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# Matthew

## Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup>The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham: <sup>2</sup>Abraham fathered Isaac, and Isaac fathered Jacob, and Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup>and Judah fathered Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez fathered Hezron, and Hezron fathered Ram, <sup>4</sup>and Ram fathered Amminadab, and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, and Nahshon fathered Salmon, <sup>5</sup>and Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth, and Obed fathered Jesse, <sup>6</sup>and Jesse fathered David the king, and David fathered Solomon by the {wife} of Uriah,

<sup>7</sup>and Solomon fathered Rehoboam, and Rehoboam fathered Abijah, and Abijah fathered Asa, <sup>8</sup>and Asa fathered Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat fathered Joram, and Joram fathered Uzziah, <sup>9</sup>and Uzziah fathered Jotham, and Jotham fathered Ahaz, and Ahaz fathered Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup>and Hezekiah fathered Manasseh, and Manasseh fathered Amon, and Amon fathered Josiah, <sup>11</sup>and Josiah fathered Jechoniah and his brothers at the Babylonian deportation,

<sup>12</sup>and after the Babylonian deportation, Jechoniah fathered Shealtiel, and Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup>and Zerubbabel fathered Abiud, and Abiud fathered Eliakim, and Eliakim fathered Azor, <sup>14</sup>and Azor fathered Zadok, and Zadok fathered Achim, and Achim fathered Eliud, <sup>15</sup>and Eliud fathered Eleazar, and Eleazar fathered Matthan, and Matthan fathered Jacob, <sup>16</sup>and Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, all the generations from Abraham until David {were} 14 generations, and from David until the Babylonian deportation {were} 14 generations, and from the Babylonian deportation until the Christ {were} 14 generations.

<sup>18</sup>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 by the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Now Joseph her husband was righteous, and not wanting to publicly disgrace her, he intended to divorce her secretly. <sup>20</sup>But when he had 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. <sup>21</sup>And she will bear a son, and you will call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>Now all this happened so that it might be fulfilled what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying,

<sup>23</sup>"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."

<sup>24</sup>And Joseph, having been awakened from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took her {as} his wife. <sup>25</sup>And he did not know her until she bore a son. And he called his name Jesus.

## Chapter 2

<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, learned men from the east arrived in Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east and came to worship him." <sup>3</sup>But having heard this, Herod the king became troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>And having brought together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired from them, "Where is the Christ being born?" <sup>5</sup>And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet,

<sup>6</sup>And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
are by no means the least among the leaders of Judah,  
for from you will come out a ruler

who will shepherd my people Israel.”” <sup>7</sup>Then Herod, having secretly called the learned men, inquired from them the time of the appearing of the star. <sup>8</sup>And having sent them to Bethlehem, he said, “Having gone, search carefully for the young child, and after you have found him, report to me so that I also, having come, might worship him.” <sup>9</sup>And they, having heard the king, went on their way, 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. <sup>10</sup>And having seen the star, they rejoiced with very great joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned through a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

<sup>13</sup>Now after they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appears to Joseph by means of a dream, saying, “Get 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.” <sup>14</sup>And he, having gotten up, took the young child and his mother at night and departed for Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and he was there until the death of Herod, in order that might be fulfilled what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

<sup>16</sup>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 who {were} 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. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

<sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children,  
and not willing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

<sup>19</sup>Now Herod having died, behold, an angel of the Lord appears through a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, “Having gotten up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who are seeking the life of the child have died.” <sup>21</sup>And he, having gotten up, took the child and his mother, and entered into the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But having heard that Archelaus is reigning over Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. But having been warned by means of a dream, he withdrew to the region of Galilee, <sup>23</sup>and having gone there, he lived in a city called Nazareth, so that it might be fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophets, that he will be called a Nazarene.

## Chapter 3

<sup>1</sup>Now in those days, John the Baptist comes preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens is near.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who has been spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying,  
“The voice of one calling out in the wilderness,  
‘Make ready the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now this John had his clothing from the hair of a camel and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then were going out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>Now having seen many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You offspring of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup>Therefore, produce fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>And you should not think to say among yourselves, 'We have Abraham {as} father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. <sup>10</sup>But already the ax is placed against the root of the trees. So, every tree not producing good fruit is chopped down and is thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>I baptize you with water for repentance. But the one coming after me is mightier than I, of whom I am not worthy to carry {his} sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire; <sup>12</sup>whose winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clear off his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the storehouse. But he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus comes from Galilee to the Jordan, to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>But John was hindering him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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, <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son. I am very pleased with him."

## Chapter 4

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And having fasted 40 days and 40 nights, afterwards, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And having approached, the tempter said to him, "If you are the Son of God, speak so that these stones might become bread." <sup>4</sup>But he, answering, said, "It is written, 'Man will not live by bread alone, but by every word coming through the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil takes him into the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple, <sup>6</sup>and says to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and, 'They will lift you up in {their} hands, lest you might hit your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You will not test the Lord your God.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil takes him to a very high hill and shows him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, "All these things I will give you, if having fallen down, you would worship me." <sup>10</sup>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.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil leaves him, and behold, angels came and began to minister to him.

<sup>12</sup>Now having heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And having left Nazareth, having come, he lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territories of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that it might be fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying,

<sup>15</sup>"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

toward the sea, beyond the Jordan,

Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people who are sitting in darkness

have seen a great light,

and to those sitting in the region and shadow of death,  
upon them has a light arisen.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>Now walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he says to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup>And immediately, they, having left {their} nets, followed him. <sup>21</sup>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, <sup>22</sup>and immediately they, having left the boat and their father, followed him.

<sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>And the news of him went out into all Syria, and they brought to him all those having sickness. being afflicted by various diseases and pains, and being possessed by demons, and the epileptic and the paralytic, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And large crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

## Chapter 5

<sup>1</sup>Now having seen the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And having opened his mouth, he taught them, saying,

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed {are} the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed {are} those who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed {are} the meek,

for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed {are} those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed {are} the merciful,

for they will obtain mercy.

<sup>8</sup>Blessed {are} the pure in heart,

for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>Blessed {are} the peacemakers,

for they will be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>Blessed {are} those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.

<sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when they may insult you and may persecute you and may say every evil thing against you falsely for my sake.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be very glad, for great {is} your reward in the heavens, for in this way they persecuted the prophets who {were} before you.

<sup>13</sup>You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt may have lost its taste, with what might it be made salty again? It is good for nothing any longer, except having been thrown out, to be trampled by men. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city being set on top of a hill is not able to be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but rather on the lampstand, and it shines for all those in the house. <sup>16</sup>Let your light shine before men in such a way so that they might see your good deeds and might glorify your Father who {is} in the heavens.

<sup>17</sup>May you not think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I came not to destroy them but to fulfill them.

<sup>18</sup>For truly I say to you, until the heaven and the earth may pass away, one jot or one tittle may certainly not pass away from the law until all things might be accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever might break one of the least of these commandments and might teach men to do so will be called least in the kingdom of the heavens. But whoever might do and might teach them, that one will be called great in the kingdom of the heavens. <sup>20</sup>For I say to you that unless your righteousness might abound greater than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you may certainly not enter into the kingdom of the heavens.

<sup>21</sup>You have heard that it was said to the ancients, 'Do not kill,' and, 'Whoever might kill will be held for the judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be held for the judgment. And whoever might say to his brother, 'Fool!' will be held for the council. And whoever might say, 'You fool!' will be held for the fire of Gehenna. <sup>23</sup>Therefore, if you may be offering your gift at the altar and there may remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar and go; first be reconciled with your brother, and then, having come, offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>Truly I say to you, you may certainly not come out from there until you would have paid the last quadrans.

<sup>27</sup>You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks on a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>But if your right eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. For it is better for you that one of your members would perish and your whole body would not be thrown into Gehenna. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away from you. For it is better for you that one of your members would perish and your whole body would not go into Gehenna. <sup>31</sup>Now it has been said, 'Whoever might send his wife away, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for a word of sexual immorality, makes her to commit adultery. And whoever might marry she who has been divorced commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>Again, you have heard that it was said to the ancients, 'Do not break an oath, but carry out your oaths to the Lord.' <sup>34</sup>But I tell you not to swear at all, neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God; <sup>35</sup>nor by the earth, for it is the footstool for his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>Neither should you swear by your head, for you are not able to make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>But let your word be 'Yes, yes,' {or} 'No, no.' But anything greater than this is from the evil one.

<sup>38</sup>You have heard that it was said, 'An eye in exchange for an eye, and a tooth in exchange for a tooth.' <sup>39</sup>But I tell you not to resist the evil person. Instead, whoever strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. <sup>40</sup>And to the one wanting to be judged with you and to take away your coat, let him also have {your} cloak. <sup>41</sup>And whoever will compel you to go one mile, go with him two. <sup>42</sup>Give to the one asking you, and do not turn away from the one wanting to borrow from you.



<sup>43</sup>You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, love your enemies and pray on behalf of those who persecute you,<sup>[1]</sup> <sup>45</sup>so that you might be sons of your Father who {is} in the heavens. For he makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust. <sup>46</sup>For if you would love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same thing? <sup>47</sup>And if you would greet only your brothers, what do you do more? Do not even the Gentiles do the same thing? <sup>48</sup>Therefore, you shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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5:44 <sup>[1]</sup>

## Chapter 6

<sup>1</sup>Now take heed that you do not do your righteousness before men to be seen by them, but if not, you do not have a reward with your Father who {is} in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>So when you might 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. <sup>3</sup>But you, giving alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>And when you might 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. <sup>6</sup>But you, when you might pray, enter into your inner chamber, and having shut your door, pray to your Father who {is} in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>7</sup>Now praying, do not make useless repetitions even as the Gentiles, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, you should not be like them, for your Father knows what need you have before you ask him. <sup>9</sup>You, therefore, pray like this:

'Our Father who {is} in the heavens,

let your name be sanctified.

