**
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

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* **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% † **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

death and hand him over to the Gentiles.
34 **They will mock him, †flog him, spit on him, and kill him. But ‡on the third day he will rise again."**

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

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

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

branches from the trees and also spread them on the road.
9 Those who went ahead of him and those who followed were crying out,

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

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

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

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

‡ **11:10** *kingdom of our father David that is coming in the name of the Lord* ¦ coming kingdom of our father David CT § **11:15** *came* ¦ came again ANT * **11:17** *the people* ¦ — WH † **11:18** *scribes and the chief priests* ¦ scribes, the Pharisees, and the chief priests ANT ¦ chief priests and the scribes CT ‡ **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%

32 But †shall we say, 'From men'?"—they were afraid of the ‡people, for everyone thought that John was §truly a prophet.
33 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." *In response Jesus said to them, **"Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."**

12

The Parable of the Vineyard Owner
1 Then Jesus began to speak to them in parables: **"A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the winepress, built a tower, leased it to farmers, and left the country.**
2 **At harvest time he sent a servant to the farmers to receive from them some of the fruit of the vineyard.**
3 **But they seized that servant, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed.**
4 **Again he sent to them another servant, and they *threw stones at him, struck him on the head, and †sent him away after dishonoring him.**
5 ‡**Again he sent another, and that one they killed. He also sent many others, some of whom they beat, and some of whom they killed.**
6 **Now he still had §his one beloved son. He sent him to them *as well, last of all, saying, 'They will have respect for my son.'**
7 **But †the farmers said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'**
8 **So they took him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.**
9 **What ‡then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy those farmers and give the vineyard to others.**
10 **Have you not read this Scripture:**

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

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

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

The Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection
18 Then some Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to Jesus and asked him,
19 "Teacher, Moses wrote for us: 'If a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, that man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.'
20 Now there were seven brothers. The first married a woman and died, leaving no offspring.
21 The second married her and died, *and he also left no offspring; the third did likewise.
22 In fact, †the seven all married her and left no offspring. Last of all, the woman also died.
23 ‡In the resurrection, when they rise again, which of them will she be the wife of? For the seven all had her as a wife."
24 Jesus §answered them, **"Is this not why you are in error, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?**

* **11:33** *In response* ¦ — CT * **12:4** *threw stones at him, struck him on the head,* ¦ struck him on the head CT † **12:4** *sent him away after dishonoring* ¦ dishonored CT ‡ **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

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.
43 So Jesus called his disciples over and said to them, **"Truly I say to you, this poor widow has put more money into the treasury than all the others.**
44 **For they have all put in money out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, has put in all that she had, her entire livelihood."**

13

Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple
1 As Jesus was coming out from the temple courts, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, look! What wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!"

* **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 * **13:2** *answered* ¦ said to CT † **13:2** *left* 78.4% ¦ left here ANT CT PCK 21.4%

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.**
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.**

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‡ **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 ‡ **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

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.**
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?"

† **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 * **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%

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
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."**

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‡ **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 * **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

50 Then they all the disciples left him and
fled.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Death of Jesus
33 From the sixth hour until the ninth
hour, there was darkness over the whole
land.
34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out
with a loud voice, **"Eloi, Eloi, ‡lima
sabachthani?"** which means, **"§My God,
my God, why have you forsaken me?"**
35 When some of those standing nearby
heard this, they said, "Behold, he is
calling for Elijah."
36 Then a man ran and filled a sponge
with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave
it to him to drink, saying, "Leave him
alone. Let us see if Elijah comes to take
him down."
37 But Jesus let out a loud cry and
breathed his last breath.
38 Then the veil of the temple was torn in
two from top to bottom.
39 Now when the centurion who was
standing in front of Jesus saw how he
*cried out and breathed his last breath,
he said, "Truly this man was the Son of
God."

§ **15:8** *cried out* ¦ came up CT * **15:8** *had always done* ¦ usually did NA SBL WH † **15:12** *do you want me to* ¦ should I NA TH WH ‡ **15:18** *him:* ¦ him, saying, PCK § **15:23** *to drink,* ¦ — CT * **15:28** *So the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "He was numbered with the lawless."* 84.9% ¦ — SBL TH WH 11% {Note: NA encloses this text with double brackets.} † **15:32** *believe* ¦ believe him ANT HF PCK RP ‡ **15:34** *lima* ¦ lamma TR ¦ lema NA SBL ¦ lama TH WH § **15:34** *My* ¦ O PCK * **15:39** *cried out and* 96.5% ¦ — CT 0.4%

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.
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.**

† **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.⎫ ‡ **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

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.

† **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

* **1:28** *Blessed are you among women!* ¦ — CT † **1:29** *when Mary saw him,* ¦ — CT ‡ **1:29** *his* ¦ this CT

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."

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 your 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,

§ **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 § **1:63** *is* ¦ shall be PCK * **1:66** *And* ¦ For CT

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 you, child, will be called a prophet
of the Most High,
for you 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.

2

The Birth of Jesus

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

Angels Announce Jesus' Birth to Shepherds

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

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

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

Jesus Presented at the Temple

22 When the days of *their purification were completed according to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

† **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 † **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

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."

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

The Return to Nazareth

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

The Boy Jesus at the Temple
41 Now Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem
every year at the feast of the Passover.
42 When he was twelve years old, they
went up §to Jerusalem according to the
custom of the feast.
43 And when they had completed their
days there and started returning home,
the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem.
But *Joseph did not know it, and neither
did Jesus' mother.
44 They assumed that he was in the
company of travelers, so they went a
day's journey before they began looking
for him among their relatives and
acquaintances.
45 When they did not find him, they
returned to Jerusalem, looking for him.
46 After three days, they found him in the
temple courts, sitting among the teachers,
listening to them and asking them
questions.
47 And all who heard him were amazed at
his understanding and his answers.
48 When his parents saw him, they were
astonished. His mother said to him,
"Child, why have you treated us like this?
Behold, your father and I have been
looking for you in great distress."
49 He said to them, **"Why were you
looking for me? Did you not know
that I must be in my Father's house?"**
50 But they did not understand what he
said to them.
51 Then he went down with them and
came to Nazareth and was obedient to
them. And his mother kept all these
things in her heart.
52 And Jesus advanced in wisdom and in
stature, and in favor with God and men.

3

The Preaching of John the Baptist
1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of
Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was
governor of Judea, and Herod was
tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother
was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and

† **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

Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene,
2 during the *high priesthood of Annas
and Caiaphas, the word of God came to
John the son of Zechariah in the
wilderness.
3 He went into all the region around the
Jordan, preaching a baptism of
repentance for the remission of sins,
4 as it is written in the book of the words
of the prophet Isaiah,

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

7 John said to the crowds that were
coming out to be baptized by him, "You
brood of vipers, who warned you to flee
from the coming wrath?
8 Produce fruit consistent with
repentance, and do not begin to say to
yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our
father,' for I tell you that God is able from
these stones to raise up children for
Abraham.
9 Even now the axe is laid to the root of
the trees. Every tree therefore that does
not produce good fruit is cut down and
thrown into the fire."
10 So the crowds asked him, "What then
should we do?"
11 John answered them, "Whoever has
two tunics must share with him who has
none, and whoever has food must do
likewise."
12 Some tax collectors also came to be
†baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher,
what should we do?"
13 He said to them, "Collect no more
than what you have been authorized to
collect."
14 Then some soldiers asked him, "And
what should we do?" He said to them,
"Do not extort money from anyone by
‡threats or false accusations, and be
content with your wages."
15 Now as the people were waiting in
expectation and were all questioning in
their hearts whether John might be the
Christ,
16 John answered them all, "I baptize
you with water, but one is coming who is
mightier than I, the strap of whose
sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
17 His winnowing fork is in his §hand,
and he will thoroughly clean out his
threshing floor and gather the wheat into
his barn, but the chaff he will burn up
with unquenchable fire."
18 With these and many other
exhortations John preached good news to
the people.
19 But when John rebuked Herod the
tetrarch because of his marriage to
Herodias, his *brother's wife, and because
of all the evils he had done,
20 Herod added this to everything else:
He locked John up in prison.

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

The Genealogy of Jesus
23 Jesus was about thirty years of age
when he began his ministry, being the
son (so it was thought) of Joseph, the son
of Eli,
24 the son of ‡Matthat, the son of Levi, the
son of Melchi, the son of §Janna, the son
of Joseph,
25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos,
the son of Nahum, the son of *Esli, the
son of Naggai,
26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias,
the son of †Semeei, the son of ‡Joseph, the
son of §Judah,
27 the son of *Joannan, the son of Rhesa,
the son of Zerubbabel, the son of
Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

* **3:2** *high priesthood of* ¦ time of the high priests TR † **3:12** *baptized* ¦ baptized by him PCK ‡ **3:14** *threats or false accusations* ¦ false accusations or threats ANT § **3:17** *hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor and* ¦ hand to thoroughly clean out his threshing floor and to CT * **3:19** *brother's* ¦ brother Philip's TR † **3:22** *heaven, saying,* ¦ heaven: CT ‡ **3:24** *Matthat* ¦ Matthan ANT PCK ¦ Maththat NA SBL § **3:24** *Janna* ¦ Joanna ANT ¦ Jannai CT * **3:25** *Esli* ¦ Eslim ANT † **3:26** *Semeei* ¦ Semei PCK RP TR ¦ Semeu ANT ¦ Semein NA SBL ¦ Semeein TH WH ‡ **3:26** *Joseph* ¦ Josech ANT CT § **3:26** *Judah* ¦ Joda ANT CT * **3:27** *Joannan* ¦ Joanan CT HF RP ¦ Jonan ¦ Joanna TR † **3:28** *Elmodam* ¦ Elmadam CT

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.' "

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.**

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

**He has sent me ‡to heal the
broken hearted,
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
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.

§ **4:41** *the Christ,* ¦ — CT * **4:44** *Galilee* 93.5% ¦ Judea CT 0.8% * **5:1** *to listen* ¦ and listening CT

4 When he finished speaking, he said to
Simon, **“Put out into the deep water
and let down your nets for a catch.”**
5 Simon answered †him, “Master, we have
worked hard throughout the entire night
and have caught nothing, but at your
word I will let down the ‡net.”
6 When he and the men with him did so,
they enclosed such a large number of fish
that their §net began to break.
7 So they signaled to their partners in the
other boat to come and assist them, and
they came and filled both the boats, so
that they began to sink.
8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell
down at Jesus' knees and said, “Depart
from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.”
9 For he and all who were with him were
gripped with astonishment at the catch of
fish they had taken,
10 including James and John, the sons of
Zebedee, who were Simon's business
partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, **“Do
not be afraid; from now on you will be
catching people.”**
11 So they brought their boats to shore,
left everything, and followed Jesus.

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

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

† **5:5** *him* ¦ — CT ‡ **5:5** *net* ¦ nets CT § **5:6** *net* ¦ nets CT * **5:15** *by him* ¦ — CT † **5:17** *to heal the people* 98.4% ¦ for him to heal CT 0.9% ‡ **5:20** *to the man* ¦ — CT § **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

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

6

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

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

† **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 ‡ **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

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, 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, 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**

‡ **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 † **7:24** *messengers* ¦ disciples ANT

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 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."**

8

Some Women Accompany Jesus
1 Soon afterward Jesus was going through every city and village, preaching and

‡ **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 † **7:44** *the hair of her head* ¦ her hair CT ‡ **7:45** *I* ¦ she ANT

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. 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

* **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 * **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

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 delivered.
37 Then the entire multitude from the surrounding region of the *Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into †the boat and left.
38 Now the man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him. But Jesus sent him away, saying,
39 **"Return to your house, and declare all that God has done for you."** So the man went away, proclaiming throughout the entire city all that Jesus had done for him.

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

As Jesus went on his way, the crowds were pressing in on him.
43 Now there was a woman who had suffered from a flow of blood for twelve ‡years, and even though she had spent her entire livelihood on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone.
44 She came up behind Jesus and touched the fringe of his garment, and the flow of her blood stopped at once.
45 Then Jesus said, **"Who touched me?"** When everyone denied it, Peter §and those who were with him said, "Master, the crowds are surrounding you and pressing against *you, and yet you say, **'Who touched me?'** "
46 But Jesus said, **"Someone touched me, for I know that power has gone out from me."**
47 When the woman saw that she could not escape notice, she came trembling and fell down before him, and in the presence of all the people she †told him the reason why she had touched him, and how she had been healed at once.
48 Then Jesus said to her, **"‡Take courage, daughter; your faith has healed you. Go in peace."**
49 While he was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house and said §to him, "Your daughter has died; do not trouble the *teacher."

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

50 But when Jesus heard this, he said to
him in response, **"Do not be afraid; just**
believe, and she will be healed."
51 When he came to the house, Jesus
†allowed no one to go in, except Peter,
‡John, James, and the child's father and
mother.
52 Meanwhile, all the people were
weeping and mourning for her, but Jesus
said, **"Do not §weep; she is not dead**
but sleeping."
53 And they began laughing at him,
knowing that she was dead.
54 But Jesus *put them all outside, took
hold of the girl's hand, and called out,
"Child, arise!"
55 Her spirit returned, and she got up at
once. Then he told them to give her
something to eat.
56 Her parents were amazed, but he
ordered them not to tell anyone what had
happened.

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

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

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

‡ **8:51** *John, James* ¦ James, John TR § **8:52** *weep;* 88.5% ¦ weep, for CT 11.3% * **8:54** *put them all outside, took hold of the girl's hand,* ¦ took hold of the girl's hand CT * **9:1** *the twelve* ¦ his twelve disciples ANT TR † **9:3** *staffs* ¦ staff CT ‡ **9:3** *bring only one tunic each* 98.9% ¦ do not bring an extra tunic TH WH 1% § **9:7** *Jesus was doing* ¦ was happening CT * **9:10** *a desolate place belonging to* ¦ — CT † **9:14** *fifty* ¦ about fifty CT

22 saying, **"The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and he must be killed and on the third day ‡be raised up."**

23 Then he said to them all, **"If anyone wants to be one of my disciples, he must deny himself, take up his §cross, and follow me.**

24 **For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.**

25 **For what does it benefit a person if he gains the whole world but loses or forfeits himself?**

26 **If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and the holy angels.**

27 **But truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will certainly not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."**

The Transfiguration

28 About eight days after he had spoken these words, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray.

29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white.

30 And behold, two men were talking with him; they were Moses and Elijah,

31 who appeared in glory and were speaking about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment in Jerusalem.

32 Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

33 As the men were parting from Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not knowing what he was saying.

34 But as he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

35 Then a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my *beloved Son; listen to him!"

36 When the voice finished speaking, they found that Jesus was alone. And the disciples kept silent, not telling anyone in those days about any of the things they had seen.

Jesus Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit

37 On the next day, when they came down from the mountain, Jesus was met by a large crowd.

38 And behold, a man from among the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg †you to look at my son, for he is my one and only child.

39 A spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth. It hardly ever leaves him alone, bruising him severely.

40 I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

41 Jesus answered, **"O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here."**

42 Now as the boy was approaching, the demon threw him down and shook him with convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

43 And they were all astonished at the majesty of God.

Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time

But while everyone was marveling at all that Jesus ‡had done, he said to his disciples,

44 **"Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered up into the hands of men."**

45 But they did not understand what this meant. It was concealed from them, so that they could not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

True Greatness

46 Now an argument arose among the disciples as to which of them was greater.

47 But Jesus, §perceiving the thoughts of their hearts, took a child and placed him by his side.

48 Then he said to them, **"Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who *will be great."**

Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us

49 John responded, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we told him to stop because he does not follow us."

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‡ **9:22** *be raised up* ¦ rise again RP § **9:23** *cross* ¦ cross daily ANT CT TR * **9:35** *beloved Son* ¦ Son, the Chosen One CT † **9:38** *you to* ¦ you, ANT PCK TR ‡ **9:43** *had done* ¦ was doing CT § **9:47** *perceiving* ¦ knowing CT * **9:48** *will be* ¦ is ANT CT † **9:50** *him, for* ¦ him, for he is not against you. For ANT ‡ **9:50** *us is for us* ¦ you is for you ANT CT

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.'**
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,**

§ **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 ‡ **10:11** *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

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 yoʊr 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 yoʊ, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because yoʊ have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent, and revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for so it was well-pleasing in yoʊr †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 yoʊ read it?"**
27 He answered, "Yoʊ shall love the Lord yoʊr God with all yoʊr heart, with all yoʊr soul, with all yoʊr strength, and with all yoʊr mind; and yoʊ shall love yoʊr neighbor as yoʊrself."
28 Jesus said to him, **"Yoʊ have answered correctly; do this and yoʊ will live."**
29 But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
30 Jesus replied, **"A man was going down to Jericho from Jerusalem and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him ‡as he was, half dead.**
31 **Now a priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.**
32 **In the same way, a Levite, when he came to that place and saw him, passed by on the other side.**
33 **But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was, and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion.**
34 **He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.**
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 yoʊ spend I will repay to yoʊ when I return.'**
36 **†Now which of these three do yoʊ 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 yoʊ 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, yoʊ are anxious and troubled about many things,**
42 **but only †one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, and it will not be taken away from her."**

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† **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 § **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

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Instruction About Prayer

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

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

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

Jesus and Beelzebul

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

An Unclean Spirit Returns

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

True Blessedness

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[*] **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 [†] **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

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.**
35 **Therefore make sure that the light
within you is not darkness.**
36 **If then your whole body is full of
light, having no part dark, it will be
entirely light, like when a lamp gives
you light with its rays."**

Woe to the Pharisees and Lawyers
37 As Jesus was §speaking, a Pharisee
invited him to have a meal with him, so
Jesus went in and reclined at the table.
38 The Pharisee was amazed when he saw
that Jesus did not first perform the ritual
washing before the meal.
39 So the Lord said to him, **"You
Pharisees clean the outside of the cup
and the platter, but inside you are
filled with thoughts of robbery and
wickedness.**
40 **You fools! Did not he who made the
outside also make the inside?**
41 **But give as alms the things that are
on the inside, and behold, everything
will be clean for you.**

42 **"But woe to you, Pharisees! For
you tithe mint, rue, and every herb,
yet you ignore justice and the love of
God. These you ought to have
practiced without neglecting the other
things.**
43 **Woe to you, Pharisees! For you
love the best seats in the synagogues
and greetings in the marketplaces.**
44 **Woe to *you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are
like unmarked graves, which people
walk over without realizing it."**

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

† **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 § **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

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.

12

Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees

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

Fear God Alone

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

Acknowledging Christ

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

The Parable of the Rich Fool

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

Do Not Be Anxious

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

§ **11:54** *and seeking* ¦ — CT * **11:54** *mouth, so that they might accuse him.* ¦ mouth. CT * **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

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

Be Ready
35 **"Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning,**
36 **like men who are waiting for their master to return from a wedding feast, so that they can immediately open the door for him when he comes and knocks.**
37 **Blessed are those servants whom their master finds keeping watch when he comes. Truly I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at the table, and he will come and serve them.**
38 **If he comes in the second watch or the third watch and finds them doing so, blessed are those servants.**
39 **But know this: If the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he *would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.**
40 †**Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect him."**
41 Then Peter said ‡to him, "Lord, are you telling this parable only for us, or for everyone else as well?"
42 The Lord said, **"Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time?**
43 **Blessed is that servant whom his master finds doing so when he comes.**
44 **Truly I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.**
45 **But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and he begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk,**
46 **the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not foresee, and will cut him in two 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**

§ **12:27** *spin, yet* ¦ spin. I PCK * **12:28** *in* ¦ of ANT † **12:29** *or* ¦ and ANT CT ‡ **12:31** *the kingdom of God* ¦ his kingdom CT § **12:31** *all* ¦ — CT * **12:39** *would have kept watch and* ¦ — NA SBL † **12:40** *Therefore you* 95.3% ¦ You CT 1.6% ‡ **12:41** *to him* ¦ — CT § **12:49** *to* ¦ on ANT CT * **12:53** *Father will be divided* ¦ They will be divided, father ANT CT † **12:53** *her* ¦ — CT

daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against †her mother-in-law."

Interpreting the Present Time

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

Settle with Your Adversary

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

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 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

‡ **12:54** *from* ¦ in CT § **12:56** *earth and the sky* ¦ sky and the earth ANT PCK SCR * **12:56** *can you not* 94.3% ¦ do you not know how to CT 0.8% † **12:58** *hand* ¦ will hand CT ‡ **12:58** *throw* ¦ will throw ANT CT * **13:2** *such* ¦ these CT † **13:7** *Cut* ¦ Therefore cut NA TH ‡ **13:9** *fruit, fine; but if not, you can cut it down in the coming year* ¦ fruit in the coming year, fine; but if not, you can cut it down CT § **13:15** *Hypocrites* ¦ Hypocrite ANT TR * **13:19** *large* 91.5% ¦ — CT 0.7%

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.
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**

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

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.**
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."**

15

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."

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

3 So Jesus told them this parable:
4 **"What man among you, who has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the other ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?**
5 **And when he does find it, he rejoices as he lays it on his shoulders.**
6 **Then he returns home and calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.'**
7 **I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.**

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

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

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**

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* **15:16** *fill his belly* 95.6% ¦ be filled NA TH WH 2.2% † **15:17** *while I perish* ¦ but here I am perishing CT ‡ **15:21** *son.* 87.1% ¦ son; make me like one of your hired workers. WH 12.5% § **15:22** *Bring* ¦ Quickly bring CT * **15:26** *the* ¦ his ST † **15:32** *again* ¦ — CT

is now alive †again; he was lost but has now been found.' "

16

The Parable of the Unrighteous Steward

1 Then Jesus said to *his disciples, **"There was a rich man whose steward was accused of squandering his possessions.**
2 **So he called the steward in and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'**
3 **The steward said to himself, 'What should I do, now that my master is taking my stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.**
4 **I know what I will do so that, when I am removed from my stewardship, people will receive me into their homes.'**
5 **So he summoned each one of his master's debtors. He said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'**
6 **The man said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' The steward said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write fifty.'**
7 **Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' The man said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Take your bill and write eighty.'**
8 **So the master commended the unrighteous steward because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the people of the light.**
9 **And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth so that when †you die, those friends will receive you into eternal dwellings.**
10 **"He who is faithful with very little is also faithful with much, and he who is dishonest with very little is also dishonest with much.**
11 **If then you have not been faithful with unrighteous wealth, who will entrust you with true riches?**
12 **And if you have not been faithful with the property of another, who will give you ‡property of your own?**
13 **No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."**

The Law and the Kingdom of God

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.**

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* **16:1** *his* ¦ the CT † **16:9** *you die* ¦ it runs out CT ‡ **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

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.' "**

17

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

§ **16:29** *to him* ¦ — CT * **17:1** *the* ¦ his ANT CT † **17:2** *heavy* ¦ — ANT CT ‡ **17:3** *against you* ¦ — CT § **17:4** *in that day* ¦ — CT * **17:4** *back* ¦ back to you ANT CT TR † **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

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

18

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

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

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

‡ **17:24** *in his day* ¦ — WH § **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%

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

The Rich Young Ruler
18 Then a certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
19 Jesus said to him, **"Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.**
20 **You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not give false testimony, Honor your father and ‡your mother.' "**
21 The man said, "I have kept all these commandments from the time I was a young boy."
22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, **"One thing you still lack: Sell everything you have and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come follow me."**
23 But when the man heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was extremely rich.
24 §When Jesus saw that the man had become very sorrowful, he said, **"How difficult it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!**
25 **For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."**
26 Those who heard this said, "Who then can be saved?"
27 Jesus said, **"What is impossible with men is possible with God."**
28 Then Peter said, "Behold, we have left *everything and followed you."
29 Jesus said to them, **"Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house, †parents, brothers, wife, or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,**
30 **who will not surely receive many times more in this present age—and in the age to come, eternal life."**

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

Jesus Heals a Blind Man
35 As Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the road begging.
36 When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening.
37 They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.
38 So he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
39 Then those who were out in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"
40 So Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When the man drew near, Jesus asked him,
41 **"What do you want me to do for you?"** He said, "Lord, I want to receive my sight."
42 So Jesus said to him, **"Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."**
43 Immediately he received his sight and began following Jesus, glorifying God. And when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God.

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Jesus Visits Zacchaeus
1 Then Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.
2 And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich.
3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but he could not do so because of the crowd, for he was a short man.
4 So he ran on ahead and climbed a sycamore tree so that he could see him, because Jesus was about to pass by that way.
5 When Jesus came to that place, he looked up and *saw him. Then he said to him, **"Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today."**
6 So he hurried down and received Jesus with joy.

‡ **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

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.' "**
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!"

† **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

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.

