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Matthew

Matthew 1

Matthew 1:1

ULT	UST
The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham:	*This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah. He is a descendant of King David, who was a descendant of Abraham, the ancestor of all Jewish people.*

In the genealogy of Jesus Christ, which two ancestors are listed first, indicating their importance?

The two ancestors listed first are David and Abraham.

Matthew 1:16

ULT	UST
and Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, the one called Christ.	*Jacob was the father of Joseph. Joseph was Mary's husband. Mary was the mother of Jesus. Jesus is the one whom we call the Messiah.*

At the end of the genealogy, who is the wife that is named, and why is she listed?

Mary, the wife of Joseph, is listed because by her Jesus was born.

Matthew 1:18

ULT	UST
Now the birth of Jesus Christ was thus: His mother, Mary, having been engaged to marry Joseph, before they came together, was found having in the womb from the Holy Spirit.	*I will tell you what happened when the mother of Jesus the Messiah gave birth to him. His mother Mary was about to marry a man named Joseph, and they had not yet had sex. Despite that, Joseph discovered that Mary was pregnant with a baby (whom the Holy Spirit had given to her).*

What happened to Mary before she had come together with Joseph?

Mary became pregnant by the Holy Spirit before she had come together with Joseph.

Matthew 1:19

ULT	UST
Now Joseph her husband, being righteous, and not wanting to publicly disgrace her, intended to divorce her secretly.	*Joseph, who was about to marry her, thought that Mary had sex with another man. Joseph usually did what was right, and he also did not want to shame Mary. So, he decided to say in private that he would not marry her.*

What kind of man was Joseph?

Joseph was a righteous man.

What did Joseph decide to do when he learned Mary was pregnant?

Joseph decided to end the engagement with Mary secretly.

Matthew 1:20

ULT	UST
But he having reflected on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him by way of a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, you should not fear to take Mary as your wife, because the one having been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.	*While Joseph was deciding what to do, he saw an angel from the Lord while he was sleeping! The angel said to him, "Joseph, King David's descendant, do not be reluctant to marry Mary. I say that because it was the Holy Spirit who caused her to become pregnant.*

What happened to Joseph that made him decide to remain engaged to Mary?

An angel told Joseph in a dream to take Mary as his wife because the baby was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:21

ULT	UST
And she will bear a son, and you will call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."	*She will have a male child. You should name him 'Jesus,' which means 'the Lord rescues'. You should name him that because he will rescue his people from the sins that they have committed."*

Why was Joseph told to give the baby the name Jesus?

Joseph was told to name the baby Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:23

ULT	UST
“Behold, the virgin will have in her womb and bear a son, and they will call his name Immanuel”—which is translated, “God with us.”	*“A young woman who has never had sex will become pregnant! She will give birth to a male child. People will name him ‘Immanuel.’” The name Immanuel means, “God is with us.”*

What is written in the Old Testament prophecy which was fulfilled in these events?

The Old Testament prophecy was that a virgin would give birth to a son and that they would call his name Emmanuel, which means “God with us.”

Matthew 1:25

ULT	UST
And he did not know her until she bore a son. And he called his name Jesus.	*However, he did not have sex with her before she gave birth to a male child. Joseph named the child Jesus.*

What was Joseph careful not to do until Mary gave birth to Jesus?

Joseph was careful not to sleep with Mary until she gave birth to Jesus.

Matthew 2

Matthew 2:1

ULT	UST
Now, Jesus having been born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, learned men from the east arrived in Jerusalem,	*Mary gave birth to Jesus in the town of Bethlehem in the region of Judea. During that time, Herod was the king there. Some time after Mary gave birth to Jesus, some scholars who studied the stars traveled from eastern countries to the city of Jerusalem!*

Where was Jesus born?

Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea.

Matthew 2:2

ULT	UST
saying, "Where is the one having been born King of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east and came to worship him."	*They were asking people, "Where is the child who will be the king over the Jewish people? We saw a star appear in the sky that indicated that his mother had given birth to him. We traveled here so that we can worship him."*

What title did the learned men from the east give to Jesus?

The learned men from the east gave Jesus the title "King of the Jews."

How did the learned men know the King of the Jews had been born?

The learned men had seen the star of the King of the Jews in the east.

Matthew 2:3

ULT	UST
But having heard this, Herod the king became troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.	*When King Herod learned what these men were asking, he was upset. Many people in the city of Jerusalem were also upset.*

How did King Herod respond to the news from the learned men?

When King Herod heard the news from the learned men, he was troubled.

Matthew 2:5-6

How did the chief priests and scribes know where the Christ would be born?

They knew the prophecy that said the Christ would be born in Bethlehem.

Matthew 2:9

ULT	UST
And they, having heard the king, went, and behold, the star that they saw in the east was going before them until, having come, it stood over where the young child was.	*The scholars listened to the king, and then they traveled to Bethlehem. The star which they saw when it appeared in the sky guided them! It moved in the sky until it was directly above the place where the child, Jesus, was living.*

How did the learned men find exactly where Jesus was?

The star in the east went before them until it stood over where Jesus was.

Matthew 2:11

ULT	UST
And having gone into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother. And having fallen down, they worshiped him, and having opened their treasures, they offered him gifts: gold and frankincense and myrrh.	*They went into the house above which the star had stopped. There, they saw the child Jesus and his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then, they unpacked the valuable things that they had brought with them. They gave Jesus gold, incense, and valuable tree resin.*

How old was Jesus when the learned men came to see him?

Jesus was a young child when the learned men came to see him.

What gifts did the learned men give to Jesus?

The learned men gave to Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:12

ULT	UST
And having been warned through a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their country by another way.	*After that, God used a dream to tell them not to go back to King Herod. So, they went home on a different road than the one on which they had come.*

By what way did the learned men return home, and why did they go this way?

The learned men returned home another way because God warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

Matthew 2:13

ULT	UST
Now they having departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appears to Joseph by means of a dream, saying, "Having gotten up, take the young child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is going to seek the young child to kill him."	*After the scholars who studied the stars went home, Joseph saw an angel from the Lord while he was sleeping! The angel told him, "King Herod wants to find the child so that he can kill him. So, when you wake up, escape to the land of Egypt with the child and his mother, your wife. Stay there until I tell you that you can return home."*

What instructions did Joseph receive in a dream?

Joseph was instructed in a dream to take Jesus and Mary and flee to Egypt because Herod was going to try to kill Jesus.

Matthew 2:15

ULT	UST
and he was there until the death of Herod, in order that might be fulfilled what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called my son."	*They lived in the land of Egypt while King Herod ruled. So, what the Lord said by speaking through the prophet Hosea came true: "I have told my son to leave Egypt."*

What prophecy was fulfilled by Jesus' later return from Egypt?

The prophecy, "Out of Egypt I have called my son" was fulfilled when Jesus later returned from Egypt.

Matthew 2:16

ULT	UST
Then Herod, having seen that he had been mocked by the learned men, was very angry, and having sent forth, he killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all its region, from two years and under, according to the time that he had determined exactly from the learned men.	*When the scholars who studied the stars did not come back to King Herod, he realized that they had fooled him. He became furious. He had some of his soldiers go to the city of Bethlehem and the areas around it and kill every male child who was two years old or younger. He picked those ages because of what the scholars who studied the stars told him about the exact time when they first saw the star.*

What did Herod do when the learned men did not return to him?

Herod killed all the male children in the region of Bethlehem who were two years old or younger.

Matthew 2:19-20

What instructions did Joseph receive in a dream after Herod died?

Joseph was instructed in a dream to return to the land of Israel.

Matthew 2:22-23

Where did Joseph settle to live with Mary and Jesus?

Joseph settled to live with Mary and Jesus in Nazareth of Galilee.

Matthew 2:23

ULT	UST
and having gone, he lived in a city being called Nazareth, so that it might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophets, that he will be called a Nazarene.	*When he and his family arrived in Galilee, they lived in the town of Nazareth. In that way, what God said by speaking through the prophets came true: "People will say that the Messiah is from Nazareth."*

What prophecy was fulfilled when Joseph moved to their new location?

The prophecy that the Christ would be called a Nazarene was fulfilled.

Matthew 3

Matthew 3:2

ULT	UST
saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens is near.”	*“Stop doing what is wrong! You should do that because God is about to establish his heavenly kingdom here.”*

What was the message that John the Baptist preached in the wilderness?

John preached, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

Matthew 3:3

ULT	UST
For this is the one spoken of through Isaiah the prophet, saying, “A voice of one calling out in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”	*That man is the one about whom the Lord said, by speaking through the prophet Isaiah, “In the desolate place, someone will be calling out to the people: ‘Prepare yourselves to receive the Lord! Make yourselves ready for when he comes!’”*

What did the prophecy from Isaiah say that John the Baptist would come to do?

The prophecy said that John the Baptist warn people to make ready the way of the Lord.

Matthew 3:6

ULT	UST
and being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.	*Many of these people agreed that they had sinned. Then, John baptized them in the Jordan River.*

What did the people do as they were baptized by John?

As they were baptized, the people confessed their sins.

Matthew 3:8

ULT	UST
Therefore, produce fruit worthy of repentance.	*You need to do the things that show that you have truly rejected your previous sinful way of living!*

What did John the Baptist tell the Pharisees and Sadducees to do?

John the Baptist told the Pharisees and Sadducees to bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Matthew 3:9

ULT	UST
And you should not think to say in yourselves, 'We have Abraham as father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones.	*Do not think to yourselves, 'Certainly God will not punish us, because we are descendants of Abraham!' That does not impress God. Let me assure you, God could turn these stones into descendants of Abraham!*

What did John the Baptist warn the Pharisees and Sadducees not to think among themselves?

John warned the Pharisees and Sadducees not to think among themselves that they had Abraham as their father.

Matthew 3:10

ULT	UST
But already the ax is set against the root of the trees. So, every tree not producing good fruit is chopped down and thrown into a fire.	*You are like fruit trees that do not produce good fruit. God is like a man who is positioning the head of his axe at the base of those trees, ready to chop them down and throw them into the fire. God is ready to punish you like that if you continue sinning.*

According to John, what happens to every tree that does not produce good fruit?

John says that every tree that does not bear good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire.

Matthew 3:11

ULT	UST
I indeed baptize you with water for repentance. But the one coming after me is more powerful than I, of whom I am not worthy to carry away his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire,	*I use water to baptize you so that you stop doing what is wrong. However, soon you will see someone else who is more powerful than I am. It is not appropriate for me to be even his servant. He will give you the Holy Spirit and make you pure.*

How will the one who was coming after John baptize?

The one who was coming after John will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3:15

ULT	UST
But answering, Jesus said to him, "Permit it now, for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permits him.	*Jesus answered him, "Please baptize me at this time. When you do, you and I will be acting appropriately by doing what God requires." After Jesus said that, John agreed to baptize him.*

What did Jesus say to John that convinced John to baptize Jesus?

Jesus said that it was right for John to baptize Jesus in order to fulfill all righteousness.

Matthew 3:16

ULT	UST
Now, having been baptized, Jesus immediately came up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove, resting upon him,	*Right after John baptized him, Jesus walked out of the River Jordan. Then, God allowed him to see into heaven! He saw that the Holy Spirit, who looked like a small bird, was descending from heaven and landing on him.*

What did Jesus see when he came up from the water?

When he came up from the water, Jesus saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and resting on him.

Matthew 3:17

ULT	UST
and behold, a voice from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."	*Then God spoke from heaven! He declared, "This man is my Son, the one whom I love dearly. What he does pleases me."*

What did the voice from heaven say after Jesus was baptized?

The voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 4

Matthew 4:1

ULT	UST
Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.	*After that, the Holy Spirit took Jesus into a desolate area. That way, the ruling evil spirit could try to make him sin.*

Who led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil?

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:2

ULT	UST
And having fasted 40 days and 40 nights, afterward he was hungry.	*He did not eat any food for 40 days. After that, he was hungry.*

How long did Jesus fast in the wilderness?

Jesus fasted 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness.

Matthew 4:3

ULT	UST
And having approached, the one tempting said to him, "If you are the Son of God, speak so that these stones might become loaves."	*Then the devil arrived. He wanted to make Jesus sin. He said to Jesus, "Show me that you really are God's Son. Command these stones to become loaves of bread for you to eat."*

What was the first temptation that the devil presented to Jesus?

The devil tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread.

Matthew 4:4

ULT	UST
But he, answering, said, "It is written, 'Man will not live on bread alone, but by every word coming through the mouth of God.'"	*Jesus responded, "I will not do that, because Moses wrote in the Scriptures, 'People need more than food to stay alive. They also need to do everything that God tells them to do.'"*

What was Jesus' answer to the first temptation?

Jesus said that man will not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:5-6

What was the second temptation that the devil presented to Jesus?

The devil tempted Jesus to throw himself down from the temple.

Matthew 4:7

ULT	UST
Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You will not test the Lord your God.’”	*Jesus responded, “Again, I will not do that, because Moses wrote in the Scriptures, ‘Do not provoke the Lord your God to see what he will do.’”*

What was Jesus’ answer to the second temptation?

Jesus said that you must not test the Lord your God.

Matthew 4:8-9

What was the third temptation that the devil presented to Jesus?

The devil tempted Jesus to worship him in return for all the kingdoms of the world.

Matthew 4:10

ULT	UST
Then Jesus says to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written, ‘You will worship the Lord your God, and you will serve only him.’”	*After that, Jesus responded, “Leave me, Satan! I will not worship you, because Moses wrote in the Scriptures, ‘You must only worship the Lord your God. He is the only one you may honor as God.’”*

What was Jesus’ answer to the third temptation?

Jesus said that you must worship the Lord your God and must serve him only.

Matthew 4:15-16

What was fulfilled by Jesus’ move to Capernaum in Galilee?

The prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled which said that the people in Galilee would see a great light.

Matthew 4:17

ULT	UST
From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has come near."	*After he went to live in the town of Capernaum, Jesus started proclaiming, "Stop doing what is wrong! You should do that because God is about to establish his heavenly kingdom here."*

What message did Jesus then begin to preach?

Jesus preached, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has drawn near."

Matthew 4:18

ULT	UST
Now walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.	*One day, Jesus was walking next to the Sea of Galilee. He saw two men: Simon, who also had the name Peter, and Simon's younger brother Andrew. They earned money by catching and selling fish. When Jesus saw them, they were using nets to try to catch fish.*

How did Peter and Andrew make their living?

Peter and Andrew were fisherman.

Matthew 4:19

ULT	UST
And he says to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."	*Jesus commanded them, "Come with me and be my apprentices. I will teach you how to gather people to be my apprentices, just as you have been gathering fish."*

What did Jesus say he would make Peter and Andrew?

Jesus said that he would make Peter and Andrew fishers of men.

Matthew 4:21

ULT	UST
And having gone on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother in the boat with Zebedee their father mending their nets, and he called them,	*Jesus kept walking next to the sea. Then, he saw two more men: James, the son of Zebedee, and James' younger brother John. When Jesus saw them, they were preparing their fishing tools in a boat with their father, Zebedee. Jesus commanded them, "Come with me and be my apprentices."*

How did James and John make their living?

James and John were fisherman.

Matthew 4:23

ULT	UST
And he was going around in all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.	*Jesus visited all the towns in the region of Galilee. He instructed people when they gathered in the Jewish meeting places. He proclaimed the good news about God's kingdom. He cured many Jewish people who were sick in any way.*

At this time, where did Jesus go to teach?

Jesus taught in the synagogues of Galilee.

Matthew 4:24

ULT	UST
And the news of him went out into all Syria, and they brought to him all the ones having sickness, being afflicted by various diseases and pains, and being possessed by demons, and the epileptic and the paralytic, and he healed them.	*Many people who lived in the region of Syria heard about him. They took to him many people who were suffering, people who were sick or hurting, people with demons, and people who could not move or who had seizures. Jesus healed them.*

What kind of people were brought to Jesus, and what did Jesus do with them?

All those who were sick and demon possessed were brought to Jesus, and Jesus healed them.

Matthew 4:25

ULT	UST
And large crowds followed him from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and beyond the Jordan.	*Large groups of people went wherever Jesus went. These people came from the region of Galilee, from the region of the Ten Towns, from the city of Jerusalem, from the region of Judea, and from the east side of the Jordan River.*

How many people were following Jesus at this time?

Great multitudes were following Jesus at this time.

Matthew 5

Matthew 5:3

ULT	UST
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.	*“It is very good for those who do not have spiritual strength. That is because they are part of God’s heavenly kingdom.*

Why are the poor in spirit blessed?

The poor in spirit are blessed because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:4

ULT	UST
Blessed are the ones mourning, for they will be comforted.	*It is very good for those who grieve. That is because God will encourage them.*

Why are those who mourn blessed?

Those who mourn are blessed because they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:5

ULT	UST
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.	*It is very good for those who are gentle. That is because God will give them the world when he renews it.*

Why are the meek blessed?

The meek are blessed because they will inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:6

ULT	UST
Blessed are the ones hungering and thirsting for righteousness, for they will be fed.	*It is very good for those who greatly desire to do what is right. That is because God will enable them to do what they desire to do.*

Why are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness blessed?

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed because they will be filled.

Matthew 5:11-12

Why are those who are insulted and persecuted for Jesus' sake blessed?

Those who are insulted and persecuted for Jesus' sake are blessed because great is their reward in heaven.

Matthew 5:15-16

How do believers let their light shine before people?

Believers let their light shine before people by doing good deeds.

Matthew 5:17

ULT	UST
Do not think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I came not to destroy but to fulfill.	*You should not conclude that I am here to abolish any parts of the Scriptures. I am not here to abolish them. Rather, I am here so that they come true.*

What did Jesus come to do with the law and the prophets of the Old Testament?

Jesus came to fulfill the law and the prophets of the Old Testament.

Matthew 5:19

ULT	UST
Therefore, whoever annuls one of the least of these commandments and teaches men to do so will be called least in the kingdom of the heavens. But whoever does and teaches them, that one will be called great in the kingdom of the heavens.	*So then, suppose that someone disregards even one of the most insignificant laws. Also, suppose that this person teaches other people to do the same thing. This person will be insignificant in God's heavenly kingdom. In contrast, suppose that someone obeys the laws and teaches other people to do the same thing. This person will be very important in God's heavenly kingdom.*

Who will be called great in the kingdom of heaven?