<sup>10</sup>Let your kingdom come,

let your will also be done

on earth as {it is} in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us today our daily bread;

<sup>12</sup>and forgive us our debts,

as we also forgave our debtors;

<sup>13</sup>and do not bring us into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.<sup>[1]</sup>

<sup>14</sup>For if you would forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup>But if you would not forgive those of men, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

<sup>16</sup>Now when you might fast, do not become mournful as the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so that they may appear to men as fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. <sup>17</sup>But you, when fasting, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that you would not appear fasting to men, but only to your Father who {is} in secret; and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>Do not store up for yourselves treasures on the earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>Instead, store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in nor steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. <sup>22</sup>The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, if your eye is good, your whole body is full of light. <sup>23</sup>But if your eye is evil, your whole body is full of darkness. Therefore, if the light that {is} in you is darkness, how great {is} that darkness! <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>Because of this I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you might eat or what you might drink, nor about your body, what you might wear. Is not life more than food, and the body, {than} clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the sky, that they do not sow nor reap nor gather into barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them. {Are} you not more valuable than them? <sup>27</sup>But which one from you, being anxious, are able to add one cubit to his lifespan? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not toil, nor do they spin cloth. <sup>29</sup>Yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God thus clothes the grass of the field, existing today and tomorrow being thrown into the oven, {will he} not much more, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore, you should not be anxious, saying, 'What might we eat?' or, 'What might we drink?' or, 'What might we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all of these things. <sup>33</sup>But seek first {his} kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup>Therefore, you should not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day {is} its evil.

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6:13 <sup>[1]</sup>

## Chapter 7

<sup>1</sup>Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you judge, you will be judged, and with the measure you measure, it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup>Now why do you look at the speck that {is} in the eye of your brother, but you do not notice the log that {is} in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how will you say to your brother, 'Let me take out the speck from your eye,' while behold, the log {is} in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite! First take out the log from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck from the eye of your brother. <sup>6</sup>You should not give what {is} holy to the dogs, and should not throw your pearls in front of the pigs. Otherwise they will trample them under their feet, and having turned, they might tear you to pieces.

<sup>7</sup>Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks, receives; and the one seeking, finds; and to the one knocking, it will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or what man is there from among you, of whom his son will ask for bread—he will not give him a stone, will he? <sup>10</sup>Or he will also ask for a fish—he will not give him a snake, will he? <sup>11</sup>Therefore, if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who {is} in the heavens give good things to those asking him? <sup>12</sup>In everything, therefore, whatever you might want that men would do to you, in this manner also, you do to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

<sup>13</sup>Enter through the narrow gate. For wide {is} the gate and broad {is} the way that is leading to destruction, and there are many who are entering through it. <sup>14</sup>For the gate {is} narrow and the way has been made narrow that is leading to life, and there are few who are finding it.

<sup>15</sup>Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>By their fruits you will know them. They do not gather grapes from a thornbush or figs from thistles, do they? <sup>17</sup>In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but the rotten tree produces bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A good tree is not able to produce bad fruit, nor a rotten tree to produce good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree not producing good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>So then, you will recognize them from their fruits. <sup>21</sup>Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but the one who does the will of my Father who {is} in the heavens. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name cast

out demons, and in your name do many mighty deeds?’ <sup>23</sup>And then I will publicly declare to them, ‘I never knew you! Go away from me, you who are practicing lawlessness!’

<sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>And the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew and struck against that house, but it did not fall down, for it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup>But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be compared to a foolish man who built his house upon the sand. <sup>27</sup>And the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew and struck against that house, and it fell, and its destruction was great.”

<sup>28</sup>And it happened that when Jesus finished speaking these words, the crowds were astonished by his teaching, <sup>29</sup>for he was teaching them as having authority, and not as their scribes.

## Chapter 8

<sup>1</sup>Now when he had come down from the hill, large crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup>And behold, a leper, having approached, bowed before him, saying, “Lord, if you would be willing, you are able to make me clean.” <sup>3</sup>And having reached out {his} hand, he touched him, saying, “I am willing. Be clean.” And immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus says to him, “See that you may tell no one, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.”

<sup>5</sup>Now when he had entered into Capernaum, a centurion came to him, begging him <sup>6</sup>and saying, “Lord, my servant has been lying in the house paralyzed, being tormented terribly.” <sup>7</sup>And he says to him, “I, when I have come, will heal him.” <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another one, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” <sup>10</sup>But having heard this, Jesus was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I say to you, I have found such great faith from no one in Israel. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.” <sup>13</sup>And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! As you believed, let it be done for you.” And the servant was healed at that very hour.

<sup>14</sup>And when Jesus had come into the house of Peter, he saw his mother-in-law having been laid down and being sick with a fever. <sup>15</sup>And he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him. <sup>16</sup>Now evening having come, they brought to him many being possessed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all those having sickness, <sup>17</sup>so that might be fulfilled that which had been spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, “He himself took our weaknesses and bore our diseases.”

<sup>18</sup>Now Jesus, having seen the crowd around him, commanded to depart to the other side. <sup>19</sup>And having approached, a scribe said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you might go.” <sup>20</sup>And Jesus says to him, “Foxes have holes, and the birds of the sky, nests, but the Son of Man does not have where he might lay {his} head.” <sup>21</sup>Now another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, permit me first to go away and to bury my father.” <sup>22</sup>But Jesus says to him, “Follow me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead.”

<sup>23</sup>And when he had entered into a boat, his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup>And behold, a great storm happened on the sea, so that the boat was covered by the waves. But he was sleeping. <sup>25</sup>And having approached, they woke him, saying, “Lord, save us; we are perishing!” <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>But the men marveled, saying, “What sort of is he, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

<sup>28</sup>And when he had come to the other side, to the country 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.

<sup>29</sup>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?" <sup>30</sup>Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at a distance from them. <sup>31</sup>But the demons were begging him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of the pigs." <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, "Go!" And the demons, 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. <sup>33</sup>Now those who had been feeding them ran away and, having gone away to the city, they reported everything, and the things concerning the men who were possessed by demons. <sup>34</sup>And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And having seen him, they begged him that he would depart from their region.

## Chapter 9

<sup>1</sup>And having entered into a boat, he crossed over and came to his own city. <sup>2</sup>And behold, they were bringing to him a paralytic lying on a mat. And when Jesus had seen their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, have courage. Your sins are forgiven." <sup>3</sup>And behold, some of the scribes said among themselves, "This man blasphemes." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus, having known their thoughts, said, "For what reason do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup>For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? <sup>6</sup>But in order that you might know that the Son of Man has authority on the earth to forgive sins..." he then says to the paralytic, "Get up, pick up your mat, and go to your house." <sup>7</sup>And having gotten up, he went away to his house. <sup>8</sup>Now when the crowds had seen this, they were afraid and glorified God, who had given such authority to men. <sup>9</sup>And as Jesus is passing on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collection office, and he says to him, "Follow me." And having gotten up, he followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And it happened that as he is reclining at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners, also having come, were dining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And the Pharisees, having seen this, were saying to his disciples, "For what reason does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But he, having heard this, said, "Those who are strong in body do not have need of a physician, but those who have sickness. <sup>13</sup>But having gone, learn what this is: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

<sup>14</sup>Then the disciples of John come to him, saying, "For what reason do we and the Pharisees often fast, but your disciples do not fast?" <sup>15</sup>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 may be taken away from them, and then they will fast. <sup>16</sup>Now no one puts a patch of new cloth on an old garment, for his patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear happens. <sup>17</sup>Neither do they put new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the skins are burst, and the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are destroyed. Instead, they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

<sup>18</sup>While he is saying these things to them, behold, a certain official, having approached, bowed down to him, saying, "My daughter has just now died, but, having come, lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup>And having gotten up, Jesus and his disciples followed him. <sup>20</sup>And behold, a woman suffering from a discharge of blood for 12 years, having come up behind him, touched the edge of his garment, <sup>21</sup>for she was saying to herself, "If only I might touch his garments, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup>But Jesus, having turned and having seen her, said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has saved you." And the woman was healed from that very hour. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus, having come into the house of the official and having seen the flute players and the crowd being stirred up, <sup>24</sup>said, "Go away, for the girl has not died, but sleeps." But they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, having entered, he took her hand, and the girl was raised up. <sup>26</sup>And this report went out into all that region.

<sup>27</sup>And when Jesus is departing from there, two blind men followed him, crying out and saying, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" <sup>28</sup>Now when he had come into the house, the blind men came to him and Jesus says to them, "Do

you believe that I am able to do this?" They say to him, "Yes, Lord." <sup>29</sup>Then he touched their eyes, saying, "Let it happen to you according to your faith." <sup>30</sup>And their eyes were opened, and Jesus warned them, saying, "See that you let no one know about this." <sup>31</sup>But they, having gone out, reported it in all that land.

<sup>32</sup>Now as they are going away, behold, they brought to him a mute, demon-possessed man. <sup>33</sup>And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke, and the crowds were astonished, saying, "Such as this has never been seen in Israel!" <sup>34</sup>But the Pharisees were saying, "By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons."

<sup>35</sup>And Jesus was going around all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>Now having seen the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were troubled and discouraged, like sheep not having a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he says to his disciples, "The harvest {is} plentiful, but the laborers {are} few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore, beg the Lord of the harvest, so that he might send out laborers into his harvest."