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

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

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

‡ **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 ‡ **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

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."
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.**

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

4 **For they have all put in gifts *for God out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, has put in all that she had to live on."**

Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple

5 Then, as some were talking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts consecrated to God, Jesus said,

6 **"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be †left upon another; all of them will be torn down."**

Signs and Persecutions

7 So they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that these things are about to take place?"

8 He said, **"Make sure you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Do not go after them.**

9 **When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not immediately follow."**

10 Then he said to them, **"Nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.**

11 **There will be great ‡earthquakes in various places, along with §famines and plagues. There will also be terrifying sights and great signs from heaven.**

12 **But before all these things take place, they will arrest you and persecute you. They will deliver you up to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake.**

13 **This will lead to opportunities for you to bear witness.**

14 **Therefore settle it in your hearts not to prepare your defense in advance.**

15 **For I will give you a mouth to speak and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to *refute or resist.**

16 **You will even be betrayed by parents, †relatives, friends, and brothers, and they will have some of you put to death.**

17 **You will be hated by all because of my name.**

18 **Yet not a hair of your head will by any means perish.**

19 **You ‡must gain your lives by your patient endurance.**

The Destruction of Jerusalem

20 **"When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, know that its desolation is near.**

21 **Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, those who are in the city must get out, and those who are in the countryside must not enter the city.**

22 **For those will be days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.**

23 **Woe to those who are with child and to those who are nursing infants in those days! §For there will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people.**

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.**

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* **21:4** *for God* ¦ — CT † **21:6** *left* 96.9% ¦ left here WH 0.5% ‡ **21:11** *earthquakes in various places, along with* ¦ earthquakes, and in various places CT § **21:11** *famines and plagues* ¦ plagues and famines WH * **21:15** *refute or resist* ¦ resist or refute CT † **21:16** *relatives, friends, and brothers* ¦ brothers, relatives, and friends CT TR ‡ **21:19** *must* ¦ will WH § **21:23** *For* ¦ For at that time ANT * **21:24** *the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled* ¦ they are fulfilled, and the times of the Gentiles will come WH

31 **So also, when you see these things taking place, know that the kingdom of God is near.**
32 **Truly I say to you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all things have taken place.**
33 **Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.**

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

22

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

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

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

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

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial
31 Then the Lord said, **"Simon, Simon,
behold, Satan has demanded to have
you, so that he might sift you like
wheat.
32 But I have prayed for you that your
faith may not fail. Once you have
turned back, strengthen your
brothers."**
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.

‡ **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

52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the
officers of the temple, and the elders who
had come out against him, **"Have you
come out with swords and clubs as
you would against a robber?**
53 **I was with you daily in the temple
courts, and you did not lay a hand on
me. But this is your hour, when the
power of darkness reigns."**

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

23

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

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

‡ **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 § **23:10** *chief priests and the scribes* ¦ scribes and the chief priests ANT * **23:12** *Pilate and Herod* ¦ Herod and Pilate ANT CT

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.
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."

† **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.} * **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

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.
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

§ **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 § **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

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.
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**

* **24:21** *And* ¦ Yes, and CT † **24:21** *today* ¦ it CT ‡ **24:29** *is* ¦ is now CT § **24:32** *within us* ¦ — WH * **24:36** *them and said to them, "Peace be with you."* ¦ them. SBL † **24:42** *fish and some honeycomb. And he took them* 91.9% ¦ fish. And he took it CT 0.7% ‡ **24:44** *the words* ¦ my words that CT § **24:46** *written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and for repentance … remission of sins to* ¦ written, that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance … remission of sins would CT * **24:47** *and* 99.4% ¦ for the NA WH 0.5% † **24:49** *And behold,* ¦ — TH ‡ **24:49** *of Jerusalem* ¦ — CT

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.

§ **24:53** *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!
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."

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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 * **1:34** *Son* 99.5% ¦ Chosen One SBL 0.4%

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.
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."**

† **1:39** *Come and* ¦ Come, and you will CT ‡ **1:42** *Jonah* 98.6% ¦ John CT 0.5% § **1:50** *said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree'?* ¦ told you that I saw you under the fig tree? CT * **1:51** *before long* 95.9% ¦ — CT 0.7% * **2:17** *will consume* ¦ has consumed TR

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?"
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.

† **2:22** *this* ¦ this to them TR * **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

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 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.**

* **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 * **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

23 **But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such people to worship him.**
24 **God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."**
25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will explain everything to us."
26 Jesus said to her, **"I who speak to you am he."**
27 Just then his disciples came back, and they were amazed that he was speaking with a woman. However, no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"
28 Then the woman left her water jar, went into the town, and said to the people,
29 "Come see a man who told me everything I have ever done. Could this be the Christ?"
30 So they left the town and began coming to him.
31 In the meantime §the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat."
32 But he said to them, **"I have food to eat that you do not know about."**
33 So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?"
34 Jesus said to them, **"My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.**
35 **Do you not say, 'There are *still four months and then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes and see that the fields are already ripe for harvest.**
36 **He who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that †both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.**
37 **For in this ‡the true saying is verified: 'One sows and another reaps.'**
38 **I sent you to reap what you have not labored for; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."**
39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony: "He told me everything I have ever done."
40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there for two days.
41 And many more believed because of his word.
42 So they said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your report that we believe, for we ourselves have heard, and we know that this is truly §the Christ, the Savior of the world."

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

§ **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%

2 Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate
there is a pool, called †Bethesda in
Hebrew, which has five porticoes.
3 In the porticoes were lying a ‡great
multitude of disabled people, including
the blind, the lame, and the §paralyzed,
who were waiting for the moving of the
water.
4 *For at times an angel would go down
into the pool and stir up the water. The
first person who stepped in after the
water was stirred up was healed of
whatever disease he had.
5 One man was there who had been
suffering in his disability for thirty-eight
years.
6 When Jesus saw him lying there,
knowing that he had been in that
condition for a long time already, he said
to him, **"Do you want to be made
well?"**
7 The disabled man answered him, "Sir,
I have no one to put me into the pool
when the water is stirred up, but while I
am going, another goes down before me."
8 Jesus said to him, **"Rise, pick up
your mat, and walk."**
9 Immediately the man was made well,
so he picked up his mat and began to
walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath.
10 So the Jews said to the man who had
been healed, "It is the Sabbath; it is not
lawful for you to pick up your mat."
11 He answered them, "The man who
made me well said to me, 'Pick up your
mat and walk.' "
12 So they asked him, "Who is the man
who said to you, 'Pick †up your mat and
walk'?"
13 But the man who had been healed
did not know who it was, for Jesus had
slipped away, since there was a crowd in
that place.

14 After this Jesus found the man in the
temple courts and said to him, **"Behold,
you have been made well; do not sin
anymore, lest something worse
happen to you."**
15 Then the man went and told the Jews
that it was Jesus who had made him well.
16 So the Jews began persecuting Jesus
‡and seeking to kill him, because he was
doing these things on the Sabbath.
17 But Jesus responded to them, **"My
Father is still working even now, and I
too am working."**
18 So the Jews were seeking all the more
to kill him, because not only was he
breaking the Sabbath, but he was even
calling God his own Father, making
himself equal with God.

The Authority of the Son
19 So Jesus responded to them, **"Truly,
truly, I say to you, the Son can do
nothing on his own, but only what he
sees the Father doing. For whatever
the Father does, the Son also does in
the same way.**
20 **For the Father loves the Son and
shows him all that he himself does.
And he will show him greater works
than these, so that you will be
amazed.**
21 **For just as the Father raises the
dead and gives them life, so also the
Son gives life to whomever he wishes.**
22 **The Father judges no one, but has
given all judgment to the Son,**
23 **so that all may honor the Son just as
they honor the Father. Anyone who
does not honor the Son does not
honor the Father who sent him.**
24 **Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever
hears my word and believes him who
sent me has eternal life. He does not
come into judgment, but has passed
from death to life.**
25 **"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour
is coming, and is now here, when the
dead will hear the voice of the Son of
God, and those who hear it will live.**
26 **For as the Father has life in
himself, so he has granted the Son to
have life in himself.**
27 **And he has given the Son
authority to execute judgment,
because he is the Son of Man.**
28 **Do not be amazed at this, because
an hour is coming in which all who
are in the tombs will hear his voice**
29 **and come out, those who have
done good to a resurrection of life,
and those who have done evil to a
resurrection of judgment.**
30 **"I can do nothing on my own. As I
hear, I judge, and my judgment is just,
because I seek not my own will, but
the will of §the Father who sent me.**

‡ **5:3** *great* ¦ — CT § **5:3** *paralyzed, who were waiting for the moving of the water.* 97.2% ¦ paralyzed. CT 0.7%
* **5:4** *For at times an angel would go down into the pool and stir up the water. The first person who stepped in after the water was stirred up was healed of whatever disease he had.* 99.1% ¦ — CT 0.8% † **5:12** *up your mat* ¦ it up CT
‡ **5:16** *and seeking to kill him* 92% ¦ — CT 1.3% § **5:30** *the Father* ¦ him CT

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 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,

* **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 ‡ **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

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.**
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**

‡ **6:22** *the one Jesus' disciples had gotten into* 85.9% ¦ one CT 4.1% § **6:23** *Then other* 86.6% ¦ However, some SBL WH 0.1% * **6:39** *the Father* ¦ him CT † **6:40** *And* ¦ For CT ‡ **6:40** *him who sent me* ¦ my Father CT § **6:42** *then can he* 98.9% ¦ can he now CT 0.6% * **6:45** *therefore* ¦ — ANT CT † **6:47** *in me* 98.9% ¦ — CT 0.7%

eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

52 Then the Jews began to quarrel with one another, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

53 So Jesus said to them, **"Truly, truly, I say to you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in yourselves.**

54 **Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.**

55 **For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.**

56 **Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.**

57 **Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me will also live because of me.**

58 **This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as ‡your fathers ate §the manna, and died. Whoever eats this *bread will live forever."**

59 He said these things in a synagogue while teaching in Capernaum.

The Words of Eternal Life

60 After hearing this, many of his disciples said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

61 But Jesus, aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, **"Does this offend you?**

62 **Then what if you see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?**

63 **It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no benefit. The words I †speak to you are spirit and life.**

64 **But there are some among you who do not believe."** (For Jesus knew from the beginning which of them did not believe and who it was that would betray him.)

65 Then he said, **"That is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it has been granted to him by ‡my Father."**

66 At that point many of his disciples went back and no longer walked with him.

67 So Jesus said to the twelve, **"Do you also want to go away?"**

68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

69 And we have come to believe and to know that you are the §Christ, the Son of *the living God."

70 Jesus answered them, **"Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil."**

71 (Now he was speaking about †Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, ‡who was one of the twelve and would later betray him.)

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.

‡ **6:58** *your* 94% ¦ our MSS 5.4% ¦ the CT 0.6% § **6:58** *the manna* 91.6% ¦ the manna in the wilderness MSS 6.1% ¦ — CT 1% * **6:58** *bread* ¦ bread of mine PCK † **6:63** *speak* ¦ have spoken CT ‡ **6:65** *my* ¦ the CT § **6:69** *Christ, the Son* 98.6% ¦ Holy One CT 0.5% * **6:69** *the living* 97.2% ¦ — CT 1.8% † **6:71** *Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon* 96% ¦ Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot CT 2.9% ‡ **6:71** *who was one of the twelve and* ¦ one of the twelve, who NA SBL WH * **7:8** *this* ¦ the CT † **7:8** *yet* ¦ — NA SBL ‡ **7:9** *to them* 87.6% ¦ — NA SBL TH 8.4%

14 Midway through the feast, Jesus went
up to the temple courts and began to
teach.
15 The Jews were amazed, saying, "How
does this man know so much, when he
has never had any formal instruction?"
16 Jesus answered them, **"My teaching
is not my own; it comes from him who
sent me.**
17 **If anyone wants to do God's will,
he will know whether my teaching
comes from God or whether I am
speaking on my own authority.**
18 **He who speaks on his own
authority seeks his own glory, but he
who seeks the glory of the one who
sent him is true, and there is no
unrighteousness in him.**
19 **Did not Moses give you the law?
Yet none of you keeps the law. Why
are you seeking to kill me?"**
20 The crowd answered, "You have a
demon! Who is seeking to kill you?"
21 Jesus answered them, **"I performed
one miracle, and you are all amazed.**
22 **Moses gave you circumcision (not
that it came from Moses, but from the
fathers), and that is why you
circumcise a boy even on the Sabbath.**
23 **If a boy can receive circumcision
on the Sabbath so that the law of
Moses will not be broken, why are you
angry with me because I made a man
entirely well on the Sabbath?**
24 **Do not judge according to
appearance, but judge with right
judgment."**

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

§ **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

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?"
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**

‡ **7:46** *man* 96.9% ¦ — CT 1.1% § **7:50** *Jesus* 95.7% ¦ Jesus before CT 3.5% * **7:50** *by night* 96.3% ¦ — CT 0.7% † **7:52** *has ever arisen* ¦ arises CT ‡ **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%

know where I come from or where I am going.
15 **You judge according to the flesh, but I judge no one.**
16 **Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for I am not alone, but I stand with the Father who sent me.**
17 **In your own law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid.**
18 **I testify about myself, and the Father who sent me also testifies about me."**
19 Then they said to him, "Where is 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 own character, because he is a liar and the father of lies.**
45 **But because I speak the truth, you do not believe me.**

‡ **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

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."

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."

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† **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% § **9:14** *when* 98.9% ¦ on the day CT 0.8%

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
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.**

* **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 * **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 **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.**
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.

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The Death of Lazarus

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* **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% * **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

1 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He
was from Bethany, the village of Mary
and her sister Martha.
2 (Mary was the one who anointed the
Lord with ointment and wiped his feet
with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus
who was sick.)
3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord,
behold, the one you love is sick."
4 But when Jesus heard this, he said,
**"This sickness will not end in death
but is for the glory of God, so that the
Son of God may be glorified through
it."**
5 Now Jesus loved Martha, her sister
Mary, and Lazarus.
6 But when he heard that Lazarus was
sick, he stayed where he was for two
more days.
7 After that he said to the disciples, **"Let
us go to Judea again."**
8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the
Jews were just recently seeking to stone
you, and yet you are going there again?"
9 Jesus answered, **"Are there not twelve
hours in the day? If anyone walks in
the day, he does not stumble, because
he sees the light of this world.
10 But if anyone walks in the night, he
stumbles, because the light is not in
him."**
11 After saying this, he said to them, **"Our
friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I
am going there to wake him up."**
12 *His disciples said, "Lord, if he has
fallen asleep, he will recover."
13 (They thought Jesus was speaking about
natural sleep, but he was actually
speaking about Lazarus' death.)
14 Then Jesus told them plainly, **"Lazarus
has died,**
15 **and I rejoice for your sake that I
was not there, so that you may
believe. But let us go to him."**
16 Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to
his fellow disciples, "Let us go too, so that
we may die with him."

I Am the Resurrection and the Life
17 When Jesus arrived, he found that
Lazarus had been in the tomb for four
days already.
18 Now Bethany was less than two miles
from Jerusalem,
19 and many of the Jews had joined †the
women who were with Martha and Mary,
to console them about their brother.
20 When Martha heard that Jesus was
coming, she went to meet him, but Mary
remained seated in the house.
21 Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you
had been here, my brother would not
have died.
22 ‡But even now I know that God will
give you whatever you ask of him."
23 Jesus said to her, **"Your brother will
rise again."**
24 Martha said to him, "I know that he
will rise again in the resurrection on the
last day."
25 Jesus said to her, **"I am the
resurrection and the life. He who
believes in me, though he may die, yet
shall he live.
26 No one who lives and believes in me
will ever die. Do you believe this?"**
27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I have come
to believe that you are the Christ, the Son
of God, who is to come into the world."

Jesus Weeps
28 After saying this, she went and called
her sister Mary, saying in private, "The
Teacher is here and is calling for you."
29 When Mary heard this, she rose quickly
and went to him.
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.)

* **11:12** *His disciples said* ¦ The disciples said to him CT † **11:19** *the women who were with* ¦ — CT ‡ **11:22** *But even* ¦ Even SBL WH § **11:30** *was* ¦ was still CT * **11:31** *saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."* ¦ supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. CT

39 Jesus said, **“Take away the stone.”**
Martha, the sister of the man who had
died, said to him, “Lord, there is already a
stench, for it is the fourth day.”
40 Jesus said to her, **“Did I not tell you**
that if you believed you would see the
glory of God?”
41 So they took away the stone †from
where the dead man was lying. Then
Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, **“Father,**
I thank you that you have heard me.
42 **I know that you always hear me, but**
I say this for the benefit of the crowd
that is standing here, so that they may
believe that you sent me.”
43 After saying this, he cried out with a
loud voice, **“Lazarus, come out!”**
44 Then the man who had died came out,
his feet and his hands bound with strips
of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.
Jesus said to them, **“Unbind him, and let**
him go.”

The Plot to Kill Jesus
45 Therefore many of the Jews who had
come to Mary, and had seen what Jesus
did, believed in him.
46 But some of them went to the Pharisees
and told them ‡what Jesus had done.
47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees
convened a meeting of the Sanhedrin and
said, “What are we going to do? For this
man is doing many signs.
48 If we allow him to continue like this,
everyone will believe in him, and the
Romans will come and take away our
holy place and our nation.”
49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was
high priest that year, said to them, “You
do not know anything,
50 nor do you consider that it is better for
§us to have one man die for the people
than to have the whole nation perish.”
51 (He said this not of his own accord, but
as high priest that year he prophesied
that Jesus was going to die for the nation,
52 and not only for the nation, but also to
gather together and unite the children of
God scattered abroad.)
53 So from that day they plotted *together
to kill him.

54 Therefore Jesus no longer went
around openly among the Jews. Instead,
he departed from there to the region near
the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim,
where he †spent time with ‡his disciples.

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.)

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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

† **11:41** *from where the dead man was lying* ¦ — CT ‡ **11:46** *what* ¦ all that PCK § **11:50** *us* ¦ you CT * **11:53** *together* ¦ — CT † **11:54** *spent time* ¦ stayed CT ‡ **11:54** *his* ¦ the CT § **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 On the next day, when *a large crowd
that had come to the feast heard that
Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
13 they took palm branches and went out
to meet him. They were crying out,

"Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord,
the King of Israel!"

14 Finding a young donkey, Jesus sat on it,
just as it is written,

15 "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.
Behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt."

16 (His disciples did not understand these
things at first, but when Jesus was
glorified, they remembered that these
things were written about him, and that
these things had been done to him.)
17 Now the crowd that had been with him
†when he called Lazarus out of the tomb
and raised him from the dead was
testifying about it.
18 That is why a crowd went out to meet
him, because they heard he had done this
sign.
19 So the Pharisees said to one another,
"You see that you are achieving nothing.
Behold, the world has gone after him."

Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus
20 Now there were some Greeks among
those who went up to worship at the
feast.
21 They came to Philip, who was from
Bethsaida of Galilee, and requested of
him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus."
22 Philip went and told Andrew, ‡and in
turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.
23 Jesus replied to them, **"The hour has
come for the Son of Man to be
glorified.**
24 **Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a
grain of wheat falls to the ground and
dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it
bears much fruit.**
25 **Whoever loves his life §will lose it,
but whoever hates his life in this
world will keep it for eternal life.**
26 **If anyone wants to serve me, he
must follow me; and where I am,
there will my servant be also. If
anyone serves me, the Father will
honor him."**

Jesus Speaks About His Death
27 **"My soul is now troubled. And what
shall I say? 'Father, save me from this
hour'? No, it is for this reason that I
have come to this hour.**
28 **Father, glorify your name."** Then a
voice came from heaven: "I have glorified
it, and will glorify it again."
29 When the crowd standing there heard
the voice, they said it was thunder. Others
said, "An angel has spoken to him."
30 Jesus responded, **"This voice has
come not for my sake, but for your
sake.**
31 **Now is the judgment of this world.
Now the ruler of this world will be
cast out.**
32 **And when I am lifted up from the
earth, I will draw all people to
myself."**
33 (He said this to indicate the kind of
death he was going to die.)
34 The crowd responded to him, "We have
heard from the law that the Christ
remains forever, so how can you say,
'The Son of Man must be lifted up'?
Who is this 'Son of Man'?"
35 Jesus said to them, **"The light is *with
you for a little while longer. Walk
while you have the light, so that the
darkness will not overtake you. He
who walks in the darkness does not
know where he is going.**
36 **While you have the light, believe in
the light, so that you will become sons
of light."**

The Unbelief of the People
After saying these things, Jesus went
away and was hidden from them.
37 Although he had done so many signs in
their presence, they did not believe in
him.
38 This was to fulfill what had been
spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

"Lord, who has believed our report?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord
been revealed?"

39 For this reason they could not believe,
for again Isaiah said,

40 "He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their hearts,
lest they should see with their eyes
and understand with their hearts and
turn †back,

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* **12:12** *a* ¦ the NA SBL WH † **12:17** *when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead was testifying about it* ¦ testified that he had called Lazarus out of the tomb and had raised him from the dead ELZ ‡ **12:22** *and in turn Andrew and Philip* ¦ then Andrew and Philip went and CT § **12:25** *will lose* ¦ loses CT * **12:35** *with* ¦ among CT † **12:40** *back* ¦ — CT

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?**
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."**

‡ **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 † **13:18** *bread with me* ¦ my bread CT

22 So the disciples began looking at one
another, perplexed as to whom he was
speaking about.
23 One of his disciples, the one whom
Jesus loved, was reclining on Jesus' chest.
24 So Simon Peter motioned to him ‡to ask
Jesus whom he was talking about.
25 Leaning back on Jesus' chest, he said to
him, "Lord, who is it?"
26 Jesus answered, **"It is the one to
whom I give this morsel after I have
dipped it."** §Then he dipped the morsel
and gave it to *Judas Iscariot, the son of
Simon.
27 After Judas took the morsel, Satan
entered into him. Then Jesus said to him,
**"What you are about to do, do
quickly."**
28 (Now no one at the table knew why he
said this to him.
29 Some were thinking, since Judas had
the moneybag, that Jesus was saying to
him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or
that he should give something to the
poor.)
30 As soon as Judas took the morsel, he
went out. And it was night.

A New Commandment
31 When Judas had gone out, Jesus said,
**"Now the Son of Man is glorified, and
God is glorified in him.
32 †And if God is glorified in him, God
will also glorify the Son in himself,
and will glorify him immediately.
33 Little children, I am with you for a
little while longer. You will seek me,
and just as I said to the Jews, now I
say to you also, 'Where I am going,
you cannot come.'
34 I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another. Just as I
have loved you, so you must love one
another.
35 By this everyone will know that you
are my disciples, if you have love for
one another."**

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial
36 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where
are you going?" Jesus answered ‡him,
**"You cannot follow me now to the
place where I am going, but
§afterward you will follow me."**
37 Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not
follow you now? I will lay down my life
for you."
38 Jesus answered *him, **"You will lay
down your life for me? Truly, truly, I
say to you, a rooster will certainly not
crow until you have denied me three
times."**

14

I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life
1 **"Let not your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God; believe also in me.
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**

‡ **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 * **14:2** *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

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 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.**

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‡ **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 ‡ **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

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.
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

* **15:14** *whatever* ¦ what CT * **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 **“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.**
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.”**

17

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.**

† **16:16** *me, for I am going to the Father.* ¦ me. CT ‡ **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

10 **All who are mine are also yours,
and all who are yours are also mine,
and I have been glorified in them.**
11 **I will no longer remain in the
world, but they are in the world, and I
am coming to you. Holy Father, §keep
them in your name, which you have
given me, so that they may be one,
just as we are one.**
12 **While I was with them *in the
world, I kept them safe by the power
of your †name. I have guarded those
you have given me, and not one of
them has perished except the son of
destruction, so that the Scripture
might be fulfilled.**
13 **But now I am coming to you, and I
speak these things in the world so
that they may have my joy made full
within them.**
14 **I have given them your word, and
the world has hated them because
they are not of the world, just as I am
not of the world.**
15 **I do not ask you to take them out
of the world, but to keep them from
the evil one.**
16 **They are not of the world, just as I
am not of the world.**
17 **Sanctify them by ‡your truth; your
word is truth.**
18 **Just as you have sent me into the
world, so I have sent them into the
world.**
19 **For their sakes I sanctify myself,
so that they too may be sanctified by
the truth.**
20 **"I do not ask on behalf of them
alone, but also on behalf of those who
will believe in me through their word,**
21 **that they may all be one, just as
you, Father, are in me, and I am in
you, that they also may be §one in us,
so that the world may believe that
you sent me.**
22 **I have given them the glory that
you gave me, so that they may be one,
just as we are one,**
23 **I in them and you in me, so that
they may be perfected into one, *and
so that the world may know that you
have sent me and have loved them
just as you have loved me.**
24 **Father, I want those you have
given me to be with me where I am, so
that they may see my glory, which you
gave me because you loved me before
the foundation of the world.**
25 **Righteous Father, though the
world does not know you, I know you,
and these men know that you have
sent me.**
26 **I have made your name known to
them, and will continue to make it
known, so that the love with which
you have loved me may be in them,
and so that I may be in them."**

18

Jesus Arrested
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,

§ **17:11** *keep them in your name, which* ¦ through your name keep those whom TR * **17:12** *in the world* ¦ — CT
† **17:12** *name. I have guarded those you have given me,* ¦ name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, CT
‡ **17:17** *your* ¦ the CT § **17:21** *one* ¦ — NA SBL WH * **17:23** *and* ¦ — CT * **18:13** *away* 96% ¦ — CT 0.4%

13 and led him *away first to Annas, for
he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who
was high priest that year.
14 (It was Caiaphas who had advised the
Jews that it was better for one man to
†perish for the people.)