Those who keep God's commandments and who teach them to others will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:21-22

Jesus taught that not only those who murder are in danger of the judgment, but also those who do what?

Jesus taught that not only those who murder, but also those who are angry with their brother are in danger of the judgment.

Matthew 5:23-24

What did Jesus teach we should do if our brother has anything against us?

Jesus taught that we should go and be reconciled to our brother if he has anything against us.

Matthew 5:25

ULT	UST
Be in agreement with your accuser quickly while you are with him on the way, lest your accuser might hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison.	*Suppose that someone intends to say to a judge that you did something wrong. You should try to resolve what happened before that person can speak to the judge. That way, the person does not bring you to the judge, who would command one of the officials to put you in jail.*

What did Jesus teach we should do with our accuser before reaching court?

Jesus taught that we should try to come to an agreement with our accuser before reaching court.

Matthew 5:27-28

Jesus taught that it was not only wrong to commit adultery, but also to do what?

Jesus taught that it was not only wrong to commit adultery, but also to lust after a woman.

Matthew 5:29-30

What did Jesus say we must do with anything that causes us to sin?

Jesus said that we must get rid of anything that causes us to sin.

Matthew 5:32

ULT	UST
But I say to you that everyone divorcing his wife, except for a report of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery. And whoever marries the one who has been divorced commits adultery.	*Now here is what I want to tell you: a man may divorce his wife only if she has had improper sex. When a man divorces his wife for any other reason, he makes her disobey what God commanded about being sexually faithful to one's spouse. Further, any man who marries a woman whose husband has divorced her also disobeys what God commanded about being sexually faithful to one's spouse.*

For what cause did Jesus allow divorce?

For the cause of sexual immorality did Jesus allow divorce.

What does a husband cause his wife to become if he divorces her wrongly and she remarries?

A husband causes his wife to become an adulteress if he divorces her wrongly and she remarries.

Matthew 5:37

ULT	UST
But let your word be 'Yes, yes,' or 'No, no.' But anything greater than this is from the evil one.	*When you promise something, just say 'Yes, I will do it,' or 'No, I will not do it.' When you say more to guarantee what you promised, you are doing what Satan wants you to do.*

Instead of swearing oaths to various earthly things, what does Jesus say our speech should be like?

Jesus says that instead of swearing oaths by all these things we should let our speech be, "Yes, yes," or "No, no."

Matthew 5:38-39

What did Jesus teach we should do with one who is evil toward us?

Jesus taught that we should not resist one who is evil toward us.

Matthew 5:43-44

What did Jesus teach we should do with our enemies and with those who persecute us?

Jesus taught that we should love and pray for our enemies and for those who persecute us.

Matthew 5:46-47

Why did Jesus say that we must not only love those who love us, but also love our enemies?

Jesus said that if we only love those who love us, we do not receive a reward because we are only doing what the Gentiles already do.

Matthew 6

Matthew 6:2

ULT	UST
So when you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before yourself even as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets so that they may be glorified by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.	*Whenever some people give money to help poor people, they have someone announce what they are doing by playing a loud instrument in the Jewish meeting places and in the main roads. They pretend to help others, but they just want other people to praise them. God will not reward them any more than that. What I have said is true. So, you should not behave like that.*

What is the reward of those who do their acts of righteousness to be seen by people?

Those who do their acts of righteousness to be seen by people receive the praise of people as their reward.

Matthew 6:3-4

How should we do our acts of righteousness in order to be rewarded by the Father?

We should do our acts of righteousness in private.

Matthew 6:5

ULT	UST
And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray, having stood in the synagogues and on the corners of the street, so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.	*Whenever some people pray to God, they enjoy doing so while standing in the Jewish meeting places and on the street corners. They pretend to focus on praying, but they just want other people to recognize them. God will not reward them any more than that. What I have said is true. So, you should not behave like that.*

What reward do those receive who are hypocrites praying to be seen by people?

Those who are hypocrites praying to be seen by people receive their reward from people.

Matthew 6:6

ULT	UST
But you, when you pray, enter into your inner chamber, and having shut your door, pray to your Father in secret, and your Father seeing in secret will reward you.	*In contrast, when you want to pray to God, you should go to a private room in your house and close the door. Then, you can pray to God your Father, who is there with you in private. When he observes you doing that privately, he will reward you.*

Those who pray in private receive a reward from whom?

Those who pray in private receive a reward from the Father.

Matthew 6:7-8

Why does Jesus say we should not pray with useless repetitions?

Jesus says we should not pray with useless repetitions because the Father knows what we need before we ask him.

Matthew 6:10

ULT	UST
Let your kingdom come, let your will be done as in heaven also on earth.	*May you establish your kingdom. May everyone do what you want here on earth, just as they already do in heaven.*

Where should we ask the Father that his will be done?

We should ask the Father that his will be done on earth, as it is already done in heaven.

Matthew 6:15

ULT	UST
But if you do not forgive the men, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.	*However, God your Father will not forgive you when you sin against him as long as you do not forgive other people.*

If we do not forgive others of their debts to us, what will the Father do?

If we do not forgive others of their debts to us, the Father will not forgive our debts.

Matthew 6:16-18

How should we fast so that we receive a reward from the Father?

We should fast without appearing to people as fasting, and then the Father will reward us.

Matthew 6:19-20

Where should we store up treasure, and why?

We should store up treasure in heaven, because it cannot be destroyed or stolen there.

Matthew 6:21

ULT	UST
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.	*That is important because you think and care most about the place where you collect valuable things.*

What will be where our treasure is?

Our heart will be where our treasure is.

Matthew 6:24

ULT	UST
No one is able to serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and will love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and will despise the other. You are not able to serve God and wealth.	*Servants cannot serve two different masters at the same time. If they tried to do that, they would hate one of them and love the other one, or they would be loyal to one of them and consider the other one to be unimportant. In the same way, you cannot devote your life to serving God if you are also devoting your life to acquiring money and other material possessions.*

Which two masters must we choose between?

We must choose between God and wealth as our masters.

Matthew 6:25-26

Why should we not worry about food, drink, and clothes?

We should not worry about food, drink, and clothes because the Father even takes care of the birds, and we are of much more value than they.

Matthew 6:27

ULT	UST
But which of you, being anxious, is able to add one cubit to his lifespan?	*You cannot add even a minute to your life by worrying about it!*

What does Jesus remind us we cannot do by being anxious?

Jesus reminds us that we cannot add one cubit to our lifespan by being anxious.

Matthew 6:33

ULT	UST
But seek first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.	*You should concentrate primarily on what you can do for God's kingdom and on doing what God considers to be right. When you do those things, you can trust God to provide everything you need.*

What must we seek first, and all our earthly needs will then be provided?

We must seek first the kingdom and the Father's righteousness, and then all our earthly needs will be provided.

Matthew 7

Matthew 7:3-5

What must we do first before we can clearly see to help our brother?

We must first judge ourselves and remove the log from our own eye before we can help our brother.

Matthew 7:6

ULT	UST
You should neither give the holy to the dogs nor should you throw your pearls in front of the pigs. Otherwise, they will trample them under their feet, and having turned, they will tear you to pieces.	*Apply this saying to how you live: do not present sacred things to dogs, and do not put valuable things in front of pigs. I say that because the pigs will crush your valuable things, and the dogs will destroy the sacred things and then attack you.*

What may happen if you give what is holy to the dogs?

If you give what is holy to the dogs, they may trample it and then turn and tear you to pieces.

Matthew 7:8

ULT	UST
For everyone asking receives; and the one seeking finds; and to the one knocking, it will be opened.	*You should do those things because everyone who keeps asking God for the things they need will receive them. Everyone who seeks those things from God will receive them. If people ask God to make things possible for them, God will act on their behalf.*

What must we do to receive from the Father?

We must ask, seek, and knock in order to receive from the Father.

Matthew 7:11

ULT	UST
Therefore, if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in the heavens give good things to the ones asking him?	*So, even though you people are sinful, you still know how to give good gifts to your children. Therefore, it is even more certain that God your Father, who rules from heaven, will give good things to those who ask him.*

What does the Father give to those who ask him?

The Father gives good things to those who ask him.

Matthew 7:12

ULT	UST
Therefore, all things in as much as you desire that men do to you, in this manner also, you do to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.	*In conclusion, in whatever way you want others to act toward you, that is the way you should act toward them. Then, you will be doing what it says in all the parts of the Scriptures.*

What do the law and the prophets teach us about how to treat others?

The law and prophets teach us to do to others what we want people to do to us.

Matthew 7:13

ULT	UST
Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that is leading to destruction, and there are many entering through it.	

To what does the broad way lead?

The broad way leads to destruction.

Matthew 7:14

ULT	UST
For the gate is narrow and the road has been made narrow that is leading to life, and there are few finding it.	

To what does the narrow way lead?

The narrow way leads to life.

Matthew 7:15-16

How can we recognize false prophets?

We can recognize false prophets by the fruit of their lives.

Matthew 7:21

ULT	UST
Not everyone saying to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but the one doing the will of my Father in the heavens.	*Just calling me your Lord is not enough for you to participate in God's heavenly kingdom. Rather, you need to do what God my Father, who rules from heaven, wants you to do.*

Who will enter into the kingdom of heaven?

Those who do the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 7:22-23

What will Jesus say to many who have prophesied, driven out demons, and done miracles in Jesus' name?

Jesus will say to them, "I never knew you! Get away from me, you evil-doers"!

Matthew 7:24

ULT	UST
Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be compared to a wise man who built his house upon the rock.	*So, all people who hear my teachings and obey them are acting as wise people who construct their homes on top of solid rock.*

Who is like the wise man in Jesus' parable of the two houses?

One who hears Jesus' words and obeys them is like the wise man.

Matthew 7:26

ULT	UST
But everyone hearing these words of mine and not doing them will be compared to a foolish man who built his house upon the sand.	*However, all people who hear my teachings and do not obey them are like foolish people who construct their homes on top of shifting sand.*

Who is like the foolish man in Jesus' parable of the two houses?

One who hears Jesus' words and does not obey them is like the foolish man.

Matthew 7:29

ULT	UST
for he was teaching them as having authority, and not as their scribes.	*They felt amazed because he did not teach as the teachers of the Jewish law did. Rather, he taught them like someone whom God had authorized to do so.*

How did Jesus teach the people compared to how the scribes taught?

Jesus taught the people as one who had authority, not as the scribes taught.

Matthew 8

Matthew 8:4

ULT	UST
And Jesus says to him, "See that you tell no one, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."	*Then Jesus told him, "Do not tell anyone what just happened. Instead, go and show yourself to a priest so that he can examine you and see that you no longer have the skin disease. Also, present the offering that Moses required for people whom God has healed from skin disease. This will prove to the community that you no longer have the skin disease."*

Why did Jesus say the healed leper should go to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded?

Jesus told the healed leper to go to the priest for a testimony to them.

Matthew 8:7

ULT	UST
And he says to him, "I, when I have come, will heal him."	*Jesus answered, "I will go to your home and cure him."*

What did Jesus say he would do when the centurion told him about his paralyzed servant?

Jesus said he would go to the centurion's house and heal the servant.

Matthew 8:8

ULT	UST
And answering, the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy that you might enter under my roof, but only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.	*The important officer responded, "Lord, I am not important enough for you to come into my house. Instead of going to my house, you can cure my servant just by speaking a command.*

Why did the centurion say that Jesus did not need to come to his house?

The centurion said that he was not worthy to have Jesus in his house, and that Jesus could just say the word and heal the servant.

Matthew 8:10

ULT	UST
But having heard this, Jesus was amazed and said to the ones following him, "Truly I say to you, I have found such great faith from no one in Israel.	*What the officer said impressed Jesus. Jesus declared to the people who were with him, "I have not met any Israelite who trusts me as much as this man does! What I have said is true.*

What compliment did Jesus give the centurion?

Jesus said that not even in Israel had he found anyone with so much faith as the centurion.

Matthew 8:11

ULT	UST
But I tell you that many will come from east and west, and they will recline to eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of the heavens.	*So, here is what I want to tell you: many people from every part of the world, including many non-Jewish people, will arrive in God's heavenly kingdom. They will feast along with our Jewish ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*

Who did Jesus say would come and recline at table in the kingdom of heaven?

Jesus said that many would come from the east and the west and recline at table in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 8:12

ULT	UST
But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth."	*However, God will cast out many people who think that they will participate in his kingdom. He will punish them in a dark place, where they will cry and sorrowfully grind their teeth."*

Who did Jesus say would be thrown into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth?

Jesus said that the sons of the kingdom would be thrown into outer darkness.

Matthew 8:14-15

Who did Jesus heal when he entered Peter's house?

Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law when he entered Peter's house.

Matthew 8:17

ULT	UST
so that might be fulfilled that which had been spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "He himself took our sicknesses and bore our diseases."	*So, what God said by speaking through the prophet Isaiah came true: "When we were sick, he helped us. When we were ill, he cured us."*

What prophecy from Isaiah was fulfilled as Jesus healed all who were demon-possessed and sick?

Isaiah's prophecy, "He himself took our sickness and bore our diseases," was fulfilled.

Matthew 8:20

ULT	UST
And Jesus says to him, "The foxes have dens, and the birds of the sky, nests, but the Son of Man does not have a place where he might lay his head."	*Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes in the ground to live in, and birds have nests to live in, but I, the Son of Man, do not have a home to sleep in!"*

What did Jesus say about the way he lived when the scribe asked to follow him?

Jesus said that he had no permanent home.

Matthew 8:21-22

When a disciple asked to go bury his father before following Jesus, what did Jesus say?

Jesus told the disciple to follow him, and to leave the dead to bury their own dead.

Matthew 8:24

ULT	UST
And behold, a great storm happened on the sea, so that the boat was covered by the waves. But he was sleeping.	*As they were sailing a strong windstorm developed over the Sea of Galilee! Very high waves were splashing into the boat and filling it, but Jesus was asleep.*

What was Jesus doing in the boat when the great storm arose on the sea?

Jesus was sleeping when the great storm arose on the sea.

Matthew 8:26

ULT	UST
And he says to them, "Why are you cowardly, you of little faith?" Then, having gotten up, he rebuked the winds and the sea, and a great calm happened.	*Jesus answered, "You should not be so afraid. You should trust God more than you do!" Then he stood up. He scolded the wind and the water, and everything became calm.*

When the disciples woke Jesus up because they were afraid of dying, what did Jesus say to them?

Jesus said to the disciples, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?"

Matthew 8:27

ULT	UST
But the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is he, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"	*What happened impressed the apprentices. They wondered, "What kind of person is Jesus? The wind and the water do what he says!"*

Why were the disciples marveling at Jesus after there was calm?

The disciples marveled at Jesus because the winds and the sea obeyed him.

Matthew 8:28

ULT	UST
And when he had come to the other side, to the region of the Gadarenes, two men met him, being possessed by demons, coming out of the tombs, very violent, so that no one was strong enough to pass through that road.	*After that, they arrived on the other side of the Sea of Galilee, in the region where the Gadarene people lived. When they landed, two men whom demons controlled came up to Jesus. They came from the burial caves. They were strong and dangerous. Because of them, no one could travel on the road that went near the burial caves.*

What kind of men met Jesus when he came to the country of the Gadarenes?

Jesus met two demon-possessed men who were very violent.

Matthew 8:29

ULT	UST
And behold, they cried out, saying, "What to us and to you, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the set time?"	*They shouted to Jesus, "Leave us alone, you who are God's Son! You should not arrive to punish us before it is the time that God has appointed."*

What was the concern of the demons speaking through the men to Jesus?

The demons were concerned that Jesus had come to torment them before the set time.

Matthew 8:32

ULT	UST
And he said to them, "Go!" And they, having come out, went away into the pigs; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep slope into the sea, and they died in the water.	*Jesus answered, "I will allow that!" So, the demons left the men and began to control the pigs. Then, the whole herd of pigs rushed down the steep bank into the Sea of Galilee! They died there in the sea.*

What happened when Jesus cast out the demons?

When Jesus cast out the demons, they entered a herd of pigs and the pigs rushed into the sea and perished.

Matthew 8:34

ULT	UST
And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And having seen him, they begged him that he would depart from their region.	*Then many people who lived in that town went to see Jesus! When they met him, they pleaded with him to leave their area.*

What did the people beg Jesus to do when they came out of the city to meet him?

The people begged Jesus to leave their region.

Matthew 9

Matthew 9:3-5

Why did some of the scribes think that Jesus was blaspheming God?

Some of the scribes thought that Jesus was blaspheming God because Jesus told the paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven.

Matthew 9:5-6

Why did Jesus say he had told the paralytic that his sins were forgiven, instead of telling him to get up and walk?

Jesus had told the paralytic that his sins were forgiven to demonstrate that he had authority on earth to forgive sins.

Matthew 9:8

ULT	UST
Now when the crowds had seen this, they were afraid and glorified God, having given such authority to men.	*Once the large groups of people who were near Jesus saw what had happened, they felt afraid. Also, they praised God for enabling people to do such amazing things.*

Why did the people praise God when they saw the paralytic man's sins forgiven and his body healed?

They were overawed and praised God, who had given such authority to men.

Matthew 9:9

ULT	UST
And Jesus, passing on from there, saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's office, and he says to him, "Follow me." And having gotten up, he followed him.	*As Jesus was walking away from that place, he noticed a man whom people called Matthew. Matthew was sitting in the booth where the people came to pay him the taxes that the government required. Jesus said to him, "Come with me and be my apprentice!" So Matthew stood up and went with him as his apprentice.*

What was Matthew's occupation before he followed Jesus?

Matthew was a tax collector before he followed Jesus.

Matthew 9:10

ULT	UST
And it happened that he was reclining to eat in the house, and behold, many tax collectors and sinners, having come, were dining with Jesus and his disciples.	*Later, Jesus was feasting in Matthew's home. Many people who collected taxes and other sinful people arrived! They feasted with Jesus and his apprentices.*

With whom did Jesus and his disciples eat?

Jesus and his disciples ate with tax collectors and sinful people.