## Chapter 10

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Now the names of the 12 apostles are these: first, Simon (who is called Peter), and Andrew his brother; and James the {son} of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the {son} of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These Twelve Jesus sent out, having instructed them, saying, "Do not go on the way to the Gentiles, and do not enter into any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup>But go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>Now as you are going, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of the heavens has come near.' <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, {and} cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. <sup>9</sup>Do not acquire gold or silver or copper in your purses, <sup>10</sup>nor a bag for your journey nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer {is} worthy of his food. <sup>11</sup>But whatever city or village you might enter into, find someone who is worthy in it and stay there until you might leave. <sup>12</sup>Now entering into the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>And if the house might be worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it might not be worthy, let your peace be returned to you. <sup>14</sup>And whoever might not receive you nor listen to your words, departing from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. <sup>15</sup>Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

<sup>16</sup>Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so become wise as the serpents and harmless as the doves. <sup>17</sup>But beware of the men, for they will deliver you up to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup>and you will even be brought before governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>But when they might deliver you up, you should not be anxious about how or what you should speak, for what you should say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup>For it is not you who is speaking, but the Spirit of your Father who is speaking in you. <sup>21</sup>Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father {his} child, and children will rise up against parents and put them to death. <sup>22</sup>And you will be hated by everyone because of my name, but the one who endured to the end, he will be saved. <sup>23</sup>But when they might persecute you in this city, flee to the next, for truly I say to you, you may certainly not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man may come.

<sup>24</sup>A disciple is not above {his} teacher, nor a slave above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple that he might be like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much worse the members of his household! <sup>26</sup>Therefore, do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and hidden, that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the darkness, say in the daylight, and what you hear in {your} ear, proclaim upon the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul. But instead, fear the one who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. <sup>29</sup>Are not two

sparrows sold for an assarion, and yet not one of them will fall to the ground without the knowledge of your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>Therefore, everyone who will confess in me before men, I will also confess in him before my Father who {is} in the heavens. <sup>33</sup>But whoever would deny me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who {is} in the heavens.

<sup>34</sup>Do not think that I came to put peace upon the earth. I did not come to put peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup>and the enemies of a man will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup>The one loving father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and the one loving son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup>And the one who does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>The one who found his life will lose it, and the one who lost his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup>The one receiving you receives me, and the one receiving me receives the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>The one receiving a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a reward of a prophet, and the one receiving a righteous man in the name of a righteous man will receive a reward of a righteous man. <sup>42</sup>And whoever might give 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 may certainly not lose his reward."

## Chapter 11

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Now John, having heard in the prison about the deeds of the Christ, having sent through his disciples, <sup>3</sup>said to him, "Are you the one coming, or are we expecting another?" <sup>4</sup>And answering, Jesus said to them, "Having gone, report to John what you see and hear. <sup>5</sup>The blind receive sight, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised, and the poor are being told the gospel. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is whoever might not have been offended by me."

<sup>7</sup>Now as these were going on their way, Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John, "What did you go out in the wilderness to see—a reed being shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>But what did you go out to see—a man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those wearing soft clothing are in the houses of kings. <sup>9</sup>But what did you go out to see—a prophet? Yes, I say to you, and much more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he concerning whom it is written,

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

<sup>11</sup>Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen one greater than John the Baptist, but the least important in the kingdom of the heavens is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>But from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of the heavens suffers violence, and violent men take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the prophets and the law have prophesied until John; <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is about to come. <sup>15</sup>The one having ears to hear, let him hear. <sup>16</sup>Now to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplace, who are calling out to one another, <sup>17</sup>saying, 'We played a flute for you, and you did not dance. We mourned, and you did not weep.' <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' <sup>19</sup>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."

<sup>20</sup>Then he began to rebuke the cities in which most of his miracles were done, because they had not repented.

<sup>21</sup>"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had happened in Tyre and Sidon which happened in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup>Nevertheless, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. <sup>23</sup>And you, Capernaum, you will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the miracles that happened in you had

happened in Sodom, it would have remained until today. <sup>24</sup>Nevertheless, I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

<sup>25</sup>At that time, answering, Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you concealed these things from the wise and discerning and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup>Yes, Father, for thus it became well-pleasing in your sight. <sup>27</sup>All things have been entrusted to me from my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father and no one knows the Father except the Son, and to whoever the Son would desire to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who are laboring and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke on you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke {is} easy and my burden is light."

## Chapter 12

<sup>1</sup>At that time Jesus went on the Sabbaths through the grainfields, but his disciples were hungry and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat them. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees, having seen that, said to him, "Behold, your disciples do what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath." <sup>3</sup>But he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was hungry, and those {who were} with him— <sup>4</sup>how he went into the house of God and ate the loaves of the presence, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, except only for the priests? <sup>5</sup>Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbaths the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, but are innocent? <sup>6</sup>But I say to you that greater than the temple is here. <sup>7</sup>But if you had known what this is, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent. <sup>8</sup>For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

<sup>9</sup>And having departed from there, he went into their synagogue. <sup>10</sup>And behold, there was 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. <sup>11</sup>But he said to them, "What man will there be among you who will have one sheep, and if it might fall into a pit on the Sabbaths, will not grasp hold of it and lift it out? <sup>12</sup>How much more valuable, then, {is} a man than a sheep? Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbaths." <sup>13</sup>Then he says to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored to health, just like the other hand. <sup>14</sup>But having gone out, the Pharisees took counsel against him so that they might put him to death.

<sup>15</sup>But Jesus, having perceived this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all. <sup>16</sup>And he commanded them that they might not make him known, <sup>17</sup>so that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

<sup>18</sup>"Behold, my servant whom I have chosen;  
my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased.  
I will put my Spirit upon him,  
and he will announce justice to the Gentiles.

<sup>19</sup>He will not strive nor cry aloud;  
neither will anyone hear his voice in the streets.

<sup>20</sup>He will not break a bruised reed;  
and he will not quench a smoking flax,  
until he might lead justice to victory, <sup>21</sup>  
and in his name the Gentiles will hope."

<sup>22</sup>Then someone was brought to him, being demon-possessed, blind and mute, and he healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw. <sup>23</sup>And all the crowds were amazed and were saying, "Is this not the Son of David?" <sup>24</sup>But the Pharisees, having heard this, said, "He does not cast out demons except by Beelzebul, the prince of the demons." <sup>25</sup>But having known their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is made desolate, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan casts out Satan, he has been divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? For this reason they will be your judges. <sup>28</sup>But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup>Or how is anyone able to enter into the house of the strong man and steal his belongings unless first he might have tied up the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. <sup>30</sup>The one not being with me is against me, and the one not gathering with me scatters. <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>And whoever might speak a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him. But whoever might speak against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, neither in this age, nor in the one coming. <sup>33</sup>Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is recognized by its fruit. <sup>34</sup>You offspring of vipers, being evil, how are you able to say good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. <sup>35</sup>The good man from {his} good treasure brings forth good things, and the evil man from {his} evil treasure brings forth evil things. <sup>36</sup>But I say to you that every idle word that they will speak, men will give an account concerning it in the day of judgment. <sup>37</sup>For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

<sup>38</sup>Then certain scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." <sup>39</sup>But answering, he said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. <sup>40</sup>For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the big fish, in this manner the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. <sup>41</sup>The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and will condemn it. For they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah {is} here. <sup>42</sup>The Queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon {is} here. <sup>43</sup>Now when the unclean spirit might have departed from the man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest and not finding it. <sup>44</sup>Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I departed.' And having come, it finds it empty, having been swept out and put in order. <sup>45</sup>Then it goes and takes along with itself seven other spirits more evil than itself, and having entered, they live there. And the end of that man becomes worse than the first. It will be the same way also with this evil generation."

<sup>46</sup>While he is still speaking to the crowds, behold, his mother and his brothers have stood outside, seeking to speak to him. <sup>47</sup>Now someone said to him, "Behold, your mother and your brothers stand outside, seeking to speak to you." <sup>48</sup>But answering, he said to the one speaking to him, "Who is my mother and who are my brothers?" <sup>49</sup>And having stretched out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Behold, my mother and my brothers! <sup>50</sup>For whoever may do the will of my Father who {is} in the heavens, he is my brother, and sister, and mother."

## Chapter 13

<sup>1</sup>On that day, Jesus, having gone out of the house, was sitting beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And a very large crowd was gathered around him, so that he, having stepped into a boat, sat down, and the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>But others fell on the rocky ground, where they did not have much soil. And immediately they sprang up, because the soil had no depth. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun had risen, they were scorched, and because they had no root, they were dried up. <sup>7</sup>But others fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>But others fell on good soil and produced fruit, some 100 {times as much}, and some 60, and some 30. <sup>9</sup>The one having ears, let him hear."



<sup>10</sup>And having approached, the disciples said to him, "For what reason do you speak to them in parables?" <sup>11</sup>But he, answering, said to them, "To you has been given to understand the mysteries of the kingdom of the heavens, but to those it has not been given. <sup>12</sup>For whoever has, it will be given to him, and he will have an abundance. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. <sup>13</sup>For this reason I speak to them in parables; because seeing, they do not see; and hearing, they do not hear nor understand. <sup>14</sup>And to them the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says,

'In hearing you will hear, but you may certainly not understand;  
and seeing, you will see, but you may certainly not perceive.

<sup>15</sup>For the heart of this people has become dull,  
and {their} ears heard with difficulty,  
and they closed their eyes,  
lest they might see with {their} eyes,  
and might hear with {their} ears,  
and might understand with {their} hearts,  
and they might turn back,  
and I will heal them.'

<sup>16</sup>But blessed {are} your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. <sup>17</sup>For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men longed to see the things you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things you hear, and did not hear them. <sup>18</sup>You, therefore, listen to the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>Everyone hearing the word of the kingdom and not understanding it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown beside the road. <sup>20</sup>Now that sown on the rocky ground, this is the one hearing the word and immediately receiving it with joy; <sup>21</sup>but he has no root in himself, but is temporary; but tribulation or persecution having happened because of the word, immediately he is caused to stumble. <sup>22</sup>Now that which has been sown among the thorns, this is the one hearing the word, but the cares of this age and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>Now that which has been sown on the good soil, this is the one hearing the word and understanding it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, some 100 {times}, and some 60, and some 30."