Peter Denies Jesus
15 Now Simon Peter was following Jesus,
as was ‡the other disciple. That disciple
was known to the high priest, so he went
with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard,
16 but Peter stood outside at the gate. So
the other disciple, who was known to the
high priest, went out, spoke to the
gatekeeper, and brought Peter in.
17 Then the servant girl who was the
gatekeeper said to Peter, "You are not also
one of this man's disciples, are you?" He
said, "I am not."
18 (Now the servants and the officers had
made a charcoal fire, because it was cold,
and they were standing there warming
themselves. Peter was also standing with
them, warming himself.)

The High Priest Questions Jesus
19 Meanwhile, the high priest questioned
Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.
20 Jesus answered him, **"I have spoken
openly to the world. I have always
taught in the synagogues and in the
temple courts, where §the Jews always
assemble together. I have said
nothing in secret.**
21 **Why do you question me? Question
those who heard what I said to them.
Behold, they know what I said."**
22 When Jesus said this, one of the officers
standing nearby slapped him and said, "Is
that how you answer the high priest?"
23 Jesus answered him, **"If I have spoken
wrongly, testify as to what was wrong;
but if I have spoken well, why are you
hitting me?"**
24 *(Annas had sent him bound to
Caiaphas the high priest.)

Peter Denies Jesus Again
25 Meanwhile, Simon Peter was standing
and warming himself. So they said to him,
"You are not also one of his disciples, are
you?" He denied it and said, "I am not."
26 But one of the servants of the high
priest, who was a relative of the man
whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Did I
not see you with him in the garden?"
27 Peter denied it again, and immediately
a rooster crowed.

Jesus Brought Before Pilate
28 Then the Jews led Jesus away from
Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters.
It was now early in the morning. They
themselves did not go into the governor's
headquarters so that they would not be
defiled, but could eat the Passover.
29 So Pilate went out to them and said,
"What accusation do you bring against
this man?"
30 They answered him, "If he were not †an
evildoer, we would not have handed him
over to you."
31 Pilate said to them, "You take him and
judge him according to your own law."
The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for
us to put anyone to death."
32 (This happened to fulfill what Jesus had
said when he indicated the kind of death
he was going to die.)
33 Then Pilate went into his
headquarters again, called Jesus over, and
said to him, "Are you the king of the
Jews?"
34 Jesus answered ‡him, **"Do you say
this of your own accord, or have
others spoken to you about me?"**
35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your
own nation and the chief priests have
handed you over to me. What have you
done?"
36 Jesus answered, **"My kingdom is not
of this world. If my kingdom were of
this world, my servants would be
fighting to keep me from being
delivered up to the Jews. But as it is,
my kingdom is not from here."**
37 Pilate said to him, "So you are a
king?" Jesus answered, **"You have said
yourself that I am a king. The reason
I was born and the reason I came into
the world is to testify to the truth.
Everyone who is of the truth listens to
my voice."**
38 Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

The Crowd Calls For Jesus' Crucifixion
After he said this, he again went out to
the Jews and said to them, "I find no fault
in him.
39 But §you have a custom that I release
for you one man at the Passover. So do
you want me to release for you the king
of the Jews?"

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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% § **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%

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
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

* **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 ‡ **19:24** *Scripture that says,* ¦ Scripture: WH § **19:28** *saw* ¦ realized ANT CT PCK TR

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.

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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."

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* **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 * **20:6** *arrived* ¦ also arrived CT † **20:16** *him* ¦ him in Hebrew CT

16 Jesus said to her, **“Mary!”** She turned
and said to †him, “Rabboni!” (which
means “Teacher”).
17 Jesus said to her, **“Do not hold on to
me, for I have not yet ascended to ‡my
Father. But go to my brothers and tell
them that I am ascending to my
Father and your Father, to my God
and your God.”**
18 So Mary Magdalene went and told the
§disciples that she had seen the Lord and
that he had said these things to her.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples
19 In the evening of that day, the first day
of the week, when the disciples were
*gathered together with the doors locked
for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood
among them and said to them, **“Peace be
with you.”**
20 After saying this, he showed them his
hands and his side, and the disciples
rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
21 Again Jesus said to them, **“Peace be
with you. As the Father has sent me,
so I am sending you.”**
22 After saying this, he breathed on them
and said to them, **“Receive the Holy
Spirit.**
23 **If you remit the sins of any, their
sins are remitted; if you retain the
sins of any, their sins are retained.”**

Thomas Sees and Believes
24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of
the twelve, was not with them when Jesus
came.
25 So the other disciples said to him, “We
have seen the Lord.” But he said to them,
“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands
and put my finger where the nails were,
and put my hand into his side, I will
certainly not believe.”
26 Eight days later, Jesus' disciples were
again inside, and Thomas was with them.
Although the doors were locked, Jesus
came and stood 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.

‡ **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 † **20:29** *me,* ¦ me, Thomas, TR ‡ **20:30** *his* ¦ the SBL WH * **21:1** *again* ¦ — PCK † **21:1** *the* $\mathbf{K}^{X(75)}$ ¦ his $\mathbf{K}^{X(75)}$ PCK ‡ **21:1** *Tiberias.* ¦ Tiberias after he had been raised from the dead. PCK § **21:3** *immediately* ¦ — CT

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 that I care for you.” Jesus said to him, **“Tend my §sheep.”**
17 Then Jesus said to him the third time, **“Simon, son of *Jonah, do you care for me?”** Peter was grieved that Jesus said to him the third time, **“Do you care for me?”** And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I care for you.” Jesus said to him, **“Feed my †sheep.**
18 **Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you would dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted to go; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and bring you where you do not want to go.”**
19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.) After saying this, he said to Peter, **“Follow me.”**

The Beloved Disciple and His Book
20 Then Peter turned around and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them (the one who had leaned back on Jesus' chest at the supper and said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?”)
21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?”
22 Jesus said to him, **“If I wish for him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”**
23 So the rumor spread among the brothers that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not tell him that he would not die; he only said, **“If I wish for him to remain until I come, what is that to you?”**
24 This is the disciple who is testifying about these things and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.
25 There are also many other things that Jesus did. If every one of them were to be written down, I suppose that not even the world itself would have room for the books that would be written.
‡Amen.

* **21:14** *his* ¦ the CT † **21:15** *Jonah* ¦ John CT ‡ **21:16** *Jonah* ¦ John CT § **21:16** *sheep* ¦ little sheep WH
* **21:17** *Jonah* ¦ John CT † **21:17** *sheep* ¦ little sheep WH ‡ **21:25** *Amen.* ¦ — CT

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit
1 The first account I compiled, O
Theophilus, was about all that Jesus
began to do and teach
2 until the day he was taken up, after he
had given commands through the Holy
Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.
3 He presented himself alive to them,
after his suffering, by many convincing
proofs, appearing to them over the course
of forty days and speaking about the
kingdom of God.
4 While he was with them, he
commanded them not to depart from
Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of
the Father, **"Which,"** he said, **"you
heard about from me.**
5 **For John baptized with water, but
you will be baptized with the Holy
Spirit not many days from now."**

The Ascension
6 So when they had come together, they
asked him, "Lord, are you going to restore
the kingdom to Israel at this time?"
7 He said to them, **"It is not for you to
know the times or seasons that the
Father has set by his own authority,**
8 **but you will receive power when the
Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you
will be *witnesses to me in Jerusalem,
in all Judea and Samaria, and to the
ends of the earth."**
9 After he said this, he was lifted up as
they looked on, and a cloud took him out
of their sight.
10 As he went, they were gazing up into
the sky, when behold, two men in white
clothing stood beside them.
11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you
standing here †staring into the sky? This
Jesus who was taken up from you into
heaven will come back in the same way
you have seen him go into heaven."

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas
12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from
the mount called Olivet, which is near
Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.
13 After entering the city, they went up to
the upper room where they were staying.
Those present were Peter, ‡James, John,
Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew,
Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus,
Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of
James.
14 With one accord they were all devoting
themselves to prayer §and supplication,
along with Jesus' brothers and several
women, including Mary the mother of
Jesus.
15 In those days Peter stood up among
the *disciples (a crowd of about one
hundred twenty people who were
gathered together). He said,
16 "Brothers, it was necessary for †this
Scripture to be fulfilled, which the Holy
Spirit foretold by the mouth of David
concerning Judas, who became a guide to
those who arrested Jesus.
17 For he was numbered ‡with us and
received his share in this ministry."
18 (Now this man Judas had acquired a
field with the wages of unrighteousness,
and falling headfirst, his body burst open,
and all his intestines gushed out.
19 This became known to all who were
dwelling in Jerusalem, so that in their
language the field was called Akeldama,
that is, Field of Blood.)
20 Peter continued, "For it is written in
the Book of Psalms:

'May his homestead become desolate;
let there be no one to dwell in it,'

and,

'May another take his position as
overseer.'

21 Therefore, one of the men who have
accompanied us during the entire time
that the Lord Jesus went in and out
among us,
22 beginning from the baptism of John up
to the day when Jesus was taken up from
us, must become a witness with us of his
resurrection."
23 So they put forward two men, Joseph
called §Barsabbas (who was given the
name Justus), and Matthias.
24 Then they prayed, "Lord, you know the
hearts of all; show us which of these two
men you have chosen
25 to *receive the share of this ministry
and apostleship from which Judas turned
away to go to his own place."

* **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 § **1:23** *Barsabbas* ¦ Barsabas HF PCK RP TR * **1:25** *receive the share of* ¦ take the place in CT

26 Then they cast lots for them, and the lot
fell to Matthias, so he was added to the
eleven apostles.

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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.'

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.

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* **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 * **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%

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.
45 They were selling their possessions and
belongings, and distributing the proceeds
to all, as anyone had need.
46 Day by day as they continued meeting
together with one accord in the temple
courts and breaking bread from house to
house, they shared food together with
gladness and simplicity of heart,
47 praising God and enjoying the favor of
all the people. And the Lord added to §the
church daily those who were being saved.

3

Peter Heals a Lame Man
1 One day Peter and John were going up
together to the temple at the hour of
prayer, the ninth hour.
2 And a man who was lame from his
mother's womb was being carried in.
Every day people would lay him at the
gate of the temple called the Beautiful
Gate so that he could ask for alms from
those who were entering the temple
courts.
3 When he saw Peter and John about to
enter the temple courts, he began asking
them *for alms.
4 But Peter, along with John, looked at
him intently and said, "Look at us."
5 So the man gave them his attention,
expecting to receive something from
them.
6 But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold,
but what I do have I give to you. In the
name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, †rise up
and walk."
7 Then Peter took hold of him by the right
hand and raised him up, and at once his
feet and ankles were made strong.
8 Leaping up, he stood and began walking.
Then he entered the temple courts with
them, walking and leaping and praising
God.
9 When all the people saw him walking
and praising God,
10 they recognized him as the man who
used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the
temple asking for alms. And they were
filled with wonder and amazement at
what had happened to him.

Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico
11 As ‡the lame man who had been healed
clung to Peter and John, all the people ran
together to them at the portico called
Solomon's, utterly astonished.

‡ **2:31** *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 § **2:47** *the church daily those who were being saved. One day Peter and John were going up together* 86.6% ¦ their number those who were being saved. One day Peter and John were going up CT 2.4% * **3:3** *for* ¦ to receive CT ST † **3:6** *rise up and* ¦ — SBL WH ‡ **3:11** *the lame man who had been healed* 78.6% ¦ he CT 4.7%

12 When Peter saw this, he addressed the
people: "Men of Israel, why are you
amazed at this, or why are you staring at
us as though by our own power or
godliness we have made this man walk?
13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob—the God of our fathers—has
glorified his servant Jesus, whom you
delivered up and denied in the presence
of Pilate, even though Pilate had decided
to release him.
14 Yes, you denied the Holy and Righteous
One and asked for a murderer to be
granted to you.
15 You put to death the Author of life,
whom God raised from the dead, of which
we are witnesses.
16 By faith in his name, his name has
given strength to this man whom you see
and know, and the faith that is through
Jesus has given him this perfect health in
the presence of you all.

17 "Now, brothers, I know that you acted
in ignorance, as did your rulers also.
18 But in this way God fulfilled what he
had foretold through the mouths of all
§his prophets, that the Christ would
suffer.
19 Therefore repent and turn back so
that your sins may be wiped away, that
times of refreshing may come from the
presence of the Lord,

20 and that he may send *Jesus, the
Christ who has been appointed for you.
21 Heaven must receive him until the
time comes for the restoration of all
things, which God declared by the mouths
of †all his holy prophets long ago.
22 ‡For Moses said to our fathers, 'The
Lord §your God will raise up for you a
prophet like me from among your
brothers. You must listen to everything he
tells you.
23 Every soul who does not listen to that
prophet will be utterly destroyed from
among the people.'
24 Indeed, all the prophets who have
spoken, beginning with Samuel and
continuing with those who came
afterward, also *proclaimed these days.
25 You are the sons of the prophets and
of the covenant that God made with †our
fathers when he said to Abraham, 'In
your offspring all the families of the earth
will be blessed.'
26 God raised up his servant ‡Jesus and
sent him first to you, to bless you by
turning each of you from your evil ways."

4

Peter and John Brought Before the Council
1 As Peter and John were speaking to the
people, the *priests, the captain of the
temple guard, and the Sadducees came to
them,
2 greatly annoyed because they were
teaching the people and proclaiming in
Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
3 So they arrested them and took them
into custody until the next day, for it was
already evening.
4 But many who heard the word believed,
and the number of men who believed
came to about five thousand.

5 On the next day, the rulers, elders,
and scribes were gathered together in
†Jerusalem,
6 along with Annas the high priest,
Caiaphas, John, Alexander, 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

§ **3:18** *his prophets, that the* ¦ the prophets, that his CT * **3:20** *Jesus, the Christ who has been appointed for you* ¦ Jesus Christ, who was proclaimed to you before TR † **3:21** *all* ¦ — CT ‡ **3:22** *For Moses said to our fathers* 80.3% ¦ Moses said to our fathers MSS 5.6% ¦ Moses said CT 4% § **3:22** *your* ¦ our HF PCK RP ¦ — SBL WH * **3:24** *proclaimed* ¦ foretold PCK TR † **3:25** *our* ¦ your CT ‡ **3:26** *Jesus* ¦ — CT * **4:1** *priests* ¦ chief priests WH † **4:5** *Jerusalem, along with Annas the high priest,* ¦ Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was also there, along with CT ‡ **4:8** *of Israel* 96.9% ¦ — CT 1.8% § **4:12** *name* ¦ name under heaven ANT CT HF PCK TR

men, they were amazed and recognized
that they had been with Jesus.
14 But since they could see the man who
had been healed standing there with
them, they had nothing to say in
opposition.
15 So they ordered Peter and John to
step out from the Sanhedrin while they
conferred with one another,
16 saying, “What should we do with
these men? For it is evident to all who
dwell in Jerusalem that a notable sign has
been done through them, and we cannot
deny it.
17 But so that it may not spread any
further among the people, *we will
†strictly warn them to speak no more in
this name to ‡any of the people.”
18 Then they called them in and ordered
them not to speak or teach at all in the
name of Jesus.
19 But Peter and John answered them,
“Whether it is right in the sight of God to
listen to you rather than to God, you must
judge.
20 For we cannot help but speak about
what we have seen and heard.”
21 So after threatening Peter and John
further, they released them, finding no
way to punish them, because all the
people were glorifying God for what had
happened.
22 For the man on whom this sign of
healing had been performed was more
than forty years old.

The Believers Pray for Boldness
23 After being released, Peter and John
went to their own people and reported all
that the chief priests and the elders had
said to them.
24 When they heard this, they lifted up
their voices with one accord to God and
said, “Master, you §are God, who made
the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all
that is in them.
25 It is you *who said through the mouth
of your servant David,

‘Why do the nations rage,
and the peoples plot foolish things?
26 The kings of the earth stand up,
and the rulers are gathered together,
against the Lord and against his
Anointed.’

27 For †indeed both Herod and Pontius
Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the
people of Israel, were gathered together
against your holy servant Jesus, whom
you anointed,
28 to do whatever your hand and your
plan had foreordained to take place.
29 And now, Lord, take note of their
threats and grant it to your servants to
speak your word with all boldness,
30 as you stretch out your hand to heal
and to perform signs and wonders
through the name of your holy servant
Jesus.”
31 After they prayed, the place where they
were gathered together was shaken, and
they were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began speaking the word of God with
boldness.

The Believers Share Their Belongings
32 Now the hearts and souls of the
multitude of believers were one, and no
one was saying that any of ‡their
belongings was his own, but everything
they owned was held in common.
33 With great power the apostles were
giving testimony to the resurrection of
the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon
them all.
34 There was no one needy among them,
for all who owned plots of land or houses
sold them and brought the proceeds of
what was sold.
35 They laid the money at the feet of the
apostles, and the proceeds were
distributed to anyone who had need.
36 §Joses, whom the apostles called
Barnabas (which means “Son of
Encouragement”), a Levite and Cypriot by
birth,
37 also sold a field he owned and then
brought the money and laid it at the
apostles' feet.

5

Ananias and Sapphira
1 Now a man named Ananias, along with
his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property
2 and kept back some of the proceeds,
with his wife also being aware of it. He
brought a portion of the proceeds and
laid it at the apostles' feet.
3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan
filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit
and keep back some of the proceeds of
the plot of land?

* **4:17** *we will* ¦ let us ANT CT HF PCK TR † **4:17** *strictly* ¦ — CT ‡ **4:17** *any of the people* ¦ anyone PCK § **4:24** *are God, who … them. It* ¦ who … them, it ANT CT * **4:25** *who said through the mouth of your servant David,* 88.5% ¦ who, by the Holy Spirit, said through the mouth of our father David, your servant, CT 5.2% † **4:27** *indeed* ¦ indeed in this city CT ‡ **4:32** *their* ¦ his ANT CT PCK TR § **4:36** *Joses* ¦ Joseph CT

4 While it remained unsold, did it not
remain yoʊrs? And once it was sold, was
it not under yoʊr control? How is it that
yoʊ have put this thing in yoʊr heart?
Yoʊ 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 yoʊr husband are at the door, and
they will carry yoʊ 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
of force, for they were afraid the people
might stone them.
27 After bringing the apostles in, they
had them stand before the Sanhedrin,
and the high priest *asked them,
28 "Did we not strictly command you
not to teach in this name? Yet behold, you
have filled Jerusalem with your teaching,
and you are determined to bring the
blood of this man upon us."
29 But Peter and the apostles answered,
"We must obey God rather than men.
30 The God of our fathers raised up
Jesus, whom you murdered by hanging
him on a cross.
31 God exalted him to his right hand as
Leader and Savior to grant repentance to
Israel and remission of sins.
32 †Concerning these things we are his
witnesses, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom
God has given to those who obey him."
33 When they heard this, they were
furious and resolved to put them to death,

* **5:15** *carried* ¦ even carried CT † **5:23** *standing* ¦ standing outside TR ‡ **5:23** *in front of* ¦ at CT § **5:24** *high priest, the captain of the temple guard,* 81.7% ¦ captain of the temple guard CT 8.1% * **5:27** *asked them, "Did we not strictly command … name?* ¦ questioned them, saying, "We strictly commanded … name. SBL TH WH † **5:32** *Concerning these things we are his witnesses* ¦ We are witnesses of these things CT

34 but a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a
teacher of the law who was held in honor
by all the people, stood up in the
Sanhedrin and gave orders to put the
‡apostles outside for a little while.
35 Then he said to the Sanhedrin, “Men
of Israel, give careful consideration to
what you are about to do to these men.
36 For before these days Theudas rose
up, declaring himself to be somebody, and
a number of men, about four hundred,
§responded to the call to join him. He
was put to death, and all his followers
were scattered and came to nothing.
37 After this man, Judas the Galilean
rose up in the days of the census and
drew away *many people after him. He
also perished, and all his followers were
scattered.
38 So I say to you now, keep away from
these men and leave them alone, for if
this plan or this undertaking is of men, it
will be stopped;
39 but if it is of God, you †cannot put a
stop to ‡it. You will only find yourselves
fighting against God.”
40 They were persuaded by him, and
after calling in the apostles, they beat
them, commanded them not to speak in
the name of Jesus, and released them.
41 So the apostles went out from the
presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that
they had been considered worthy to
suffer dishonor for §the Name.
42 And every day, in the temple courts
and from house to house, they did not
cease teaching and preaching the good
news that Jesus is the Christ.

6

Seven Chosen to Serve
1 In those days, as the disciples increased
in number, a complaint arose against the
Hebrews on the part of the Hellenists that
their widows were being overlooked in
the daily distribution of food.
2 So the twelve called the multitude of the
disciples together and said, “It is not
proper for us to neglect the word of God
to wait on tables.
3 *Therefore, brothers, look for seven
men among you who have a good
reputation and are full of the †Holy Spirit
and wisdom, whom we will appoint for
this need.
4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer
and to the ministry of the word.”
5 This proposal pleased the whole
multitude, so they chose Stephen, a man
full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together
with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon,
Parmenas, and Nicolaus, an Antiochean
convert to Judaism.
6 They set these men before the apostles,
who then prayed and laid their hands on
them.
7 So the word of God continued to
increase, and the number of disciples
continued to multiply greatly in
Jerusalem, and a large number of priests
became obedient to the faith.

The Arrest of Stephen
8 Now Stephen, a man full of ‡faith and
power, was performing great wonders
and signs among the people.
9 But some men from the synagogue of the
Freedmen (as it was called), along with
some of the Cyrenians and Alexandrians,
and some men from Cilicia and Asia, rose
up and began to argue with Stephen.
10 But they were not able to resist the
wisdom and the Spirit with which he was
speaking.
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

‡ **5:34** *apostles* 98.3% ¦ men CT 1.1% § **5:36** *responded to the call to join* ¦ joined themselves to ANT CT PCK TR * **5:37** *many* ¦ some of the CT † **5:39** *cannot* ¦ will not be able to CT PCK ‡ **5:39** *it* ¦ them CT § **5:41** *the Name* ¦ his name ANT TR ¦ the name of the Christ PCK ¦ the name of Jesus HF RP * **6:3** *Therefore* ¦ Now then NA SBL WH † **6:3** *Holy* ¦ — CT ‡ **6:8** *faith* 78.4% ¦ grace CT 19.8% § **6:13** *blasphemous* ¦ — CT * **6:13** *the* ¦ this NA TR WH

father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,
3 and said to him, 'Leave yoʋr land and yoʋr relatives, and go to *a land I will show yoʋ.'
4 Then he left the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. After his father died, God relocated him to this land in which you now dwell.
5 He gave him no inheritance in it, not even the length of a footstep, but promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him, even though he had no child.
6 God told him that his descendants would be sojourners in a foreign land, and that the people of that land would enslave them and mistreat them for four hundred years.
7 'But I will judge the nation whom they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward they will come out of that country and serve me in this place.'
8 Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision, and Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.

9 "The patriarchs became jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt. But God was with him
10 and delivered him out of all his afflictions. He gave Joseph favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, so Pharaoh appointed him as ruler over Egypt and over all his household.
11 Then a famine came upon all †the land of Egypt and Canaan, along with great suffering, and our fathers could find no food.
12 But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our fathers out the first time.
13 On their second visit, Joseph made himself known to his brothers ‡again, and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh.
14 Then Joseph sent and called for his father Jacob and all his relatives, seventy-five people in all.
15 So Jacob went down to Egypt, and there he died, he and our fathers.
16 Later their bodies were moved to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a sum of money from the sons of §Hamor, the father of Shechem.

17 "As the time drew near for God to fulfill the promise he had *sworn to Abraham, our people increased and multiplied in Egypt
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 yoʋ to be a ruler and judge over us?
28 Do yoʋ want to kill me as yoʋ 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:

* **7:3** *a* ¦ the CT † **7:11** *the land of* 90.2% ¦ — CT 3.9% ‡ **7:13** *again* ¦ — WH § **7:16** *Hamor, the father of* ¦ Hamor in CT * **7:17** *sworn* 96.3% ¦ made CT 2.2% † **7:18** *king* ¦ king over Egypt CT ‡ **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

32 'I am the God of yoʋr 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 yoʋr feet, for the place
where yoʋ 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 yoʋ to
Egypt.'
35 "This is the same Moses they had
rejected, saying, 'Who appointed yoʋ to
be a ruler and judge?' He is the one God
sent as §a ruler and redeemer by the
hand of the angel who appeared to him in
the bush.
36 He is the one who led them out,
performing wonders and signs in *the
land of Egypt, at the Red Sea, and in the
wilderness for forty years.
37 This is the same Moses who said to
the sons of Israel, '†The Lord your God
will raise up for you a prophet like me
from among your ‡brothers.'
38 This is the man who was with our
fathers in the assembly in the wilderness
when the angel spoke to him on Mount
Sinai. He received §living oracles to give
to *us.
39 Our fathers were unwilling to obey
him. Instead, they thrust him aside, and
in their hearts they 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.