Matthew 9:13

ULT	UST
But having gone, learn what this is: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."	*You should study and learn from what God has said in the Scriptures: 'What I most want is that people treat each other mercifully, not that people present offerings to me.' Much like that, I am here not to invite those who think they are righteous to come to me. Rather, I invite those who know that they have sinned to come to me."*

Who did Jesus say he came to call to repentance?

Jesus said he came to call sinners to repentance.

Matthew 9:15

ULT	UST
And Jesus said to them, "The sons of the bridal chamber are not able to mourn while the bridegroom is still with them, are they? But days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.	*Jesus answered, "The friends of the bridegroom do not grieve while the wedding celebration is still going on. However, someday the bridegroom will no longer be with his friends. Then they will not eat.*

Why did Jesus say his disciples were not fasting?

Jesus said his disciples were not fasting because he was still with them.

When did Jesus say his disciples would fast?

Jesus said his disciples would fast when he was taken away from them.

Matthew 9:20-21

ULT	UST
	Now there was a woman who had been suffering for 12 years from a disease that caused continual bleeding. She thought, "Just touching Jesus' robe will cure me." So, she approached Jesus from behind, and she touched the hem of his robe.

What did the woman with severe bleeding do, and why?

The woman with severe bleeding touched the edge of Jesus' garment thinking that if she only touched his garment, she would be made well.

Matthew 9:22

ULT	UST
But Jesus, having turned and having seen her, said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has saved you." And the woman was saved from that hour.	*After the woman touched Jesus' robe, Jesus turned around and looked at her. He said to her, "Do not worry, young woman. Because you believed that I could heal you, you are now well." At that very moment, the woman became well.*

What did Jesus say had made the woman with severe bleeding well?

Jesus said that the woman with severe bleeding had been made well by her faith.

Matthew 9:24

ULT	UST
said, "Go away, for the girl has not died, but sleeps." And they were laughing at him.	*He said to these people, "Leave! The young woman is not dead! She is only sleeping." Then, the people made fun of him for saying that.*

Why did the people laugh at Jesus when he entered the Jewish official's house?

The people laughed at Jesus because Jesus said that the girl was not dead, but sleeping.

Matthew 9:26

ULT	UST
And this report went out into all that region.	*After that, people throughout that whole area heard about what Jesus had done.*

What happened after Jesus raised the girl from the dead?

News about Jesus raising the girl from the dead spread into all that region.

Matthew 9:27

ULT	UST
And as Jesus was departing from there, two blind men followed him, crying out and saying, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"	*When Jesus left the important man's house, two men who were blind went with him. They were shouting, "You who are a descendant of King David, help us!"*

What did the two blind men keep shouting at Jesus?

The two blind men kept shouting, "Have mercy on us, Son of David"!

Matthew 9:29

ULT	UST
Then he touched their eyes, saying, "Let it be done to you according to your faith."	*After they said that, he touched their eyes. He declared, "I will do for you what you have trusted me to do."*

Jesus healed the two blind men according to what?

Jesus healed the two blind men according to their faith.

Matthew 9:34

ULT	UST
But the Pharisees were saying, "By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons."	*However, the Pharisees declared, "It is the leader of the demons who enables this man to drive out demons!"*

After Jesus healed the mute man, what accusation did the Pharisees make against him?

The Pharisees accused Jesus of driving out demons by the ruler of demons.

Matthew 9:36

ULT	UST
Now, having seen the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were troubled and discouraged, like sheep not having a shepherd.	*Jesus observed that the large groups of people who traveled wherever he went seemed upset and confused. They were like sheep who did not have a sheepherder to lead them and to take care of them. So, Jesus pitied them.*

Why did Jesus have compassion on the crowds?

Jesus had compassion on the crowds because they were worried and confused, and were like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:38

ULT	UST
Therefore, earnestly ask the Lord of the harvest, so that he might send out laborers into his harvest."	*So pray to God, who wants all of those people to believe, and plead with him for more people who can go and help them."*

For what did Jesus tell his disciples to pray urgently?

Jesus told his disciples to pray urgently that the Lord of the harvest send out laborers into his harvest.

Matthew 10

Matthew 10:1

ULT	UST
And having summoned his 12 disciples, he gave them authority over unclean spirits, so as to cast them out and to heal every disease and every sickness.	*Then, Jesus told his 12 apprentices to come to him. He authorized them to drive demons out of people and to cure people who were sick in any way.*

What authority did Jesus give his twelve disciples?

Jesus gave his twelve disciples authority to drive out unclean spirits, and to heal all kinds of diseases.

Matthew 10:4

ULT	UST
Simon the Cananaios, and Judas Iscariot, the one having also handed him over.	*Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who eventually helped to arrest Jesus.*

What is the name of the disciple who would betray Jesus?

The name of the disciple who would betray Jesus was Judas Iscariot.

Matthew 10:6

ULT	UST
But go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.	*Instead, go to your fellow Israelites. They are like sheep who have wandered off and need help.*

Where did Jesus send his disciples at this time?

Jesus sent his disciples only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 10:9-10

Were the disciples to carry any money or extra clothes with them?

No, the disciples were not to carry any money or extra clothes with them.

Matthew 10:11

ULT	UST
But whatever city or village you enter into, find someone who is worthy in it and stay there until you go out.	*When you visit a city or town, look for someone who lives there who welcomes you. When you find such a person, stay in that person's home until you leave that area.*

Where were the disciples to stay when they went from village to village?

The disciples were to find someone worthy in the village and stay there until they left.

Matthew 10:14-15

What would be the judgment on the cities that did not receive the disciples or listen to their words?

The judgment on the cities that did not receive the disciples or listen to their words would be worse than the judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah.

Matthew 10:17-18

What did Jesus say people would do to the disciples?

Jesus said that people would deliver the disciples up to councils, whip them, and bring them before governors and kings.

Matthew 10:20

ULT	UST
For you are not the one speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.	*You can be sure of that because the Holy Spirit, whom God your Father sends, will reveal to you what to say. You will not speak for yourself.*

Who would speak through the disciples when they were delivered up?

The Spirit of the Father would speak through the disciples when they were delivered up.

Matthew 10:22

ULT	UST
And you will be hated by all because of my name, but the one having endured to the end, this one will be saved.	*Because you are my apprentices, many people will be hostile to you. However, if you persevere in being my apprentices while people harm you, God will rescue you.*

Who did Jesus say would be saved in the end?

Jesus said that those who endure to the end will be saved.

Matthew 10:24-25

How would those who hated Jesus treat Jesus' disciples?

Those who hated Jesus would also hate his disciples.

Matthew 10:28

ULT	UST
And do not be afraid of the ones killing the body but not being able to kill the soul. But instead, fear the one being able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.	*Do not be afraid of people. They can kill you physically, but they cannot kill you spiritually. Instead, you should be afraid of God. He can destroy you both spiritually and physically in hell.*

Who did Jesus say we are not to fear?

We are not to fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul.

Who did Jesus say we are to fear?

We are to fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:32

ULT	UST
Therefore, everyone who will confess about me before men, I will also confess about him before my Father in the heavens.	*If people tell others that they are my apprentices, then I will say to God my Father, who rules from heaven, that those people are my apprentices.*

What will Jesus do for everyone who confesses him before men?

Jesus will confess him before the Father in heaven.

Matthew 10:33

ULT	UST
But whoever denies me before men, I will also deny him before my Father in the heavens.	*However, if they tell others that they are not my apprentices, then I will say to God my Father, who rules from heaven, that those people are not my apprentices.*

What will Jesus do for everyone who denies him before men?

Jesus will deny him before the Father in heaven.

Matthew 10:34-36

What kind of divisions did Jesus say he came to bring?

Jesus said that he came to bring divisions even within households.

Matthew 10:39

ULT	UST
The one having found his life will lose it, and the one having lost his life for my sake will find it.	*People who do anything to stay alive will not truly live. However, people who are willing to die because they are my apprentices will truly live.*

What will someone find who loses his life for Jesus' sake?

Someone who loses his life for Jesus' sake will find his life.

Matthew 10:42

ULT	UST
And whoever gives to one of these little ones a cup of cold water to drink only in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you, he will certainly not lose his reward."	*As for those who offer an unimportant person cold water to drink just because they know that person is my apprentice, God will most certainly reward them. What I have said is true."*

What will someone receive who gives even a cup of cold water to an unimportant disciple?

Someone who gives even a cup of cold water to an unimportant disciple will receive his reward.

Matthew 11

Matthew 11:1

ULT	UST
And it happened that when Jesus had finished giving orders to his 12 disciples, he departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.	*So, Jesus completed instructing his 12 apprentices about what they should do. Then, he left that place in order to proclaim the good news to people in the towns throughout the area.*

What did Jesus finish before he departed to teach and preach in the cities?

Jesus finished instructing his 12 disciples before he departed.

Matthew 11:3

ULT	UST
said to him, "Are you the one coming, or should we expect another?"	*to ask Jesus, "Are you the one whom God promised would come, or should we be waiting for someone else?"*

What was the message John the Baptist sent to Jesus?

John the Baptist sent the message, "Are you the Coming One, or is there another person we should be looking for?"

Matthew 11:5

ULT	UST
The blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised, and the poor are being told the gospel.	*People who were blind are now seeing. People who could not walk are now walking. People who had skin diseases no longer have them. People who were deaf can now hear. People who were dead are alive again. I am proclaiming good news to poor people.*

What did Jesus say was happening as evidence that he was the Coming One?

Jesus said the sick were being healed, the dead were being raised, and the needy were being told the good news.

Matthew 11:6

ULT	UST
And blessed is whoever is not caused to stumble on me.”	*God will bless anyone who sees what I do and hears what I teach and continues to believe in me.”*

What did Jesus promise for those who found no occasion of stumbling in him?

Jesus promised a blessing for those who found no occasion of stumbling in him.

Matthew 11:9-10

What did Jesus say was the role John the Baptist played in his life?

Jesus said that John the Baptist was the prophesied messenger who would prepare the way before the Coming One.

Matthew 11:14

ULT	UST
and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah, the one being about to come.	*In fact, if you trust what I say, you can know that John is the one whom God promised would come, the one who is like the prophet Elijah.*

Who did Jesus say that John the Baptist was?

Jesus said that John the Baptist was Elijah.

Matthew 11:18

ULT	UST
For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’	*Similarly, when John came to you and often did not eat or drink, people rejected him and said, ‘A demon is controlling him!’*

What did that generation say about John the Baptist who came not eating bread or drinking wine?

That generation said that John the Baptist had a demon.

Matthew 11:19

ULT	UST
The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold a man, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom has been justified by her children."	*But when I, the Son of Man, came to you and I enjoyed food and drink, people rejected me and said, 'Look! This man eats too much food and drinks too much wine, and he associates with people who collect taxes and other sinful people!' But those who are wise themselves recognize that what John and I do is also wise."*

What did that generation say about Jesus who came eating and drinking?

That generation said that Jesus was a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and sinners.

Matthew 11:20

ULT	UST
Then he began to rebuke the cities in which most of his miracles were done, because they had not repented.	*Now people who lived in the towns where Jesus had done many powerful things did not stop doing what was wrong. So, Jesus began to scold them:*

What did Jesus declare regarding the cities where his great deeds were done, yet they had not repented?

Jesus rebuked the cities where his great deeds were, yet they had not repented.

Matthew 11:25

ULT	UST
At that time, answering, Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you concealed these things from the wise and intelligent and revealed them to little children.	*Then Jesus responded by praying, "God my Father, you are Lord over everything you have made. I praise you that you have prevented people who think they are smart from understanding things. Instead, you have revealed them to people who accept what you say as readily as little children do.*

Jesus praised the Father for concealing the kingdom of heaven from whom?

Jesus praised the Father for concealing the kingdom of heaven from the wise and understanding.

Jesus praised the Father for revealing the kingdom of heaven to whom?

Jesus praised the Father for revealing the kingdom of heaven to those who were untaught, like little children.

Matthew 11:27

ULT	UST
All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son, and to whomever the Son desires to reveal him.	*Then Jesus told the people who were there, "God, my Father, has given everything to me. Only my Father really knows me, his Son. And only I, his Son, really know my Father. But I do choose to show some people who he is.*

Who did Jesus say knows the Father?

Jesus said that he knows the Father, and anyone to whom he desires to reveal him.

Matthew 11:28

ULT	UST
Come to me, all the ones laboring and heavy burdened, and I will give you rest.	*Many of you feel tired and are struggling. Become my apprentices! I will enable you to rest.*

To whom did Jesus promise rest?

Jesus promised rest to all who labor and are heavy burdened.

Matthew 12

Matthew 12:2

ULT	UST
But the Pharisees, having seen this, said to him, "Behold, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath."	*Some Pharisees saw the apprentices picking grain. They said to Jesus, "Look! Your apprentices are working on the Jewish day of rest. Our law forbids us to do that."*

What were Jesus' disciples doing that the Pharisees complained about to him?

The Pharisees complained that Jesus' disciples were plucking heads of grain and eating them, which they believed was unlawful to do on the Sabbath.

Matthew 12:6

ULT	UST
But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here.	*However, I want you to know that there is now something even more important than the Jewish sanctuary.*

Who did Jesus say was greater than the temple?

Jesus said that he was greater than the temple.

Matthew 12:8

ULT	UST
For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."	*I say those things because I, the Son of Man, can decide what is right for people to do during the Jewish day of rest!"*

What authority does the Son of Man, Jesus, have?

The Son of Man, Jesus, is Lord of the Sabbath.

Matthew 12:10

ULT	UST
And behold, a man having a withered hand, and they questioned him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbaths?" so that they might accuse him.	*Now there was a man there who could not move his hand. The Pharisees wanted to accuse Jesus of disobeying the laws about not working on the Sabbath. So, they asked Jesus, "Does our law allow us to cure people from their diseases during Jewish days of rest?"*

What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus in the synagogue in front of the man with the dried up hand?

The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

Matthew 12:12

ULT	UST
How much more valuable, then, is a man than a sheep? Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbaths."	*Therefore, since people are more important than sheep, you should help others even more than you help sheep on Jewish days of rest. So then, the laws that God gave Moses allow people to do what is good on Jewish days of rest."*

What did Jesus say it was lawful to do on the Sabbath?

Jesus said it was lawful to do good on the Sabbath.

Matthew 12:14

ULT	UST
But having gone out, the Pharisees took counsel against him so that they might destroy him.	*Then the Pharisees left the Jewish meeting place. They started planning how they could kill Jesus.*

When the Pharisees saw Jesus heal the man with the dried up hand, what did they do?

The Pharisees went out and plotted against him and seeking how they might destroy him.

Matthew 12:18

ULT	UST
“Behold, my servant whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul was well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will announce justice to the Gentiles.	*“Consider the one who serves me, whom I selected. I love him, and what he does pleases me. I will empower him with the Holy Spirit. He will declare to the non-Jews that I do what is right.*

In Isaiah’s prophecy about Jesus, who would hear God’s judgment and have confidence in Jesus?

The Gentiles would hear God’s judgment and have confidence in Jesus.

Matthew 12:19-20

In Isaiah’s prophecy about Jesus, what would Jesus not do?

Jesus would not strive, cry aloud, break a bruised reed, or quench smoking flax.

Matthew 12:26

ULT	UST
And if Satan casts out Satan, he has been divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?	*Suppose that Satan enabled people to force out his own demons. In that case, he would be fighting against himself. So, he would soon cease to rule over the demons!*

How did Jesus respond to the accusation that he cast out demons by Beelzebub?

Jesus said that if Satan drives out Satan, then how will Satan’s kingdom stand.

Matthew 12:28

ULT	UST
But if I cast out the demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.	*Actually, the Holy Spirit enables me to force out demons. That means that God is establishing his kingdom among you.*

What did Jesus say was happening if he was driving out demons by the Spirit of God?

Jesus said that the kingdom of God had come upon them if he was driving out demons by the Spirit of God.

Matthew 12:31

ULT	UST
For this reason I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy of the Spirit will not be forgiven.	*So then, here is what I want to tell you: God will forgive many people who sin in many ways or say bad things about God or others. However, God will not forgive people who say bad things about the Holy Spirit.*

Which sin did Jesus say will not be forgiven?

Jesus said that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

Matthew 12:33

ULT	UST
Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree rotten and its fruit rotten, for the tree is known by its fruit.	*You must decide either that both a tree and its fruit are healthy or that both a tree and its fruit are unhealthy. I say that because you can tell if a tree is healthy or unhealthy by what kind of fruit it produces. Similarly, you can tell what people are really like by the things that they do.*

By what is a tree known?

A tree is known by its fruit.

Matthew 12:37

ULT	UST
For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."	*In fact, God will declare that you are either innocent or guilty based on what you have said."*

By what did Jesus say the Pharisees would be justified and condemned?

Jesus said that the Pharisees would be justified and condemned by their words.

Matthew 12:39-40

What sign did Jesus say he would give his generation?

Jesus said he would give his generation the sign of Jonah, being in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.

Matthew 12:41

ULT	UST
The men of Nineveh will rise up in 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 people who lived in the ancient city of Nineveh stopped sinning when Jonah preached to them. And now there is something even more important than the prophet Jonah. However, you have not stopped sinning. Therefore, when God judges everyone, the people who lived in Nineveh will stand up and condemn the people who are alive right now.*

Who did Jesus say was greater than Jonah?

Jesus said that he was greater than Jonah.

Why will the men of Nineveh condemn the people of Jesus' generation?

The men of Nineveh will condemn Jesus' generation because they listened to God's word through Jonah, but Jesus' generation did not even listen to the Son of Man, who is greater than Jonah.

Matthew 12:42

ULT	UST
The Queen of the South will stand up in 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.	*Long ago the Queen of Sheba traveled a great distance to listen to the wise things that King Solomon said. And now there is something even more important than Solomon. However, you have not really listened to what I say. Therefore, when God judges everyone, she will stand up and condemn the people who are alive right now.*

Who did Jesus say was greater than Solomon?

Jesus said that he was greater than Solomon.

Matthew 12:43-45

How will Jesus' generation be like a man who has an unclean spirit go away from him?

Jesus' generation will be like a man who has an unclean spirit go away from him, because the unclean spirit returns with seven other spirits and the final condition of the man becomes worse than the first.

Matthew 12:48-50

Who did Jesus say are his brother, sister, and mother?