<sup>24</sup>He set before them another parable, saying, "The kingdom of the heavens is like a man who had sown good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup>But while the men slept, his enemy came and sowed darnel among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>Now when the blades sprouted and produced fruit, then the darnel became visible also. <sup>27</sup>Now the servants of the landowner, having approached, said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have darnel?' <sup>28</sup>But he was saying to them, 'An enemy man did this.' But the servants say to him, 'Therefore, do you want us, having gone, to gather them up?' <sup>29</sup>But he says, 'No, lest gathering up the darnel, you might uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Permit both to grow together until the harvest, and at the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the darnel and tie them in bundles to burn them up, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

<sup>31</sup>He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of the heavens is like a mustard seed which, having taken, a man sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>which is indeed the smallest of all the seeds. But when it might grow, it is greater than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the sky come and nest in its branches." <sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of the heavens is like yeast that, having taken, a woman mixed with three measures of flour until it all was leavened."

<sup>34</sup>All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the crowds, and he was speaking nothing to them without a parable, <sup>35</sup>so that what had been said through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

“I will open my mouth in parables.

I will declare what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.”

<sup>36</sup>Then, having left the crowds, he went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the darnel of the field.” <sup>37</sup>Now answering, he said, “The one sowing the good seed is the Son of Man, <sup>38</sup>and the field is the world, and the good seed—these are the sons of the kingdom. And the darnel are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. And the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Therefore, just as the darnel are gathered up and burned with fire, thus will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will gather up from his kingdom all the stumbling blocks and those doing lawlessness. <sup>42</sup>And they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. The one having ears, let him hear.

<sup>44</sup>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. <sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like a man, a merchant, seeking fine pearls. <sup>46</sup>But having found one very valuable pearl, having gone away, he sold everything, as much as he possessed, and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like a net having been cast into the sea, and having gathered from every kind, <sup>48</sup>which, when it had been filled, they drew up on the beach, and having sat down, they gathered the good things into containers, but the worthless things they threw away. <sup>49</sup>Thus it will be at the end of the age: The angels will come and will separate the wicked from among the righteous, <sup>50</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth. <sup>51</sup>Have you understood all these things?” They say to him, “Yes.”

<sup>52</sup>Now he said to them, “For this reason, every scribe having been discipled for the kingdom of the heavens is like a man, an owner of a house, who draws out new things and old things from his treasure.” <sup>53</sup>And it happened that when Jesus finished these parables, he departed from there.

<sup>54</sup>And having entered into his hometown, he taught them in their synagogue so as to astonish them, and they say, “From where to this one {is} this wisdom and these miracles? <sup>55</sup>Is not this the son of the carpenter? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? <sup>56</sup>And are not all his sisters with us? From where, therefore, to this one {are} all these things?” <sup>57</sup>And they were offended by him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in {his} hometown and in his own family.” <sup>58</sup>And he did not do many miracles there, because of their unbelief.

## Chapter 14

<sup>1</sup>At that time, Herod the tetrarch heard the news about Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead, and because of this the miraculous powers are at work in him.” <sup>3</sup>For Herod, having arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Philip, his brother. <sup>4</sup>For John was saying to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” <sup>5</sup>And wanting to put him to death, he feared the people, because they regarded him as a prophet. <sup>6</sup>But the birthday of Herod having come about, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst and pleased Herod, <sup>7</sup>because of which he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. <sup>8</sup>Now she, having been urged beforehand by her mother, said, “Give me here, on a

platter, the head of John the Baptist.” <sup>9</sup>And the king, having been grieved, because of {his} oath and those reclining to eat with him, commanded it to be granted to her. <sup>10</sup>And having sent, he beheaded John in the prison. <sup>11</sup>And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl and she carried it to her mother. <sup>12</sup>And having come up, his disciples took away the corpse, and buried it. And having come, they reported it to Jesus.

<sup>13</sup>Now having heard this, Jesus withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. And having heard of it, the crowds followed him on foot from the cities. <sup>14</sup>And having come out, he saw a large crowd, and had compassion on them, and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>Now evening having come, the disciples came to him, saying, “This place is desolate, and the hour is already late. Dismiss the crowds so that, having gone away to the villages, they might buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup>But Jesus said to them, “They have no need to go away. You give them to eat.” <sup>17</sup>But they say to him, “We have nothing here except five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>But he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>And having commanded the crowd to recline on the grass, having taken the five loaves and the two fish, having looked up to heaven, he blessed them, and having broken them, he gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And they all ate and were filled. And they took up what remains of the broken pieces—12 baskets full. <sup>21</sup>Now those eating were about 5,000 men, besides women and children.

<sup>22</sup>And immediately he made the disciples to get into the boat and to go before him to the other side, while he would send away the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And having sent away the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. Now evening having come about, he was there alone. <sup>24</sup>But the boat, already in the middle of the sea, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was contrary. <sup>25</sup>Now in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But the disciples, having seen him walking on the sea, were greatly troubled, saying, “It is a ghost,” and they cried out from fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.” <sup>28</sup>But answering him, Peter said, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>And he said, “Come.” And Peter, having gotten out from the boat, walked on the water to go to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But seeing the strong wind, he became afraid, and having begun to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup>But immediately, Jesus, having stretched out {his} hand, took hold of him, and says to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>And when they had gotten into the boat, the wind ceased blowing. <sup>33</sup>And the disciples in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

<sup>34</sup>And having crossed over, they came to the land at Gennesaret. <sup>35</sup>And having recognized him, the men in that place sent into all that surrounding area, and they brought to him all those having sickness. <sup>36</sup>And they were begging him so that they might only touch the edge of his garment, and as many as touched it were healed.

## Chapter 15

<sup>1</sup>Then Pharisees and scribes come to Jesus from Jerusalem, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Why do your disciples violate the traditions of the elders? For they do not wash {their} hands when they would eat bread.” <sup>3</sup>But he, answering, said to them, “Why do you also violate the commandment of God because of your traditions? <sup>4</sup>For God commanded, saying, ‘Honor {your} father and {your} mother,’ and ‘The one reviling {his} father or mother, let him end in death.’ <sup>5</sup>But you say, ‘Whoever might say to {his} father or mother “Whatever from me might have been helpful {is} a gift,”’ <sup>6</sup>he will certainly not honor his father. And so you have made void the word of God<sup>[1]</sup> because of your traditions. <sup>7</sup>You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying,

<sup>8</sup>‘This people honors me with {their} lips,

but their heart is far away from me.

<sup>9</sup>But they worship me in vain,

teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

<sup>10</sup>And having summoned the crowd, he said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>Nothing that enters into the mouth defiles the man, but what comes out from the mouth, this defiles the man." <sup>12</sup>Then having come up, the disciples said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees, having heard {this} word, were offended?" <sup>13</sup>But he answering said, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them go! They are blind guides. But if the blind might guide the blind, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>Now answering, Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us." <sup>16</sup>But he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not yet understand that everything that enters into the mouth passes into the stomach and is passed out into the latrine? <sup>18</sup>But the things that proceed out from the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. <sup>19</sup>For from the heart proceed evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, {and} slander. <sup>20</sup>These are the things defiling the man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man."

<sup>21</sup>And having come out from there, Jesus withdrew into the regions of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman having come out from that region was crying out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." <sup>23</sup>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." <sup>24</sup>But he answering said, "I was not sent, except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she, having come, bowed down to him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>Now he answering said, "It is not good to take the bread of the children and to throw it to the little dogs." <sup>27</sup>But she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat from the crumbs that fall from the tables of their masters." <sup>28</sup>Then answering, Jesus said to her, "Woman, great {is} your faith; let it be done for you just as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

<sup>29</sup>And having left from there, Jesus went along the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up on a hill, he was sitting there. <sup>30</sup>And large crowds came up to him, having with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others. And they laid them at his feet, and he healed them, <sup>31</sup>so that the crowd marveled, seeing the mute speak, the crippled healthy, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing, and they glorified the God of Israel.

<sup>32</sup>But Jesus, having summoned his disciples, said, "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have remained with me three days already and do not have anything to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they might faint on the way." <sup>33</sup>And the disciples say to him, "From where would be to us in a wilderness enough bread so as to satisfy so large a crowd?" <sup>34</sup>And Jesus says to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few small fish." <sup>35</sup>And having commanded the crowd to recline on the ground, <sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took away seven baskets full of the broken pieces that are left over. <sup>38</sup>But those eating were 4,000 men, besides women and children. <sup>39</sup>And having sent away the crowds, he got into the boat and went into the region of Magadan.

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15:6 <sup>[1]</sup> but some other ancient copies have It is difficult to choose the better reading.

## Chapter 16

<sup>1</sup>And the Pharisees and Sadducees, having approached—testing him—asked him to show them a sign from heaven. <sup>2</sup>But he answering said to them, <sup>[1]</sup> ["When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' <sup>3</sup>And early today, 'It will be stormy, for the sky is red, being overcast.' You know to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you are not able the signs of the times." ] <sup>4</sup>"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.