§ **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 † **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

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
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 yoʋr
silver be destroyed with yoʋ, because yoʋ
thought yoʋ could acquire the gift of God
with money!

21 Yoʋ have no share or portion in this
matter, for yoʋr heart is not right before
God.

22 Therefore repent of this wickedness
of yoʋrs, and plead with ‡God in the hope
that the intention of yoʋr heart might be
forgiven yoʋ.

23 For I see that yoʋ are bitterly envious
and in bondage to unrighteousness.”

24 In response Simon said, “Pray to §the
Lord for me so that nothing you have said
will happen to me.”

25 After Peter and John had testified and
spoken the word of the Lord, they
returned to Jerusalem, preaching the
good news in many villages of the
Samaritans as they went.

Philip Baptizes the Ethiopian Eunuch
26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip,
“Rise and go toward the south, to the
road that goes from Jerusalem down to
Gaza.” (This is a desert road.)

* **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

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 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.**

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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 Son

* **9:5** *The Lord* ¦ He CT † **9:5** *persecuting.* 6 But rise ¦ persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." 6 Trembling and astonished, Saul said, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" The Lord said to him, "Rise TR ‡ **9:8** *no one* ¦ nothing SBL TH WH § **9:12** *in a vision* ¦ — NA * **9:12** *hand* ¦ hands CT

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. 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.

† **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% † **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

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.
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?"

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* **10:5** *Simon* ¦ a man named Simon CT † **10:6** *sea.* ¦ sea. He will tell you what you must do. TR ‡ **10:10** *fell upon* 88.9% ¦ came over CT 10.9% § **10:11** *to him* ¦ — CT * **10:11** *It was tied at its four corners and was being lowered* 88.6% ¦ being lowered by its four corners NA SBL WH 4.2% {Note: The reading of NA, SBL, and WH would require the preceding period to be changed to a comma.} † **10:12** *animals of the earth, as well as wild beasts, reptiles, and* 79.3% ¦ animals, wild beasts, and reptiles of the earth, as well as MSS 6.3% ¦ animals and reptiles of the earth, as well as CT 1.5% ‡ **10:16** *then the object was taken up again* ¦ immediately the object was taken up CT § **10:19** *to him* 99.6% ¦ — WH 0.2% * **10:19** *some* ¦ three ANT NA TH TR ¦ two WH † **10:21** *men* ¦ men who had been sent to him by Cornelius TR ‡ **10:22** *a holy* ¦ an PCK § **10:23** *went* ¦ rose and went ANT CT * **10:24** *they* ¦ he NA SBL WH

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, yoʋr prayer has been heard, and yoʋr 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 yoʋ.’
33 So I sent for yoʋ at once, and yoʋ have done well by coming. Now then, we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that yoʋ have been commanded by §God.”

Peter Preaches to Cornelius' Household
34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said, “Now I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
36 You yourselves know the message he sent to the sons of Israel, preaching the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,
37 the message that spread throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John preached:
38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, who then went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with him.
39 We are witnesses of everything he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross,
40 but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen,
41 not by all the people, but by us, the witnesses who had been chosen beforehand by God, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one who has been appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.
43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives remission of sins through his name.”

The Holy Spirit Falls upon the Gentiles
44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message.
45 *All the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were astonished, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was being poured out even on the Gentiles.
46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and magnifying God. Then Peter responded,
47 “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people who have 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, “Yoʋ 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

† **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 yoʋ.* 93.6% ¦ — CT 4.6% § **10:33** *God* ¦ the Lord CT * **10:45** *All the* ¦ The WH † **10:48** *the Lord* ¦ the Lord Jesus PCK ¦ Jesus Christ CT * **11:3** *saying, “Yoʋ … 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

brothers also went with me, and we went into the man's house.
13 He told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying *to him, ‘Send †men to Joppa and have them bring back Simon, who is called Peter;
14 he will speak a message to you by which you will be saved, you and your entire household.’
15 As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, just as he had fallen upon us at the beginning.
16 Then I remembered what the Lord had said: **‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’**
17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus ‡Christ, how could I stand in God's way?”
18 When the apostles and brothers heard this, they ceased their objections and began glorifying God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted the repentance that leads to life.”

The Church in Antioch
19 Now those who had been scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews.
20 But there were some Cypriot and Cyrenian men among them who went to Antioch and began speaking to the §Hellenists, preaching the good news about the Lord Jesus.
21 The hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number of people *believed and turned to the Lord.
22 News of this reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas out †to go to Antioch.
23 When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and began exhorting all the believers to remain true to the Lord with resolute hearts.
24 For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a large number of people were added to the Lord.
25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul.
26 When he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for an entire year they met with the church and taught a large number of people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians.
27 In those days some prophets came down to Antioch from Jerusalem.
28 One of them, named Agabus, stood up and indicated by the Spirit that a severe famine was about to come upon the entire world (which ‡indeed took place in the time of Claudius §Caesar).
29 So the disciples, each according to his own ability, determined to send relief to the brothers who dwelt in Judea.
30 This they did, sending it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

12

James Killed and Peter Imprisoned
1 About that time King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church in order to harm them.
2 He killed James the brother of John with the sword.
3 And when he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This took place during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.)
4 After seizing him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod planned to bring him out to the people after the Passover.
5 So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

An Angel Frees Peter from Prison
6 The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, while the guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison.
7 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before Peter, and a light shone in the cell. The angel struck Peter on the side and woke him up, saying, “Get up quickly!” And the chains fell off Peter's hands.
8 Then the angel said to him, “Get dressed and put on your sandals.” And Peter did so. Then the angel said to him, “Put on your cloak and follow me.”
9 So Peter went out and followed him, but he did not realize that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision.
10 After they passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them on its own, and they went out. When they had gone the length of one street, the angel left him suddenly.

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* **11:13** *to him* ¦ — CT † **11:13** *men to Joppa and have them* ¦ to Joppa and CT PCK ‡ **11:17** *Christ* ¦ — PCK § **11:20** *Hellenists* ¦ Hellenists also CT * **11:21** *believed and* ¦ who believed CT † **11:22** *to go* ¦ — CT ‡ **11:28** *indeed* ¦ — CT § **11:28** *Caesar* ¦ — CT

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
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.

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* **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

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
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,

‡ **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 † **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

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.
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

† **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 * **14:3** *by* ¦ and TR † **14:13** *their* ¦ the CT ‡ **14:14** *rushed* ¦ rushed out CT § **14:15** *the* ¦ a CT

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 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

* **14:17** *you* ¦ us TR † **14:17** *our* ¦ your ANT CT ‡ **14:28** *there* ¦ — CT * **15:2** *Therefore, when* ¦ When CT † **15:3** *Phoenicia* ¦ both Phoenicia CT ‡ **15:4** *them.* ¦ them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ANT § **15:7** *us* 61.8% ¦ you CT PCK 34% * **15:11** *Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ TR

and rebuild the tabernacle of David that
has fallen;
I will rebuild its ruins
and erect it again,
17 so that the rest of mankind may seek
the Lord,
even all the Gentiles who are called by
my name,
says the Lord, who †does ‡all these things.'

18 All God's works are known to him from
long ago.
19 Therefore my judgment is that we
should not create difficulties for those
among the Gentiles who turn to God,
20 but that we should write to them,
telling them to abstain from things defiled
by idols, from fornication, from what has
been strangled, and from blood.
21 For from generations of old, Moses has
had those who preach him in every city,
because he is read in the synagogues
every Sabbath."

The Letter to Gentile Believers

22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and
to the elders, together with the whole
church, to send men chosen from among
them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas,
namely, Judas (called §Barsabbas) and
Silas, leading men among the brothers,
23 and to send with them *this letter they
had written: "The †apostles, elders, and
brothers, to the Gentile brothers in
Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings.
24 Since we have heard that certain ‡men,
whom we did not authorize, have gone
out from us and troubled you with their
words, unsettling your minds §by saying
that you must be circumcised and keep
the law,
25 it seemed good to us, having come to
one accord, to *send you men chosen
from among us, along with our beloved
Barnabas and Paul,
26 who have risked their lives for the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
27 Therefore we have sent Judas and Silas,
who will tell you the same things in their
own words.
28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit
and to us to lay upon you no further
burden than these essentials:
29 You must abstain from what has been
sacrificed to idols, from blood, from what
has been strangled, and from fornication.
If you keep yourselves from these things,
you will do well. Farewell."

30 So when these men had been sent off,
they †went to Antioch, and after gathering
the congregation together, they delivered
the letter.
31 When the people read it, they
rejoiced over its encouragement.
32 Then Judas and Silas, who were
themselves prophets, encouraged and
strengthened the brothers with many
words.
33 After spending some time there, they
were sent off ‡to the apostles in peace by
the §brothers.
35 But Paul and Barnabas stayed in
Antioch, teaching and preaching, along
with many others, the good news of the
word of the Lord.

Paul and Barnabas Part Company

36 After some days had gone by, Paul said
to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit *our
brothers in every city where we
proclaimed the word of the Lord, to see
how they are doing."
37 Now Barnabas wanted to bring John
(who was also called Mark).
38 But Paul thought it best not to bring
this man who had deserted them in
Pamphylia and had not gone on with
them in their work.
39 So there arose a sharp disagreement,
with the result that they parted from one
another. Barnabas took Mark and sailed
off to Cyprus,
40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, once
he had been committed by the brothers to
the grace of †God.
41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia,
strengthening the churches.

16

Timothy Joins Paul and Silas

† **15:17** *does* ¦ makes CT ‡ **15:17** *all these things.' All God's works are known to him from long ago.* ¦ these things known from long ago.' CT § **15:22** *Barsabbas* ¦ Barsabas PCK TR * **15:23** *this* 90.9% ¦ a CT 1.2% † **15:23** *apostles, elders, and brothers,* ¦ brothers, both the apostles and the elders, CT ‡ **15:24** *men, whom we did not authorize, have gone out from us and* 94.4% ¦ men from among us, whom we did not authorize, have WH 1.7% § **15:24** *by saying that you must be circumcised and keep the law* ¦ — CT * **15:25** *send you men chosen from among us,* ¦ to choose men from among us and send them to you, NA PCK SBL WH † **15:30** *went* ¦ went down CT ‡ **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 * **16:1** *went* ¦ also went CT

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
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.

† **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

28 But Paul cried out with a loud voice,
"Do yoʋrself 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 yoʋ will be saved, yoʋ and
yoʋr 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, "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

* **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 * **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

to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

Paul in Athens

16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was full of idols.
17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout Greeks, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.
18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers §also conversed with him. Some said, "What is this babbler trying to say?" But others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign deities." (They said this because he was *preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.)
19 So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?
20 For you are bringing some strange things to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean."
21 (Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who dwelt there would spend their time in nothing else but talking about †and listening to whatever the newest idea might be.)

22 Paul then stood before the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I see just how religious you are in every way.
23 For as I was going around and closely observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar that had been inscribed: 'To an unknown god.' I proclaim to you therefore ‡the one whom you worship in ignorance.
24 The God who made the world and everything in it, who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made by hands,

25 neither is he served by §the hands of men, as though he needed anything. Rather, he himself *continually gives life and breath to all mankind.
26 From one †bloodline he created every nation of mankind to dwell on the entire face of the earth. He determined their ‡appointed times and the boundaries of where they would dwell,

27 so that they might seek §the Lord and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.
28 For in him we live and move and have our being, as even some of your own poets have said:

'For we also are his offspring.'

29 Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold, silver, or stone, an image formed by the skill and imagination of man.
30 Therefore, having overlooked the times of ignorance, God now commands all people everywhere to repent,
31 because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by a man he has appointed. He has provided assurance of this to everyone by raising this man from the dead."
32 Now when they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some began to scoff, but others said, "We wish to hear about this from you again."
33 So Paul departed from them,
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

§ **17:18** *also* ¦ — ANT TR * **17:18** *preaching* ¦ preaching to them ANT TR † **17:21** *and* ¦ or CT ‡ **17:23** *the one whom* 89.4% ¦ what CT 1.5% § **17:25** *the hands of men* ¦ human hands CT * **17:25** *continually gives life and breath to all mankind* ¦ gives to all mankind life, breath, and all things CT SCR † **17:26** *bloodline* 95% ¦ man CT 4.4% ‡ **17:26** *appointed* ¦ preappointed TR § **17:27** *the Lord* ¦ God CT * **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

your own heads! I am innocent. From
now on I will go to the Gentiles."
7 So he moved on from there and went
to the house of a man named ‡Justus, a
worshiper of God, whose house was next
door to the synagogue.
8 Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue,
believed in the Lord together with his
whole household. And many of the
Corinthians, when they heard, believed
and were baptized.
9 One night the Lord said to Paul in a
vision: **"Do not be afraid, but speak
and do not be silent.**
10 **For I am with you, and no one will
attack you to do you harm, for I have
many people in this city."**
11 So Paul stayed for a year and six
months, teaching the word of God among
them.
12 But when Gallio was proconsul of
Achaia, the Jews rose up with one accord
against Paul and brought him before the
judgment seat,
13 saying, "This man is persuading
people to worship God in a manner
contrary to the law."
14 But just as Paul was about to open his
mouth to speak, Gallio said to the Jews,
"If it were a matter of some crime or evil
misdeed, O Jews, I would bear with you,
as is reasonable.
15 But since it is a question about
words, names, and your own law, see to it
§yourselves, for I do not want to be a
judge of such things."
16 So he drove them away from the
judgment seat.
17 Then *all the Greeks took Sosthenes,
the ruler of the synagogue, and began
beating him in front of the judgment seat.
But none of these things †caused any
delay for Gallio.

Paul's Return to Antioch
18 After staying in Corinth for many more
days, Paul took leave of the brothers and
set sail for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila
were with him. (Now he had shaved his
head in Cenchreae because he was under
a vow.)
19 When ‡he arrived at Ephesus, he left
Priscilla and Aquila there, but he himself
went into the synagogue and reasoned
with the Jews.
20 When they asked him to stay §with
them for a longer period of time, he
declined.
21 However, as he took leave of them, he
said, "*I must by all means keep the
coming feast in Jerusalem, but I will
return to you again, God willing." Then
he set sail from Ephesus.
22 When he arrived at Caesarea, he went
up and greeted the church, and then went
down to Antioch.
23 After spending some time there, he
departed and went from place to place
throughout the region of Galatia and
Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

Apollos Speaks Boldly in Ephesus
24 Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, an
Alexandrian by birth, arrived in Ephesus.
He was an eloquent man, well-versed in
the Scriptures.
25 He had been instructed in the way of
the Lord. Being fervent in spirit, he spoke
and accurately taught the facts about †the
Lord, though he knew only about the
baptism of John.
26 He began to speak boldly in the
synagogue, but when ‡Aquila and Priscilla
heard him, they took him aside and
explained to him the way of God in
greater detail.
27 And when Apollos wanted to cross over
to Achaia, the brothers wrote to the
disciples, encouraging them to receive
him. When he arrived, he was a great
help to those who had become believers
through grace,
28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in
public, showing by the Scriptures that
Jesus is the Christ.

19

Paul in Ephesus
1 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul went
through the interior regions and *came to
Ephesus, where he came across some
disciples.
2 He said to them, "Did you receive the
Holy Spirit when you believed?" They
said to him, "No, we have not even heard
that there is a Holy Spirit."
3 So Paul said †to them, "Into what then
were you baptized?" They said, "Into
John's baptism."
4 Then Paul said, "John baptized with a
baptism of repentance, telling the people

§ **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

to believe in the one who was to come
after him, that is, in ‡Christ Jesus."
5 On hearing this, they were baptized in
the name of the Lord Jesus.
6 And when Paul laid his hands on them,
the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they
began speaking in tongues and
prophesying.
7 There were about twelve men in all.
8 Over a period of three months Paul
would go into the synagogue and speak
boldly, reasoning and persuading the
people about the kingdom of God.
9 But some became hardened and
refused to believe, speaking evil of the
Way in front of the congregation. So Paul
left them and took the disciples with him,
reasoning daily in the lecture hall of §a
man named Tyrannus.
10 This continued for two years, so that
all who dwelt in Asia, both Jews and
Greeks, heard the word of the Lord *Jesus.

The Sons of Sceva
11 Now God was performing
extraordinary miracles by the hands of
Paul,
12 so that even cloths or aprons that had
touched his skin were †placed upon the
sick, and their diseases left them, and evil
spirits ‡came out of them.
13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish
exorcists §attempted to invoke the name
of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil
spirits. They would say, "*We adjure you
by the Jesus whom Paul preaches."
14 Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish high
priest, were doing this.
15 But one day an evil spirit †responded,
"I know Jesus, and I am acquainted with
Paul, but who are you?"
16 Then the man who had the evil spirit
jumped on them, overpowered ‡them,
and prevailed against them, so that they
fled from the house naked and wounded.
17 When this became known to all the
Jews and Greeks who dwelt in Ephesus,
fear fell upon them all, and the name of
the Lord Jesus was being magnified.
18 Many who had become believers came
forward, confessing and disclosing their
practices,
19 while many who practiced magical arts
brought their books together and began
burning them in front of everyone. When
the value of the books was added up, the
total came to fifty thousand silver coins.
20 In this way the word of the Lord was
increasing and prevailing mightily.

The Riot at Ephesus
21 After these things had taken place, Paul
resolved in his spirit to pass through
Macedonia and Achaia and go on to
Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been
there, I must see Rome also."
22 So he sent two of his helpers, Timothy
and Erastus, to Macedonia, while he
himself stayed in Asia for a period of
time.
23 About that time a great disturbance
arose concerning the Way.
24 For a man named Demetrius, a
silversmith who made silver shrines of
Artemis, brought in a great deal of
business to the craftsmen.
25 He gathered these men together,
along with those who worked in similar
trades, and said, "Men, you know that our
wealth is derived from this business.
26 You also see and hear that, not only
in Ephesus, but in nearly all of Asia, this
man Paul has persuaded and drawn away
a considerable crowd, saying that gods
made by hands are not gods at all.
27 Not only is there the danger that this
trade of ours might come into disrepute,
but also that the temple of the great
goddess Artemis might be regarded as
nothing, and that §her magnificence
might be brought down, whom all Asia
and the world worship."
28 When they heard this, they were
filled with rage and began crying out,
"Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"
29 So the *whole city was filled with
confusion, and they rushed with one
accord into the amphitheater, seizing
Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who
were Paul's traveling companions.
30 Although Paul wanted to go into the
public assembly, the disciples would not
let him.
31 Even some of the provincial officials
of Asia, who were friends of Paul, sent
word to him, begging him not to venture
into the amphitheater.
32 Now some were shouting one thing,
and some were shouting another, for the
assembly was confused, and the majority

§ **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 * **19:29** *whole* ¦ — CT

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,
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.

† **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 § **20:13** *to* ¦ on ahead to ANT NA SBL TR WH * **20:15** *and stayed in Trogyllium* 91.7% ¦ — CT 4%

Paul's Farewell Address to the Ephesian Elders

17 From Miletus Paul sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.
18 When they came to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the day I first set foot in Asia,
19 serving the Lord with all humility and with †many tears and trials, which came upon me because of the plots of the Jews.
20 You know that I did not hold back from declaring to you anything that was beneficial, and from teaching you in public and from house to house,
21 testifying to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus ‡Christ.
22 And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, compelled by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there,
23 except that the Holy Spirit §testifies in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.
24 But I take no account of *these things, nor do I regard my life as precious to myself, if only I may complete my course †with joy and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

25 "And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom ‡of God will see my face again.
26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of you all.
27 For I have not held back from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.
28 §So keep watch over yourselves and over the entire flock. The Holy Spirit has appointed you as their overseers, to shepherd the church of *our Lord and God, which he obtained with his own blood.
29 †For I know that after my departure fierce wolves will enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
30 Even from your own number men will rise up, speaking perverse things to draw away the disciples after them.
31 Therefore be watchful, remembering that, night and day, for three years I did not stop 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.

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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

† **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 * **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

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
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.

§ **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 ‡ **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

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,
"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
watched over the cloaks of those who
were killing him.'

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* **21:37** *speak* ¦ say something ANT CT TR * **22:9** *light and were afraid, but they* 86.4% ¦ light, but CT 10.4%
† **22:12** *in Damascus* ¦ there CT RP TR ‡ **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

21 Then the Lord said to me, **'Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'** "

Paul's Roman Citizenship

22 The crowd listened to Paul until he made this statement, but then they lifted up their voices and said, "Away with this man from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live."
23 As they were crying out, throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air,
24 the commander ordered Paul to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be examined by flogging, to find out the reason why they were shouting at him in this way.
25 But †as one of the soldiers was stretching Paul out with the straps, Paul said to the centurion standing nearby, "Is it lawful for you to whip a Roman citizen without a proper trial?"
26 When the centurion heard this, he went and reported it to the commander, saying, "‡Consider what you are about to do, for this man is a Roman citizen."
27 So the commander went over and said to Paul, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?" He said, "Yes."
28 The commander responded, "I acquired this citizenship with a large sum of money." Paul said, "But I am a citizen by birth."
29 So those who were about to examine him immediately drew back, and the commander was afraid when he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.

Paul Brought Before the Sanhedrin

30 So the next day, wishing to know for certain why Paul was being accused by the Jews, the commander released him §from his bonds and commanded the chief priests and *their entire Sanhedrin to †come. Then he brought Paul down and had him stand before them.

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1 Looking intently at the Sanhedrin, Paul said, "Brothers, in all good conscience I have lived as a citizen before God to this day."
2 At this the high priest Ananias commanded those who were standing beside Paul to strike him on the mouth.
3 Then Paul said to him, "God is about to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting there judging me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law ordering me to be struck?"
4 Those standing nearby said, "Do you dare to insult God's high priest?"
5 Paul said, "I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest. For it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.' "
6 Now when Paul realized that some were *Sadducees and others were Pharisees, he cried out in the Sanhedrin, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, †the son of a Pharisee. It is regarding the hope of the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial."
7 When he said this, a dissension arose ‡between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the assembly was divided.
8 (For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.)
9 Then there arose a great clamor, and §the scribes of the Pharisees' party stood up and argued vehemently, "We find no evil in this man. *If a spirit has spoken to him, or an angel, let us not fight against God."
10 When the dissension grew violent, the commander, †exercising caution lest Paul be torn to pieces by them, ordered the troops to go down, take him away from them by force, and bring him into the barracks.
11 The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, **"Take courage, ‡Paul, for as you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome."**

The Plot to Kill Paul

12 When daybreak came, §some of the Jews formed a conspiracy and bound themselves under a *curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul.

† **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 ‡ **23:11** *Paul,* ¦ — CT § **23:12** *some of* ¦ — CT * **23:12** *curse, saying that they would neither* ¦ curse neither to PCK

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."
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.

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The Accusation Against Paul
1 Five days later the high priest Ananias
came down with *the elders and an
attorney named Tertullus. They presented
their case against Paul to the governor.
2 When Paul had been summoned,
Tertullus began to present his case before
Felix, saying, "Since we have experienced
much peace because of 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.

† **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 * **24:1** *the* 83.4% ¦ some CT 14.9% † **24:2** *prosperity is coming to* ¦ reforms are being made for CT

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.
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

‡ **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 you. By AN
* **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 ‡ **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

might release him. So he would send for Paul quite often and converse with him.
27 But after two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And wishing to gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul in prison.

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Paul's Trial Before Festus
1 Three days after arriving in the province, Festus went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea,
2 where the *high priest and prominent Jewish men presented their case against Paul.
3 Asking for a favor against Paul, they urged Festus to summon him to Jerusalem, because they were planning an ambush to kill him on the way.
4 But Festus replied that Paul was being kept in custody in Caesarea, and that he himself was about to go there shortly.
5 "So," he said, "let those among you who are influential go down with me, and if there is †any fault in this man, they can bring charges against him."
6 After staying among them for ‡more than ten days, Festus went down to Caesarea. The next day he sat on the judgment seat and ordered Paul to be brought in.
7 When Paul arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many serious charges §against him that they could not prove.
8 Then Paul said in his own defense, "Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I committed any offense."
9 But Festus, wishing to gain favor with the Jews, responded to Paul, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and *stand trial before me there on these charges?"
10 Paul said, "I am standing before the judgment seat of Caesar, where I ought to stand trial. I have done the Jews no wrong, as you yourself know very well.
11 If I am in the wrong and have done something that deserves death, I do not seek to escape death. But if none of the things these men accuse me of is true, no one can hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar."
12 After conferring with the council, Festus answered, "You have appealed to Caesar; to Caesar you shall go."