Jesus said that those who do the will of the Father are his brother, sister, and mother.

Matthew 13

Matthew 13:4

ULT	UST
And as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and the birds came and devoured them.	*As he was scattering them over the soil, some of the seeds fell on the path. Then some birds flew down and ate those seeds up.*

In Jesus' parable of the sower, what happened to the seed that fell on the wayside?

The seed that fell on the wayside was devoured by the birds.

Matthew 13:5-6

In Jesus' parable of the sower, what happened to the seed that fell on rocky ground?

The seed that fell on rocky ground immediately sprang up quickly, but was scorched by the sun and withered away.

Matthew 13:7

ULT	UST
But others fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.	*Other seeds fell onto an area full of thorny plants. These thorny plants grew quickly and crowded out the grain plants.*

In Jesus' parable of the sower, what happened to the seed that fell among the thorn plants?

The seed that fell among the thorn plants was choked by the thorn plants.

Matthew 13:8

ULT	UST
But others fell on good soil and were giving fruit, some 100, and some 60, and some 30.	*Finally, other seeds fell on fertile soil. They sprouted, and the plants produced a crop. Some plants produced 100 grains of wheat each, others produced 60 grains each, and others produced 30 grains each.*

In Jesus' parable of the sower, what happened to the seed that fell on good soil?

The seed that fell on good soil produced grain, some 100 times as much, some 60, and some 30.

Matthew 13:14

ULT	UST
And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'In hearing you will hear, but you will certainly not understand; and seeing, you will see, but you will certainly not perceive.	*What God said by speaking through the prophet Isaiah has come true for them: 'You will hear things, but you will not learn from them. You will look at things, but you will not really see them.*

Isaiah's prophecy said that the people would hear and see, but not what?

Isaiah's prophecy said that the people would hear, but would not understand; they would see, but in no way perceive.

Matthew 13:15

ULT	UST
For the heart of this people has been thickened, and with their ears they have hardly heard, and they have shut their eyes, lest they might see with their eyes, and they might hear with their ears, and they might understand with their heart and turn back, and I would heal them.'	*These people do not understand because they have become stubborn; their ears are almost deaf; and they have closed their eyes because they do not want to see. They do not want to listen or try to understand, for then they would come back to me, and I would welcome and forgive them.'*

What was wrong with the people who heard Jesus but did not understand?

The people who heard Jesus but did not understand had dull hearts, were heavy of hearing, and had closed their eyes.

Matthew 13:19

ULT	UST
Everyone hearing the word of the kingdom and not understanding, the evil one comes and snatches away what had been sown in his heart. This is what was sown beside the road.	*Some people hear the message about God's kingdom, but they do not learn from it. Then Satan comes and takes the message they heard away from their minds. These people are like the seeds that fell on the path.*

In the parable of the sower, what kind of person is the seed sown on the wayside?

The seed sown on the wayside is the person who hears the word of the kingdom but does not understand it; then the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.

Matthew 13:20-21

In the parable of the sower, what kind of person is the seed sown on the rocky ground?

The seed sown on the rocky ground is the person who hears the word and receives it with joy immediately, but stumbles immediately when persecution arises.

Matthew 13:22

ULT	UST
Now the one having been sown among the thorns, this is the one hearing the word, but the worry of this age and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.	*Other people are like the seeds that fell onto an area full of thorny plants. After they hear the message about God's kingdom, they continue to focus on things in this world and on becoming rich, even though being rich is not as helpful as they think it will be. Focusing on these things makes the message ineffective, just as thorny plants crowd out the good plants and keep them from producing a crop.*

In the parable of the sower, what kind of person is the seed sown among the thorn plants?

The seed sown among the thorn plants is the person who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word.

Matthew 13:23

ULT	UST
Now the one having been sown on the good soil, this is the one hearing the word and understanding it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, some 100, and some 60, and some 30."	*Other people are like the seeds that fell on fertile soil. When they hear the message about God's kingdom, they learn from it. They are like the plants that produced a crop. Some plants produced 100 grains of wheat each, others produced 60 grains each, and others produced 30 grains each."*

In the parable of the sower, what kind of person is the seed sown on the good soil?

The seed sown on the good soil is the person who hears the word and understands it, and then produces fruit.

Matthew 13:28

ULT	UST
But he was saying to them, ‘A hostile man did this.’ But the servants say to him, ‘Do you therefore desire that, having gone out, we would gather them?’	*The farmer replied, ‘A person who hates me planted these weed plants.’ Then his servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go to the field and remove all the weeds plants?’*

In the parable of the weeds, who sowed the weeds in the field?

An enemy sowed the weeds in the field.

Matthew 13:30

ULT	UST
Permit both to grow together until the harvest, and at the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather the darnel and tie them in bundles to burn them up but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”	*Allow the wheat and weed plants to grow in the field together until we begin to harvest them. Then, I will command the people who are harvesting, “Pull up the weed plants first. Collect them in groups and burn them. After that, harvest the wheat plants and store the grain in my storehouse.”’”*

What instructions did the landowner give the servants about the weeds and the wheat?

The landowner told the servants to let both grow together until the harvest, and then to gather the weeds to be burned, and the wheat into the barn.

Matthew 13:31-32

In Jesus’ parable of the mustard seed, what happens to the tiny mustard seed?

The mustard seed becomes a tree greater than the garden plants so that the birds nest in its branches.

Matthew 13:33

ULT	UST
He spoke to them another parable: "The kingdom of the heavens is like yeast that a woman, having taken, mixed with three seahs of flour until it was all leavened."	*Then Jesus told the people another story. He said, "Here is what God's heavenly kingdom is like: a woman measured out some yeast and mixed it with about 25 kilograms of flour. The yeast made the whole batch of dough swell up."*

How did Jesus say the kingdom of heaven was like yeast?

Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven was like yeast which was mixed with three measures of flour until it rose.

Matthew 13:37-39

In the parable of the weeds, who sows the good seed, what is the field, who is the good seed, who are the weeds, and who sowed the weeds?

The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world; the good seed are the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the sower of the weeds is the devil.

Matthew 13:39

ULT	UST
and the enemy having sowed them is the devil. And the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.	*The person who hated the farmer and planted the weed seeds is like the devil. The time when the workers begin to harvest the grain is like when this time period will end. The people who are harvesting are like angels.*

In the parable of the weeds, who are the reapers and what does the harvest represent?

The reapers are the angels, and the harvest is the end of the world.

Matthew 13:42

ULT	UST
And they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.	*Then, the angels will cast those things and people into hell, which is like a burning oven. There people will cry and sorrowfully grind their teeth.*

What happens at the end of the world to those who commit iniquity?

At the end of the world, those who commit iniquity are thrown into the furnace of fire.

Matthew 13:43

ULT	UST
Then the righteous will shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. The one having ears, let him hear.	*After that, the people who did what was right will live in God their Father's kingdom. They will be as glorious as the sun when it shines. You should think carefully about what you just heard me say!*

What happens at the end of the world to those who are righteous?

At the end of the world, the righteous shine forth like the sun.

Matthew 13:44

ULT	UST
The kingdom of the heavens is like a treasure hidden in a field, which, having found, a man hid. And from his joy, he goes and sells everything, as much as he has, and buys that field.	*Here is what God's heavenly kingdom is like: A man discovered a secret treasure in a field. He was very happy, but he put the treasure back into its secret place. He went home and sold everything that he owned. Then, he bought the field so that he could have the treasure in it.*

In Jesus' parable, what does the man do who finds in a field the treasure, which represents the kingdom of heaven?

The man who finds the treasure sells everything he possesses and buys the field.

Matthew 13:45-46

In Jesus' parable, what does the man do who finds the one pearl of great value, which represents the kingdom of heaven?

The man who finds the one pearl of great value sells everything that he possesses and buys it.

Matthew 13:47-48

How is the parable of the fishing net like what will happen at the end of the world?

Just as the worthless things from the net were separated from the good and thrown away, at the end of the world the wicked will be separated from the righteous and thrown into the furnace.

Matthew 13:54

ULT	UST
And having come to his hometown, he was teaching them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "From where to this one is this wisdom and these miracles?	*Then Jesus traveled to the city of Nazareth, where he had grown up. He instructed the people there when they gathered in the Jewish meeting place. What he said impressed them, and they said to each other, "We do not know how this man became so wise and powerful.*

What question did the people from his own region ask about Jesus when they heard Jesus teach?

The people asked, "Where does this man get his wisdom from, and these miracles?"

Matthew 13:57

ULT	UST
And they were being caused to stumble on him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his house."	*These people rejected Jesus. So, Jesus told them, "The only ones who do not respect people who speak for God are those from where they grew up and their own families."*

What did Jesus say happens to a prophet in his own country?

Jesus said that a prophet is without honor in his own country.

Matthew 13:58

ULT	UST
And he did not do many miracles there, because of their unbelief.	*Since the people did not trust in him, Jesus did very few powerful things in that place.*

What happened in Jesus' own region because of the people's unbelief?

Because of the people's unbelief, Jesus did not do many miracles in his own region.

Matthew 14

Matthew 14:2

ULT	UST
And he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead, and because of this the powers work in him.”	*He told his attendants, “This man must be John the Baptizer. God has made him alive again, and that is why he does these powerful things.”*

Who did Herod think Jesus was?

Herod thought Jesus was John the Baptist risen from the dead.

Matthew 14:4

ULT	UST
For John was saying to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.”	

What had Herod done unlawfully, about which John the Baptist told him?

Herod had married his brother’s wife.

Matthew 14:5

ULT	UST
And wanting to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they were regarding him as a prophet.	*However, Herod was afraid of the large group of people who believed that John spoke for God. So, even though he wanted to have his soldiers execute John, he did not do that.*

Why did Herod not immediately put John the Baptist to death?

Herod did not immediately put John the Baptist to death because he feared the people, who regarded John as a prophet.

Matthew 14:7

ULT	UST
because of which he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked.	*So, he solemnly promised that he would give her whatever she wanted.*

What did Herod do after the daughter of Herodias danced for him on his birthday?

Herod promised with an oath to give the daughter of Herodias whatever she should ask.

Matthew 14:8

ULT	UST
Now she, having been urged beforehand by her mother, said, "Give me here, on a platter, the head of John the Baptist."	*Her mother, Herodias, had already told her what to ask for. So, she said to Herod, "I want you to cut off John the Baptizer's head and bring it to me here on a plate!"*

For what did the daughter of Herodias ask?

To please her mother, she asked for the head of John the Baptist upon a platter.

Matthew 14:9

ULT	UST
And the king was grieved, but because of the oaths and the ones reclining to eat with him, he commanded it to be given.	*King Herod was sad about what she asked for. However, because he had solemnly promised in front of all his guests to give her what she asked for, he told one of his men to do what she asked.*

Why did Herod give the daughter of Herodias her request?

Herod gave the girl her request because of his oath and because of all the people at dinner with him.

Matthew 14:14

ULT	UST
And having come out, he saw a large crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.	*When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large group of people. He pitied them, and he cured those who were sick.*

What was Jesus' reaction when he saw the large crowd following him?

Jesus had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:16

ULT	UST
But Jesus said to them, "They have no need to go away. You give them to eat."	*Jesus replied, "They do not need to leave to buy food. I want you to provide them with food to eat!"*

What did Jesus challenge his disciples to do for the crowd?

Jesus challenged his disciples to give the crowd something to eat.

Matthew 14:19

ULT	UST
And having commanded the crowds to recline on the grass, having taken the five loaves and the two fish, having looked up to heaven, he blessed, and having broken them, he gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds.	*Jesus told the large groups of people to sit down on the ground. He picked up the five loaves of bread and the two fish. Then he thanked God for the food. After that, he tore the bread into pieces and gave the pieces to his apprentices. They distributed them to the large groups of people.*

What did Jesus do with the five loaves and the two fish the disciples brought to him?

Jesus looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to give to the crowd.

Matthew 14:20-21

How many people ate, and how much food was left over?

About five thousand men ate plus women and children, and there were twelve baskets left over.

Matthew 14:23

ULT	UST
And having sent the crowds away, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. Now, evening having come, he was there alone.	*After he told the large groups of people to go home, he climbed to the top of a hill to pray to God by himself. When it became dark, he was on top of the hill by himself.*

What did Jesus do after he sent the crowd away?

Jesus went up on the mountain to pray by himself.

Matthew 14:24

ULT	UST
But the boat was already in the middle of the sea, being tormented by the waves, for the wind was against it.	*Meanwhile, the apprentices were on the boat in the middle of the Sea of Galilee. The wind was blowing from where they wanted to go, so many waves were striking the boat.*

What was happening with the disciples in the midst of the sea?

The disciples' boat was almost uncontrollable because of the wind and waves.

Matthew 14:25

ULT	UST
Now in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.	*Later, soon before morning, Jesus joined them. He was walking on top of the Sea of Galilee!*

How did Jesus go to the disciples?

Jesus went to the disciples by walking on the water.

Matthew 14:27

ULT	UST
But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage! It is I! Do not be afraid."	*As soon as they shouted loudly, Jesus said to them, "Do not worry! I am Jesus. Stop being afraid!"*

What did Jesus tell the disciples when they saw him?

Jesus told his disciples to be brave and to not be afraid.

Matthew 14:29

ULT	UST
And he said, "Come." And Peter, having gotten out from the boat, walked on the water to go to Jesus.	*Jesus said to Peter, "Walk to me!" So, Peter stepped out of the boat and walked on top of the water toward Jesus.*

What did Jesus tell Peter to come and do?

Jesus told Peter to come and walk on the water.

Matthew 14:30

ULT	UST
But, seeing the strong wind, he became afraid, and having begun to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"	*However, Peter realized how powerful the storm was, and he was afraid. Then he started to sink into the water. He shouted to Jesus, "My Lord, please rescue me!"*

Why did Peter begin to sink into the water?

Peter began to sink into the water when he became afraid.

Matthew 14:32

ULT	UST
And when they had gotten into the boat, the wind ceased.	*Then Jesus and Peter climbed into the boat. At that moment, the wind stopped blowing.*

What happened when Jesus and Peter went into the boat?

When Peter and Jesus went into the boat, the wind ceased blowing.

Matthew 14:33

ULT	UST
And the ones in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."	*Then the apprentices who were in the boat worshiped Jesus. They declared, "You really are God's Son!"*

What did the disciples do when they saw this?

When the disciples saw this, they worshiped Jesus and said that he was the Son of God.

Matthew 14:35

ULT	UST
And having recognized him, the men of that place sent into all that surrounding area, and they brought to him all the ones having sickness.	*The men in that region recognized Jesus. So they sent people to the nearby areas to say that Jesus had arrived. Then people from those areas brought to Jesus many others who were sick.*

What did the people do when Jesus and the disciples got to the other side of the sea?

When Jesus and the disciples got to the other side of the sea, the people brought to Jesus all who were sick.

Matthew 15

Matthew 15:4-6

What example did Jesus give of how did the Pharisees made void the word of God by their traditions?

The Pharisees prevented children from helping their parents by taking the money as a "gift given to God."

Matthew 15:7-8

What did Isaiah prophecy about the Pharisees' lips and hearts?

Isaiah prophesied that the Pharisees would honor God with their lips, but their heart would be far from God.

Matthew 15:9

ULT	UST
But they worship me in vain, teaching as doctrines commandments of men.'"	*When you worship me, it is useless. That is because you use only what humans have commanded to instruct others.'"*

Instead of teaching the word of God, what were the Pharisees teaching as doctrine?

The Pharisees were teaching as doctrines the commands of people.

Matthew 15:11

ULT	UST
What enters into the mouth does not defile the man, but what comes out from the mouth, this defiles the man."	*Whatever people eat cannot make them unclean. Rather, it is what people say that makes them unclean."*

What did Jesus say does not defile a person?

Jesus said that what a person eats does not defile a person.

What did Jesus say does defile a person?

Jesus said that what comes out of a person's mouth defiles a person.

Matthew 15:14

ULT	UST
Leave them! They are blind guides. But if a blind one guides a blind one, both will fall into a pit."	*Do not listen to them. They do not know what they should be teaching. They are like blind people who guide other blind people right into a hole in the ground."*

What did Jesus call the Pharisees, and what did he say would happen to them?

Jesus called the Pharisees blind guides and said that they would fall into a pit.

Matthew 15:19

ULT	UST
For from the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual immoralities, thefts, false testimonies, blasphemies.	*In fact, it is because of what people think and care about that they think evil things, kill others, are sexually unfaithful to their spouses, have improper sex, steal things, speak what is untrue, and say bad things about God or others.*

What kinds of things proceed from the heart, which defile a person?

From the heart proceeds evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, and insults.

Matthew 15:23

ULT	UST
But he did not answer her a word. And having approached, his disciples were begging him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."	*However, Jesus did not say anything to her. Then his apprentices came to him and said, "This woman is bothering us by following us and calling out to you. Please tell her to go home."*

What did Jesus do at first when the Canaanite woman shouted out to him for mercy?

Jesus answered her not a word.

Matthew 15:24

ULT	UST
But he, answering, said, "I was not sent, except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."	*Jesus answered them, "God told me to go only to my fellow Israelites. They are like sheep who have wandered off and need help."*

What was Jesus' explanation of why he was not helping the Canaanite woman?

Jesus explained that he had been sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 15:28

ULT	UST
Then answering, Jesus said to her, "O woman, great is your faith; let it be done for you just as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that hour.	*When he heard that, Jesus told her, "You have impressed me because you trust me very much! I will do for you what you want me to do." At that very moment, Jesus cured her daughter.*

When the Canaanite woman humbled herself, what did Jesus say to her and do for her?

Jesus said that the woman had great faith, and he granted her request.

Matthew 15:30-31

What did Jesus do for the large crowds that came to him in Galilee?

Jesus healed the mute, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

Matthew 15:34

ULT	UST
And Jesus says to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few small fish."	*Jesus asked them, "How many loaves of bread do you have with you?" They replied, "We have with us seven loaves of bread and a few little fish."*

How many loaves and fish did the disciples have to feed the crowd?

The disciples had seven loaves, and a few small fish.

Matthew 15:36

ULT	UST
he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks, he broke them and was giving them to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds.	*He picked up the seven loaves of bread and the fish. Then he thanked God for the food. After that, he tore the bread into pieces and gave the pieces to his apprentices. They distributed them to the large group of people.*

What did Jesus do with the loaves and fish?