<sup>5</sup>And the disciples, having come to the other side, had forgotten to take bread. <sup>6</sup>Now Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." <sup>7</sup>But they were reasoning among themselves, saying, "{It is} because we did not take bread." <sup>8</sup>But Jesus, having known this, said, "You of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves that {it is because} you do not have bread? <sup>9</sup>Do you not yet perceive nor remember the five loaves of the 5,000, and how many baskets you gathered up? <sup>10</sup>Or the seven loaves of the 4,000, and how many

baskets you took up? <sup>11</sup>How do you not understand that I did not speak to you about bread? But beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." <sup>12</sup>Then they understood that he had not told them to beware of the yeast of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

<sup>13</sup>Now Jesus, having come to the regions of Caesarea Philippi, asked his disciples, saying, "Who do men say the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some, John the Baptist; and some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He says to them, "But who do you say I am?" <sup>16</sup>And answering, Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>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 who {is} in the heavens. <sup>18</sup>And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you may have bound on the earth will be bound in the heavens, and whatever you may have loosed on the earth will be loosed in the heavens." <sup>20</sup>Then he commanded the disciples that they would tell no one that he is the Christ.

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus Christ began to show his disciples that it is necessary for him to go to Jerusalem and to suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be killed and to be raised on the third day. <sup>22</sup>And having taken him aside, Peter began to rebuke him, saying, "Merciful to you, Lord; may this never be to you." <sup>23</sup>But, he, having turned, said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, because you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men." <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever might have lost his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he would have gained the whole world but would have forfeited his life? Or what will a man give in exchange for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is about to come in the glory of his Father with his angels. And then he will recompense each one according to his actions. <sup>28</sup>Truly I say to you that there are some of those standing here who may certainly not have tasted death until they may see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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16:2 <sup>[1]</sup>

## Chapter 17

<sup>1</sup>And six days later Jesus takes with him Peter, and James, and John his brother, and brings them up onto a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became brilliant as the light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with him. <sup>4</sup>But answering, Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you desire, I will make here three shelters—one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice from the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him." <sup>6</sup>And having heard that, the disciples fell on their face and were very afraid. <sup>7</sup>And Jesus, having approached and having touched them, said, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>But having lifted up their eyes, they saw no one except only Jesus himself.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell this vision to no one until the Son of Man might have risen from the dead." <sup>10</sup>And his disciples questioned him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that it is necessary for Elijah to come first?" <sup>11</sup>But he, answering, said, "Elijah indeed is coming and will restore all things. <sup>12</sup>But I say to you that Elijah already came, but they did not recognize him. Instead, they did whatever they wanted to him. In the same way also, the Son of Man is going to suffer by them." <sup>13</sup>Then the disciples understood that he spoke to them about John the Baptist.

<sup>14</sup>And having come to the crowd, a man, having approached him, is kneeling before him <sup>15</sup>and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, because he is epileptic and has sickness, for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. <sup>16</sup>And I brought him to your disciples, but they were not able to heal him." <sup>17</sup>But answering, Jesus said, "O

unbelieving and perverse generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I bear with you? Bring him here to me." <sup>18</sup>And Jesus rebuked it, and the demon came out from him, and the boy was healed from that hour.

<sup>19</sup>Then the disciples, having come to Jesus privately, said, "For what reason were we not able to cast it out?" <sup>20</sup>And he says to them, "Because of your little faith. For I truly say to you, if you would have faith as 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. <sup>21</sup><sup>[1]</sup> [But this kind does not go out except with prayer and fasting.]

<sup>22</sup>Now as they are gathered together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, <sup>23</sup>and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised up." And they became very upset.

<sup>24</sup>Now when they had come to Capernaum, the ones collecting the two-drachma tax came to Peter and said, "Does not your teacher pay the two-drachma tax?" <sup>25</sup>He says, "Yes." And having entered into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive taxes or tolls? From their sons or from strangers?" <sup>26</sup>But when he said, "From strangers," Jesus said to him, "Therefore, the sons are free." <sup>27</sup>But in order that we might not offend them, having gone to the sea, throw in a fishhook, and draw in the fish that comes up first. And having opened its mouth, you will find a shekel. Having taken that, give it to them on behalf of me and you."

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17:21 <sup>[1]</sup>

## Chapter 18

<sup>1</sup>At that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of the heavens?" <sup>2</sup>And having called to himself a little child, he set him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you would turn and would become like little children, you may certainly not enter into the kingdom of the heavens. <sup>4</sup>Therefore, whoever will humble himself like this little child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of the heavens. <sup>5</sup>And whoever might receive a little child like this in my name receives me. <sup>6</sup>But whoever might have caused one of these little ones who believes in me to stumble, it is better for him that a millstone of a donkey would have been hung about his neck and he would have been sunk into the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>Woe to the world because of the stumbling blocks! For it is necessary that those stumbling blocks come, but woe to the man through whom the stumbling block comes! <sup>8</sup>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 maimed or lame than to be thrown into the everlasting fire having two hands or two feet. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye than to be thrown into the Gehenna of fire having two eyes. <sup>10</sup>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 who {is} in the heavens. <sup>11</sup><sup>[1]</sup> [For the Son of Man came to save that which was lost.] <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a certain man might have 100 sheep, and one of them might have gone astray, having left the 99 on the hillside and having gone out, does he not seek the one wandering? <sup>13</sup>And if he might happen to find it, truly I say to you that he rejoices over it more than over the 99 that have not gone astray. <sup>14</sup>In the same way, it is not the will before your Father who {is} in the heavens that one of these little ones would perish.

<sup>15</sup>But if your brother might have sinned against you, go, reprove him between you and him alone. If he would listen to you, you will have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he might 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. <sup>17</sup>But if he might refuse to listen to them, tell it to the church. But if he also might refuse to listen to the church, let him be to you even as the Gentile and the tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I say to you, whatever you may bind on the earth will be bound in heaven; and whatever you may release on the earth will be released in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I truly say to you that if two of you might have agreed on the earth about any matter that they might ask, it will be done for them by my Father who {is} in the heavens. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst."

<sup>21</sup>Then having approached, Peter said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me and I will forgive him? Until seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. <sup>23</sup>For this reason, the kingdom of the heavens may be compared to a man, a king, who wanted to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>Now when he had begun to settle, one debtor of 10,000 talents was brought to him. <sup>25</sup>But, he not being able to repay, the master commanded him to be sold, together with {his} wife and children and everything, as much as he had, and repayment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So, having fallen down, the slave was bowing down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will repay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>Now having felt compassion, the master of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But having gone out, that slave found one of his fellow slaves, who owed him 100 denarii, and having grasped him, he choked him, saying, 'Repay whatever you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then having fallen down, his fellow slave begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he was not willing. Instead, having gone out, he threw him into prison until he might repay what is owed. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, when his fellow slaves had seen what had happened, they were very upset. And having come, they fully explained to their master everything that had happened. <sup>32</sup>Then, having called him, his master said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. <sup>33</sup>Was it not necessary for you to also have had mercy on your fellow slave, just as I also had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And having been provoked, his master handed him over to the torturers until he might repay all that is owed. <sup>35</sup>In this way also my heavenly Father will do to you, if each of you might not have forgiven his brother from your heart."

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18:11 <sup>[1]</sup>

## Chapter 19

<sup>1</sup>And it happened that when Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

<sup>3</sup>And Pharisees approached him, testing him, and saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?" <sup>4</sup>But he, answering, said, "Have you not read that the one who made them from the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup>and said, 'On account of this, a man will leave {his} father and mother and will be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh'? <sup>6</sup>So then, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate." <sup>7</sup>They say to him, "Why then has Moses commanded us to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" <sup>8</sup>He says to them, "For your hardness of heart, Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not that way. <sup>9</sup>But I say to you that whoever might divorce his wife, except for sexual immorality, and might marry another, commits adultery; and the one having been divorced, having married, commits adultery." <sup>10</sup>The disciples say to him, "If thus is the case of the man with {his} wife, it is better not to marry." <sup>11</sup>But he said to them, "Not everyone can accept this word, but those to whom it has been given. <sup>12</sup>For there are eunuchs who were born thus from {their} mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of the heavens. The one being able to accept this, let him accept it."

<sup>13</sup>Then little children were brought to him so that he would lay {his} hands on them and would pray, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But Jesus said, "Permit the little children, and do not forbid them to come to me, for the kingdom of the heavens is of such as these." <sup>15</sup>And having placed {his} hands on them, he went on from there.

<sup>16</sup>And behold, a man, having approached him, said, "Teacher, what good thing might I do in order that I might have eternal life?" <sup>17</sup>But he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what {is} good? One is good, but if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." <sup>18</sup>He says to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "Do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, <sup>19</sup>honor {your} father and {your} mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>20</sup>The young man says to him, "All these things I have obeyed. What do I still lack?" <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you possess, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure

in the heavens; and come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>But the young man, having heard the word, went away being grieved, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Now Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I say to you, a rich man will enter with difficulty into the kingdom of the heavens. <sup>24</sup>And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." <sup>25</sup>Now having heard this, the disciples were very astonished, saying, "Who then is able to be saved?" <sup>26</sup>But Jesus, having looked at them, said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." <sup>27</sup>Then answering, Peter said to him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed you. What then will there be for us?" <sup>28</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, in the renewal when the Son of Man may sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me, you will also sit upon 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup>And everyone who has left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or land for the sake of my name, will receive 100 times {as much} and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup>But many who will be first will be last, and the last, first.

## Chapter 20

<sup>1</sup>For the kingdom of the heavens is like a man, a landowner, who went out with the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>Now having agreed with the workers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And having gone out about the third hour, he saw others having stood idle in the marketplace. <sup>4</sup>And to them he said, 'You also, go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' <sup>5</sup>So they went out. Having gone out again about the sixth and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>Now having gone out about the eleventh hour, he found others having stood, and he says to them, 'Why have you stood here idle the whole day?' <sup>7</sup>They say to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He says to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>And evening having come, the owner of the vineyard says to his manager, 'Call the workers and pay them {their} wages, having begun from the last to the first.' <sup>9</sup>And having come, those about the eleventh hour each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>But having come, the first thought that they will receive more, but they also received a denarius each. <sup>11</sup>But having received it, they were murmuring against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last ones have done one hour, but you made them equal to us, who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he, answering, said to one of them, 'Friend, I am not wronging you. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what {is} yours and go away. But I desire to give to these last as also to you. <sup>15</sup>Or is it not lawful for me to do what I desire with what {is} mine? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' <sup>16</sup>In the same way, the last will be first, and the first last."<sup>[1]</sup>

<sup>17</sup>And Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the 12 disciples aside by themselves, and on the way he said to them, <sup>18</sup>"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death <sup>19</sup>and will deliver him to the Gentiles for them to mock and to flog and to crucify him. But on the third day he will be raised up."