Festus Consults King Agrippa
13 After several days had passed, King Agrippa and Bernice arrived at Caesarea and greeted Festus.
14 Since †he was staying there for several days, Festus presented Paul's case to him, saying, "There is 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

* **25:2** *high priest* ¦ chief priests CT PCK † **25:5** *any fault in this* 72.6% ¦ anything wrong about the CT 9.3% ¦ anything wrong about this SCR 17.1% ‡ **25:6** *more than* ¦ not more than eight or CT § **25:7** *against him* ¦ — CT * **25:9** *stand trial before* ¦ be tried by PCK † **25:14** *he was staying ... to him* ¦ they were staying ... to the king ANT CT PCK TR ‡ **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

community has appealed to me, both in
Jerusalem and here in this place, crying
out that he ought not to live any longer.
25 But ‡when I found that he had done
nothing deserving death, and since he
himself appealed to His Majesty the
Emperor, I decided to send him.
26 Yet I have nothing definite to write to
my lord about this man. Therefore I have
brought him before you all, and
especially before you, King Agrippa, so
that after we have had this preliminary
hearing, I may have something to write.
27 For it seems unreasonable to me to
send a prisoner without indicating the
charges against him."

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Paul's Defense Before Agrippa

1 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You have
permission to speak for yourself." So Paul
stretched out his hand and began to make
his defense:
2 "I consider myself fortunate that it is
before you, King Agrippa, that I am about
to make my defense today concerning all
the things of which I am being accused by
the Jews,
3 especially since *you are acquainted
with all the customs and controversies of
the Jews. Therefore I beg you to listen to
me patiently.
4 "All the Jews know about my manner
of life from my youth up, which was
spent from the beginning among my own
nation †in Jerusalem.
5 They have known about me for a long
time, if they are willing to 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

‡ **25:25** *when* ¦ — CT * **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

Prophets and Moses said would take
place:
23 that the Christ would suffer and that, as
the first to rise from the dead, he would
proclaim light §to our people and to the
Gentiles."
24 As Paul was saying these things in his
own defense, Festus said with a loud
voice, "Yoυ are out of yoυr mind, Paul.
Too much learning is driving yoυ 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 yoυ believe the Prophets, King
Agrippa? I know that yoυ believe."
28 Agrippa said to Paul, "Do yoυ think
yoυ can persuade me to become a
Christian so quickly?"
29 Paul said, "Whether quickly or not, I
pray to God that not only yoυ 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."

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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.
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

§ **26:23** *to* ¦ both to CT PCK * **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% † **27:16** *Clauda* ¦ Cauda NA SBL WH

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.
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

‡ **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 ‡ **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

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
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,

‡ **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% ‡ **28:25** *our* ¦ your CT

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.

§ **28:28** *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.

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,

* **1:1** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus NA SBL † **1:16** *of Christ* ¦ — CT ‡ **1:23** *exchanged* ¦ exchanged for themselves PCK § **1:29** *fornication,* ¦ — CT * **1:31** *irreconcilable,* ¦ — CT

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.

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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.
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?

* **2:5** *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 § **2:20** *truth. You* ¦ truth—you CT

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
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.

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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.

* **3:7** *For* ¦ But NA SBL WH † **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

5 However, to the one who does not work
but believes in him who justifies the
ungodly, his faith is counted as
righteousness,
6 just as David also speaks of the
blessedness of the one to whom God
counts righteousness apart from works:

7 “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds
are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered.
8 Blessed is the man against whom the
Lord will never count sin.”

9 Is this blessedness then only for the
circumcised, or is it also for the
uncircumcised? For we say, “Faith was
counted to Abraham as righteousness.”
10 How then was it counted? When he
was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not
when he was circumcised, but when he
was uncircumcised.
11 He received the sign of circumcision
as a seal of the righteousness that he had
by faith while he was still uncircumcised,
so that he might be the father of all who
believe when they are uncircumcised, so
that righteousness might be counted to
them †as well,
12 and so that he might be the father of
those who are not only circumcised in the
flesh, but who also walk in the footsteps
of the faith that our father Abraham had
when he was uncircumcised.

The Promise Granted Through Faith
13 For the promise to Abraham, or to his
offspring, that he would be the heir of the
world was not through the law, but
through the righteousness of faith.
14 For if those who are of the law are
heirs, faith has been made void and the
promise has been invalidated,
15 because the law brings wrath; ‡for
where there is no law, there is no
transgression.
16 For this reason the promise comes by
faith, so that it may be according to grace
and be guaranteed to all Abraham's
offspring, not only to the one who is of the
law, but also to the one who is of the faith
of Abraham, who is the father of us all
17 (just as it is written, “I have made
you the father of many nations”). He is
our father in the presence of the God in
whom he believed, who gives life to the
dead and calls into being what does not
yet exist.
18 Against all hope Abraham believed in
hope that he would become the father of
many nations according to what had been
spoken: “So shall your offspring be.”
19 Because he was not weak in faith, he
§did not consider his own body, *now as
good as dead (since he was somewhere
around a hundred years old), or the
deadness of Sarah's womb.
20 And he did not waver in unbelief at
the promise of God but was strengthened
in faith, giving glory to God
21 and being fully assured that God was
able to do what he had promised.
22 Therefore, “it was counted to him as
righteousness.”
23 Now the statement “it was counted to
him” was not written only for Abraham's
sake,
24 but for ours also. It will be counted
to us who believe in him who raised Jesus
our Lord from the dead,
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

† **4:11** *as well* ¦ — SBL TH WH ‡ **4:15** *for* ¦ but CT § **4:19** *did not consider … or* ¦ considered … and CT * **4:19** *now* ¦ — SBL * **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.}

be saved by his life now that we have
been reconciled!
11 Not only that, but we also boast in
God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received
reconciliation.

Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ
12 Therefore, just as sin came into the
world through one man, and death came
through sin, in this way death has come
to all men, because all have sinned.
13 For until the law sin was in the world,
but sin is not charged to anyone's account
when there is no law.
14 Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam
until Moses, even over those whose sins
were not like the transgression of Adam,
who was a type of the one to come.
15 But the gift is not like the trespass.
For if many died through the trespass of
the one man, how much more have the
grace of God and the gift by the grace of
the one man Jesus Christ abounded to
many!
16 And the gift cannot be compared to
the result of the one man's sin; for the
judgment that arose from one trespass
brought condemnation, but the gift that
arose from many trespasses brought
justification.
17 For if, by the trespass of the one man,
death reigned through the one man, how
much more will those who receive the
abundance of grace and the gift of
righteousness reign in life through the
one man Jesus Christ!
18 So then, just as one trespass led to
condemnation for all men, so one act of
righteousness leads to justification and
life for all men.
19 For just as many were made sinners
through the disobedience of one man, so
also many will be made righteous
through the obedience of one man.
20 Now the law came in so that the
trespass might abound. But where sin
abounded, grace abounded all the more,
21 so that just as sin reigned in death, so
also grace might reign through
righteousness leading to eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

6

Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ
1 What then shall we say? Should we
continue in sin so that grace may abound?
2 Certainly not! How can we who have
died to sin still live in it?
3 Or do you not know that all of us who
have been baptized into Christ Jesus have
been baptized into his death?
4 Therefore we were buried with him
through baptism into death, so that just
as Christ was raised from the dead by the
glory of the Father, we too might walk in
newness of life.
5 For if we have become united with
him in the likeness of his death, we will
certainly also be united with him in the
likeness of his resurrection.
6 For we know that our old self has
been crucified with him so that the body
of sin might be done away with, and we
might no longer be enslaved to sin.
7 For he who has died has been set free
from sin.
8 Now if we have died with Christ, we
believe that we will also live with him.
9 For we know that Christ, having been
raised from the dead, dies no more; death
no longer has dominion over him.
10 For the death that he died, he died to
sin once for all; but the life that he lives,
he lives to God.
11 So you also must consider yourselves
to be dead to sin but alive to God in Christ
Jesus *our Lord.
12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your
mortal bodies so that you obey †it in the
body's sinful desires.
13 And do not present your members to
sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but
present yourselves to God as alive from
the dead, and present your members to
God as instruments of righteousness.
14 For sin will have no dominion over
you, for you are not under law but under
grace.

Slaves to Righteousness
15 What then? Should we sin because we
are not under law but under grace?
Certainly not!
16 Do you not know that when you
present yourselves to someone as
obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one
you obey, either of sin leading to death,
or of obedience leading to righteousness?
17 But thanks be to God that, though you
were slaves of sin, you have become
obedient from the heart to the pattern of
teaching to which you were entrusted,
18 and having been set free from sin, you
have become slaves to righteousness.
19 (I am speaking in human terms because
of the weakness of your flesh.) For just as
you presented your members as slaves to
impurity and to lawlessness leading to

* **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%

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.

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

* **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% § **7:25** *I thank God that* ¦ Thanks be to God, who NA SBL WH

1 Therefore, there is now no
condemnation for those who are in Christ
*Jesus, who walk not according to the
flesh but according to the Spirit.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ
Jesus has set †me free from the law of sin
and death.
3 For what the law was powerless to do,
since it was weak through the flesh, God
has done. By sending his own Son in the
likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering
for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,
4 so that the requirement of the law might
be fulfilled in us, who walk not according
to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
5 For those who live according to the flesh
set their minds on the things of the flesh,
but those who live according to the Spirit
set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
6 Now the mindset of the flesh is death,
but the mindset of the Spirit is life and
peace.
7 The mindset of the flesh is hostile to
God, for it does not submit to the law of
God; indeed, it is unable to do so.
8 That is why those who are in the flesh
cannot please God.
9 You, however, are not in the flesh but
in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God
dwells in you. Now if anyone does not
have the Spirit of Christ, he does not
belong to Christ.
10 But if Christ is in you, the body is
dead because of sin, but the spirit is alive
because of righteousness.
11 And if the Spirit of him who raised
Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he
who raised ‡Christ from the dead will also
give life to your mortal bodies §because
of his Spirit who dwells in you.
12 So then, brothers, we are under
obligation, not to the flesh, to live
according to the flesh,
13 for if you live according to the flesh,
you are going to die; but if by the Spirit
you put to death the deeds of the body,
you will live.
14 For all who are led by the Spirit of
God are sons of God.
15 For you did not receive a spirit of
slavery leading again to fear, but a spirit
of adoption as sons, by which we cry out,
“Abba! Father!”
16 The Spirit himself testifies with our
spirit that we are children of God.
17 Now if we are children, we are also
heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with
Christ, if indeed we suffer with him so
that we may also be glorified with him.

Future Glory

18 I consider that the sufferings of this
present time are not worth comparing to
the glory that will be revealed to us.
19 The creation waits with eager longing
for the sons of God to be revealed.
20 For the creation was subjected to
futility, not willingly, but because of him
who subjected it, in hope
21 that the creation itself will also be set
free from the slavery of corruption and
brought into the 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?

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* **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%
* **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

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 yoʋr 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 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
yoʋr 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 yoʋ up for the very purpose
of showing my power in yoʋ, 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 Yoʋ 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 yoʋ to
answer back to God? Shall the thing
formed say to him who formed it, "Why
did yoʋ 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,'

* **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 * **9:19** *Why* ¦ Why then NA SBL

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.
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,

† **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 § **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

and the words to the ends of the world."

19 Again I ask, did Israel not understand?
First Moses says,

"I will provoke you to jealousy by that
which is not a nation;
by a nation that has no understanding I
will provoke you to anger."

20 And Isaiah is even bold enough to say,

"I was found by those who were not
seeking me;
I became known to those who were not
asking for me."

21 But to Israel he says, "All day long I
have held out my hands to a disobedient
and contrary people."

11

God Has Not Rejected Israel

1 I ask then, has God rejected his people?
Certainly not! For I too am an Israelite, a
descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of
Benjamin.
2 God has not rejected his people whom
he foreknew. Do you not know what the
Scripture says in the passage about Elijah,
how he pleads with God against *Israel,
saying,
3 "Lord, they have killed your †prophets
and demolished your altars, and I alone
am left, and they are seeking my life"?
4 But what does the divine response say to
him? "I have reserved for myself seven
thousand men who have not bowed down
to Baal."
5 So then, in the present time also there is
a remnant chosen by grace.
6 Now if it is by grace, it is no longer by
works, otherwise grace would no longer
be grace. ‡But if it is by works, it is no
longer grace, otherwise work would no
longer be work.
7 What then? Israel did not obtain what
it was seeking. The chosen obtained it,
but the rest were hardened,
8 as it is written,

"God gave them a spirit of stupor,
eyes not to see
and ears not to hear,
down to this very day."

9 And David says,

"Let their table become a snare and a
trap,
a stumbling block and a retribution to
them.
10 Let their eyes be darkened so that they
cannot see,
and keep their backs forever bent."

The Salvation of the Gentiles

11 I ask then, did the Israelites stumble so
as to fall? Certainly not! Rather, by their
trespass salvation has come to the
Gentiles, to provoke Israel to jealousy.
12 Now if their trespass means riches for
the world, and their loss means riches for
the Gentiles, how much more will it mean
when their full number is included?
13 Now I am speaking to you who are
Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am an apostle to
the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry
14 if somehow I provoke my own people
to jealousy and save some of them.
15 For if their rejection means
reconciliation for the world, what will
their acceptance mean but life from the
dead?
16 If the dough offered as firstfruits is
holy, so is the whole lump; and if the root
is holy, so are the branches.
17 Now if some of the branches have
been broken off, and you, a wild olive
branch, have been grafted in among them
and have become a fellow partaker of the
§root and richness of the olive tree,
18 do not boast against the branches.
But if you do boast against them,
remember that you do not sustain the
root, but the root sustains you.
19 You will say then, "Branches were
broken off so that I could be grafted in."
20 Right! They were broken off because
of unbelief, but you stand because of
faith. So do not be arrogant, but be afraid.
21 For if God did not spare the natural
branches, *perhaps he will not spare you
either.
22 Consider therefore the kindness and
severity of God: to those who have fallen,
severity; but to you, †kindness, if you
continue in his kindness; otherwise you
too will be cut off.
23 And if they do not continue in
unbelief, they will be grafted in; for God
is able to graft them in again.
24 For if you were cut off from what is
by nature a wild olive tree and were
grafted contrary to nature into a

* **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

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 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.

‡ **11:31** *may* ¦ may now NA SBL WH * **12:11** *Lord* ¦ time ST † **12:14** *you* ¦ — SBL WH ‡ **12:19** *Lord."* *Therefore, "If* 86.9% ¦ Lord. If MSS 6% ¦ Lord." On the contrary, "If CT 6%

13

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.

14

Do Not Judge Your Brother

1 Receive anyone who is weak in faith,
but not for the purpose of disputing about
opinions.
2 One person believes that he may eat
anything, but he who is weak eats only
vegetables.
3 The one who eats must not despise the
one who does not eat, and the one who
does not eat must not judge the one who
eats, for God has received him.
4 Who are you to judge the servant of
another? To his own master he stands or
falls. And he will be made to stand, for
*God is able to make him stand.
5 One person considers one day to be
more important than another, while
another person considers every day to be
alike. Each one should be fully convinced
in his own mind.
6 He who observes a particular day,
observes it in honor of the †Lord, while he
who abstains from observing a particular
day, abstains in honor of the Lord. He
who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, for he
gives thanks to God, while he who
abstains from eating, abstains in honor of
the Lord, and he gives thanks to God.
7 For none of us lives for himself, and
none of us dies for himself.
8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if
we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore,
whether we live or die, we belong to the
Lord.
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 You, then, why do you judge your
brother? Or you, why do you despise your
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."

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* **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 † **13:12** *lay* 98.2% ¦ cast SBL 0.7% * **14:4** *God* ¦ the Lord CT † **14:6** *Lord, while he who abstains from observing a particular day, abstains in honor of the Lord.* 92.8% ¦ Lord. CT 4.8% ‡ **14:9** *died and then rose* ¦ died CT § **14:10** *Christ* 96% ¦ God CT 2.4% * **14:12** *to God* ¦ — SBL

12 So then, each of us will give an account
of himself *to God.

Do Not Cause Your 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 your brother is distressed by what
you eat, you are no longer walking in
love. Do not let what you 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 your brother
‡stumbles or is offended or made weak.
22 §Do you have a firm belief about these
things? Have it privately before God.
Blessed is he who does not condemn
himself by what he approves.
23 But whoever doubts is condemned if he
eats, because his action is not based on
faith; and anything that is not based on
faith is sin.

Doxology
24 *Now to him who is able to establish
you according to my gospel and the
proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to
the revelation of the mystery that has
been kept silent since the world began
25 but has now been revealed, and
through the prophetic Scriptures has been
made known to all the Gentiles, according
to the commandment of the eternal God,
to bring about the obedience of faith—
26 to the only wise God be glory forever
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

15

Please Your Neighbors, Not Yourselves
1 Now we who are strong ought to bear
with the weaknesses of those who are
without strength; we ought not to please
ourselves.
2 Each of us should please his neighbor
for his good, to build him up.
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,

† **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 you have a firm belief about these things? Have* ¦ Any firm belief that you have about these things, have CT * **14:24** {include verses 24–26} 94.6% ¦ {omit verses 24–26} CT TR 5.4% {Note: These verses appear at the end of chapter 16 in NA, TH, TR, and WH. SBL omits them completely.} * **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

he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles will hope."

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with
all joy and peace as you trust in him, so
that you may abound in hope by the
power of the Holy Spirit.

Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles
14 I myself am convinced about you, my
brothers, that you yourselves are full of
goodness, filled with all knowledge, and
able to admonish †others.
15 But I have written to you rather boldly
in ‡part, brothers, by way of reminder,
because of the grace that was given to me
by God
16 to be a minister of §Jesus Christ to the
Gentiles in the priestly service of the
gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might
become an acceptable offering, sanctified
by the Holy Spirit.
17 Therefore I have a reason for boasting
in Christ Jesus in my service to God.
18 For I will not dare to speak of anything
other than what Christ has accomplished
through me to bring about the obedience
of the Gentiles, by word and deed,
19 by the power of signs and wonders, and
by the power of the *Spirit of God, so that
from Jerusalem all the way around to
Illyricum, I have fully preached the
gospel of Christ.
20 And in this way I aspire to preach the
gospel where the name of Christ has not
been heard, so that I do not build upon
another's foundation,
21 but as it is written,

"Those who were not told about him will
see,
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.

† **15:14** *others* ¦ one another ANT CT TR ‡ **15:15** *part, brothers,* 91.6% ¦ part CT 2.9% § **15:16** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT * **15:19** *Spirit of God* ¦ Holy Spirit WH ¦ Spirit SBL † **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

8 Greet §Amplias, my beloved friend in
the Lord.
9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in
Christ, and Stachys, my beloved friend.
10 Greet Apelles, who is approved in
Christ. Greet those of the household of
Aristobulus.
11 Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet
those in the household of Narcissus who
are in the Lord.
12 Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who
labor in the Lord. Greet the beloved
Persis, who has labored earnestly in the
Lord.
13 Greet Rufus, who is chosen in the
Lord, and greet his mother, who has also
been a mother to me.
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.
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

* **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

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
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.

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* **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 * **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

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
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.

‡ **3:12** *this* ¦ the CT § **3:13** *fire* ¦ fire itself CT * **4:2** *Now* ¦ In this regard CT † **4:6** *not to think beyond what is written,* ¦ the meaning of the saying, “Nothing beyond what is written,” CT ‡ **4:14** *I am admonishing* ¦ to admonish NA SBL WH § **4:17** *Christ* 87.1% ¦ Christ Jesus NA SBL WH 12%

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 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

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* **5:1** *named* 95.5% ¦ — CT 3.3% † **5:4** *Christ* ¦ — NA SBL WH ‡ **5:4** *Christ* ¦ — CT § **5:5** *Jesus* ¦ — NA SBL WH * **5:7** *Therefore* ¦ — CT HF RP † **5:7** *for us* 91.4% ¦ — CT 3.5% ‡ **5:10** *Yet* ¦ — CT § **5:10** *or* ¦ and CT * **5:13** *will judge* ¦ judges SBL TR WH † **5:13** *Therefore you must remove* ¦ Remove CT * **6:2** *Do* ¦ Or do CT † **6:5** *not a wise man among you, not even one,* ¦ no one wise among you CT ‡ **6:8** *these things* ¦ this CT § **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

with them both. The body is not meant
for fornication but for the Lord, and the
Lord for the body.
14 Now God raised the Lord and will also
raise us up by his power.
15 Do you not know that your bodies are
members of Christ? Shall I then take the
members of Christ and make them
members of a prostitute? Certainly not!
16 †Do you not know that he who is joined
to a prostitute is one with her in body?
For it says, “The two will become one
flesh.”
17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one
with him in spirit.
18 Flee fornication. Every other sin that a
person commits is outside the body, but
he who commits fornication sins against
his own body.
19 Do you not know that your body is a
temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
whom you have received from God? You
are not your own,
20 for you were bought with a price.
Therefore glorify God with your ‡body
and with your spirit, which belong to God.

7

Principles of Marriage
1 Now concerning the matters about
which you wrote *to me: “It is good for a
man not to touch a woman.”
2 But because of the cases of fornication,
each man should have his own wife, and
each woman should have her own
husband.
3 The husband should fulfill his marital
duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to
her husband.
4 The wife does not have authority over
her own body, but the husband does.
Likewise the husband does not have
authority over his own body, but the wife
does.
5 Do not deprive one another, except by
mutual consent for a time, so that you
may devote yourselves to †fasting and
‡prayer and then come together again so
that Satan may not tempt you because of
your lack of self-control.
6 Now I say this as a concession, not as a
command.
7 §For I wish that all people were as I am.
But each has his own gift from God, one
person *in this manner and another in
that manner.
8 Now to the unmarried and the
widows I say: It is good for them if they
remain even as I am.
9 But if they cannot exercise self-control,
they should marry. For it is better to
marry than to burn with passion.
10 Now to the married I give this
command (not I, but the Lord): A wife
must not separate from her husband
11 (but if she does separate, she must
remain unmarried or else be reconciled
to her husband), and a husband must not
divorce his wife.
12 Now to the rest I say this (I, not the
Lord): If any brother has an unbelieving
wife, and she consents to dwell with him,
he must not divorce her.
13 And if a woman has an unbelieving
husband and he consents to dwell with
her, she must not divorce him.
14 For the unbelieving husband is
sanctified through his wife, and the
unbelieving wife is sanctified through
†her husband. Otherwise your children
would be unclean, but as it is, they are
holy.
15 But if the unbelieving spouse
separates, let it be so. The brother or the
sister is not enslaved in such cases. God
has called ‡us to live in peace.
16 For how do you know, O wife,
whether you will save your husband? Or
how do you know, O husband, whether
you will save your wife?

Live the Life Assigned to You
17 Nevertheless, each person should live
the life that §God has assigned to him and
to which *the Lord has called him. This is
the rule I lay down in all the churches.
18 Was any man already circumcised
when he was called? He should not
remove the marks of circumcision. Was
any man uncircumcised when he was
called? He should not become
circumcised.
19 Circumcision is nothing, and
uncircumcision is nothing, but what
matters is keeping the commandments of
God.
20 Each person should remain in the
calling in which he was called.
21 Were you a slave when you were
called? Do not be concerned about it, but

† **6:16** *Do* ¦ Or do ANT CT PCK TR ‡ **6:20** *body and with your spirit, which belong to God.* 93.4% ¦ body. CT 3.8% * **7:1** *to me* ¦ — CT † **7:5** *fasting and* 91.5% ¦ — CT 6.8% ‡ **7:5** *prayer and* ¦ prayer, but PCK § **7:7** *For* ¦ — CT * **7:7** *in this manner and another in that manner* 94% ¦ has this gift and another has that gift CT 4% † **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

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
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

† **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 † **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

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?
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.

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* **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% † **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%

21 To those outside the law I became
like one outside the law (though I am not
outside the law of God but under the law
of Christ), so that I might win those
outside the law.
22 To the weak I became *like one who
is weak, so that I might win the weak. I
have become all things to all people, so
that by all means I might save some.
23 I do †this for the sake of the gospel, so
that I may share in its blessings.
24 Do you not know that those who run
in a race all run, but only one receives
the prize? Run in such a way that you
may obtain it.
25 Every athlete who competes exercises
self-control in all things. They do so to
receive a perishable wreath, but we do so
to receive an imperishable crown.
26 Therefore I do not run aimlessly, nor
do I box as though beating the air;
27 but I discipline my body and make it
my slave, lest somehow after preaching to
others I myself should be disqualified.