Jesus took the loaves and the fish, gave thanks, broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples.

Matthew 15:37

ULT	UST
And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up the remaining of the broken pieces—seven baskets full.	*Everyone ate the bread, and they all had enough to eat. Then the apprentices gathered the food that was left. They filled seven large containers with the leftovers!*

How much food was left over after everyone ate?

There were seven baskets full remaining after everyone ate.

Matthew 15:38

ULT	UST
But those eating were 4, 000 men, besides women and children.	*About 4, 000 men ate the bread, and there were women and children there too!*

How many people ate and were satisfied from the loaves and fish?

There were 4,000 men, plus women and children, who ate and were satisfied.

Matthew 16

Matthew 16:1

ULT	UST
And the Pharisees and Sadducees, having approached, testing him, asked him to show them a sign from heaven.	*Some Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus in order to investigate him. They said to him, "We want you to perform a miracle that shows that God sent you."*

What did the Pharisees and Sadducees want to see from Jesus as a test?

The Pharisees and Sadducees wanted to see a sign from heaven from Jesus.

Matthew 16:4

ULT	UST
An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, but a sign will not be given to it except the sign of Jonah." And having left them, he went away.	*You people who are alive right now are wicked and faithless. You want me to do a miracle that proves that God sent me. However, the only miracle you will see is a miracle like the one that happened to the prophet Jonah." Then Jesus and his apprentices departed from the Pharisees and Sadducees.*

What did Jesus say he would give the Pharisees and Sadducees?

Jesus said he would give the Pharisees and Sadducees the sign of Jonah.

Matthew 16:6

ULT	UST
Now Jesus said to them, "See and guard from the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."	*At that point, Jesus said to them, "Be alert and watch out for the yeast that the Pharisees and Sadducees use."*

Of what did Jesus tell his disciples to beware?

Jesus told his disciples to beware the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Matthew 16:12

ULT	UST
Then they understood that he had not told them to guard from the yeast of loaves, but from the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.	*After Jesus said that, the apprentices realized that he was telling them to watch out for what the Pharisees and Sadducees were teaching. He was not telling them to watch out for the yeast that people use to make bread.*

About what was Jesus actually talking when he told his disciples to beware?

Jesus was telling his disciples to beware of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Matthew 16:13

ULT	UST
Now Jesus, having come to the regions of Caesarea Philippi, asked his disciples, saying, "Who do men say the Son of Man is?"	*Sometime later, Jesus and his apprentices arrived in the area near the city of Caesarea Philippi. Then Jesus asked his apprentices, "Who do people say that I, the Son of Man, really am?"*

What question did Jesus ask his disciples when they came to Caesarea Philippi?

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Matthew 16:14

ULT	UST
And they said, "Some, John the Baptist; and some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."	*The apprentices replied, "People say that you are one of the prophets who has come back to life. More specifically, some people say that you are John the Baptizer. Other people say that you are the prophet Elijah. Other people say that you are the prophet Jeremiah."*

Who did some people think that Jesus was?

Some people thought that Jesus was John the Baptist, or Elijah, or Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.

Matthew 16:16

ULT	UST
And answering, Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."	*Simon Peter replied, "You are the Messiah! You are the Son of the only real God."*

What answer did Peter give to Jesus' question?

Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Matthew 16:17

ULT	UST
Now answering, Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in the heavens.	*Jesus responded, "Simon, descendant of Jonah, God my Father, who rules from heaven, has blessed you. He has made known to you what you said. In fact, no human could have made it known to you.*

How did Peter know the answer to Jesus' question?

Peter knew the answer to Jesus' question because the Father had revealed it to him.

Matthew 16:19

ULT	UST
I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth will have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth will have been loosed in the heavens."	*I will commission you to oversee God's heavenly kingdom. When you confirm something here on earth, God will confirm it in heaven. When you nullify something here on earth, God will nullify it in heaven."*

What authority did Jesus give to Peter on earth?

Jesus gave to Peter the keys of the kingdom, so that he could bind and loose on earth and it would be bound or loosed in heaven.

Matthew 16:21

ULT	UST
From that time Jesus Christ began to show to his disciples that it is necessary for him to go to Jerusalem and to suffer much from the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be killed and to be raised on the third day.	*From then on, Jesus the Messiah began to teach his apprentices that he had to travel to the city of Jerusalem. There, the Jewish leaders, the ruling priests, and the teachers of the Jewish law would hurt him very much and have people kill him. During the third day after he died, God would make him alive again.*

At this time, what did Jesus begin to tell his disciples plainly?

Jesus began to tell his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, suffer many things, be killed, and be raised on the third day.

Matthew 16:23

ULT	UST
But he, having turned, said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, because you are not considering the things of God, but the things of men."	*Then Jesus faced Peter. He said, "Do not try to stop me. You are behaving as Satan does! You are thinking about what humans care about instead of thinking about what God cares about. Because of that, you are trying to make me do what is wrong."*

What did Jesus tell Peter when Peter objected to what Jesus was describing would happen to him?

Jesus said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan"!

Matthew 16:24

ULT	UST
Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.	*Next, Jesus said to all his apprentices, "People who want to come with me and be my apprentices must refuse to do what they want to do. They must be willing to suffer or die, as if they were carrying their own crosses, when they come with me as my apprentices.*

What must anyone do who wants to follow Jesus?

Anyone who wants to follow Jesus must deny himself, and take up his cross.

Matthew 16:26

ULT	UST
For what will a man benefit if he gains the whole world but forfeits his life? Or what will a man give in exchange for his life?	*Suppose that some people acquire everything they could possibly want. However, they can no longer truly live. That is not worth it! People cannot acquire anything that is as valuable as truly living.*

What did Jesus say does not profit a man?

Jesus said that it does not profit a man to gain the whole world, but to forfeit his life.

Matthew 16:27

ULT	UST
For the Son of Man is about to come in the glory of his Father with his angels. And then he will repay each one according to his action.	*That is important because I, the Son of Man, will soon return with my angels. I will be as glorious as God my Father. At that time, I will justly reward or punish people for whatever they have done.*

How did Jesus say the Son of Man will come?

Jesus said the Son of Man would come in the glory of his Father with his angels.

How will the Son of Man reward every person when he comes?

The Son of Man will reward every person according to his deeds when he comes.

Matthew 16:28

ULT	UST
Truly I say to you that there are some of the ones standing here who will certainly not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."	*Some of you who are here with me will definitely see me, the Son of Man, ruling over my kingdom before you die. What I have said is true."*

Who did Jesus say would see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom?

Jesus said that some standing there with him would see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

Matthew 17

Matthew 17:1

ULT	UST
And after six days, Jesus takes along Peter, and James, and John his brother, and brings them up onto a high mountain by themselves.	*Six days later, Jesus climbed up a tall mountain. He had Peter, James, and James' younger brother John go with him. No one else was with them.*

Who went with Jesus up on a high mountain?

Peter, James, and John went with Jesus up on a high mountain.

Matthew 17:2

ULT	UST
And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone as the sun, and his garments became white as the light.	*Then, the three apprentices saw Jesus change how he appeared. His face became as radiant as the sun. His clothes became bright white.*

What happened to Jesus' appearance on the mountain?

Jesus was transfigured so that his face shone like the sun, and his garments were as brilliant as the light.

Matthew 17:3

ULT	UST
And behold, Moses and Elijah were seen by them, talking with him.	*After that, Moses and Elijah, who were prophets from long ago, appeared to the three apprentices! These prophets were speaking to Jesus.*

Who appeared and talked with Jesus?

Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus.

Matthew 17:4

ULT	UST
And answering, Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will make here three tents, one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."	*Peter responded by saying to Jesus, "My Lord, it is appropriate for all of us to be here. If you want me to, I will build three shelters. You, Moses, and Elijah can each use one."*

What did Peter offer to do?

Peter offered to make three tents for the three men.

Matthew 17:5

ULT	UST
While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice from the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."	*As Peter was talking, a radiant cloud covered all of them! Then God spoke from the cloud! He declared, "This man is my Son, the one whom I love dearly. What he does pleases me. Do what he says."*

What did the voice out of the cloud say?

The voice out of the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Matthew 17:9

ULT	UST
And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man might have risen from the dead."	*While they were walking down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Do not tell anyone about what you just saw until I, the Son of Man, live again."*

What did Jesus command the disciples as they were coming down the mountain?

Jesus commanded the disciples to report their vision to no one until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Matthew 17:11

ULT	UST
But he, answering, said, "Elijah indeed comes and will restore all things.	*Jesus replied, "They are right that the prophet Elijah has to be here and that he will make everything as it should be.*

What did Jesus say about the teaching of the scribes that Elijah must come first?

Jesus said that Elijah will indeed come and restore all things.

Matthew 17:12-13

Who did Jesus say was the Elijah who had already come, and what had been done to him?

Jesus said John the Baptist was the Elijah who had already come, and they had done whatever they wanted to him.

Matthew 17:14-16

What had the disciples been able to do for the epileptic boy?

The disciples had not been able to cure the epileptic boy.

Matthew 17:18

ULT	UST
And Jesus rebuked it, and the demon came out from him, and the boy was healed from that hour.	*Then, Jesus commanded the demon who was controlling the man's son to stop doing so. The demon obeyed and left him. At that very moment, Jesus cured the man's son.*

What did Jesus do for the epileptic boy?

Jesus rebuked the demon, and the boy was cured from that hour.

Matthew 17:20

ULT	UST
And he says to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you had faith like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.	*He answered, "You could not drive it out because you trust in God so little. Suppose that you trusted God even a little bit, as little as a tiny mustard seed. Then, you could tell the mountain we just walked down to go from one place to another, and it would do so. You could do anything! What I have said is true.*

Why were the disciples not able to cure the epileptic boy?

Jesus said that because of their small faith they could not cure the epileptic boy.

Matthew 17:22-23

What did Jesus tell his disciples that made them very sad?

Jesus told his disciples that he would be delivered into the hands of people who would kill him, and that he would be raised up on the third day.

Matthew 17:27

ULT	UST
But in order that we might not cause them to stumble, having gone to the sea, throw in a fishhook, and draw in the first fish having come up. And having opened its mouth, you will find a shekel. Having taken that, give it to them on behalf of me and you."	*However, we do not want to upset the people who collect taxes. So, go to the Sea of Galilee and prepare your fishing tools. Pick up the first fish that you capture. Look in its mouth, and you will see a silver coin that is worth about twice the tax. Take the coin to the people who collect taxes to pay for my tax and your tax."*

How did Peter and Jesus pay the half-shekel tax?

Jesus told Peter to go to the sea, throw in a hook, and draw in the fish that comes up first, which would have a shekel in its mouth for the tax.

Matthew 18

Matthew 18:3

ULT	UST
and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you turn and become like little children, you will certainly not enter into the kingdom of the heavens.	*Then he told them, “You need to change so that you are like young children. That is the only way to participate in God’s heavenly kingdom. What I have said is true.*

What did Jesus say we must do to enter the kingdom of heaven?

Jesus said we must repent and become like little children to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:4

ULT	UST
Therefore, whoever will humble himself like this little child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of the heavens.	*So then, consider people who make themselves less important, so that they are as unimportant as this young child. It is those people who are the most important in God’s heavenly kingdom.*

Who did Jesus say is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

Jesus said that whoever humbles himself like a little child is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:6

ULT	UST
But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it is better for him that a millstone of a donkey would have been hung around his neck and he would have been sunk into the depth of the sea.	*On the other hand, suppose that an insignificant person who trusts me sinned because of certain people. God will punish those people so severely that they would prefer to have someone tie a heavy stone around their necks and drop them into the middle of the ocean.*

What happens to whoever causes a little one who believes in Jesus to sin?

Whoever causes a little one who believes in Jesus to sin would be better off if a millstone had been hung about his neck and he had been sunk into the sea.

Matthew 18:8

ULT	UST
Now if your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life crippled or lame than, having two hands or two feet, to be thrown into the eternal fire.	*Suppose that you sinned because you touched something or went somewhere. You should never do that again, even if you have to chop off your hands or your feet to make sure of it! You should respond that drastically because it is better for you to truly live without hands or feet than to have both hands and feet but end up in hell.*

What did Jesus say we must do with anything that causes us to stumble?

Jesus said we must throw away anything that causes us to stumble.

Matthew 18:10

ULT	UST
See that you would not despise one of these little ones. For I say to you that in heaven their angels always look on the face of my Father in the heavens.	*Do not consider even one insignificant person who trusts me to be unimportant. In fact, I want you to know that the angels that protect them are in heaven. They are continually with God my Father, who rules from heaven.*

Why did Jesus say we must not despise the little ones?

We must not despise the little ones, because their angels always look on the face of the Father.

Matthew 18:12-14

How is the person who seeks the one lost sheep like the Father in heaven?

It is also not the will of the Father that one of the little ones should perish.

Matthew 18:15

ULT	UST
But if your brother sins against you, go, reprove him between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.	*Suppose that fellow believers sin against you. You should visit them and privately tell them what they did wrong. Suppose that they accept what you say. In that case, you have made things right with your fellow believers.*

If your brother sins against you, what is the first thing you should do?

First, you should go and show him his fault between you and him alone.

Matthew 18:16

ULT	UST
But if he does not listen, take with you yet one or two others, so that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word might be verified.’	*However, suppose that those fellow believers do not accept what you say. In that case, bring one or two other believers with you when you visit them again to tell them what they did wrong. That way, you are doing what Moses wrote in the law, that two or three people must confirm what someone says.*

If your brother does not listen, what is the second thing you should do?

Second, you should take with you one or two more brothers as witnesses.

Matthew 18:17

ULT	UST
But if he refuses to listen to them, speak to the church. But if he also refuses to listen to the church, let him be to you even as the Gentile and the tax collector.	*Suppose that those fellow believers reject what the people you brought with you say. In that case, tell the whole group of believers about what happened. Finally, suppose that those fellow believers reject what the group of believers says. In that case, treat those fellow believers as if they were unbelieving non-Jews or people who collect taxes. Do not treat them as fellow believers any longer.*

If your brother still does not listen, what is the third thing you should do?

Third, you should tell the matter to the church.

If your brother still will not listen, what should be done?

Finally, if he will not listen to the church, he should be treated as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Matthew 18:20

ULT	UST
For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst.”	*God will do that because I am spiritually present whenever at least two or three of you come together as my apprentices.”*

What did Jesus promise where two or three are gathered in his name?

Jesus promised to be in the midst of two or three gathered in his name.

Matthew 18:21-22

How many times did Jesus say we should forgive our brother?

Jesus said we should forgive our brother 70 times 7 times.

Matthew 18:24-25

What did the servant owe his master, and could he repay his master?

The servant owed his master 10,000 talents, which he could not repay.

Matthew 18:27

ULT	UST
Now, having had compassion, the master of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.	*The king pitied his servant. So, he did not require the servant to pay what he owed, and he let him go.*

Why did the master forgive the servant his debt?

The master was moved with compassion and forgave the servant his debt.

Matthew 18:30

ULT	UST
But he was not willing. Instead, having gone away, he threw him into prison until he might repay what is owed.	*However, that servant did not want to wait. When he left that place, he had someone put the other servant in jail and keep him there until he paid the money that he owed.*

What did the servant do with his fellow-servant who owed him one hundred denarii?

The servant refused to be patient and threw the fellow-servant into prison.

Matthew 18:33

ULT	UST
Was it not necessary for you also to have had mercy on your fellow slave, just as I also had mercy on you?'	*I helped you. So, you should have helped the other servant.'*

What did the master tell the servant he should have done with the fellow-servant?

The master told the servant he should have had mercy on the fellow-servant.

Matthew 18:34

ULT	UST
And having become angry, his master handed him over to the torturers until he would repay all that is owed.	*Then the king was angry. He had his men arrest and torture that servant until he paid all the money that he owed.*

What did the master then do to the servant?

The master handed the servant over to the torturers until he would pay all that was owed.

Matthew 18:35

ULT	UST
Thus also my heavenly Father will do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother out of your hearts."	*Whenever any of you do not completely forgive a fellow believer, God my Father, who rules from heaven, will do to you what that king did to his servant."*

What did Jesus say the Father will do if we do not forgive our brother from the heart?

Jesus said the Father will do to us like the master did to the servant if we do not forgive our brother from the heart.

Matthew 19

Matthew 19:3

ULT	UST
And Pharisees approached him, testing him, and saying whether it is lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason.	*Some Pharisees came to Jesus in order to investigate him. They asked, "Does our law allow a husband to divorce his wife whenever he wants to?"*

What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus to test him?

The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?"

Matthew 19:4

ULT	UST
But he, answering, said, "Have you not read that the one having made them from the beginning 'made them male and female,'	*Jesus replied, "You have read in the Law that God gave Moses that when God first created everything, he created people to be male and female.*

What did Jesus say had been true from the beginning of creation?

Jesus said that from the beginning of creation, God had made them male and female.

Matthew 19:5

ULT	UST
and said, 'Because of this, a man will leave his father and mother and will be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh'?	*Then God said, 'That is why men, when they marry, no longer live with their parents and instead live with their wives. Each husband and wife together become like one person.'*

Because of the way God had made them male and female, what did Jesus say a man should do?

Jesus said that a man should leave his father and mother and join to his wife.

Matthew 19:5-6

What did Jesus say happens when the husband joins to his wife?

Jesus said that when a husband joins to his wife, the two become one flesh.

Matthew 19:6

ULT	UST
So then, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God joined together, let man not separate."	*Consequently, each husband and wife are not like two different people any longer. Rather, they are like one person. Since that is true, no one should divide people whom God has united."*

What did Jesus say man should not do with what God has joined together?

Jesus said that man should not tear apart what God has joined together.

Matthew 19:7-8

Why did Jesus say Moses had commanded certificates of divorce?

Jesus said that Moses had commanded certificates of divorce because of the hardness of the Jews' hearts.

Matthew 19:9

ULT	UST
But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and the one having married one that has been divorced commits adultery."	*Now here is what I want to tell you: a man may divorce his wife only if she has had improper sex. When a man divorces his wife for any other reason and marries another woman, he disobeys what God commanded about being sexually faithful to one's spouse. Further, any man who marries a woman whose husband has divorced her also disobeys what God commanded about being sexually faithful to one's spouse."*

Who did Jesus say commits adultery?