<sup>20</sup>Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee approached him with her sons, bowing down and asking for something from him. <sup>21</sup>But he said to her, "What do you desire?" She says to him, "Say that these my two sons might sit, one at your right hand and one at your left hand, in your kingdom." <sup>22</sup>But answering, Jesus said, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They say to him, "We are able." <sup>23</sup>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 to those who have been prepared by my Father." <sup>24</sup>And having heard this, the ten {disciples} were very angry with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup>But Jesus, having called them to himself, said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup>It is not this way among you. Instead, whoever might desire to become great among you will be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever might desire to be first among you will be your servant, <sup>28</sup>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."



<sup>29</sup>And as they were proceeding from Jericho, a great crowd followed him. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two blind men are sitting beside the road. Having heard that Jesus is passing by, they cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David." <sup>31</sup>Now the crowd rebuked them, so that they would be silent, but they cried out even more, saying, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David." <sup>32</sup>And having stood still, Jesus called to them and said, "What do you want that I might do for you?" <sup>33</sup>They say to him, "Lord, that our eyes might be opened." <sup>34</sup>Now having been moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. And immediately they received their sight and followed him.

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## Chapter 21

<sup>1</sup>And when they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village that {is} in front of you, and you will immediately find a donkey tied up, and a colt with her. Having untied them, bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>And if anyone might say anything to you, you will say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." <sup>4</sup>Now this had come about so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion,

'Behold, your King is coming to you,

Humble and riding on a donkey—

and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

<sup>6</sup>Now the disciples, having gone and having done just as Jesus had directed them, <sup>7</sup>brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat upon them. <sup>8</sup>Now most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and were spreading them in the road. <sup>9</sup>Now the crowds that are going before him and those following him 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!"

<sup>10</sup>And when he had entered into Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>And the crowds answered, "This is Jesus the prophet who {is} from Nazareth of Galilee."

<sup>12</sup>And Jesus entered into the temple and cast out all those buying and selling in the temple and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling the doves. <sup>13</sup>And he says to them, "It is written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers." <sup>14</sup>And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup>But the chief priests and the scribes, having seen the marvelous things that he did, and the children who were crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became very angry. <sup>16</sup>And they said to him, "Do you hear what they are saying?" But Jesus says to them, "Yes! Have you never read, 'From the mouths of little children and nursing infants you have prepared praise'?" <sup>17</sup>And having left them, he went out from the city to Bethany and spent the night there.

<sup>18</sup>Now in the morning, returning to the city, he was hungry. <sup>19</sup>And having seen one fig tree along the road, he went to it and found nothing on it except leaves only. And he says to it, "May there no longer be fruit from you to eternity," and immediately the fig tree withered. <sup>20</sup>And having seen this, the disciples marveled, saying, "How did

the fig tree immediately wither away?" <sup>21</sup>But answering, Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith and would not doubt, you will not only do what {was} of the fig tree, but even if you might say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and be thrown into the sea,' it will happen. <sup>22</sup>And everything, whatever you might request in prayer, believing, you will receive."

<sup>23</sup>And when he had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he is teaching, saying, "By what authority do you do these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>But answering, Jesus said to them, "I also will ask you one word, that if you would tell me, I also will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John—from where was it? From heaven or from men?" But they were debating among themselves, saying, "If we would say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we would say, 'From men,' we fear the crowd, for they all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>And answering Jesus, they said, "We do not know." He also said to them, "Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>28</sup>But what do you think? A man had two sons, and having gone to the first, said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.' <sup>29</sup>But he, answering, said, 'I will not,' but afterward, having changed his mind, he went. <sup>30</sup>But having gone to the second son, he said likewise. And he, answering, said, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of {his} father?" They say, "The first one." Jesus says to them, "Truly I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes enter into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness, but you did not believe him. But the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. But you, having seen this, did not repent afterward to believe in him.

<sup>33</sup>Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard and put a hedge around it and dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower and rented it out to vine growers and went into another country.

<sup>34</sup>Now when the fruit season approached, he sent his servants to the vine growers to receive his fruit. <sup>35</sup>But the vine growers having taken hold of his servants, one they beat, and one they killed, and one they stoned. <sup>36</sup>Again, he sent other servants, more than the first, but they did to them likewise. <sup>37</sup>But afterward, he sent to them his own son, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But the vine growers, having seen the son, said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, that we might kill him and have his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>And having laid hold of him, they threw him out from the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard may come, what will he do to those vine growers?" <sup>41</sup>They say to him, "He will severely destroy those evil ones, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine growers who will give him the fruit at their season." <sup>42</sup>Jesus says to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures,

'The stone which the builders rejected,

this has become the head of the corner.

This came about from the Lord,

and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

<sup>43</sup>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. <sup>44</sup>And the one having fallen on this stone will be broken to pieces, but on whomever it might fall, it will crush him." <sup>45</sup>And the chief priests and the Pharisees, having heard his parables, understood that he is speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And seeking to arrest him, they were afraid of the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

## Chapter 22

<sup>1</sup>And answering, Jesus again spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of the heavens is like a man, a king, who prepared a wedding feast for his son. <sup>3</sup>And he sent out his servants to call those who had been invited to the

wedding feast, but they were not willing to come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and fattened calves have been killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding feasts."' <sup>5</sup>But they, having paid no attention, went away, one to his own field and one to his business. <sup>6</sup>But the others, having seized his servants, treated them shamefully and killed them. <sup>7</sup>But the king was provoked, and having sent his soldiers, he killed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he says to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those who had been invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore, go to the crossings of the roads and invite as many as you might find to the wedding feasts.' <sup>10</sup>And those servants, having gone out to the roads, gathered together all whom they found, both evil and good, and the wedding hall was filled with those reclining to eat. <sup>11</sup>But the king, having come in to look at those reclining to eat, saw there a man not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here, not having wedding clothes?' But he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the servants, 'Having bound him foot and hand, throw him out into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few chosen."

<sup>15</sup>Then having gone, the Pharisees took counsel how they might entrap him in {his} words. <sup>16</sup>And they send to him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are truthful, and you teach the way of God in truth, and it is not a concern to you about anyone, for you do not look at the face of men. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to give a poll tax to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, having perceived their wickedness, said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin of the poll tax." And they brought a denarius to him. <sup>20</sup>And he says to them, "Whose image and inscription {is} this?" <sup>21</sup>They say, "Caesar's." Then he says to them, "Therefore, give to Caesar the things of Caesar, and to God the things of God." <sup>22</sup>And having heard it, they marveled, and having left him, they went away.

<sup>23</sup>On that day Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him, and questioned him, <sup>24</sup>saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If someone might have died, not having children, his brother will marry his wife and will raise up seed for his brother.' <sup>25</sup>But there were among us seven brothers, and the first, having married, died. And not having seed, he left his wife to his brother. <sup>26</sup>Likewise also, the second and the third, up to the seventh. <sup>27</sup>And last of all, the woman died. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her." <sup>29</sup>But answering, Jesus said to them, "You have been led astray, not knowing the scriptures or the power of God. <sup>30</sup>For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup>But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, <sup>32</sup>'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not of the dead, but of the living." <sup>33</sup>And having heard this, the crowds were astonished at his teaching.

<sup>34</sup>But the Pharisees, having heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, gathered together. <sup>35</sup>And one of them, a lawyer, questioned him, testing him— <sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which {is} the greatest commandment in the law?" <sup>37</sup>But he said to him, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>Now a second {is} like it—'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang the whole law and the prophets."

<sup>41</sup>Now the Pharisees having been gathered together, Jesus questioned them, <sup>42</sup>saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They say to him, "Of David." <sup>43</sup>He says to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup>The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I might put your enemies under your feet"?"

<sup>45</sup>If David therefore calls him 'Lord,' how is he his son?" <sup>46</sup>And no one was able to answer him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day to question him any longer.

## Chapter 23

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees sat in the seat of Moses. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, all, whatever they command you, do and keep. But do not do according to their works, for they say, but do not do. <sup>4</sup>And they tie up loads, heavy and difficult to carry, and they put them on the shoulders of men, but they themselves are not willing with their finger to move them. <sup>5</sup>But they do all their deeds to be seen by men. For they broaden their phylacteries and they lengthen {their} tassels. <sup>6</sup>Now they love the chief places at the banquets and the chief seats in the synagogues, <sup>7</sup>and the greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called 'Rabbi' by men. <sup>8</sup>But you should not be called 'Rabbi,' for one is your teacher, and all you are brothers. <sup>9</sup>And you should not call any of you on the earth 'father,' for you have one heavenly Father. <sup>10</sup>And you should not be called 'teacher,' for your teacher is one—the Christ. <sup>11</sup>But the greatest among you will be your servant. <sup>12</sup>But whoever will exalt himself will be humbled, and whoever will humble himself will be exalted.

<sup>13</sup>But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of the heavens in front of men. For you do not enter in, nor do you permit those entering to enter. <sup>14</sup><sup>[1]</sup> [Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, while you make a show of long prayers.] You will receive this greater condemnation. <sup>15</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you go over the sea and the dry land to make one proselyte, and when he might become one, you make him twice as much a son of Gehenna as you.