10

Warning Against Idolatry

1 *Now I do not want you to be unaware,
brothers, that our fathers were all under
the cloud, and all passed through the sea,
2 and all were baptized into Moses in the
cloud and in the sea,
3 and all ate the same spiritual food,
4 and all drank the same spiritual drink.
For they were drinking from the spiritual
rock that followed them, and that rock
was Christ.
5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with
most of them, for their bodies were
scattered in the wilderness.
6 Now these things happened as
examples for us, so that we would not
crave evil things as they did.
7 So do not be idolaters, as some of
them were; as it is written, "The people
sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to
play."
8 We must not commit fornication as
some of them did, and in a single day
twenty-three thousand of them died.
9 We must not put †Christ to the test, as
some of them did and were killed by
serpents.
10 And do not grumble as some of them
did and were killed by the destroyer.
11 Now ‡all these things happened to
them as §examples, and they were
written down for our instruction, upon
whom the end of the ages has come.
12 Therefore whoever thinks he stands
must be careful not to fall.
13 No temptation has overtaken you
except what is common to man. God is
*faithful; he will not allow you to be
tempted beyond what you can bear, but
with the temptation he will also provide
the way out so that you can endure it.
14 Therefore, my beloved friends, flee
from idolatry.
15 I am speaking as I would to sensible
people; judge for yourselves what I am
saying.
16 Is not the cup of blessing that we
bless the communion of the blood of
Christ? Is not the bread that we break the
communion of the body of Christ?
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

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* **9:22** *like one who is* ¦ — CT † **9:23** *this* 91.4% ¦ it all CT 7.4% * **10:1** *Now* ¦ For CT † **10:9** *Christ* 89% ¦ the Lord TH WH 7.3% ‡ **10:11** *all* ¦ — CT § **10:11** *examples* 84.4% ¦ an example CT 7.8% * **10:13** *faithful* ¦ capable PCK † **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

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.

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1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Head Coverings

2 Now I praise *you, brothers, because you remember me in everything and hold fast to the teachings that have been handed down, just as I delivered them to you.
3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.
4 Every man who prays or prophesies with his head veiled disgraces his head,
5 and every woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled disgraces her head, for it is one and the same as having her head shaved.
6 If a woman will not veil herself, she should cut off her hair. But if it is disgraceful for a woman to cut off her hair or shave her head, she should wear a veil.
7 For a man ought not to have his head veiled, since he is the image 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**

‡ **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 † **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

often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink †this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
27 So then, whoever eats ‡this bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in §an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
28 So a person should examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.
29 For he who eats and *drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment on himself, since he shows no regard for the body †of the Lord.
30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a considerable number have fallen asleep.
31 If we would evaluate ourselves, we would not be judged.
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,
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,

† **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 * **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

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 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.

† **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 † **14:10** *of them* 89.7% ¦ — CT SCR 7%

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.
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,

‡ **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 * **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

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.
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.

* **15:14** *your* ¦ our WH † **15:20** *dead; he has become* 92.5% ¦ dead, CT 6.5% ‡ **15:28** *also* ¦ — SBL § **15:31** *I* ¦ we ST * **15:31** *you* 91.6% ¦ you, brothers, NA TH WH 7.8% † **15:39** *kind* ¦ flesh TR

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.
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

‡ **15:44** *There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body* ¦ If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body CT § **15:47** *the Lord* 96.1% ¦ — CT 2.5% * **15:49** *let us* ¦ we will ANT NA SBL TR † **15:54** *this perishable body has put on imperishability, and* ¦ — WH ‡ **15:55** *sting? O Hades, where is your victory* 92.7% ¦ victory? O Death, where is your sting CT 0.8% * **16:2** *may be* ¦ is PCK † **16:6** *even* ¦ — WH ‡ **16:7** *passing; rather,* ¦ passing, for CT § **16:8** *will stay* ¦ am staying WH

the other brothers, but it was not at all
his will to come now. He will come when
he has an opportunity.

Final Exhortations
13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, be
men of courage, and be strong.
14 Everything you do should be done in
love.
15 Brothers, you know that the
household of Stephanas is the firstfruits
of Achaia, and that they have devoted
themselves to serving the saints. I urge
you
16 to submit to such people and to
everyone who joins together in the work
and labors with them.
17 I rejoice over the coming of
Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus,
because these men have supplied what
was lacking on your part.
18 For they have refreshed my spirit as
well as yours. So give recognition to such
men.
19 The churches of Asia greet you.
Aquila *and Priscilla greet you earnestly
in the Lord, and so does the church that
meets in their house.
20 All the brothers greet you. Greet one
another with a holy kiss.
21 I, Paul, write this greeting with my
own hand.
22 If anyone does not love †the Lord
Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. Our
‡Lord has come!
23 The grace of the Lord Jesus §Christ be
with you.
24 My love be with you all in Christ
Jesus.
*Amen.

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* **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 “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.

* **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 † **1:20** *“Yes,” and in* 90.3% ¦ “Yes.” And so through CT 6.8%

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.
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

* **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 ‡ **3:9** *the ministry of condemnation was glorious* ¦ there was glory in the ministry of condemnation NA SBL TH

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.
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.

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§ **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 * **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

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.
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,

‡ **5:12** *For we* ¦ We CT § **5:14** *if one died for all, then* ¦ one died for all; therefore CT * **5:15** *them* ¦ all PCK
† **5:17** *all things have become new* 94.1% ¦ new things have come CT 2.5% ‡ **5:18** *Jesus* ¦ — CT § **5:21** *For* ¦ — CT * **6:16** *you* ¦ we CT

and they will be my people.
17 Therefore, come out from among them
and be separate, says the Lord.
Touch no unclean thing,
and I will receive you.
18 I will be a father to you,
and you will be sons and daughters to me,
says the Lord Almighty."

7

1 Therefore, since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of the flesh and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

Paul's Joy

2 Make room for us in your hearts. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have taken advantage of no one.
3 I do not say this to condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our hearts so that we die together with you and live together with you.
4 Great is my boldness toward you; great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort; I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction.
5 For even when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted at every turn, with conflicts on the outside and fears within.
6 But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the arrival of Titus,
7 and not only by his arrival, but also by the comfort you had given him. He told us about your longing, your contrition, and your deep concern for me, so that I rejoiced all the more.
8 For even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it (though I did regret *it, for I see that my letter caused you sorrow, though only for an hour).
9 But now I rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance. For you felt a godly sorrow, so that you suffered no loss through us.
10 For godly sorrow produces a repentance that leads to salvation, leaving no regret, but worldly sorrow produces death.
11 Consider what earnestness this godly sorrow †of yours has produced in you, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what righting of wrong! In everything you have shown yourselves to be clear in the matter.
12 So although I wrote to you, it was not on account of the one who did the wrong, nor on account of the one who was wronged, but so that ‡your earnestness for us might be revealed to you in the sight of God.

13 §Therefore we have been comforted by your own comfort. And we rejoiced all the more at the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.
14 For if I made any boast to him about you, I was not put to shame. But just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting to Titus has also proven to be true.
15 And his affection for you is even greater when he remembers the obedience of you all, how you received him with fear and trembling.
16 I *rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you.

8

Paul's Appeal to Complete the Collection

1 Now *we make known to you, brothers, the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia.
2 During a severe trial of affliction, their abundant joy and their deep poverty abounded in a wealth of generosity on their part.
3 For I testify that according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord,
4 urgently begging us †for the privilege of contributing to the gift for the saints in Jerusalem.
5 And they did not do this in the way we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us by the will of God.
6 So we have urged Titus, who previously encouraged you to begin gathering money, to return and help you complete this gracious gift.
7 But just as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness, and

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

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 †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

§ **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 ‡ **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%

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.
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.

* **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 * **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%

5 For I consider myself to be in no way
inferior to these “super-apostles.”
6 I may be untrained in speech, but I do
not lack knowledge; indeed, in every way
we have §been made known to you in
everything.
7 Did I commit a sin by humbling
myself so that you might be exalted,
because I preached the gospel of God to
you free of charge?
8 I “robbed” other churches by
receiving support from them in order to
serve you!
9 When I was with you and in need, I
did not burden anyone, for the brothers
who came from Macedonia supplied what
I needed. I kept myself from being a
burden to you in any way, and I will
continue to do so.
10 As surely as the truth of Christ is in
me, this boasting of mine will not be
*silenced in the regions of Achaia.
11 Why? Because I do not love you? God
knows I do!
12 But what I am doing I will continue
to do, so that I may deny any opportunity
to those who want to be regarded as our
equals in what they boast about.
13 For such men are false apostles and
deceitful workers, disguising themselves
as apostles of Christ.
14 And no wonder, for even Satan
disguises himself as an angel of light.
15 Therefore it is no great surprise if his
servants also disguise themselves as
servants of righteousness. Their end will
be according to their works.

Paul's Sufferings as an Apostle
16 I repeat: Let no one consider me to be a
fool. But if you do, receive me just as you
would a fool, so that I too may boast a
little.
17 What I say in this confidence of
boasting, I am not saying in accordance
with the Lord, but as a fool.
18 Since many boast according to the
flesh, I too will boast.
19 For you gladly bear with fools since you
are so wise!
20 You bear with it if anyone enslaves you,
devours you, takes advantage of you,
exalts himself, or hits you in the face.
21 To my shame I admit that we were too
weak for that! But whatever anyone else
dares to boast about—I am speaking like
a fool—I also dare to boast about.
22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they
Israelites? So am I. Are they the offspring
of Abraham? So am I.
23 Are they servants of Christ? (I am
speaking like I am out of my mind!) I am
even more so, with far more labors, with
†beatings beyond measure, with far more
imprisonments, and often facing death.
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.)

§ **11:6** *been made* 94.5% ¦ made this CT 1.3% * **11:10** *silenced* ¦ sealed ST † **11:23** *beatings beyond measure, with far more imprisonments* 93.6% ¦ far more imprisonments, with beatings beyond measure CT 1.6% ‡ **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

3 And I know that this man (whether in
the body or ‡out of the body I do not
know; God knows)
4 was caught up to Paradise and heard
words too sacred to be spoken, which
man is not permitted to utter.
5 I will boast on behalf of that man, but
on my own behalf I will not boast, except
about my weaknesses.
6 But even if I wanted to boast, I would
not be a fool, for I would be speaking the
truth. Nevertheless, I refrain so that no
one will think more of me than what he
sees in me or hears from §me.
7 And to keep me from becoming
conceited because of the surpassing
greatness of the revelations I received,
there was given to me a thorn in the
flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me
so that I would not become conceited.
8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to
take it away from me.
9 But he said to me, **“My grace is
sufficient for you, for *my power is
made perfect in weakness.”** Therefore
I will boast all the more gladly about my
weaknesses, so that the power of Christ
may rest upon me.
10 So I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in
hardships, in persecutions, and in
distresses for the sake of Christ. For when
I am weak, then I am strong.

Concern for the Corinthian Church
11 I have become a fool †by boasting; you
compelled me to do it. I ought to have
been commended 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.

§ **12:6** *me. And to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations I received,* ¦ me, even considering the surpassing greatness of the revelations I received. Therefore, to keep me from becoming conceited, CT * **12:9** *my* ¦ — CT † **12:11** *by boasting* 88.1% ¦ — CT 10.2% ‡ **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

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.
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.

§ **13:7** *I* ¦ We CT * **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, 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,

* **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%

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 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

* **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% ‡ **3:12** *The person* 92.6% ¦ He CT 6.6%

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 yoυr 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 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.

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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 yoυ are no longer a slave, but a son. And if yoυ are a son, yoυ 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

§ **3:14** *Christ Jesus* ¦ Jesus Christ WH * **3:17** *to Christ* ¦ — CT * **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

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.
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.

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* **4:19** *little* ¦ — NA SBL † **4:24** *two* ¦ the two TR ‡ **4:25** *For* 90% ¦ Now NA SBL WH 5.1% § **4:25** *Jerusalem;* ¦ Jerusalem, for CT * **4:26** *the mother of us all* ¦ our mother CT † **4:28** *we* ¦ you NA SBL TH * **5:1** *Stand fast therefore in the freedom for which Christ has set us free* 65% ¦ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore CT 1%

17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to
the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is
contrary to the flesh. These are opposed
to each other, to keep you from doing the
very things you want to do.
18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are
not under the law.
19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious:
†adultery, fornication, impurity,
sensuality,
20 idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, ‡quarrels,
§jealousies, fits of rage, selfish ambitions,
dissensions, factions,
21 envy, *murder, drunkenness, revelries,
and the like. I warn you, just as I warned
you before, that those who practice such
things will not inherit the kingdom of
God.
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness,
23 gentleness, and self-control; against
such things there is no law.
24 Now those who belong to †Christ have
crucified the flesh with its passions and
desires.
25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us also
keep in step with the Spirit.
26 Let us not become conceited,
provoking one another and envying one
another.

6

Bear One Another's Burdens
1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any
transgression, you who are spiritual
should restore him in a spirit of
gentleness, paying attention to yoʋrself so
that yoʋ 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.

† **5:19** *adultery,* ¦ — CT ‡ **5:20** *quarrels* ¦ quarreling CT PCK § **5:20** *jealousies* ¦ jealousy CT * **5:21** *murder,* ¦ — NA SBL WH † **5:24** *Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus NA TH WH * **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
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

* **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

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.
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,

* **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 † **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

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 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

* **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% ‡ **4:17** *the rest of* 90.8% ¦ — CT 5.6% § **4:28** *his* 71.7% ¦ his own NA SBL TH 23.3%

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
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.

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* **4:32** *us* ¦ you NA PCK SBL TR WH * **5:2** *us … us* ¦ you … you WH † **5:5** *know* ¦ know with certainty CT PCK ‡ **5:9** *Spirit* 93.9% ¦ light CT 5.4% § **5:15** *See then that you walk carefully* ¦ Look carefully then how you walk CT * **5:21** *God* ¦ Christ ANT CT RP † **5:22** *Wives, submit to your* 85% ¦ Wives must submit to their TH 8.5% ‡ **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%

33 Nevertheless, each man among you
must love his own wife as he loves
himself, and the wife must respect her
husband.

6

Children and Parents
1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord,
for this is right.
2 "Honor your father and mother" (which
is the first commandment with a
promise),
3 "that it may be well with you and you
may live long on the earth."
4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to
anger, but bring them up in the training
and admonition of the Lord.

Slaves and Masters
5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with
fear and trembling, and with sincerity of
heart, just as you would obey Christ.
6 Do not try to please them only when
they are watching you, but act like slaves
of Christ, doing the will of God from your
heart.
7 Serve with a good attitude, *as rendering
service to the Lord and not men,
8 knowing that whatever good anyone
does he will receive back from the Lord,
whether he is a slave or free.
9 Masters, do the same for your slaves
and stop threatening them, because you
know that †your own Master is in heaven,
and there is no partiality with him.

The Full Armor of God
10 Finally, ‡my brothers, be strong in the
Lord and in the power of his might.
11 Put on the full armor of God so that you
may be able to stand against the schemes
of the devil.
12 For we wrestle not against flesh and
blood, but against the rulers, against the
authorities, against the cosmic powers of
§the darkness of this age, and against the
spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly
places.
13 Therefore take up the full armor of God
so that you may be able to resist the
enemy on the day of evil, and after you
have done everything, to stand firm.
14 Stand firm therefore by fastening the
belt of truth around your waist, putting
on the breastplate of righteousness,
15 and shodding your feet with the
readiness of the gospel of peace.
16 *Above all, take up the shield of faith,
with which you will be able to extinguish
all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
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

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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,
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,

* **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 * **1:28** *destruction, but for you it is an indication of* ¦ their destruction, but of your CT

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.
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,

* **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 ‡ **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

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.
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.

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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.

† **3:12** *Jesus* ¦ — SBL ‡ **3:13** *yet* ¦ — NA HF RP SBL TH TR § **3:16** *attained; let us adopt the same mindset.* 81.2% ¦ attained. CT 1.6% * **4:3** *Yes,* ¦ — TR † **4:13** *Christ* ¦ him CT

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.
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 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.

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* **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 ‡ **1:28** *Jesus* ¦ — CT PCK

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.

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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.

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:

* **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 ‡ **2:18** *not* 92.6% ¦ — CT 1.8% § **2:20** *then* ¦ — CT HF RP * **3:4** *our* ¦ your NA SBL TH

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 only when they are watching you, but obey with sincerity of heart, fearing ‡God.
23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord and not for men,
24 knowing that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as your reward; §for you serve the Lord Christ.
25 *But he who does wrong will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

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1 Masters, treat your slaves with justice and equity, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Further Instructions
2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.
3 At the same time pray for us as well, that God may open a door to us for the word so that we may speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.
4 Pray that I may make it known in the way I ought to speak.
5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.
6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer each person.

Final Greetings
7 Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is our beloved brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord.
8 I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that *he may know how you are doing and encourage your hearts.
9 With him I have sent Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.
10 Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, and so does Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you have received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him).
11 Jesus who is called Justus also greets you. These men are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision, and they have been a comfort to me.
12 Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of †Christ, greets you, always striving for you in his prayers, so that you may stand mature and ‡complete in all the will of God.

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† **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 ‡ **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

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.

* **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
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

* **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% † **2:15** *their own* 94% ¦ the CT 5% ‡ **2:15** *us* ¦ you ST

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!

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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.

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

§ **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 * **4:1** *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

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
and love, and the hope of salvation as a
helmet.
9 For God has not appointed us to suffer
wrath, but to obtain salvation through
our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us so that whether we are
awake or asleep we may live together
with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and
build each other up, even as you are
doing.

Final Instructions and Benediction
12 Now we ask you, brothers, to recognize
those who labor among you, who lead
you in the Lord and admonish you,
13 and to regard them very highly in love
because of their work. Be at peace with
one another.
14 And we urge you, brothers, to
admonish those who are idle, encourage
the fainthearted, support the weak, and
be patient toward all.
15 Make sure no one repays anyone evil
for evil, but always strive to do good to
each other and to everyone else.
16 Rejoice always,
17 pray without ceasing,
18 and in everything give thanks; for this
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
19 Do not quench the Spirit.
20 Do not despise §prophecies,
21 but test everything; hold fast to what is
good.
22 Avoid every form of evil.
23 Now may the God of peace himself
sanctify you completely, and may your
entire spirit, soul, and body be kept
blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ.
24 He who calls you is faithful; he will
surely do it.
25 Brothers, pray for *us.
26 Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.
27 I charge you by the Lord to have this
letter read to all the †holy brothers.
28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with you.
‡Amen.

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* **5:4** *a thief* ¦ thieves WH † **5:5** *You* ¦ For you CT ‡ **5:8** *we* ¦ you ANT § **5:20** *prophecies, but test* ¦ prophecies. Test TR * **5:25** *us* ¦ us as well NA WH † **5:27** *holy* 89.5% ¦ — CT 5.3% ‡ **5:28** *Amen.* ¦ — NA SBL WH

THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Greeting
1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
2 Grace to you and peace from God *our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Judgment at Christ's Coming
3 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly increasing and the love that each of you has for one another is abounding.
4 As a result we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your perseverance and faithfulness in all the persecutions and tribulations that you are enduring.
5 This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, and it is happening so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.
6 It is indeed right for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,
7 and to give relief to you who are being afflicted, and to us as well, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his mighty angels.
8 With blazing fire he will inflict vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus †Christ.
9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,
10 on that day when he comes to be glorified by his saints and to be marveled at by all who ‡have believed, including you, because you have believed our testimony.
11 With this in mind, we always pray for you that our God will make you worthy of his calling and by his power bring to fulfillment every good intention and work of faith,
12 so that the name of our Lord §Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.

2

The Man of Sin
1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers,
2 not to be quickly shaken from your understanding or alarmed by *any spirit or message or by any letter supposedly from us alleging that the day of †Christ has already come.
3 Let no one deceive you in any manner, for that day cannot come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of ‡sin is revealed, the son of destruction.
4 He will oppose and exalt himself above every so-called god and object of worship, so that he sits §as God in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.
5 Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?
6 And you know what is now restraining him so that he will be revealed in his *own time.
7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but the one who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.
8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord †will destroy with the breath of his mouth and annihilate by the appearance of his coming.
9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the working of Satan, with all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs, and wonders,
10 and with every kind of wicked deception ‡among those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.
11 For this reason God §will send them a powerful delusion, leading them to believe what is false,
12 so that all who have not believed the truth but have taken pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned.

Chosen for Salvation
13 But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you *from the beginning for salvation through

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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% ‡ **2:10** *among* ¦ for CT § **2:11** *will send* ¦ sends CT * **2:13** *from the beginning* ¦ as the firstfruits NA SBL

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 mark
in all my letters; it is the way I write.
18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with you all.
*Amen.

† **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 * **3:18** *Amen.* ¦ — CT

THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

Greeting

1 Paul, an apostle of *Jesus Christ
according to the command of God our
Savior and †the Lord Jesus Christ our
hope,
2 to Timothy, my true child in the faith:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God ‡our
Father and §Christ Jesus our Lord.

Warning Against False Teachers

3 Just as I urged you when I was going to
Macedonia, remain in Ephesus so that
you may charge certain people not to
teach different doctrines
4 or to occupy themselves with myths and
endless genealogies, which promote
disputes rather than the *plan of God that
operates by faith.
5 The goal of our instruction is love from
a pure heart, from a good conscience, and
from sincere faith.
6 Some have strayed from these and have
turned aside to meaningless talk,
7 desiring to be teachers of the law,
although they do not understand what
they are talking about or what they so
confidently affirm.
8 Now we know that the law is good, if
one uses it lawfully.
9 We know that the law is not laid down
for the righteous, but for the lawless and
rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners,
for the unholy and profane, for those who
kill their father or mother, for murderers,
10 fornicators, homosexuals, slave
traders, liars, perjurers, and whatever
else is opposed to the sound teaching
11 that conforms to the gospel of the
glory of the blessed God, which has been
entrusted to me.

Paul's Testimony of God's Mercy

12 I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord,
who has given me strength, because he
considered me to be faithful and
appointed me to serve him,
13 even though I was formerly a
blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent
man. But I received mercy because I had
acted ignorantly in unbelief,
14 and the grace of our Lord abounded to
me greatly with the faith and love that
are in Christ Jesus.
15 This saying is trustworthy and
deserving of full acceptance: Christ Jesus
came into the world to save sinners, of
whom I am the foremost.
16 But I received mercy for this reason,
that in me, as the foremost sinner, †Jesus
Christ might show complete patience,
making me an example for those who
would come to believe in him for eternal
life.
17 Now to the King of the ages, immortal,
invisible, the only ‡wise God, be honor
and glory forever and ever. Amen.
18 This charge I entrust to you, Timothy,
my child, according to the prophecies
once made about you, so that by them
you may fight the good fight,
19 having faith and a good conscience.
By rejecting this, some have shipwrecked
their faith.
20 Among them are Hymenaeus and
Alexander, whom I have handed over to
Satan so that they may learn not to
blaspheme.

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Instruction About Prayer

1 I urge then, first of all, that
supplications, prayers, intercessions, and
thanksgivings be made for all people,
2 for kings and all who are in authority,
so that we may lead quiet and peaceful
lives in all godliness and dignity.
3 *For this is good and acceptable before
God our Savior,
4 who wants all people to be saved and to
come to the knowledge of the truth.
5 For there is one God and one mediator
between God and men, the man Christ
Jesus,
6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, a
testimony given at the proper time.
7 For this testimony I was appointed to be
a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of
the Gentiles in faith and truth. (I am
speaking the truth †in Christ; I am not
lying.)
8 Therefore I want the men in every
place to pray, lifting up holy hands
without anger or ‡argument.
9 Likewise, I want the women to adorn
themselves in respectable apparel, with
modesty and discretion, not with

* **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 † **2:7** *in Christ* ¦ — CT ‡ **2:8** *argument* ¦ arguments WH § **2:9** *hair, gold, pearls,* ¦ hair and gold, or pearls CT

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,
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

* **3:3** *not greedy for sordid gain,* 69.5% ¦ — CT 29.5% † **3:16** *God* ¦ He CT * **4:6** *Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT
† **4:8** *promise* ¦ promises ANT PCK ‡ **4:10** *suffer reproach* ¦ strive NA TH WH

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 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;

§ **4:12** *spirit*, 90.4% ¦ — CT 9% * **5:4** *acceptable* ¦ good and acceptable ANT TR † **5:16** *man or woman … they* 95.1% ¦ woman … she CT 1.9% ‡ **5:21** *the Lord Jesus Christ* ¦ Christ Jesus CT

rather they must serve them, because
those who benefit from their good service
are faithful and beloved.

False Teachers and the Love of Money
Teach and encourage these things.
3 If anyone teaches a different doctrine
and does not agree with the sound words
of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching
that is in accordance with godliness,
4 he is puffed up and understands
nothing. Moreover, he has an unhealthy
desire for controversies and quarrels
about words, from which come envy,
strife, slanderous words, evil suspicions,
5 and constant disagreement among
people who are depraved in mind and
deprived of the truth, supposing that
godliness is a means of gain. *Keep away
from such people.
6 But godliness with contentment is great
gain.
7 For we brought nothing into the world,
and †it is clear that we cannot bring
anything out either;
8 but if we have food and clothing, we
will be content with that.
9 But those who wish to be rich fall into
temptation and a snare, and into many
senseless and harmful desires that sink
people into ruin and destruction.
10 For the love of money is the root of all
kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to
become rich some have wandered away
from the faith, piercing themselves with
many sorrows.