Jesus said that whoever divorces his wife, except for fornication, and marries another commits adultery, and that a man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Matthew 19:13

ULT	UST
Then little children were brought to him so that he would lay his hands on them and would pray, but the disciples rebuked them.	*After that, some people took young children to Jesus. They wanted him to bless them by touching them and to pray for them. However, the apprentices told them to stop.*

What did the disciples do when some little children were brought to Jesus?

When some little children were brought to Jesus, the disciples rebuked them.

Matthew 19:14

ULT	UST
But Jesus said, "Permit the little children, and do not forbid them to come to me, for of the ones such as these is the kingdom of the heavens."	*However, Jesus told the apprentices, "Allow the young children to come here. Do not stop them! I say that because they and people like them are part of God's heavenly kingdom."*

What did Jesus say when he saw the little children?

Jesus said to permit the little children to come, for to such ones belongs the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:16-17

What did Jesus tell the young man he must do to enter into eternal life?

Jesus told the man to keep the commandments to enter into eternal life.

Matthew 19:20-21

When the young man said he had kept the commandments, what did Jesus tell him to do?

When the young man said he had kept the commandments, Jesus told him to sell what he had and give it to the poor.

Matthew 19:22

ULT	UST
But the young man, having heard the word, went away being grieved, for he was having many possessions.	*After the young man listened to what Jesus said, he felt very sad and left. He was very sad because he was rich and did not want to lose what he owned.*

How did the young man respond to Jesus' command to sell what he had?

The young man went away sorrowful because he had great possessions.

Matthew 19:26

ULT	UST
But Jesus, having looked at them, said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."	*Jesus looked directly at his apprentices. He said, "People cannot rescue themselves. However, God can do anything!"*

What did Jesus say about the possibility of a rich man entering the kingdom of heaven?

Jesus said that with people it is impossible, but that with God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:28

ULT	UST
And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you that in the renewal when the Son of Man sits on his throne of glory, you, the ones having followed me, you also will sit upon 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel.	*Jesus replied, "Someday God will renew everything that he has made, and I, the Son of Man, will sit down to rule from my great throne. When that happens, you too, since you have come with me as my apprentices, will sit down to rule from 12 thrones, one for each of you. You will decide whether people from the 12 Israelite clans are guilty or innocent. What I have said is true.*

What reward did Jesus promise his disciples who had followed him?

Jesus promised his disciples that in the new birth, they would sit upon 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel.

Matthew 19:30

ULT	UST
But many first will be last, and last, first.	*At that time, many people who are important right now will become unimportant. Many people who are unimportant right now will become important.*

What did Jesus say about those who are first now and those who are last now?

Jesus said that those who are first now will be last, and that those who are last now will be first.

Matthew 20

Matthew 20:1-2

How much did the landowner agree to pay the workers whom he hired early in the morning?

The landowner agreed to pay the workers hired early in the morning one denarius a day.

Matthew 20:4

ULT	UST
And to them he said, ‘You also, go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’	*He told them, ‘Join the other people who are taking care of my grape vines. I will pay you a fair wage.’*

How much did the landowner say he would pay the workers whom he hired the third hour?

The landowner said he would pay them whatever is right.

Matthew 20:9

ULT	UST
And having come, the ones about the eleventh hour each received a denarius.	*Then the people who started working at about five o’clock in the afternoon came forward. The supervisor paid one coin to each of them.*

How much did the workers receive who were hired the eleventh hour?

The workers hired the eleventh hour received one denarius.

Matthew 20:11-12

What complaint did the workers have who were hired early in the morning?

They complained that they had worked the whole day, but had received the same pay as those who worked one hour.

Matthew 20:13-14

How did the landowner respond to the workers' complaint?

The landowner said he had done the workers no wrong and had paid them what belonged to them.

Matthew 20:17-19

What events did Jesus tell his disciples about in advance as they were going up to Jerusalem?

Jesus told his disciples that he would be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, condemned to death, crucified, and on the third day raised up.

Matthew 20:20-21

What request did the mother of the sons of Zebedee have for Jesus?

She wanted Jesus to command that her two sons sit at his right and left hand in his kingdom.

Matthew 20:23

ULT	UST
He says to them, "My cup you will drink. But to sit at my right hand and at my left hand is not mine to give, but for whom it has been prepared by my Father."	*Then Jesus said to them, "You will certainly suffer as I will soon suffer. However, I am not the one who chooses whom to honor by having them sit at my right side and at my left side. Rather, God my Father has already chosen who will sit in those places."*

Who did Jesus say determined who it was who would sit at his right and left hand in his kingdom?

Jesus said that the Father prepared those places for whom he chose.

Matthew 20:26

ULT	UST
It is not this way among you. Instead, whoever desires to become great among you will be your servant,	*You must not behave like that. Rather, when one of you wants to be important, that person must serve the others.*

How did Jesus say that one could be great among his disciples?

Jesus said that whoever wishes to become great must be a servant.

Matthew 20:28

ULT	UST
just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom in exchange for many."	*You should be like me, the Son of Man. I am here to serve other people. I am not here so that other people will serve me. Indeed, I am going to die in order to free many people from their sins."*

Why did Jesus say that he came?

Jesus said that he came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:30

ULT	UST
And behold, two blind men, sitting beside the road, having heard that Jesus is passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David."	*Now two men who were blind were sitting down next to the path! Someone told them, "Jesus is walking by." So, they were shouting, "Our Lord, you who are a descendant of King David, please help us!"*

What did the two blind men do who were sitting by the road when Jesus passed by?

The two blind men shouted out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us."

Matthew 20:34

ULT	UST
Now, having had compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. And immediately they saw again, and they followed him.	*Jesus pitied them. He touched their eyes. As soon as he did that, they could see. Then, they went with Jesus as his apprentices.*

Why did Jesus heal the two blind men?

Jesus healed the two blind men because he was moved with compassion.

Matthew 21

Matthew 21:2

ULT	UST
saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied up, and a colt with her. Having untied them, bring them to me.	*He commanded them, "Enter the village of Bethphage, which you see ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will see a female donkey that someone has tethered. Her colt will be next to her. Remove the tether from the female donkey and lead her and her colt to me here.*

What did Jesus say his two disciples would find in the village opposite them?

Jesus said they would find a donkey tied up, and a colt with her.

Matthew 21:4-5

What had a prophet predicted about this event?

A prophet predicted that the King would come on a donkey, and on a colt.

Matthew 21:8

ULT	UST
Now the largest crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and were spreading them on the road.	*Then, to honor Jesus, a very large group of people laid their coats down on the path in front of Jesus. Other people cut small branches down from trees and laid them down on the path too.*

What did the crowd do to the road into Jerusalem that Jesus traveled?

The most of the crowd spread their outer garments onto the road, and others spread tree branches onto the road.

Matthew 21:9

ULT	UST
Now the crowds going before him and following were crying out, saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one coming in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”	*Large groups of people walked in front of Jesus and behind him. They were shouting, “Praise this descendant of King David! May God bless him who is here to represent the Lord! May everything in heaven praise him!”*

What did the crowd shout as Jesus went?

The crowd shouted, “Hosanna to the son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.”

Matthew 21:12

ULT	UST
And Jesus entered into the temple and cast out all the ones selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of the ones selling the doves.	*Later, Jesus visited the temple area. Some people were selling and buying things there. He forced them to leave. Other people were exchanging regular money for special temple money, and other people were selling small birds for people to sacrifice. Jesus flipped over their tables and chairs.*

What did Jesus do when he entered the temple of God in Jerusalem?

Jesus cast out all who bought and sold in the temple, and turned over the tables of the money-changers and seats of those who sold pigeons.

Matthew 21:13

ULT	UST
And he says to them, “It has been written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a ‘den of robbers.’”	*Then Jesus told those people, “The prophets wrote in the Scriptures, ‘People should say that my temple is a place where people pray.’ However, you have turned it into ‘a hideout for thieves’!”*

What did Jesus say the merchants had made the temple of God?

Jesus said that the merchants had made the temple of God a den of robbers.

Matthew 21:15-16

When the chief priests and scribes objected to what the children were shouting about Jesus, what did Jesus say to them?

Jesus quoted the prophet who said that out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants God had perfected praise.

Matthew 21:18-19

What did Jesus do to the fig tree, and why?

Jesus caused the fig tree to dry up because it had no fruit on it.

Matthew 21:20-22

What did Jesus teach his disciples about prayer from the drying up of the fig tree?

Jesus taught his disciples that if they asked in prayer while believing, they would receive.

Matthew 21:23

ULT	UST
And when he had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people approached him teaching, saying, "By what authority do you do these things, and who gave you this authority?"	*Then Jesus visited the temple area, and he was instructing people there. The ruling priests and the Jewish leaders came to him. They asked, "In what way did someone authorize you to do what you have done? Who was it that authorized you to do these things?"*

While Jesus was teaching, about what did the chief priests and elders question him?

The chief priests and elders wanted to know by what authority Jesus did these things.

Matthew 21:25

ULT	UST
The baptism of John—from where was it? From heaven or from men?" But they were reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'For what reason then did you not believe him?'	*Who authorized John the Baptizer to baptize people? Did God authorize him from heaven, or did people authorize him?" Then the ruling priests and the Jewish leaders told each other, "Suppose that we answer that God authorized John from heaven. Then, he will tell us that we should have listened to John.*

What question did Jesus ask the chief priests and elders in return?

Jesus asked them if they thought John the Baptist's baptism was from heaven or from men.

Why did the chief priests and scribes not want to answer that John's baptism was from heaven?

They knew that Jesus would then ask them why they did not believe John.

Matthew 21:26

ULT	UST
But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the crowd, for they all regard John as a prophet."	*On the other hand, suppose that we answer that people authorized John. Then, since the large group of people believe that John spoke for God, we are afraid of how they would react."*

Why did the chief priests and scribes not want to answer that John's baptism was from men?

They feared the crowd, who held John to be a prophet.

Matthew 21:28-29

In Jesus' story of the two sons, what did the first son do when told to work in the vineyard?

The first son said he would not go, but changed his mind and went.

Matthew 21:30

ULT	UST
But, having approached the other, he said likewise. And he, answering, said, 'I will, lord,' but he did not go.	*After speaking with the older child, the man went to the younger child and told him to take care of his grape vines. His child replied, 'I will do that, my father!' However, he did not take care of the grape vines.*

What did the second son do when told to work in the vineyard?

The second son said he would go, but then did not go.

Matthew 21:31

ULT	UST
Which of the two did the will of his father?" They say, "The first." Jesus says to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and the prostitutes enter into the kingdom of God before you.	*Which of these two children did what their father wanted?" The ruling priests and the Jewish leaders answered, "The older one." Jesus replied, "Prostitutes and people who collect taxes are participating in God's kingdom before you are. What I have said is true.*

Which of the two sons did the father's will?

The first son.

Matthew 21:31-32

Why did Jesus say that tax collectors and prostitutes were entering the kingdom of God before the chief priests and scribes?

Jesus said they were entering the kingdom because they believed John, but the chief priests and scribes did not believe John.

Matthew 21:35-36

What did the vine growers do to the servants that the owner sent to get his grapes?

The vine growers beat, killed, and stoned the servants.

Matthew 21:37

ULT	UST
But afterward, he sent to them his son, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’	*Finally, the man told his own son to go to them. He thought that they would treat his son well and give him his share of the grapes.*

Who did the owner finally send to the vine growers?

The owner finally sent his own son.

Matthew 21:38-39

What did the vine growers do to the person that the owner sent last?

The vine growers killed the owner’s son.

Matthew 21:40-41

What did the people say the owner should then do?

The people said that the owner should destroy the first vine growers and then rent to other vine growers who would pay.

Matthew 21:42

ULT	UST
Jesus says to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘A stone that the builders rejected, this has become the head of the corner. This came about from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?	*Jesus responded, “What I have said fits with what you have read in the Scriptures: ‘The people who were constructing a building refused to use a certain stone. However, that stone is now the most important one in the building. The Lord God did that, and we think it is amazing.’*

In the scriptures that Jesus then quoted, what happens to the stone which the builders reject?

The stone which the builders reject is made the cornerstone.

Matthew 21:43

ULT	UST
For this reason I say to you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and will be given to a nation producing its fruits.	*So then, here is what I want to tell you: God will stop you from participating in his kingdom. He will have a different group of people participate in his kingdom. They will do what he wants those in his kingdom to do.*

Based on the scripture Jesus quoted, what did he say would happen?

Jesus said that the kingdom of God would be taken away from the chief priests and Pharisees, and would be given to a nation that brings forth its fruits.

Matthew 21:46

ULT	UST
And seeking to seize him, they feared the crowds, because they were regarding him as a prophet.	*They wanted to arrest Jesus. However, since the large groups of people believed that Jesus spoke for God, they were afraid of how those people would react. So, they did not arrest Jesus at that time.*

Why did the chief priests and Pharisees not immediately lay hands on Jesus?

They were afraid of the crowd, because the people regarded Jesus as a prophet.

Matthew 22

Matthew 22:5-6

What did those invited to the marriage feast of the king's son do when the king's servants brought the invitation?

Some did not take the invitation seriously and went about their own business, and others laid hands on the king's servants and killed them.

Matthew 22:7

ULT	UST
But the king became angry, and having sent his soldiers, he destroyed those murderers and burned their city.	*So, the king was very upset. He told his soldiers to kill the people who killed his servants and to burn down their town.*

What did the king do to those first invited to the marriage feast?

The king sent his armies, killed those murderers, and burned their city.

Matthew 22:9-10

Who did the king then invite to the marriage feast?

The king then invited as many people as his servants could find, both bad and good.

Matthew 22:13

ULT	UST
Then the king said to the servants, 'Having bound his feet and hands, throw him out into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.'	*After that, the king told his servants to tie the person up and cast him out of the wedding hall. He told them to punish him in a dark place, where people will cry and sorrowfully grind their teeth.*

What did the king do to the man who came to the feast without a wedding garment?

The king had him bound and thrown into the outer darkness.

Matthew 22:15

ULT	UST
Then, having gone, the Pharisees took counsel how they might entrap him in word.	*After Jesus said those things, the Pharisees left that place. They started to plan how they could cause him to make a mistake in what he said.*

What were the Pharisees trying to do to Jesus?

The Pharisees were trying to entrap Jesus in his own talk.

Matthew 22:17

ULT	UST
Therefore, tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to give a poll tax to Caesar, or not?"	*So, please tell us how you answer this question: Does our law allow us to pay taxes to the Roman government, or does it not allow that?"*

What question did the Pharisees' disciples ask Jesus?

They asked Jesus if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not.

Matthew 22:21

ULT	UST
They say, "Caesar's." Then he says to them, "Therefore, give back the things of Caesar to Caesar, and the things of God to God."	*They replied, "It is Caesar's picture and name." Then Jesus said, "In that case, give to the Roman government what belongs to it, and give to God what belongs to him."*

How did Jesus answer the question from the Pharisees' disciples?

Jesus said to give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Matthew 22:23

ULT	UST
On that day Sadducees, saying there is no resurrection, approached him and questioned him,	*Later that day, some Sadducees came to Jesus. They are a Jewish group that does not believe that God will make people who have died alive again. They asked Jesus,*

What belief did the Sadducees have about the resurrection?

The Sadducees believed that there was no resurrection.

Matthew 22:26-27

In the Sadducees' story, how many husbands did the wife have?

The woman had seven husbands.

Matthew 22:29

ULT	UST
But answering, Jesus said to them, "You are being led astray, not knowing the Scriptures or the power of God.	*Jesus replied, "You do not realize what the Scriptures mean or how powerful God is. So, you believe what is wrong.*

What two things did Jesus say the Sadducees did not know?

Jesus said the Sadducees did not know the scriptures nor the power of God.

Matthew 22:30

ULT	UST
For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like angels in heaven.	*Here is what I mean: after God makes people alive again, they will not get married. Instead, they will be like angels who dwell in heaven and do not get married.*

What did Jesus say about marriage in the resurrection?

Jesus said that in the resurrection, there is no marriage.

Matthew 22:32

ULT	UST
'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not a God of the dead, but of the living."	*'I am the God whom Abraham worships, the God whom Isaac worships, and the God whom Jacob worships.' It is living people who worship God, not dead people. So, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who all have died, must be alive again!"*

How did Jesus show from the scriptures that there is a resurrection?

Jesus quoted the scriptures where God says that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of the living.

Matthew 22:36

ULT	UST
“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”	*“Instructor, which of the laws that God gave us is the most important?”*

What question did the Pharisee lawyer ask Jesus?

The lawyer asked Jesus which is the greatest commandment in the law.

Matthew 22:37-38

What did Jesus say was the great and first commandment?

Jesus said that to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind was the great and first commandment.

Matthew 22:39

ULT	UST
Now a second is like it—‘You will love your neighbor as yourself.’	*The next most important law is similar. It is that we must care for people we know as much as we care for ourselves.*

What did Jesus say was the second commandment?

Jesus said that to love your neighbor as yourself was the second commandment.

Matthew 22:42

ULT	UST
saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They say to him, “David’s.”	*“I want you to answer a question about the Messiah. Who is his ancestor?” They replied, “His ancestor is King David.”*

What question did Jesus ask the Pharisees?

Jesus asked them whose son is the Christ.

What answer did the Pharisees give Jesus?

The Pharisees said that the Christ was the son of David.

Matthew 22:45

ULT	UST
If David therefore calls him ‘Lord,’ how is he his son?”	*So then, since King David wrote that the Messiah was his Lord, how is it possible for King David to be his ancestor?”*

What second question did Jesus then ask the Pharisees?

Jesus then asked them how David could call his son, the Christ, Lord.

Matthew 22:46

ULT	UST
And no one was able to answer him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day to question him any longer.	*The people who were there could not answer his question. In fact, after that nobody was bold enough to ask him more questions.*

What answer did the Pharisees give Jesus?

The Pharisees were not able to answer Jesus a word.

Matthew 23

Matthew 23:2-3

Since the scribes and Pharisees sat in Moses' seat, what did Jesus tell the people to do with their teaching?