<sup>16</sup>Woe to you, you blind guides, you saying, 'Whoever might swear by the temple, it is nothing. But whoever might swear by the gold of the temple, he is obligated.' <sup>17</sup>You fools and blind men! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctified the gold? <sup>18</sup>And, 'Whoever might swear by the altar, it is nothing. But whoever might swear by the gift that {is} on top of it, he is obligated.' <sup>19</sup>You fools and blind men! For which {is} greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift? <sup>20</sup>Therefore, the one having sworn by the altar swears by it and by everything that {is} on top of it. <sup>21</sup>And the one having sworn by the temple swears by it and by the one inhabiting it. <sup>22</sup>And the one having sworn by heaven swears by the throne of God and by the one sitting on it.

<sup>23</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe the mint and the dill and the cumin, but you have neglected the weightier matters of the law—justice and mercy and faithfulness. But it was necessary to do these and not to neglect those. <sup>24</sup>You blind guides, who are straining out the gnat but swallowing the camel!

<sup>25</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. <sup>26</sup>You blind Pharisee! Clean first the inside of the cup and of the plate, so that the outside of it might become clean also.

<sup>27</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside appear beautiful, but on the inside are full of bones of the dead and all uncleanness. <sup>28</sup>In the same way, you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

<sup>29</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the tombs of the righteous. <sup>30</sup>And you say, 'If we were in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in the blood of the prophets.' <sup>31</sup>Therefore you testify against yourselves that you are sons of those who have killed the prophets, <sup>32</sup>and you fill up the measure of your fathers. <sup>33</sup>You serpents, you offspring of vipers, how might you escape from the judgment of Gehenna? <sup>34</sup>For this reason, behold, I am sending to you prophets and wise men and scribes. From among them you will kill and crucify, and from among them you will whip in your synagogues and pursue them from city to city, <sup>35</sup>so that might come upon you all the righteous blood being shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel, as far as the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you killed between the temple and the altar. <sup>36</sup>Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

<sup>37</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kills the prophets and stones those who have been sent to you! How often did I desire to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under {her} wings, but you were not willing! <sup>38</sup>Behold, your house is left to you desolate. <sup>39</sup>For I say to you, You will certainly not see me from now on until you might say, 'Blessed is the one coming in the name of the Lord!'"

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## Chapter 24

<sup>1</sup>And Jesus, having departed from the temple, was going on his way. And his disciples approached him to point out to him the buildings of the temple. <sup>2</sup>But he, answering, said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, certainly stone upon stone may not be left here that will not be torn down."

<sup>3</sup>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 {will be} the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" <sup>4</sup>And answering, Jesus said to them, "Be careful that no one might lead you astray. <sup>5</sup>For many will come in my name saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will lead many astray. <sup>6</sup>And you are going to hear of wars and reports of wars. See that you are not troubled, for it is necessary for this to happen, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup>But all these things are the beginning of birth pains. <sup>9</sup>Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and will kill you, and you will be hated by all the nations for the sake of my name. <sup>10</sup>And then many will be caused to stumble, and will betray one another and will hate one another. <sup>11</sup>And many false prophets will be raised up and will lead many astray. <sup>12</sup>And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup>But the one who has endured to the end, he will be saved. <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore, when you might see the abomination of desolation, which has been spoken of by Daniel the prophet, set up in the holy place" (let the one reading understand), <sup>16</sup>"then let those in Judea flee to the mountains, <sup>17</sup>let the one on the housetop not go down to take anything from his house, <sup>18</sup>and let the one in the field not turn back to take his cloak. <sup>19</sup>But woe to those having in the womb and to those nursing in those days! <sup>20</sup>But pray so that your flight would not occur in winter or on a Sabbath. <sup>21</sup>For then will be a great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, nor will ever happen again. <sup>22</sup>And if those days had not been shortened, no flesh would have been saved. But for the sake of the elect, those days will be shortened. <sup>23</sup>Then if anyone might say to you, 'Behold, here {is} the Christ!' or, 'Here!' you may not believe it. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>Behold, I have told you beforehand. <sup>26</sup>Therefore, if they might say to you, 'Behold, he is in the wilderness,' you may not go out there. Or, 'Behold, in the inner rooms,' you may not believe it. <sup>27</sup>For just as the lightning comes out from the east and shines as far as the west, in the same way will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup>Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will be gathered.

<sup>29</sup>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 the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup>And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, 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 great glory. <sup>31</sup>And he will send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the heavens as far as the ends of them.

<sup>32</sup>Now learn {this} parable from the fig tree. When its branch already might become tender and it might put out its leaves, you know that the summer {is} near. <sup>33</sup>In the same way also, when you might see all these things, you know that he is near, at the gates. <sup>34</sup>Truly I say to you that this generation may certainly not pass away until all these things may have happened. <sup>35</sup>The heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words may certainly not pass away.

<sup>36</sup>But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of the heavens, nor the Son, except the Father only. <sup>37</sup>For just as the days of Noah were, thus will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until that day Noah entered into the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away—thus also will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field—one is taken, and one is left. <sup>41</sup>Two women are grinding with the mill—one is taken, and one is left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, be alert, for you do not know on what day your Lord will come. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in which watch of night the thief is coming, he would have been alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>44</sup>For this reason you also be ready, for the Son of Man will come at the hour that you do not think.

<sup>45</sup>Who then is the faithful and wise slave whom his master has appointed over his household to give them {their} food at the proper time? <sup>46</sup>Blessed {is} that slave whom, his master having come, will find him doing thus. <sup>47</sup>Truly I say to you that he will appoint him over everything that he possesses. <sup>48</sup>But if that evil slave might say in his heart, 'My master is delaying,' <sup>49</sup>and might begin to beat his fellow slaves, and might eat and might drink with those being drunk, <sup>50</sup>the master of that slave will come on a day that he does not expect and at an hour that he does not know. <sup>51</sup>And he will cut him in pieces and will assign his place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.

## Chapter 25

<sup>1</sup>Then the kingdom of the heavens will be compared to ten virgins who, having taken their lamps, went out to a meeting of the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Now five of them were foolish and five wise. <sup>3</sup>For the foolish virgins, having taken their lamps, did not take oil with themselves. <sup>4</sup>But the wise took oil in the containers with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>Now while the bridegroom is delaying, they all became sleepy and were sleeping. <sup>6</sup>But in the middle of the night there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Go out to the meeting.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins were awakened and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>Now the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us from your oil, because our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But answering, the wise said, 'Perhaps there might certainly not be enough for us and you. Go instead to those who are selling and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>But while they were going away to buy, the bridegroom came, and the prepared entered with him into the wedding feasts, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>But afterward the other virgins also come, saying, 'Master, master, open for us.' <sup>12</sup>But he, answering, said, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Therefore, stay alert, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

<sup>14</sup>For {it is} like a man going to another country. He called his own slaves and handed over to them his possessions. <sup>15</sup>And to one he gave five talents, and to one, two, and to one, one—to each according to his own ability. And immediately he went to another country. <sup>16</sup>When he had gone, the one having received the five talents traded with them and gained another five talents. <sup>17</sup>Likewise, the one with the two also gained another two. <sup>18</sup>But the one having received the one, having gone away, dug in the ground and hid the money of his master. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time, the master of those slaves comes and settles accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And having approached, the one having received the five talents brought another five talents, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents. But behold, I gained five talents.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave! You have been faithful over a few things. I will appoint you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>The one with the two talents, having also approached, said, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents, but behold, I have gained two talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave! You have been faithful over a few things. I will appoint you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>But the one who had received the one talent, having also approached, said, 'Master, I know you, that you are a strict man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter. <sup>25</sup>And having become afraid, having gone away, I hid your talent in the ground. Behold, you have what {is} yours.' <sup>26</sup>But answering, his master said to him, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You have known that I reap where I did not sow and harvest where I did not scatter. <sup>27</sup>Therefore, it was necessary for you to have placed my money at the bankers, and having come, I would have received back my money with

interest. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, take away the talent from him and give it to the one having the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to the one having, all will be given—even more abundantly. But from the one not having, even what he has will be taken away from him. <sup>30</sup>And throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.'

<sup>31</sup>But when the Son of Man may come in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>And before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them from one another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on {his} left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those at his right, 'Come, you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in; <sup>36</sup>I was naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you cared for me; I was in prison, and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and invite you in? Or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and come to you?' <sup>40</sup>And answering, the King will say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.' <sup>41</sup>Then he also will say to those on {his} left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels, <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry, and you did not give me to eat; I was thirsty, and you did not give me to drink; <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger, and you did not invite me in; naked, and you did not clothe me; sick and in prison, and you did not care for me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they will also answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not serve you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life."

## Chapter 26

<sup>1</sup>And it happened that when Jesus had finished all these words, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>"You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man is being delivered up to be crucified." <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the palace of the high priest, who was named Caiaphas. <sup>4</sup>And they plotted together in order that they might arrest Jesus stealthily and might kill him. <sup>5</sup>But they were saying, "Not during the festival, so that a riot does not happen among the people."

<sup>6</sup>Now while Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came to him having an alabaster jar of very expensive ointment, and she poured it upon his head as he is reclining to eat. <sup>8</sup>Now having seen this, the disciples became angry, saying, "For what {is} this waste? <sup>9</sup>For this was able to have been sold for much and to be given to the poor." <sup>10</sup>But Jesus, knowing this, said to them, "Why are you causing trouble for this woman? For she has done a good work for me. <sup>11</sup>For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me. <sup>12</sup>For when she poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. <sup>13</sup>Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel might be preached in the whole world, what she has done will also be spoken of in memory of her."

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the Twelve, who was named Judas Iscariot, having gone to the chief priests, <sup>15</sup>said, "What are you willing to give me, and I will betray him to you?" And they weighed out 30 shekels of silver for him. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he began to seek an opportunity in order that he might betray him.