Fight the Good Fight
11 But as for you, O man of God, flee from
these things, and pursue righteousness,
godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance,
and gentleness.
12 Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold
of the eternal life to which you were
called and concerning which you made
the good confession in the presence of
many witnesses.
13 I charge you before God, who gives life
to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who
made the good confession in his
testimony before Pontius Pilate,
14 that you obey what has been
commanded without fault or reproach
until the appearing of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
15 which God will reveal in his own time.
He is the blessed and only Sovereign, the
King of kings and Lord of lords,
16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in
unapproachable light, whom no man has
ever seen or is able to see. To him be
honor and eternal power. Amen.
17 Command those who are rich in this
present age not to be haughty or to put
their hope in the uncertainty of riches,
but in ‡the living God, who richly
provides us with everything for our
enjoyment.
18 Command them to do good, to be rich
in good works, and to be generous and
willing to share,
19 treasuring up for themselves a good
foundation for the time to come, so that
they may take hold of §eternal life.
20 O Timothy, guard what has been
entrusted to you and avoid the profane
chatter and counterarguments of what is
falsely called "knowledge."
21 By professing it, some have strayed
from the faith.
Grace be with *you.
†Amen.

* **6:5** *Keep away from such people.* 92.5% ¦ — CT 2.9% † **6:7** *it is clear that* ¦ — CT ‡ **6:17** *the living* 84.3% ¦ — CT 6.9% § **6:19** *eternal* ¦ that which is truly CT * **6:21** *you* ¦ you CT † **6:21** *Amen.* ¦ — CT

THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

Greeting

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

Paul's Charge to Timothy

3 I thank God, whom I serve with a clear
conscience as my forefathers did, as night
and day I constantly remember you in my
prayers.
4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so
that I may be filled with joy.
5 I am reminded of the sincere faith that
is in you, which dwelt first in your
grandmother Lois and in your mother
Eunice, and now, I am sure, dwells in you
also.
6 Therefore I remind you to rekindle the
gift of God that is in you through the
laying on of my hands.
7 For God did not give us a spirit of
timidity, but a spirit of power, love, and
sound judgment.
8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the
testimony of our Lord or of me his
prisoner. Rather, join with me in
suffering for the gospel as you rely on the
power of God.
9 He saved us and called us with a holy
calling, not according to our works, but
according to his own purpose and grace.
This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus
before time began,
10 but has now been revealed through
the appearing of our Savior †Jesus Christ,
who abolished death and brought life and
immortality to light through the gospel.
11 For this gospel I was appointed to be
a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher ‡of
the Gentiles.
12 That is why I am suffering these
things. But I am not ashamed, for I know
whom I have believed, and I am
persuaded that he is able to guard what
has been entrusted to me until that day.
13 Hold to the pattern of sound teaching
that you have heard from me, in the faith
and love that are in Christ Jesus.
14 By the Holy Spirit who dwells within
us, guard the good deposit that has been
entrusted to you.
15 You know that everyone in Asia has
turned away from me, including
§Phygellus and Hermogenes.
16 May the Lord give mercy to the
household of Onesiphorus, because he
often refreshed me and was not ashamed
of my chains.
17 On the contrary, when he arrived in
Rome, he sought me out *very diligently
and found me.
18 May the Lord grant him to find
mercy from the Lord on that day! You
know very well all the ways he helped me
in Ephesus.

2

A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus

1 You then, my child, be strong in the
grace that is in Christ Jesus.
2 Entrust what you have heard from me
in the presence of many witnesses to
faithful men who will be competent to
teach others also.
3 Endure *hardship as a good soldier of
†Jesus Christ.
4 No one serving as a soldier entangles
himself in the affairs of civilian life, since
he seeks to please the one who enlisted
him.
5 Similarly, an athlete is not crowned
unless he competes according to the rules.
6 The hardworking farmer ought to
receive the first share of the crops.
7 Think about what I am ‡saying. May the
Lord give you understanding in
everything.
8 Remember Jesus Christ, the offspring
of David, who was raised from the dead
according to my gospel.
9 For this gospel I suffer to the point of
being chained like a criminal, but the
word of God is not chained.
10 Therefore I endure everything for the
sake of the chosen, so that they too may
obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
with eternal glory.
11 This saying is trustworthy:

If we died with him,
we will also live with him;
12 if we endure,
we will also reign with him;
if we deny him,
he will also deny us;

* **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 ‡ **2:7** *saying. May the Lord* ¦ saying, for the Lord will CT

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 yoυrself 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.
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 Yoυ, however, have closely followed my
teaching, conduct, purpose, faith,
patience, love, and endurance.
11 Yoυ 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 yoυ, continue in what yoυ
have learned and firmly believed,
knowing from whom yoυ have learned it,
15 and how from childhood yoυ have
known the sacred writings, which are
able to give yoυ 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.

§ **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

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.
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.

* **4:1** *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 † **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,
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

* **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 § **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

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.

* **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 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."

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* **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% * **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

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.
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."

‡ **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% † **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

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.
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.

* **4:2** *they were not united by faith with those who listened* ¦ it was not mixed with faith in those who heard it TR
* **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

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 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.

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

6 But Melchizedek, who was not among
the descendants of Levi, received a tithe
from Abraham. He also blessed Abraham,
who had received the promises.
7 It is beyond all dispute that the
inferior is blessed by the superior.
8 In the one case, tithes are received by
mortal men; but in the other case, they
are received by one who is attested to be
living.
9 One might even say that Levi himself,
who receives tithes, paid tithes through
Abraham.
10 For Levi was still in the loins of his
ancestor Abraham when Melchizedek met
him.

Jesus Compared to Melchizedek
11 Now if perfection had been attainable
through the Levitical priesthood (for
under this priesthood the people received
the law), what further need would there
have been for another priest to arise
according to the order of Melchizedek
rather than the order of Aaron?
12 For when the priesthood is changed,
the law must also be changed.
13 Now he of whom these things are
spoken belongs to a different tribe, from
which no one has ever served at the altar.
14 For it is clear that our Lord arose from
Judah, and in connection with that tribe
Moses said nothing about †priesthood.
15 Now this point becomes even more
clear when there arises another priest
like Melchizedek,
16 one who has become a priest, not
through a legal requirement concerning
physical descent, but through the power
of an endless life.
17 For ‡God testifies,

"You are a priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek."

18 The former commandment is set aside
because of its weakness and
ineffectiveness
19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and
a better hope is introduced, by which we
draw near to God.
20 And none of this happened without
an oath. Aaron's descendants become
priests without an oath,
21 but Jesus was made a priest with an
oath by the one who said to him,

"The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
'You are a priest forever
§according to the order of Melchizedek.' "

22 Accordingly, Jesus has become the
guarantor of a better covenant.
23 Now the former priests were many in
number, because they were prevented by
death from continuing in office;
24 but because Jesus continues forever,
he has a permanent priesthood.
25 Therefore he is able to save to the
uttermost those who come to God
through him, because he always lives to
intercede for them.
26 It was fitting for us to have such a
high priest, one who is holy, innocent,
undefiled, separated from sinners, and
exalted above the heavens.
27 He has no need, like the other high
priests, to offer up daily sacrifices, first
for his own sins, and then for the sins of
the people. For he did this once for all
when he offered up himself.
28 For the law appoints as high priests
men who have weakness, but the word of
the oath, which came after the law,
appoints the Son, who has been made
perfect forever.

8

The High Priest of the New Covenant
1 Now the main point of what we are
saying is this: We have such a high priest,
who sat down at the right hand of the
Majesty's throne in heaven,
2 where he serves as a minister of the holy
places and the true tabernacle, which was
set up by the Lord, not by man.
3 For every high priest is appointed to
offer gifts and sacrifices; therefore, it was
necessary for this priest also to have
something to offer.
4 *For if he were on earth, he would not
even be a priest, since there are already
priests who offer gifts according to the
law.
5 They serve a copy and shadow of the
heavenly things. For when Moses was
about to build the tabernacle, he was
warned by God, "Be sure to make
everything according to the pattern that
was shown to you on the mountain."
6 But as it is, the ministry Jesus has
received is as superior to the old
priesthood as the covenant he mediates is
superior to the old covenant, since it has
been enacted on better promises.

† **7:14** *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 † **8:8** *it, God says to the people* ¦ the people, God says NA SBL WH

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),
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

‡ **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% * **9:13** *bulls and goats* ¦ goats and bulls CT † **9:14** *eternal* ¦ Holy PCK ‡ **9:14** *your* ¦ our NA SBL WH

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;
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,

§ **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 † **10:8** *Sacrifice and offering* ¦ Sacrifices and offerings CT ‡ **10:9** *will, O God.* 76.3% ¦ will. CT 14.6%

"And their sins and their lawless deeds I
will remember no more."

18 Now where there is remission of these,
an offering for sin is no longer needed.

A Call to Persevere in the Faith
19 Therefore, brothers, since we have
confidence to enter the holy places by the
blood of Jesus,
20 by the new and living way he opened
for us through the veil (that is, through
his flesh),
21 and since we have a great priest over
the house of God,
22 let us draw near with true hearts, in
full assurance of faith, with our hearts
sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
and our bodies washed with pure water.
23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our
hope without wavering, for he who
promised is faithful.
24 And let us consider how to spur one
another on to love and good works,
25 not neglecting to meet together, as is
the habit of some, but encouraging one
another, and all the more as you see the
Day drawing near.

26 For if we continue sinning
deliberately after receiving the
knowledge of the truth, there no longer
remains a sacrifice for sins,
27 but only a fearful expectation of
judgment and a fury of fire that will
consume God's adversaries.
28 Anyone who has rejected the law of
Moses dies without mercy on the
testimony of two or three witnesses.
29 How much worse punishment do you
think will be deserved by someone who
has trampled the Son of God underfoot,
who has profaned the blood of the
covenant by which he was sanctified, and
who has insulted the Spirit of grace?
30 For we know him who said,
"Vengeance is mine; I will §repay, says
the Lord." And again, "The Lord will
judge his people."
31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the
hands of the living God.

32 But remember the earlier days when,
after you were enlightened, you endured
a hard struggle in the face of suffering.
33 At times you were publicly exposed
to reproach and affliction, and at other
times you were partners with those who
were treated that way.
34 For you sympathized with *me when
I was in prison, and you accepted the
plundering of your possessions with joy,
knowing †that you have for yourselves a
better and lasting possession ‡in heaven.
35 Therefore do not throw away your
confidence, which has a great reward.
36 For you have need of endurance, so
that when you have done the will of God,
you will receive what was promised.

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

§ **10:30** *repay, says the Lord.* 95.7% ¦ repay. CT 4.2% * **10:34** *me when I was* 91% ¦ those CT 6.6% † **10:34** *that you have for yourselves* ¦ in yourselves that you have ANT TR ¦ that you yourselves have CT ‡ **10:34** *in heaven* 93.6% ¦ — CT 1.7% § **10:38** *the* ¦ my CT * **11:8** *the* ¦ a CT

went out, not knowing where he was going.

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise.

10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

11 By faith †Sarah herself received the ability to conceive, and she bore a child when she was beyond the proper age, because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.

12 And so from one man, who was as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

13 All these people died in faith without receiving the things that were promised. But they saw them from a ‡distance and welcomed them. And they acknowledged that they were strangers and sojourners on the earth.

14 For people who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

15 If they had been thinking of the land they left behind, they would have had an opportunity to return.

16 Instead, they were longing for a better land, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

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

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† **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 § **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%

killed with the sword. They went around
in sheepskins and goatskins; they were
destitute, afflicted, and mistreated.
38 The world was not worthy of them.
They wandered in deserts and mountains,
hiding in caves and holes in the ground.
39 †All these people were commended
for their faith, but they did not receive
what was promised.
40 For God had planned something
better for us, so that they would not be
made perfect without us.

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,
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

† **11:39** *All these people were* ¦ They were all SBL * **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 * **12:24** *a better word* ¦ better things TR

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
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.

† **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 * **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 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,

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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% * **2:3** *to him* ¦ — CT

"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?
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.

† **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% * **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%

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.

4

Friendship with the World
1 Where do wars and *fights among you
come from? Do they not come from your
passions that wage war among your
members?
2 You desire but do not have. You murder
and are jealous but cannot obtain what
you want. You fight and war. †You do not
have because you do not ask.
3 You ask and do not receive because you
ask wrongly, so that you may spend what
you get on your pleasures.
4 ‡Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you
not know that friendship with the world
is enmity with God? Therefore whoever
wishes to be a friend of the world makes
himself an enemy of God.
5 Or do you think that the Scripture
speaks in vain? The spirit that §dwells in
us desires to the point of envy,
6 but God gives greater grace. Therefore it
says, “God opposes the proud but gives
grace to the humble.”
7 Submit yourselves therefore to *God, but
resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
8 Draw near to God, and he will draw
near to you. Cleanse your hands, you
sinners, and purify your hearts, you
double-minded.
9 Grieve, mourn, and weep. Turn your
laughter into mourning and your joy into
gloom.
10 Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and he will exalt you.

Speaking Evil Against One Another
11 Do not speak evil against one another,
brothers. †He who speaks evil against a
brother ‡and judges his brother, speaks
evil against the law and judges the law.
Now if you judge the law, you are not a
doer of the law but a judge.
12 There is only one §lawgiver—he who is
able to save and destroy. *But who are
you to judge †another?

Boasting About Tomorrow
13 Come now, you who say, “Today ‡and
tomorrow §let us go to such and such a
city, spend a year there, trade, and make
a profit.”
14 You do not know *what will happen
tomorrow. What is †your life? ‡It is a
vapor that appears for a little while and
then vanishes away.
15 Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord
wills, §let us live and do this or that.”
16 But as it is, you boast in your arrogant
schemes; all such boasting is evil.
17 So whoever knows the right thing to do
and does not do it, for him it is sin.

5

Warning to the Rich
1 Come now, you who are rich, weep and
howl over the miseries that are coming
upon you.
2 Your riches have rotted, and your
garments are moth-eaten.

§ **3:9** *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 * **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

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 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.

* **5:5** *as* ¦ — CT † **5:9** *judged* ¦ condemned TR ‡ **5:10** *my* ¦ — CT PCK § **5:11** *endure* ¦ have endured CT * **5:11** *Job, and you have seen* ¦ Job. Now consider RP † **5:11** *he* 87.7% ¦ the Lord ANT CT TR 11.3% ‡ **5:12** *into hypocrisy* ¦ under judgment CT SCR § **5:16** *Confess* ¦ Therefore confess CT * **5:16** *trespasses* 90.1% ¦ sins CT 9.7% † **5:19** *Brothers* ¦ My brothers CT ‡ **5:20** *a* 90.9% ¦ his CT 5.7%

THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Greeting
1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the
sojourners scattered abroad in Pontus,
Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
chosen
2 according to the foreknowledge of God
the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to
be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be
sprinkled with his blood: Grace and
peace be multiplied to you.

A Living Hope
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he
caused us to be born again to a living
hope through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the dead,
4 to an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, reserved in
heaven for *you,
5 who by the power of God are being
guarded through faith for a salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.
6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a
little while you have had to suffer various
trials
7 so that the proven character of your
faith—far more precious than gold that
perishes even though it is tested by
fire—may result in praise, †honor, and
glory when Jesus Christ is revealed.
8 Although you ‡once did not know him,
you love him; although you do not now
see him, you believe in him and rejoice
with an unspeakable and glorious joy,
9 because you are receiving the end result
of §your faith—the salvation of your
souls.
10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets
who prophesied about the grace that
would come to you searched and
carefully investigated,
11 inquiring about the time and
circumstances that the Spirit of Christ
within them was indicating when he
testified in advance to the sufferings of
Christ and the glories that would follow.
12 It was revealed to them that they were
not serving themselves, but *you, in
regard to the things that have now been
announced to you through those who
preached the gospel to you by the Holy
Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long
to catch a glimpse of these things.

Be Holy
13 Therefore, with minds that are alert
and fully sober, set your hope completely
on the grace that will be brought to you
when Jesus Christ is revealed.
14 As children of obedience, do not
conform yourselves to the evil desires you
had before when you lived in ignorance.
15 But just as he who called you is holy,
you also must be holy in all your conduct,
16 for it is written, "†Be holy, because I am
holy."
17 If you call on the Father who judges
without partiality according to each
person's work, pass the time of your
sojourn in reverent fear.
18 For you know that you were
redeemed from the empty way of life
handed down to you from your fathers,
not with perishable things like silver or
gold,
19 but with the precious blood of Christ,
a lamb without blemish or spot.
20 He was foreknown before the
foundation of the world, but was revealed
in the ‡last times for your sake.
21 Through him you §believe in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave
him glory, so that your faith and hope
might be in God.
22 Since you have purified your souls by
your obedience to the truth *through the
Spirit, resulting in genuine brotherly love,
love one another deeply, from †a pure
heart.
23 For you have been born again, not of
perishable seed but of imperishable,
through the ‡word of God that lives and
abides forever.
24 For,

"All flesh is like grass,
and all §the glory of man is like a flower
of grass.
The grass withers,
and *its flower falls,
25 but the word of the Lord endures
forever."

* **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% † **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

This word is the good news that was
preached to you.

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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.
16 Live as free people, but do not use
your freedom as an excuse to do evil; live
as servants of God.
17 Give honor to all, love the
brotherhood, fear God, and honor the
king.

The Example of Christ's Suffering
18 Servants, submit to your masters with
complete respect, not only to those who
are good and gentle but also to those who
are cruel.
19 For there is favor upon anyone who
endures pain while suffering unjustly for
the sake of conscience toward God.
20 What credit do you get if you endure
when you sin and are beaten for it? But if
you endure when you do good and suffer
for it, this finds favor with God.
21 For to this you have been called,
because Christ also §suffered for us,
leaving an example so that you could
follow in his footsteps.
22 He committed no sin, nor was deceit
found in his mouth.
23 When he was reviled, he did not revile
in return; when he suffered, he did not
threaten but entrusted himself to the one
who judges justly.
24 He himself bore our sins in his body on
the cross, so that we might die to our sins
and live for righteousness. By his wounds
you have been healed.
25 For you were like sheep going astray,
but now you have returned to the
Shepherd and Overseer of *your souls.

3

Wives and Husbands
1 In the same way, wives, submit to your
own husbands, so that, *even if some are

* **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 § **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

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."

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.

‡ **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 ‡ **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 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
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.

* **4:7** *your prayers* ¦ prayer CT † **4:8** *will cover* ¦ covers CT PCK ‡ **4:11** *strength as God supplies it* ¦ the strength that God supplies CT TR § **4:11** *and ever* ¦ — PCK * **4:14** *glory* 71.5% ¦ glory and of power ANT 22.3% † **4:14** *rests* ¦ has come to rest PCK ‡ **4:14** *On their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified.* ¦ — CT § **4:16** *matter* ¦ name SBL TH WH * **5:1** *I* ¦ Therefore, I SBL TH WH † **5:2** *exercising oversight,* 95% ¦ — WH 0.8% ‡ **5:2** *willingly;* ¦ willingly, according to the will of God; NA SBL TH § **5:5** *as you submit to* 90.6% ¦ toward CT 3.5% * **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

10 And after you have suffered for a
little while, §may the God of all grace,
who called *you to his eternal glory in
Christ †Jesus, himself perfect you; he will
establish, strengthen, and settle you.
11 To him be the ‡glory and the power
forever §and ever. Amen.

Final Greetings
12 Through Silvanus, whom I regard as a
faithful brother, I have written to you
briefly, encouraging you and testifying
that this is the true grace of God in which
you stand.
13 She who is in Babylon, who is chosen
together with you, greets you, and so does
my son Mark.
14 Greet one another with a kiss of love.
Peace be with all of you who are in
Christ *Jesus.
†Amen.

‡ **5:11** *glory and the power* 60.6% ¦ glory and power MSS 29.3% ¦ power and the glory MSS 6.8% ¦ power CT 0.6%
§ **5:11** *and ever* ¦ — NA WH * **5:14** *Jesus* ¦ — CT † **5:14** *Amen.* ¦ — CT

THE SECOND LETTER OF PETER

Greeting

1 *Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of
Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained a
faith as precious as ours through the
righteousness of our God and †Savior
Jesus Christ:
2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in
the knowledge of God and of Jesus our
Lord.

Confirm Your Calling

3 His divine power has given us
everything we need for life and godliness
through the knowledge of him who called
us ‡by glory and virtue.
4 Through these he has given us his
§precious and magnificent promises, so
that through them you may become
partakers of the divine nature, having
escaped from the corruption that is in the
world because of evil desires.
5 For this very reason, make every effort
to supplement your faith with virtue,
your virtue with knowledge,
6 your knowledge with self-control, your
self-control with endurance, your
endurance with godliness,
7 your godliness with brotherly affection,
and your brotherly affection with love.
8 For if you possess these qualities and
continue to grow in them, they will keep
you from being ineffective and unfruitful
in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so
nearsighted that he is blind, having
forgotten the cleansing of his former sins.
10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more
diligent to confirm that you are among
those whom God has called and chosen,
because if you do these things, you will
never stumble.
11 For in this way, entry into the eternal
kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ will be richly provided for you.
12 Therefore, I *will not neglect to keep
reminding you about these things, though
you know them and are established in the
truth you now have.
13 I think it is right, as long as I am in
this bodily tent, to stir you up by way of
reminder,
14 because I know that this tent will
soon be laid aside, as our Lord Jesus
Christ made clear to me.
15 And I will make every effort to
ensure that after my departure you will
be able to recall these things at any time.

Eyewitnesses of His Majesty

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised
myths when we made known to you the
power and coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his
majesty.
17 For he received honor and glory from
God the Father when that voice came to
him from the Majestic Glory: "This is my
†beloved Son, in whom I am well
pleased."
18 We ourselves heard this voice come
from heaven when we were with him on
the holy mountain.
19 So we have the prophetic word more
fully confirmed. You will do well to pay
attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a
dark place, until the day dawns and the
morning star rises in your hearts.
20 First of all, you must understand that
no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of
one's own interpretation.
21 For no prophecy ever came by the will
of man, but ‡holy men of God spoke as
they were carried along by the Holy
Spirit.

2

False Prophets and Teachers

1 But there were also false prophets
among the people, just as there will be
false teachers among you, who will
secretly bring in destructive heresies.
They will even deny the Master who
bought them, bringing upon themselves
swift destruction.
2 Many will follow their *sensual ways,
and because of †them the way of truth
will be maligned.
3 In their greed they will exploit you with
deceptive words. Their condemnation
from of old is not idle, and their
destruction ‡will not slumber.
4 For if God did not spare angels when
they sinned, but cast them down to
Tartarus and committed them to §chains
of darkness to be kept for judgment;
5 and if he did not spare the ancient
world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of

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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% * **2:2** *sensual* ¦ destructive TR † **2:2** *them* ¦ that PCK ‡ **2:3** *will* ¦ does CT TR § **2:4** *chains* ¦ pits TH WH

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
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.

* **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 * **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

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.
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.

‡ **3:6** *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 † **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,
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.

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* **1:3** *you* ¦ you also CT † **1:4** *to you* ¦ — CT ‡ **1:4** *our* ¦ your TR § **1:5** *message* ¦ promise ANT ST * **1:7** *But if* ¦ If NA † **1:7** *Christ* 92.5% ¦ — CT 4.5% * **2:7** *Brothers* 82.8% ¦ Beloved CT 15% † **2:7** *from the beginning* 87% ¦ — CT 8.2% ‡ **2:13** *am writing* 80.3% ¦ have written ANT CT 18.5% § **2:18** *the* ¦ — CT

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.

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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.
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?

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* **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 * **3:13** *my* ¦ — CT † **3:14** *his brother* 95.1% ¦ — CT 3.7% ‡ **3:16** *love* ¦ the love of God SCR

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.
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.

§ **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% § **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

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
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.

† **5:4** *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% § **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 yoʊr
children walking in the truth, just as we
have been commanded by the Father.
5 And now I ask yoʊ, dear lady—not as
‡writing yoʊ 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 yoʊr chosen sister
greet yoʊ.
†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,
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;

* **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% * **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%

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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§ **1:24** *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.**
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

* **1:2** *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% § **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%

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 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**

† **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% § **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%

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.'**

3

The Letter to the Church in Sardis
1 **"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'These are the words of him who has the *seven spirits of God and the seven stars: I know 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 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**

‡ **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% * **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%

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.**
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

§ **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% * **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%

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 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."