Jesus told the people to do and observe the things the scribes and Pharisees taught from Moses' seat.

Matthew 23:3

ULT	UST
Therefore, everything, as much as they say to you, do and keep. But do not do according to their works, for they say and do not do.	*So then, you should do whatever they tell you to do. However, they themselves do not do what they tell you to do. So, do not act as they do.*

Why did Jesus say the people should not imitate the scribes and Pharisees' deeds?

Jesus said they should not imitate their deeds because they say things but then do not do them.

Matthew 23:5

ULT	UST
But they do all their deeds to be seen by men. For they broaden their phylacteries and they lengthen their tassels.	*Whenever they do anything, they do it so that people praise them for it. For example, when they tie boxes containing Scripture on their foreheads and arms, they make sure the boxes are large. They make the hems on their robes very long.*

For what purpose did the scribes and Pharisees do all their deeds?

The scribes and Pharisees did all their deeds to be seen by people.

Matthew 23:8-10

Who did Jesus say is our one Father, and our one teacher?

Jesus said that our one Father is him who is in heaven, and our one teacher is the Christ.

Matthew 23:12

ULT	UST
But whoever will exalt himself will be humbled, and whoever will humble himself will be exalted.	*God will cause people who think they are important to be unimportant. God will cause people who think they are unimportant to be important.*

What will God do to the one who exalts himself, and to the one who humbles himself?

God will humble the one who exalts himself, and will exalt the one who humbles himself.

Matthew 23:13-15

What name did Jesus repeatedly call the scribes and Pharisees which described their behavior?

Jesus repeatedly called the scribes and Pharisees hypocrites.

Matthew 23:15

ULT	UST
Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you go around the sea and the dry land to make one proselyte, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of Gehenna as you.	*You Pharisees and teachers of the Jewish law say that you obey God, but you really do not! You travel to many places to convert even one person to the Jewish religion. However, once you have done that, you cause that person to deserve to end up in hell as much as you do. How terrible it will be for you!*

When the scribes and Pharisees made a new convert, whose son was he?

When the scribes and Pharisees made a new convert, he was twice a son of hell as they were.

Matthew 23:16-17

Regarding being bound by oaths, what did Jesus say about the teachings of the scribes and Pharisees?

Jesus said that the scribes and Pharisees were blind guides and blind fools.

Matthew 23:23

ULT	UST
Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe the mint and the dill and the cumin, but you have neglected the weightier things of the law—justice and mercy and faith. But it was necessary to do these and those not to neglect.	*You Pharisees and teachers of the Jewish law say that you obey God, but you really do not! You give one tenth of even your herbs and spices to God. However, you fail to obey the more important commands that God gave: to do what is right, to be merciful to others, and to be faithful to God. You should do these things as well as giving a tenth of everything to God. How terrible it will be for you!*

Even though they had tithed their mint, dill, and cumin, what had the scribes and Pharisees failed to do?

The scribes and Pharisees had failed to do the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy, and faith.

Matthew 23:25-26

What had the scribes and Pharisees failed to clean?

The scribes and Pharisees had failed to clean the inside of their cup, so the outside could be clean also.

Matthew 23:28

ULT	UST
In the same way, you also on the outside appear righteous to men, but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.	*Similarly, you seem to do what is right, but really you usually do what is wrong while pretending to do what is right.*

Of what were the scribes and Pharisees full on the inside?

The scribes and Pharisees were full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Matthew 23:29-31

What had the fathers of the scribes and Pharisees done to God’s prophets?

The fathers of the scribes and Pharisees had killed God’s prophets.

Matthew 23:33

ULT	UST
Serpents, offspring of vipers, how might you escape from the judgment of Gehenna?	*You are sneaky and dangerous like poisonous snakes! You will not avoid God punishing you in hell.*

What judgment were the scribes and Pharisees going to face?

The scribes and Pharisees were going to face the judgment of hell.

Matthew 23:34

ULT	UST
For this reason, behold, I am sending to you prophets and wise ones and scribes. From them you will kill and crucify, and from them you will whip in your synagogues and pursue from city to city,	*Since you are like that, I will have people who speak for God, people who are wise, and teachers of the Jewish law go to you! You will murder some of them and kill some of them by nailing them to crosses. You will beat some of them in your meeting places. You will chase them from one town to another.*

What did Jesus say the scribes and Pharisees would do to the prophets, wise men, and scribes he would send them?

Jesus said they would kill and crucify some, whip some, and chase some from city to city.

Matthew 23:35

ULT	UST
so that might come upon you all the righteous blood being shed on the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you killed between the temple and the altar.	*So, God will consider you to be guilty for murdering everyone who did what was right here on earth but whom someone murdered. I am referring to Adam's son Abel, who did what was right, and Barachiah's son Zechariah, whom your ancestors murdered in the temple area, and everyone in between.*

As a result of their behavior, what guilt would come upon the scribes and Pharisees?

The guilt of all the righteous blood shed on the earth would come upon the scribes and Pharisees.

Matthew 23:36

ULT	UST
Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.	*God will consider you people who live in this time period to be guilty of all those murders. What I have said is true.*

To which generation did Jesus say all these things would happen?

Jesus said that to this generation all these things would happen.

Matthew 23:37

ULT	UST
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one killing the prophets and stoning the ones having been sent to her! How often I desired to gather your children the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing!	*Oh, people of Jerusalem! You killed the people who spoke for God long ago. Then you killed others whom God sent to you. You killed them by throwing stones at them. Many times I have wanted to bring you together to protect you, as a chicken brings her offspring together under her wings. However, you did not want me to do that.*

What desire did Jesus have for the children of Jerusalem, and why was it not fulfilled?

Jesus desired to gather the children of Jerusalem together, but they would not agree.

Matthew 23:38

ULT	UST
Behold, your house is left to you desolate.	*Your city will become a place where no one lives!*

How would Jerusalem’s house now be left?

Jerusalem’s house would now be left abandoned.

Matthew 24

Matthew 24:2

ULT	UST
But he, answering, said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, a stone upon a stone will certainly not be left here, which will not be torn down.”	*He responded, “Look at all these structures! Enemies will completely destroy them. They will not leave anything standing. What I have said is true.”*

What did Jesus prophesy concerning the temple in Jerusalem?

Jesus prophesied that not one stone of the temple would be left on another which would not be torn down.

Matthew 24:3

ULT	UST
Now as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him by themselves, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what is the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”	*Later, Jesus sat down on top of the Mount of Olives. His apprentices came to him. No one else was with them. They asked him, “Please explain to us when what you have described will happen. Also, please explain to us how we can tell when you are going to return to this world and when this current time period will end.”*

After hearing the prophesy about the temple, what did the disciples ask Jesus?

The disciples asked Jesus when these things would happen, and what would be the sign of his coming and the end of the world.

Matthew 24:5

ULT	UST
For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray.	*I say that because many people will meet you and say that God has authorized them as he has authorized me. They will say that they are the Messiah. By doing that, they will deceive many people.*

What action of people did Jesus say would lead many astray?

Jesus said many would come saying they are the Christ, leading many astray.

Matthew 24:6-8

What events did Jesus say would be the beginning of birth pains?

Jesus said that wars, famines, and earthquakes would be the beginning of birth pains.

Matthew 24:9-10

What did Jesus say would happen among the believers at this time?

Jesus said that the believers would suffer tribulation and be hated by the nations for the sake of his name.

Matthew 24:13

ULT	UST
But the one having endured to the end, this one will be saved.	*However, if you persevere in being my apprentices while people harm you, God will rescue you.*

Who did Jesus say would be saved?

Jesus said that the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Matthew 24:14

ULT	UST
And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.	*You, my apprentices, will proclaim the good news about God's kingdom throughout this world. That way, you will tell every group of people about me. After that, the current time period will end.*

What will happen with the gospel before the end comes?

The gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world before the end comes.

Matthew 24:15-16

What did Jesus say the believers should do when they see the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place?

Jesus said the believers should flee to the mountains.

Matthew 24:21

ULT	UST
For then will be great tribulation, such as has not happened from the beginning of the world until now, nor will ever happen.	*I say that because people will suffer very severely when what I have described happens. People have not suffered that severely since God created the world up to now, and no one will ever suffer that severely again.*

How great will the tribulation be in those days?

In those days, the tribulation will be great, greater than any from the beginning of the world.

Matthew 24:24

ULT	UST
for false Christs and false prophets will be raised up and will give great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.	

How will the false Christs and false prophets lead many astray?

The false Christs and false prophets will show great signs and wonders to lead many astray.

Matthew 24:27

ULT	UST
For, just as the lightning comes out from the east and shines as far as the west, thus will be the coming of the Son of Man.	*Here is why I say that: lightning lights up the sky from one side to the other, and everyone can see it. Similarly, when I, the Son of Man, return to this world, everyone will see it.*

What will the coming of the Son of Man look like?

The coming of the Son of Man will look like lightning shining from east to west.

Matthew 24:29

ULT	UST
But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.	*Once people suffer in the ways I have described, immediately God will cause the sun to become dark. The moon will not shine. Stars will drop down from the sky. God will disrupt the angels in heaven.*

What will happen to the sun, moon, and stars after the tribulation of those days?

The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars will fall from the sky.

Matthew 24:30

ULT	UST
And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and much glory.	*After that, people will see something in the sky that shows that I, the Son of Man, am about to act. In response, many groups of people here on earth will grieve. They will see me, the Son of Man, arriving by means of clouds. I will be powerful and very great.*

What will the tribes of the earth do when they see the Son of Man coming in power and great glory?

The tribes of the earth will mourn.

Matthew 24:31

ULT	UST
And he will send his angels with a great trumpet, and they will gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the heavens to the ends of them.	*I will have an angel sound a loud trumpet. I will tell my angels to collect the people whom I have chosen. They will collect them from every place that exists.*

What sound will be heard as the Son of Man sends his angels to gather the elect?

The great sound of a trumpet will be heard when the angels gather the elect.

Matthew 24:34

ULT	UST
Truly I say to you that this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things happen.	*Most of the people who are alive right now will still be alive when what I have described happens. What I have said is true.*

What did Jesus say would not pass away until all these things have occurred?

Jesus said that this generation will not pass away until all these things have occurred.

Matthew 24:35

ULT	UST
The heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.	*Everything that God has created will eventually change or disappear. However, what I have said will never change or disappear.*

What did Jesus say would pass away, and what would never pass away?

Jesus said that heaven and earth will pass away, but that his words will never pass away.

Matthew 24:36

ULT	UST
But concerning that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of the heavens, nor the Son, except the Father only.	*However, as for when this current time period will end, no human being knows that. The angels who dwell in heaven do not know that. Even I, the Son, do not know that. In fact, only God my Father knows that.*

Who knows when these events will occur?

Only the Father knows when these events will occur.

Matthew 24:37-39

How will the coming of the Son of Man be like the days of Noah before the Flood?

The people will be eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, knowing nothing of the coming judgment that will take them away.

Matthew 24:42

ULT	UST
Therefore, be alert, for you do not know on what day your Lord will come.	*So then, you cannot know at what moment I, your Lord, will return to this world. Because of that, you need to be ready at all times.*

What attitude did Jesus say his believers must maintain regarding his coming, and why?

Jesus said that his believers must always be ready, because they do not know what day the Lord will come.

Matthew 24:45-46

What does a faithful and wise servant do while the master is away?

A faithful and wise servant takes care of the master's household while the master is away.

Matthew 24:47

ULT	UST
Truly I say to you that he will appoint him over all his possessions.	*The master will put that servant in charge of everything that he owns. What I have said is true.*

What does the master do for the faithful and wise servant when he returns?

When he returns, the master sets the faithful and wise servant over everything that he owns.

Matthew 24:48-49

What does an evil servant do while the master is away?

An evil servant beats his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards while the master is away.

Matthew 24:51

ULT	UST
and he will cut him in two and appoint his place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.	*The master will punish that servant severely. He will send him where he punishes people who pretend to obey but really do not. There, people will cry and sorrowfully grind their teeth.*

What does the master do with the evil servant when he returns?

When he returns, the master cuts the evil servant in pieces and sends him to where there is weeping and grinding of teeth.

Matthew 25

Matthew 25:3

ULT	UST
For the foolish, having taken their lamps, did not take oil with them.	*Here is how five of them were foolish: they each took an oil lamp, but they did not take any extra oil for their lamps.*

What did the foolish virgins not do when they went to meet the bridegroom?

The foolish virgins did not take any oil with them along with their lamps.

Matthew 25:4

ULT	UST
But the wise took oil in the containers with their lamps.	*In contrast, here is how five of them were wise: they each took an oil lamp and also some extra oil for their lamps.*

What did the wise virgins do when they went to meet the bridegroom?

The wise virgins took containers of oil along with their lamps.

Matthew 25:5-6

When did the bridegroom come, and was this the expected time?

The bridegroom came at midnight, which was later than the expected time.

Matthew 25:10

ULT	UST
But, they going away to buy, the bridegroom came, and the prepared entered with him into the wedding feast, and the door was shut.	*So, the foolish young women left to buy oil. While they were gone, the bridegroom arrived. The wise young women, who were ready to escort him, went with him to the wedding hall. Then, people closed its doors.*

What happened to the wise virgins when the bridegroom came?

The wise virgins went with the bridegroom to the marriage feast.

Matthew 25:10-12

What happened to the foolish virgins when the bridegroom came?

The foolish virgins had to go buy oil, and when they returned the door to the feast was shut for them.

Matthew 25:13

ULT	UST
Therefore, be alert, for you do not know the day nor the hour.	*So then, you cannot know at what moment I will return to this world. Because of that, you need to be ready at all times.*

What did Jesus say he wanted the believers to learn from the parable of the virgins?

Jesus said that the believers should watch, for they do not know the day or the hour.

Matthew 25:16-17

What did the servants with five and two talents do with their talents when their master went on his journey?

The servant with five talents made another five talents, and the one with two talents made another two.

Matthew 25:18

ULT	UST
But the one having received the one, having gone away, dug in the ground and hid the money of his master.	*However, the servant who had one bag of money went to bury it in the ground to keep it safe.*

What did the servant with one talent do with the talent when his master went on his journey?

The servant with one talent dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

Matthew 25:19

ULT	UST
Now after a long time, the master of those slaves comes and takes up a word together with them.	*Much later, the servants' master returned. He wanted to know what they had done with the bags of money.*

How long was the master away on his journey?

The master was away for a long time.

Matthew 25:20-21

When he returned, what did the master do for the servants who had been given five and two talents?

The master said, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" and put them in charge of many things.

Matthew 25:26-30

When he returned, what did the master do to the servant who had been given one talent?

The master said, "You wicked and lazy servant," took the one talent away from him, and threw him into the outer darkness.

Matthew 25:31-32

What will the Son of Man do when he comes and sits on his glorious throne?

The Son of Man will gather all the nations and separate the people one from another.

Matthew 25:34

ULT	UST
Then the King will say to the ones on his right, ‘Come, the ones having been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.	*After that, I, the king, will tell the people in the area to my right, ‘You are people whom God my Father has blessed. Come with me! God will enable you to participate in the kingdom that he set up for you when he created everything.*

What will those on the King’s right hand receive?

Those on the King’s right hand receive the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world.

Matthew 25:35-36

What did those on the King’s right hand do in their lives?

Those on the King’s right hand gave food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, took in strangers, clothed the naked, cared for the sick, and visited the prisoners.

Matthew 25:41

ULT	UST
Then he will say also to the ones on his left, ‘Go from me, the ones having been cursed, into the eternal fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels.	*After that, I will tell the people in the area to my left, ‘You are people whom God has cursed. Leave me! I send you to hell, which God set up for Satan and his demons.*

What will those on the King’s left hand receive?

Those on the King’s left hand receive the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Matthew 25:42-43

What did those on the King’s left hand not do in their lives?

Those on the King’s left hand did not give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, take in strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick, or visit the prisoners.

Matthew 26

Matthew 26:2

ULT	UST
“You know that after two days the Passover happens, and the Son of Man is handed over to be crucified.”	*“As you know, two days from now, the Passover festival will begin. At that time, somebody will help the authorities arrest me, the Son of Man. They will have people kill me by nailing me to a cross.”*

What Jewish feast did Jesus say was coming in two days?

Jesus said that the Passover was coming in two days.

Matthew 26:4

ULT	UST
And they took counsel together in order that they might seize Jesus by deceit and kill him.	*They started to plan a clever way to arrest Jesus and have others execute him.*

What were the chief priests and elders plotting at the palace of the chief priest?

They were plotting to arrest Jesus stealthily and to kill him.

Matthew 26:5

ULT	UST
But they were saying, “Not during the festival, so that a riot does not happen among the people.”	*However, they agreed that they would not act during the Passover festival. Otherwise, the people who were there in Jerusalem might riot.*

Of what were the chief priests and elders afraid?

They were afraid that if they killed Jesus during the feast, the people might riot.

Matthew 26:6-9

What was the disciples’ reaction when the woman poured the expensive ointment on Jesus’ head?

The disciples were angry and wanted to know why the ointment was not sold and the money given to the poor.

Matthew 26:12

ULT	UST
For she, putting this perfumed oil on my body, did it to prepare me for burial.	*When she poured this ointment on me, she was getting me ready for when someone buries me.*

Why did Jesus say the woman had poured the ointment on him?

Jesus said the woman had poured the ointment on him for his burial.

Matthew 26:14-15

What was Judas Iscariot paid to deliver Jesus into the hands of the chief priests?

Judas was paid 30 pieces of silver to deliver Jesus into the hands of the chief priests.

Matthew 26:21

ULT	UST
And they eating, he said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will hand me over."	*As they ate, Jesus told them, "One of you is going to help my enemies arrest me. What I have said is true."*

What did Jesus say at the evening meal about one of his disciples?

Jesus said that one of his disciples would betray him.

Matthew 26:24

ULT	UST
The Son of Man departs just as it has been written about him. But woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is handed over! It would have been good for him if that man had not been born."	*I, the Son of Man, will die. That is what you can read in the Scriptures about me. Nevertheless, how terrible it will be for the man who helps my enemies arrest me, the Son of Man. In fact, that man would be better off if he had never existed."*

What did Jesus say about the future of the one who would betray him?

Jesus said that it would be better for the man who betrays him if he had never been born.

Matthew 26:25

ULT	UST
But answering, Judas, the one handing him over, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He says to him, "You said it."	*Judas, the one who was going to help his enemies arrest him, replied, "Teacher, I will not do that!" Jesus replied, "Yes you will."*

How did Jesus answer when Judas asked if he was the one who would betray Jesus?

Jesus answered, "You have said it yourself."

Matthew 26:26

ULT	UST
Now they eating, Jesus, having taken bread and having blessed, broke it. And having given it to the disciples, he said, "Take, eat. This is my body."	*As they ate, Jesus picked up a loaf of bread. He thanked God for the loaf of bread. Then, he tore it into pieces and handed the pieces to the apprentices to eat. He said, "This bread is my body. Receive it and eat it."*

What did Jesus say when he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples?

Jesus said, "Take, eat. This is my body."

Matthew 26:28

ULT	UST
For this is my blood of the covenant that is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.	*This wine is my blood, which inaugurates the agreement God is making with you. My blood will flow from my body when my enemies kill me. That way, God will forgive the sins of many people.*

What did Jesus say about the cup he then gave to the disciples?

Jesus said that the cup was his blood of the covenant that is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 26:30-31

At the Mount of Olives, what did Jesus tell his disciples they would all do that night?

Jesus told his disciples that they would all stumble that night because of him.

Matthew 26:33-34

When Peter said he would never stumble, what did Jesus tell him he would do that night?

Jesus said that Peter would deny Jesus three times that night before the rooster crows.

Matthew 26:37-38

What did Jesus ask Peter and the two sons of Zebedee to do while he prayed?

Jesus asked them to remain there and watch with him.

Matthew 26:39

ULT	UST
And having gone a little farther, he fell on his face, praying and saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me. Yet, not as I will, but as you."	*After saying that, Jesus walked a little further. Then, he kneeled down to pray. He said, "God my Father, if there is any way to do so, please prevent me from suffering terribly. However, please do what you want to do, not what I want you to do."*

What request did Jesus make to the Father in his prayer?

Jesus requested that if it were possible, to let this cup pass from him.

Matthew 26:40

ULT	UST
And he comes to the disciples and finds them sleeping, and he says to Peter, "So, were you not able to be alert with me for one hour?	*Then he returned to the three apprentices. He discovered that they were asleep. He woke them up and rebuked Peter, "It disappoints me that you men could not stay awake with me for just a short time!*

What were the disciples doing when Jesus returned from praying?

The disciples were sleeping when Jesus returned from praying.

Matthew 26:42

ULT	UST
Again, having gone away a second time, he prayed, saying, "My Father, if this is not able to pass away unless I drink it, let your will be done."	*Then Jesus walked a short distance away a second time. He prayed, "God my Father, there may be no way to prevent me from suffering terribly. So, please do what you want to do!"*

What did Jesus pray be done, no matter Jesus' own will?

Jesus prayed that the Father's will be done, no matter Jesus' own will.

Matthew 26:42-44

How many times did Jesus leave the disciples to go and pray?

Jesus left the disciples three times to go and pray.

Matthew 26:47-48

What sign did Judas give the crowd to identify Jesus as the one to seize?

Judas kissed Jesus as the sign to the crowd that Jesus was the one to seize.

Matthew 26:51

ULT	UST
And behold, one of the ones with Jesus, having stretched out his hand, drew his sword, and having struck the servant of the high priest, cut off his ear.	*Then one of the men who were with Jesus pulled his sword out of its sheath! He attacked a man who served the ruling priest, but he only cut off that man's ear.*

What did one of Jesus' disciples do when Jesus was seized?

One of Jesus' disciples drew his sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest.

Matthew 26:53

ULT	UST
Or do you think that I am not able to beg my Father, and he will provide me now with more than 12 legions of angels?	*You should realize that I could ask God my Father to protect me, and he would immediately send more than 12 armies of angels to do so!*

What did Jesus say he could do if he wished to defend himself?

Jesus said that he could call upon the Father, who would send 12 legions of angels.

Matthew 26:54

ULT	UST
How then would the scriptures be fulfilled, that it is necessary to happen in this way?"	*However, if I did that, then what people wrote in the Scriptures would not come true. They wrote that what is happening to me has to occur."*

What did Jesus say was being fulfilled by these events?

Jesus said that the Scriptures were being fulfilled by these events.

Matthew 26:56

ULT	UST
But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples, having left him, fled.	*However, as all these things have happened, what the prophets wrote has come true." After that, all of Jesus' apprentices deserted him and ran away.*

What did all the disciples then do?

All the disciples then left him and fled.

Matthew 26:59

ULT	UST
Now the chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin were seeking false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death.	*The ruling priests and all the rest of the Jewish council tried to find people who would say what was untrue about Jesus. That way, they could have the Roman authorities execute him.*

For what were the chief priests and the whole Council looking in order to put Jesus to death?

They were looking for false testimony against Jesus in order to put Jesus to death.

Matthew 26:63

ULT	UST
But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him, "I make you swear by the living God that you tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."	*Despite that, Jesus kept quiet. Then the ruling priest told him, "I want you to have the only real God guarantee that you will say truthfully whether you are the Messiah, God's Son."*

What command did the high priest give Jesus by the living God?

The high priest commanded Jesus tell them whether or not he was the Christ, the Son of God.

Matthew 26:64

ULT	UST
Jesus says to him, "You said it. But I say to you, from now you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven."	*Jesus replied, "What you have called me is right. In fact, here is what I want to tell you: From this time on, you will see me, the Son of Man, ruling powerfully with God. You will see me arriving by means of clouds."*

What was Jesus' response to the high priest's command?

Jesus said, "You have said it yourself."

What did Jesus say the high priest would see?

Jesus said the high priest would see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Matthew 26:65

ULT	UST
Then the high priest tore his robes, saying, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still have need of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy.	*When he heard that, the ruling priest was so upset that he ripped his outer garments. He said, "This man has insulted God! We certainly do not need anyone else to say anything about him. You all just heard him insult God!*

What accusation did the high priest then make against Jesus?

The high priest accused Jesus of blasphemy.

Matthew 26:67

ULT	UST
Then they spit in his face and beat him. And they slapped him,	*After that, some of the people there spit in Jesus' face to insult him. They struck him with their fists. They slapped him*

What did they do to Jesus after they accused him?

They spat in Jesus' face, beat him, and struck him with the palms of their hands.

Matthew 26:73-75

What did Peter answer the three times that someone asked him if he was with Jesus?

Peter answered that he did not know Jesus.

Matthew 26:74

ULT	UST
Then he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man!" And immediately a rooster crowed.	*After they said that, Peter asked God to punish him if he was lying. Then he solemnly promised, "I have never met that man!" As soon as he said that, a male chicken crowed.*

What happened as soon as Peter answered the third time?

As soon as Peter answered the third time, a rooster crowed.

Matthew 26:75

ULT	UST
And Peter remembered the word of Jesus that he had said: "Before a rooster crows you will deny me three times." And having gone outside, he wept bitterly.	*Then Peter remembered what Jesus had told him. He had said, "Before male chickens crow at dawn, you will say three times that you are not my apprentice." Peter left the area just outside the ruling priest's house and cried very sorrowfully.*

What did Peter remember after his third answer?

Peter remembered that Jesus had said that before the rooster crows, he would deny Jesus three times.

Matthew 27

Matthew 27:2

ULT	UST
And having bound him, they led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.	*They had their guards tie Jesus up and take him from there to Pilate, the Roman local ruler. They wanted Pilate to condemn him.*

In the morning, where did the chief priests and elders take Jesus?

In the morning, they took him to Pilate the governor.

Matthew 27:3-5

What did Judas Iscariot do when he saw that Jesus was condemned?

Judas repented of betraying innocent blood, returned the silver, went out, and hanged himself.

Matthew 27:6-7

What did the chief priests do with the 30 pieces of silver?

They bought the Potter's Field, in which to bury strangers.

Matthew 27:9-10

Whose prophecy did these events fulfill?

These events fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah.

Matthew 27:11

ULT	UST
Now Jesus was stood before the governor, and the governor questioned him, saying, "Are you the King of the Jews?" But Jesus said to him, "You say it."	*As for Jesus, the Jewish council had him stand in front of Pilate, the Roman local ruler. Pilate asked him, "Do you claim to be king over the Jewish people?" Jesus replied, "What you are calling me is right."*

What question did Pilate ask Jesus, and what was Jesus' answer?

Pilate asked Jesus if he was the King of the Jews, and Jesus answered, "You say so."

Matthew 27:12-14

What did Jesus answer to all the accusations of the chief priests and elders?

Jesus did not answer even one word.

Matthew 27:15-16

What did Pilate wish to do for Jesus, following the custom of the feast of Passover?

Pilate wished to have Jesus released, following the custom of the feast.

Matthew 27:19

ULT	UST
Now, he sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Nothing to you and to that righteous one, for I suffered many things today because of him by means of a dream."	*While Pilate was sitting where he did when he was deciding whether people were guilty or innocent, his wife sent a message to him: "Today I dreamed about that man, and it upset me very much. So, do not do anything with that man. He is a man who does what is right!"*

What message did Pilate's wife send to him as he was sitting on the judgment-seat?

She told Pilate to have nothing to do with that innocent man.

Matthew 27:20

ULT	UST
But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds so that they would ask for Barabbas but would destroy Jesus.	*However, the ruling priests and the Jewish leaders convinced the groups of people who were there to ask Pilate to set Barabbas free. Also, they convinced the groups of people to have Pilate execute Jesus.*

Why was Barabbas, and not Jesus, released according to the custom of the feast?

The chief priests and elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas to be released instead of Jesus.

Matthew 27:22

ULT	UST
Pilate says to them, “What then should I do with Jesus, the one called Christ?” They all say, “Let him be crucified.”	*Pilate replied, “So what do you want me to do with Jesus, whom people call the Messiah?” All the people who were there replied, “Have your soldiers kill him by nailing him to a cross!”*

What did the crowd cry out that they wanted done with Jesus?

The crowd cried out that they wanted Jesus to be crucified.

Matthew 27:24

ULT	UST
But Pilate, having seen that he is benefiting nothing, but, instead, a riot is happening, having taken water, washed his hands opposite the crowd, saying, “I am innocent from the blood of this one. You will see.”	*Then Pilate realized that he was not accomplishing anything by asking those questions. Rather, the group of people who were there were starting to riot. So, while they were watching, he washed his hands in water to indicate that he was not guilty. He declared, “I am not guilty of killing this man! That is your problem.”*

When Pilate saw a riot was starting, what did he do?

Pilate washed his hands, said he was innocent of this innocent man’s blood, and gave Jesus over to the crowd.

Matthew 27:25

ULT	UST
And answering, all the people said, “His blood be on us and on our children!”	*All the people who were there replied, “We and our children will be responsible for killing this man!”*

What did the people say when Pilate handed Jesus to them?

The people said, “May his blood be on us and our children.”

Matthew 27:27-29

What did the soldiers of the governor put on Jesus?

The soldiers put a scarlet robe on him and a crown of thorns on his head.

Matthew 27:32

ULT	UST
Now coming out, they found a Cyrenean man, Simon by name. They pressed this one into service so that he would carry his cross.	*As they were on their way, they passed a man who was from the city of Cyrene. His name was Simon. The soldiers forced this man to carry the cross for Jesus.*

What was Simon of Cyrene forced to do?

Simon was forced to carry Jesus' cross.

Matthew 27:33

ULT	UST
And having come to a place called Golgotha, which is called Place of a Skull,	*Then, they arrived at a place whose name is Golgotha. That name means "Skull Place."*

Where did they go to crucify Jesus?

They went to Golgotha, which means "The Place of a Skull."

Matthew 27:35-36

What did the soldiers do after they crucified Jesus?

The soldiers cast lots to divide up Jesus' garments and then sat and watched him.

Matthew 27:37

ULT	UST
And they put above his head his charge, having been written, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."	*They wrote on a sign why they were executing Jesus. On the sign were these words: "This man is Jesus. He was king over the Jewish people." The soldiers placed the sign above Jesus' head.*

What writing did they put above Jesus' head?

They wrote, "THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Matthew 27:38

ULT	UST
Then two robbers are being crucified with him, one at his right and one at his left.	*After that, the soldiers nailed two bandits to crosses near Jesus. They put one bandit on one side of Jesus. They put the other bandit on the other side of Jesus.*

Who was crucified with Jesus?

Two robbers were crucified with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left.

Matthew 27:42

ULT	UST
“He saved others; he is not able to save himself. He is the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.	*“He has rescued other people. However, he cannot rescue himself! He says that he is king over the people of Israel. So, he should get down now from that cross. Then we will trust him!*

What did the people, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders challenge Jesus to do?

They all challenged Jesus to save himself and come down from the cross.

Matthew 27:45

ULT	UST
Now from the sixth hour, darkness happened over all the land until the ninth hour.	*At noon, it became dark in that whole area. It stayed dark until three o’clock in the afternoon.*

What happened from the sixth to the ninth hour?

Darkness came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour.

Matthew 27:46

ULT	UST
But about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” This is, “My God, my God, why did you forsake me?”	*At about three o’clock in the afternoon, Jesus shouted, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” That means, “My God, my God, why did you abandon me?”*

What did Jesus cry out at the ninth hour?

Jesus cried out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Matthew 27:50

ULT	UST
But Jesus, having cried out again with a loud voice, released his spirit.	*After that, Jesus shouted loudly again. Then, he died.*

What happened after Jesus cried out again with a loud voice?

Jesus gave up his spirit.

Matthew 27:51

ULT	UST
And behold, the curtain of the temple was split in two from top to bottom, and the earth was shaken, and the rocks were split.	*Then the drape hanging in front of the Most Holy Place in the temple ripped in half. It tore from the top down to the bottom. Also, the earth quaked, and rocks broke apart.*

What happened in the temple after Jesus died?

The curtain of the temple was split in two from the top to the bottom after Jesus died.

Matthew 27:52-53

What happened at the tombs after Jesus died?

Many saints that had fallen asleep were raised and appeared to many after Jesus died.

Matthew 27:54

ULT	UST
Now the centurion and the ones with him guarding Jesus, having seen the earthquake and the things having happened, were very afraid, saying, "Truly this was a Son of God."	*The Roman officer and his soldiers, who were making sure that Jesus died, saw the earth quaking and the other things that happened. They became extremely afraid. They declared, "This man really was God's Son."*

Seeing all these events, what was the testimony of the centurion?

The centurion testified, "Truly this was the Son of God."

Matthew 27:57-58

After he was crucified, what happened to the body of Jesus?

A rich disciple of Jesus, Joseph, asked Pilate for the body, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in his own new tomb.

Matthew 27:60

ULT	UST
and put it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And having rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, he went away.	*Then, Joseph put Jesus' body into Joseph's own fresh grave. Joseph's workers had made it by digging into a rock cliff. After that, Joseph rolled a huge flat stone to block the entrance to the grave. Then he left.*

What was placed across the door of the tomb where Jesus' body was laid?

A large stone was placed across the door of the tomb where Jesus' body was laid.

Matthew 27:62-64

Why did the chief priests and the Pharisees gather with Pilate the next day?

The chief priests and the Pharisees wanted to make sure that Jesus' tomb was secure so that no one could steal the body.

Matthew 27:65-66

What did Pilate permit them to do at the tomb?

Pilate permitted them to seal the stone and place a guard at the tomb.

Matthew 28

Matthew 28:1

ULT	UST
Now after the Sabbath, at the dawning on the first of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to watch the tomb.	*When the Sabbath ended, at dawn on Sunday morning, Mary from the town of Magdala and the other woman whose name was Mary went to observe Jesus' tomb.*

What day and time did Mary Magdalene and the other Mary go to Jesus' tomb?

As it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, they went to Jesus' tomb.

Matthew 28:2

ULT	UST
And behold, a great earthquake happened, for an angel of the Lord, having come down from heaven and having approached, rolled away the stone and was sitting on it.	*Then the earth quaked violently! That happened because an angel from the Lord descended from heaven. He went to Jesus' grave. He rolled the flat stone away from the entrance to the grave. Then, he sat down on the stone.*

How was the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb?

An angel of the Lord descended and rolled away the stone.

Matthew 28:4

ULT	UST
And the ones guarding were shaken from the fear of him and became as dead.	*The soldiers who were protecting the grave trembled because they were afraid of the angel. They were so afraid that they looked like they had died.*

What did the guards do when they saw the angel?

The guards shook with fear and became like dead men when they saw the angel.

Matthew 28:5-7

What did the angel say to the two women about Jesus?

The angel said that Jesus had risen and was going ahead of them to Galilee.

Matthew 28:8-9

What happened to the two women on their way to tell the disciples?

The women met Jesus, and they took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

Matthew 28:11-13

When the guards told the chief priests what had happened at the tomb, what did the chief priests do?

The chief priests paid the soldiers a large amount of money and told them to say that Jesus' disciples had stolen the body.

Matthew 28:17

ULT	UST
And having seen him, they worshiped, but they doubted.	*When they met him there, they worshiped him. However, they were unsure that it really was Jesus.*

What did the disciples do when they saw Jesus in Galilee?

The disciples worshiped Jesus, but some doubted.

Matthew 28:18

ULT	UST
And having approached, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "All authority was given to me in heaven and on the earth.	*Then Jesus came up to them and said, "God my Father has authorized me to rule over everything that God has created.*

What authority did Jesus say had been given to him?

Jesus said that all authority in heaven and on earth had been given to him.

Matthew 28:19

ULT	UST
Having gone, therefore, disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit;	*So then, go from here. Help all groups of people become my apprentices. Baptize them so that they belong to God the Father, me his Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

What did Jesus command his disciples to do?

Jesus commanded his disciples to go and make disciples, and to baptize them.

Into what name did Jesus tell his disciples to baptize?

Jesus told his disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:20

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teaching them to keep everything, as much as I commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days, until the end of the age."	*Instruct them so that they do everything that I have told you to do. Finally, I will be with you at all times, even up to the point when this current time period ends."*

What did Jesus command his disciples to teach?

Jesus commanded his disciples to teach the nations to obey all the things he had commanded.

What final promise did Jesus give his disciples?

Jesus promised to be with them, even to the end of the age.