† **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% § **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%

14 And †I heard the four living creatures
saying, "Amen." And the ‡elders fell
down and §worshiped.

6

The Seven Seals

1 Then I *saw the Lamb open one of the
†seven seals, and I heard one of the four
living creatures say with a voice like
thunder, "‡Come and see."
2 And behold, there was a white horse! Its
rider had a bow, and he was given a
crown and went out conquering and to
conquer.
3 When the Lamb opened the second
seal, I heard the second living creature
say, "§Come."
4 Then another horse came out, a fiery
red one. Its rider was permitted to take
peace from the earth, so that people
would slay one another, and he was given
a great sword.
5 When the Lamb opened the third seal,
I heard the third living creature say,
"*Come and see." And behold, there was
a black horse! Its rider had a balance
scale in his hand.
6 Then I heard †a voice from among the
four living creatures saying, "A measure
of wheat for a denarius, and three
measures of barley for a denarius, and do
not damage the oil and wine."
7 When the Lamb opened the fourth
seal, I heard ‡the fourth living creature
say, "§Come and see."
8 And behold, there was a pale green
horse! The name of its rider was Death,
and Hades followed him. *He was given
authority over a fourth of the earth to kill
by the sword, by famine and pestilence,
and by the wild beasts of the earth.
9 When the Lamb opened the fifth seal,
I saw under the altar the souls of †those
who had been slain because of the word
of God and because of the testimony ‡of
the Lamb which they had upheld.
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.

† **5:14** *I heard the four living creatures* 44.5% ¦ the four living creatures were ANT CT TR 41.3% ¦ {omit *And I heard the four living creatures saying, "Amen."*} MSS 5% ‡ **5:14** *elders* 97.2% ¦ twenty-four elders TR 1.8% § **5:14** *worshiped* 97.3% ¦ worshiped him who lives forever and ever TR 1.4% * **6:1** *saw the Lamb open* 66.4% ¦ watched as the Lamb opened CT TR 33.2% † **6:1** *seven* 79.8% ¦ — TR 20.2% ‡ **6:1** *Come and see." And* 43.1% ¦ Come." Then I looked, and ANT CT PCK 32.9% ¦ Come and see." Then I looked, and TR 12.1% § **6:3** *Come." Then* 78.9% ¦ Come and see." Then I looked, and behold, MSS 6.6% ¦ Come and see." Then TR 12.9% * **6:5** *Come and see." And* 45.9% ¦ Come." Then I looked, and ANT CT PCK 39% ¦ Come." And MSS 6.9% ¦ Come and see." Then I looked, and TR 7.3% † **6:6** *a* 81.2% ¦ something like a ANT CT 18.3% ‡ **6:7** *the* 58.9% ¦ the voice of the ANT CT PCK TR 33.8% § **6:7** *Come and see." And* 44.7% ¦ Come." Then I looked, and ANT CT PCK 39.7% ¦ Come and see." Then I looked, and TR 10.5% * **6:8** *He was* 73.4% ¦ They were CT TR 26.1% † **6:9** *those* 61.6% ¦ the people PCK 37.3% ‡ **6:9** *of the Lamb* 67.7% ¦ — CT TR 27.6% § **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%

2 Then I saw another angel *ascending
from the rising of the sun, with the seal of
the living God. He cried out with a loud
voice to the four angels who had been
given power to harm the earth and the
sea:
3 "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the
trees until we have put a seal on the
foreheads of the servants of our God."
4 Then I heard the number of those who
were sealed: one hundred and forty-four
thousand, sealed from every tribe of the
sons of Israel.

5 From the tribe of Judah twelve thousand
were sealed,
from the tribe of Reuben twelve
†thousand,
from the tribe of Gad twelve ‡thousand,
6 from the tribe of Asher twelve
§thousand,
from the tribe of Naphtali twelve
*thousand,
from the tribe of Manasseh twelve
†thousand,
7 from the tribe of Simeon twelve
‡thousand,
from the tribe of Levi twelve §thousand,
from the tribe of Issachar twelve
*thousand,
8 from the tribe of Zebulun twelve
†thousand,
from the tribe of Joseph twelve ‡thousand,
and from the tribe of Benjamin twelve
thousand were sealed.

Praise from the Great Multitude
9 After this I looked, and behold, there
was a great multitude, which no one
could number, from every nation, tribe,
people, and tongue, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb. They were
clothed in white robes, §with palm
branches in their hands.
10 They were crying out with a loud voice,
"Salvation belongs to *our God, who sits
on the throne, and to the Lamb."
11 And all the angels stood around the
throne and around the elders and the
four living creatures, and they fell on
their faces before the throne and
worshiped God,
12 saying,

"Amen! Blessing, glory, and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honor,
power and strength,
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 In response one of the elders said to
me, "Who are these people clothed in
white robes, and where did they come
from?"
14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And
he said to me, "These are the ones coming
out of the great tribulation. They have
washed their robes and made them white
in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore they are before the throne of
God,
and they serve him day and night in his
temple,
and he who sits on the throne will spread
his tabernacle over them.
16 They will hunger and thirst no more;
the sun will certainly not beat down upon
them,
and neither will any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb in the midst of the throne
†shepherds them;
he ‡leads them to §springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from
their eyes."

8

The Seventh Seal
1 When the Lamb opened the seventh
seal, there was silence in heaven for
about half an hour.
2 And I saw the seven angels who stand
before God, and seven trumpets were
given to them.
3 Then another angel with a golden
censer came and stood at the altar. He
was given a large amount of incense to
offer with the prayers of all the saints on
the golden altar before the throne.
4 And the smoke of the incense, with
the prayers of the saints, ascended up to
God from the hand of the angel.

† **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%
* **8:5** *peals of thunder, rumblings* 45.9% ¦ rumblings, peals of thunder PCK TR 41.7%

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.
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.

† **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% † **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%

17 Now this is what the horses and their
riders looked like in my vision: The riders
had breastplates that were fiery red,
hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow. The
heads of the horses were like the heads of
lions, and out of their mouths came fire,
smoke, and sulfur.
18 By these three *plagues a third of
mankind was killed—by the fire, the
smoke, and the sulfur that came out of
the horses' mouths.
19 For †the power of the horses ‡is in
their mouths §and in their tails, because
their tails have heads like serpents, and
with them they inflict harm.
20 The rest of mankind, who were not
killed by these plagues, did not repent
from the works of their hands; they did
not stop worshiping demons and idols of
gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood,
which cannot see, hear, or walk.
21 Nor did they repent of their murders,
sorceries, fornication, or thefts.

10

The Angel and the Little Scroll

1 Then I saw *a mighty angel coming
down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud,
with a rainbow over his head; his face
was like the sun, and his legs were like
pillars of fire.
2 In his hand he held †an open scroll. He
placed his right foot on the sea and his
left foot on the land,
3 and cried out with a loud voice, like a
lion roaring. When he cried out, the
seven thunders sounded their voices.
4 And when the seven thunders ‡spoke, I
was about to write. But I heard a voice
from heaven §saying, "Seal up what the
seven thunders have said, and *do not
write it down."
5 Then the angel I had seen standing on
the sea and on the land raised his †right
hand to heaven
6 and swore by him who lives forever and
ever, who created heaven and everything
in it, the earth and everything in it, and
the sea and everything in it, and said that
there would no longer be delay,
7 but that in the days when the seventh
angel would sound his trumpet, the
mystery of God would be completed,
‡according to the good news he had
announced to his servants the prophets.
8 Then the voice I had heard from
heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go
take the §little scroll that is open in the
hand of the angel who is standing on the
sea and on the land."
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

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* **9:18** *plagues* 86.6% ¦ things TR 8.3% † **9:19** *the power of the horses* 90.8% ¦ their power SCR 2.3% ¦ their powers ST 2.3% ‡ **9:19** *is* 91.7% ¦ are ST 0.5% § **9:19** *and in their tails* 80.6% ¦ — ST 11.1% * **10:1** *a* 71% ¦ another ANT CT TR 25.3% † **10:2** *an open scroll* 44.7% ¦ a little scroll that was open CT PCK TR 55.3% ‡ **10:4** *spoke* 88% ¦ sounded their voices TR 0.5% ¦ {omit *sounded their voices.* 4 *And when the seven thunders*} MSS 8.8% § **10:4** *saying* 95.4% ¦ saying to me TR 0.9% * **10:4** *do not* 61.6% ¦ after this you can PCK 27.6% † **10:5** *right* 88.9% ¦ — TR 10.6% ‡ **10:7** *according to the good news he had announced* 68.7% ¦ which had been announced as good news PCK 19.6% ¦ according to the good news that had been announced MSS 5.6% § **10:8** *little* 94.4% ¦ — CT 5.1% * **10:9** *asked him to give me the little scroll.* 57.7% ¦ said to him, "Give me the little scroll." PCK TR 42.3% † **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%

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."
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.

* **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% * **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%

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
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:

* **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% ‡ **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%

10 "If anyone †has captivity as his lot,
away he goes;
if anyone ‡kills with the sword,
with the sword he must be killed."

This calls for the endurance and the faith of the saints.

The Second Beast

11 Then I saw another beast coming up
out of the earth. He had two horns like a
lamb, but he spoke like a dragon.
12 He exercised all the authority of the
first beast in his presence, and made the
earth and those who dwell in it worship
the first beast, whose mortal wound had
been healed.
13 He performed great signs, even making
fire come down from heaven to earth in
the presence of the people.
14 By the signs he was permitted to do in
the presence of the first beast, he
deceived §my own people who dwell on
the earth, telling those who dwell on the
earth to make an image of the first beast,
who had *a wound from the sword but
still lived.
15 The second beast was permitted to give
breath to the image of the first beast, so
that the image could speak and cause
whoever refused to worship the image to
be killed.
16 The second beast required everyone,
both small and great, both rich and poor,
both free and slave, to receive a mark on
their right hand or on their forehead,
17 so that no one could buy or sell unless
he had the †mark, that is, the name of the
beast or the number of his name.
18 This calls for wisdom: Let anyone who
has understanding calculate the number
of the beast, for it is the number of a
man; his number is six hundred sixty-six.

14

The Song of the 144,000

1 Then I looked, and behold, *the Lamb
was standing on Mount Zion, and with
him †was a multitude numbering one
hundred forty-four thousand, who had
‡his name and the name of his Father
written on their foreheads.
2 And I heard a voice from heaven like
the roar of many waters and like the
sound of great thunder. §The voice I
heard was like the sound of harpists
playing their harps.
3 They were *singing a new song before
the throne and before the four living
creatures and the elders. No one could
learn the song except the one hundred
forty-four thousand who had been
redeemed from the earth.
4 These are the ones who have not defiled
themselves with women, for they are
virgins. These are the ones who follow
the Lamb wherever he goes. They have
been redeemed †by Jesus from among
men as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.
5 No ‡lie was found in their §mouths, for
they are *blameless.

The Messages of the Three Angels

6 Then I saw †an angel flying directly
‡overhead, with an eternal gospel to
preach to those who dwell on the earth,
to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.
7 He said with a loud voice, "Fear §the
Lord and give him glory, because the
hour of his judgment has come. Worship
him who made heaven and earth, the sea
and the springs of water."
8 *A second angel followed, saying,
"†Fallen is Babylon the ‡great! §She has
made all the nations drink of the wine of
the wrath of her fornication."
9 A third angel followed them, saying
with a loud voice, "If anyone worships

‡ **13:10** *kills with the sword, with the sword he must* 50.8% ¦ with the sword, he must HF 33.6% ¦ is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he is to be SBL 0.4% {Note: The literal translation of HF is nonsensical in English.} § **13:14** *my own people* 46.6% ¦ those ANT CT TR 50.2% * **13:14** *a* 59% ¦ the ANT CT PCK RP TR 39.8% † **13:17** *mark, that is,* 78.9% ¦ mark of 8.7% ¦ mark, or TR 3.2% * **14:1** *the* 60.5% ¦ a PCK TR 39.5% † **14:1** *was a multitude numbering* 52.3% ¦ were ANT CT PCK TR 47.2% ‡ **14:1** *his name and* 94.9% ¦ — TR 4.2% § **14:2** *The voice I heard was like* 74.9% ¦ I heard TR 11.6% ¦ I heard something like MSS 7.4% * **14:3** *singing* 74.5% ¦ singing what sounded like CT TR 24.7% † **14:4** *by Jesus* 58.9% ¦ — ANT CT TR 35% ‡ **14:5** *lie* 94% ¦ deceit TR 5.1% § **14:5** *mouths, for* 89.4% ¦ mouths; CT 7.7% * **14:5** *blameless.* 93.5% ¦ blameless. These are the ones who follow the Lamb. MSS 5.1% ¦ blameless before the throne of God TR 0.9% † **14:6** *an* 63.7% ¦ another ANT CT PCK TR 31.9% ‡ **14:6** *overhead, with an eternal gospel to preach* 65.4% ¦ overhead, with an eternal gospel to be preached PCK 22% ¦ overhead, coming with an eternal gospel to be preached MSS 6.1% § **14:7** *the Lord* 49.4% ¦ God CT PCK TR 50.6% * **14:8** *A second angel* 88% ¦ Another angel TR 4.8% † **14:8** *Fallen* 55.8% ¦ Fallen, fallen ANT CT PCK TR 41.9% ‡ **14:8** *great* 87.6% ¦ great city TR 1.4% § **14:8** *She* 67.3% ¦ because she TR 15.1% ¦ she who ANT SBL TH WH 12.7% {Note: The readings of ANT, SBL, TH, TR, and WH would change the preceding exclamation point to a comma.} * **14:9** *a* 84.3% ¦ the ANT 14.7%

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
yoʊr 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
yoʊr 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 yoʊr works,
O Lord God, the Almighty!
Righteous and true are yoʊr ways,
O King of the §nations!
4 Who could not fear *yoʊ, O Lord,
and glorify yoʊr name?
For yoʊ alone are holy.
†All will come
and worship before yoʊ,
for yoʊr 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

† **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 yoʊ 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** *yoʊ* 64.4% ¦ — ANT CT 27.4% † **15:4** *All* 44.3% ¦ All the nations ANT CT PCK RP TR 52.1% ‡ **15:5** *and* 99.1% ¦ and behold, TR 0.9% § **15:6** *out* 41% ¦ out of the sanctuary ANT CT RP TR 39.2% ¦ out of heaven PCK 13.8% * **15:6** *plagues. They were* 68.9% ¦ plagues, CT TR 30.1% † **15:6** *linen* 93.5% ¦ stone WH 3.7% ‡ **15:8** *the* 39.4% ¦ — CT PCK RP TR 53.2% § **15:8** *seven* 66.7% ¦ — PCK 29.7%

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 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.

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* **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% § **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.}

21 And great hailstones, about the
weight of a talent, fell on people from
heaven, and they blasphemed God for the
plague of hail, because the plague was so
severe.

17

The Great Prostitute and the Beast

1 Then one of the seven angels who had
the seven bowls came and said to me,
"Come, I will show you the judgment of
the great prostitute who sits on many
waters.
2 With her the kings of the earth have
committed fornication, and those who
dwell on the earth have become drunk
with the wine of her fornication."
3 So he carried me away in the Spirit to a
wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on
*a scarlet beast that was full of
blasphemous names and had seven heads
and ten horns.
4 The †woman was clothed in purple and
scarlet, and adorned with gold, precious
stones, and pearls. She held in her hand a
golden cup full of abominations and the
filth of ‡the fornication of the earth.
5 A mysterious name was written on her
forehead: "Babylon the great, the mother
of prostitutes and of the abominations of
the earth."
6 And I saw the woman drunk with the
blood of the §saints, the blood of the
martyrs of Jesus.

When I saw her, I was greatly amazed.

7 But the angel said to me, "Why are
you so amazed? I will tell you the mystery
of the woman and of the beast with seven
heads and ten horns that carries her.
8 The beast that you saw was, and is
not, and is about to come up out of the
abyss and go to destruction. Those who
dwell on the earth, *everyone whose
name has not been written in the book of
life from the foundation of the world, will
be amazed when they see †that the beast
was and is not and ‡will be back.
9 This calls for a mind that has wisdom:
The seven heads are seven mountains on
which the woman sits.

10 They are also seven kings. Five have
fallen, one is, and another has not yet
come; but when he does come, he must
remain for only a little while.
11 The beast that was and is not, is an
eighth king. Yet he is one of the seven
and is on his way to destruction.
12 The ten horns that you saw are ten
kings who have not yet received a
kingdom, but they will receive authority
as kings for one hour with the beast.
13 These kings have one mind and will
give their power and authority to the
beast.
14 They will make war with the Lamb,
but the Lamb will conquer them because
he is the Lord of lords and King of kings,
and those with him are called, chosen,
and faithful."
15 Then the angel said to me, "The
waters you saw, where the prostitute sits,
are peoples, multitudes, nations, and
tongues.
16 The §beast and the ten horns you saw
will hate the prostitute. They will make
her desolate and naked; they will eat her
flesh and burn her with fire.
17 For God has put it into their 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.

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* **17:3** *a scarlet beast* 69.5% ¦ a scarlet beast, the one HF 29.1% ¦ the scarlet beast ANT 3.6% † **17:4** *woman was … pearls. She* 96.8% ¦ woman, who was … pearls, ST 1.8% ‡ **17:4** *the fornication of the earth* 40.4% ¦ her fornication CT PCK RP TR 52.3% § **17:6** *saints, the blood of the* 40.6% ¦ saints and the blood of the ANT CT PCK TR 47% ¦ holy MSS 8.8% * **17:8** *everyone whose name has* 45.6% ¦ whose names have PCK RP TR 52.8% † **17:8** *that the beast* 52.5% ¦ the beast, because he ANT CT PCK TR 44.2% ‡ **17:8** *will be back* 78.2% ¦ yet is here MSS 17.6% ¦ yet is TR 2.3% § **17:16** *beast and the ten horns you saw* 97.2% ¦ ten horns you saw on the beast TR 0.9% * **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%

3 For *all the nations have fallen
because of the †wine of the wrath of her
fornication.
The kings of the earth have committed
fornication with her,
and the merchants of the earth have
become rich from the power of her
luxury."

4 Then I heard another voice from heaven
say,

"Come out of her, my people,
so that you do not participate in her sins,
and so that you do not receive any of her
plagues;
5 for her sins ‡are heaped as high as
heaven,
and God has remembered her
unrighteous acts.
6 Render to her as she herself has
§rendered;
*make it double, as she has done, even
according to her works.
Mix a double portion for her in the cup
she has mixed.
7 As much as she has glorified herself and
lived in luxury,
give her the same amount of torment
†and mourning,
for in her heart she says,
'I sit enthroned as a queen;
I am not a widow
and will never see mourning.'
8 Therefore her plagues will come in a
single day—
death, mourning, and famine.
She will be burned up with fire,
for mighty is the Lord God who ‡has
judged her."

9 The kings of the earth who have
committed fornication with her and lived
in luxury with her will §weep and wail
over her when they see the smoke of her
burning.
10 In fear of her torment they will stand
at a distance and say,

"Alas, alas, for the great city,
Babylon, the mighty city!
For in a single hour your judgment has
come."

11 The merchants of the earth *will
weep and mourn over her, because no
one buys their cargo anymore,
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!

* **18:3** *all the nations have fallen because of* 45.4% ¦ all the nations have drunk ANT HF PCK TR 36% ¦ she has made all the nations drink MSS 7.8% † **18:3** *wine of the wrath* 48.8% ¦ wrath of the wine PCK 41.5% ‡ **18:5** *are heaped as high* 98.6% ¦ have reached as far ST 0.9% § **18:6** *rendered* 48.8% ¦ rendered to you PCK TR 47.5% * **18:6** *make it double, as she has done, even* 27.7% ¦ repay her double ANT PCK RP TR 53.4% ¦ make it double CT 5.2% † **18:7** *and mourning* 75.3% ¦ — PCK 22.3% ‡ **18:8** *has judged* 79.5% ¦ judges TR 20.5% § **18:9** *weep* 72.7% ¦ weep for her ANT TR 21.3% * **18:11** *will weep and mourn* 42.8% ¦ weep and mourn CT PCK TR 40% ¦ will weep MSS 8.4% † **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%

For in a single hour she has been laid
waste.
20 Rejoice over her, O heaven,
and you ‡saints, apostles, and prophets,
for God has given judgment for you
against her."

21 Then a mighty angel picked up a
stone like a great millstone and threw it
into the sea, and said,

"With §such violence Babylon the great
city
will be thrown down,
never to be found again.
22 The sound of harpists, musicians,
flutists, and trumpeters
will never be heard in you again.
No craftsman of any trade
will ever be found in you again.
The sound of a mill
will never be heard in you again.
23 The light of a lamp
will never shine in you again.
The voice of bridegroom and bride
will never be heard in you again,
*for your merchants were the magnates
of the earth,
and all the nations were deceived by your
sorcery."

24 And in her was found the blood of
prophets and of saints and of all who
have been slain on the earth.

19

Heaven Rejoices over Babylon

1 After this I heard *what sounded like a
loud voice of a great multitude in heaven,
saying,

"Hallelujah!
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.

§ **18:21** *such* 82.1% ¦ — PCK 13.4% * **18:23** *for* 68.3% ¦ — HF 29.8% * **19:1** *what sounded like* 69.2% ¦ — TR 30.8% † **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%

13 He is clothed with a garment †dipped in
blood, and his name is the Word of God.
14 The armies of heaven, clothed in fine
linen, white and pure, were following
him on white horses.
15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp
‡two-edged sword with which he can
strike down the nations, and he will rule
them with a rod of iron. He will tread the
winepress of the fury §of the wrath of
God, the Almighty.
16 On his garment and on his thigh a
name is written: King of kings and Lord
of lords.

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the
sun, and he cried out with a loud voice,
saying to all the birds that were flying
directly overhead, "*Come, gather
together for the †great supper of God,
18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings,
the flesh of commanders, the flesh of
mighty men, the flesh of horses and their
riders, and the flesh of all men, ‡both free
and slave, §both small and great."
19 Then I saw the beast, the kings of the
earth, and their armies gathered together
to wage war against the rider on the
horse and against his army.

20 But the beast was captured, and *so
was the false prophet who was with him,
who in his sight had performed the signs
by which he had deceived those who had
received the mark of the beast and who
worshiped his image. The two of them
were thrown alive into the lake of fire
that burns with sulfur.
21 The rest were killed by the sword
that came out of the mouth of the rider
on the horse, and all the birds gorged
themselves on their flesh.

20

Satan Bound for a Thousand Years
1 Then I saw an angel coming down from
heaven, holding in his hand the key to the
abyss and a great chain.
2 He seized the dragon, the ancient
serpent, who is the devil and Satan, *the
deceiver of the whole world, and he
bound him for a thousand years.
3 He threw him into the abyss and †locked
and sealed it over him, so that he would
‡no longer deceive the nations until §the
thousand years were completed. After
that he must be released for a short time.

4 Then I saw thrones, and those who sat
on them were given authority to judge. I
also saw the souls of those who had been
beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and
for the word of God. They had not
worshiped the beast or his image and had
not received the mark on their foreheads
or their hands. They came to life and
reigned with Christ for *the thousand
years.
5 †(The rest of the dead did not come to
life until the thousand years were
completed.) This is the first resurrection.
6 Blessed and holy are those who take
part in the first resurrection. The second
death has no power over them, but they
will be priests of God and of Christ, and
they will reign with him for ‡a thousand
years.

Satan Thrown into the Lake of Fire
7 §After the thousand years, Satan will be
released from his prison
8 and will go out to deceive the nations
that are at the four corners of the earth,
Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle;
their number is like the sand of the sea.
9 They marched up over the breadth of
the earth and surrounded the camp of the
saints 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.

‡ **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% * **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%

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
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.

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‡ **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% * **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%

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.

22

The River of Life and the Tree of Life

1 Then the angel showed me a *river
of the water of life, as bright as crystal,
flowing from the throne of God and of the
Lamb
2 through the middle of the street of the
city. On each side of the river is the tree
of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, with
each month yielding its own fruit. And
the leaves of the tree are for the healing
of the nations.
3 †No longer will there be anything
accursed, but the throne of God and of
the Lamb will be in the city, and his
servants will serve him.
4 They will see his face, and his name will
be on their foreheads.
5 ‡There will be no night, and §there will
be no need for *any lamp or light, for the
Lord God will give them light, and they
will reign forever and ever.

I Am Coming Quickly

6 Then the angel said to me, "These words
are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the
God of the †spirits of the prophets, has
sent his angel to show his servants what
must soon take place.

7 **"Behold, I am coming quickly.
Blessed is he who keeps the words of
the prophecy of this book."**

8 I, John, am the one who ‡heard and
saw these things. And when I heard and
saw them, I fell down to worship at the
feet of the angel who showed them to me.

9 But he said to me, "Do not do that! §I
am a fellow servant of yours, and of your
brothers the prophets, *and of those who
obey the words of this book. Worship
God."

‡ **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 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% † **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%

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 *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.

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† **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% ‡ **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%