<sup>17</sup>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want that we might prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Go into the city to such a man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is near. I am doing the Passover at your {house} with my disciples.'"" <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>Now evening having come, he was reclining to eat with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, he said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>And being very grieved, each one began to ask him, "Surely not I,

Lord?" <sup>23</sup>But he, answering, said, "The one who dipped {his} hand with me in the dish, he will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man will depart just as it is written about him. But woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It was better for him if that man had not been born." <sup>25</sup>But answering, Judas, the one betraying him, said, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said it yourself."

<sup>26</sup>Now as they are eating, Jesus, having taken bread and having blessed it, he broke it. And having given it to the disciples, he said, "Take, eat. This is my body." <sup>27</sup>And having taken a cup and having given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup>For this is my blood of the covenant that is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>But I say to you, I may certainly not drink again from this fruit of the vine until that day when I may drink it new with you in the kingdom of my Father."

<sup>30</sup>And having sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "You all will be caused to stumble in me in this very night, for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd

and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

<sup>32</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." <sup>33</sup>But answering, Peter said to him, "{Even} if all will be caused to stumble in you, I will never be caused to stumble." <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, in this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." <sup>35</sup>Peter says to him, "Even if it might be necessary for me to die with you, I will certainly not deny you." And all the disciples said likewise.

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane and says to the disciples, "Sit here while, having gone over there, I might pray." <sup>37</sup>And having taken along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be grieved and to be troubled. <sup>38</sup>Then he says to them, "My soul is deeply sorrowful, to the point of death. Remain here and watch with me." <sup>39</sup>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." <sup>40</sup>And he comes to the disciples and finds them sleeping, and he says to Peter, "So, were you not able to watch with me for one hour? <sup>41</sup>Watch and pray so that you might not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed {is} willing, but the flesh {is} weak." <sup>42</sup>Again, having gone away a second time, he prayed, saying, "My Father, if this is not able to pass away unless I might drink it, let your will be done." <sup>43</sup>And having come again, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down. <sup>44</sup>And having left them again, having gone away, he prayed a third time, having said the same words again. <sup>45</sup>Then he comes to the disciples and says to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour has approached, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Get up, that we might go. Behold, the one betraying me has approached."

<sup>47</sup>And as he is still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the Twelve, came, and with him, a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the one betraying him gave them a signal, saying, "Whomever I might kiss is him. Seize him." <sup>49</sup>And immediately, having come up to Jesus, he said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and he kissed him. <sup>50</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Friend, for that which you are here." Then having come, they laid hands on Jesus and seized him. <sup>51</sup>And behold, one of those with Jesus, having stretched out {his} hand, drew his sword, and having struck the servant of the high priest, cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus says to him, "Return your sword to its place, for all those who have taken up a sword will perish by a sword. <sup>53</sup>Or do you think that I am not able to call upon my Father, and he will send me more than 12 legions of angels at once? <sup>54</sup>How then would the Scriptures be fulfilled, that this must happen?" <sup>55</sup>At that hour Jesus said to the crowd, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to seize me, as against a robber? Every day I was sitting teaching in the temple, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples, having left him, fled.



<sup>57</sup>Now those who had seized Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had been gathered together. <sup>58</sup>But Peter was following him from a distance to the courtyard of the high priest. And having entered inside, he sat down with the guards to see the outcome. <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death. <sup>60</sup>But they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. But later two, having come forward, <sup>61</sup>said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.'" <sup>62</sup>And having stood up, the high priest said to him, "Do you answer nothing? What is it that they are testifying against you?" <sup>63</sup>But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him, "I command you by the living God, so that you might tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup>Jesus says to him, "You have said it yourself. But I say to you, from now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." <sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his robe, saying, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still have need of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What do you think?" And they, answering, said, "He is deserving of death." <sup>67</sup>Then they spit in his face and beat him, and they slapped him, <sup>68</sup>saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who is the one who struck you?"

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and one servant girl came to him, saying, "You were also with Jesus of Galilee." <sup>70</sup>But he denied it in front of them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." <sup>71</sup>But when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and says to those there, "This one was with Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>72</sup>And he again denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" <sup>73</sup>But after a little while, those who had been standing by, having approached, said to Peter, "Surely you are also from among them, for even your speech makes you evident." <sup>74</sup>Then he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man," and immediately a rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>And Peter remembered the words of Jesus that he had said, "Before the rooster crows you will deny me three times." And having gone outside, he wept bitterly.

## Chapter 27

<sup>1</sup>Now when it had become morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus so as to put him to death. <sup>2</sup>And having bound him, they led him away and delivered him to Pilate the governor.

<sup>3</sup>Then Judas, who had betrayed him, having seen that he was condemned, having repented, he returned the 30 shekels of silver to the chief priests and elders, <sup>4</sup>saying, "I have sinned, having betrayed innocent blood." But they said, "What {is that} to us? See to that yourself." <sup>5</sup>And having thrown down the shekels of silver in the temple, he departed and having gone out, he hanged himself. <sup>6</sup>Now the chief priests, having taken the shekels of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put this into the treasury, because it is the price of blood." <sup>7</sup>But having taken counsel, they bought with the money the field of the potter for a burial place for strangers. <sup>8</sup>For this reason that field has been called "Field of Blood" to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then what had been spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "And they took the 30 shekels of silver, the price of the one whose price had been set by the sons of Israel, <sup>10</sup>and they gave it for the field of the potter, as the Lord had directed me."

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus was stood before the governor, and the governor questioned him, saying, "Are you the King of the Jews?" But Jesus said, "It {is as} you say." <sup>12</sup>And when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he answered nothing. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate says to him, "Do you not hear everything they are bringing against you?" <sup>14</sup>But he did not answer him not even with one word, so as to amaze the governor greatly. <sup>15</sup>Now at the festival it had become the custom of the governor to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they chose. <sup>16</sup>Now at that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Who do you want that I might release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup>For he had known that they had handed him over to him because of envy. <sup>19</sup>But while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, saying, "Nothing to you and to that righteous one. For I suffered much today by way of a dream about him." <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds so that they would ask for Barabbas, but would kill Jesus. <sup>21</sup>But answering, the governor said to them, "Which from the two do you want that I

would release to you?" But they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup>Pilate says to them, "What then should I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all answer, "Crucify him." <sup>23</sup>But he said, "For what evil did he do?" But they cried out even louder, saying, "Crucify him." <sup>24</sup>But Pilate, having seen that he is not helping, but instead a riot is starting, having taken water, washed {his} hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent from the blood of this man. See to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup>And answering, all the people said, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup>Then he released Barabbas to them, but having scourged Jesus, he handed him over so that he would be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor, having taken Jesus into the Praetorium, gathered before him the whole cohort. <sup>28</sup>And having stripped him, they put a scarlet robe on him. <sup>29</sup>And having woven together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and a reed in his right hand, and having knelt down before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>And having spat on him, they took the reed and kept striking him on his head. <sup>31</sup>And when they had mocked him, they took the robe off him and put his own garments on him and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>Now coming out, they found a man from Cyrene named Simon, whom they forced so that he would carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And having come to a place called Golgotha, which is saying, "The Place of a Skull," <sup>34</sup>they gave him wine mixed with gall to drink. But having tasted it, he was not willing to drink it. <sup>35</sup>Now having crucified him, they divided up his garments by casting lots, <sup>36</sup>and sitting down, they kept guard over him there. <sup>37</sup>And above his head they placed the charge against him, which had been written, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup>Then two robbers are being crucified with him, one at his right and one at his left. <sup>39</sup>But those who are passing by were insulting him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "You who are destroying the temple and rebuilding it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!" <sup>41</sup>Likewise also the chief priests, mocking him with the scribes and elders, said, <sup>42</sup>"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. <sup>43</sup>He has trusted in God; let him rescue him now, if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup>In the same way, the robbers who were being crucified with him also were reviling him.

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour darkness happened over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>But about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" which is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup>But some of those who had been standing there, having heard it, were saying, "He calls for Elijah." <sup>48</sup>And immediately one of them, having run and having taken a sponge, having both filled it with sour wine and having put it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the rest were saying, "Leave him alone. We may see whether Elijah comes to save him." <sup>50</sup>But Jesus, having cried out again with a loud voice, released {his} spirit. <sup>51</sup>And behold, the curtain of the temple was split in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook, and the rocks were split apart. <sup>52</sup>And the tombs were opened, and many of the bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup>And having come out from the tombs after his resurrection, they entered into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>Now the centurion and those with him watching Jesus, having seen the earthquake and the things that had happened, became very afraid, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God." <sup>55</sup>Now many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for him were there looking on from a distance. <sup>56</sup>Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

<sup>57</sup>Now when it became evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was disciples by Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He, having approached Pilate, asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>And Joseph, having taken the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb that he had cut into the rock. And having rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, he went away. <sup>61</sup>Now Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup>Now the next day, which was after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together with Pilate, <sup>63</sup>saying, "Sir, we remember that that deceiver, yet living, said, 'After three days I am being raised up.'" <sup>64</sup>Therefore, command the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise his disciples, having come, might steal him and might say to the people, 'He has been raised up from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse

than the first." <sup>65</sup>And Pilate said to them, "Take a guard. Go, make it as secure as you know how." <sup>66</sup>And they, having gone, made the tomb secure, having sealed the stone with the guard.

## Chapter 28

<sup>1</sup>Now late on the Sabbath, at the dawning toward the first {day} of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, a great earthquake happened, for an angel of the Lord, having descended from heaven and having come near, rolled away the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>Now his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white like snow. <sup>4</sup>But the guards were shaken from the fear of him and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But answering, the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who has been crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has been raised up, just as he said. Come see the place where he was lying. <sup>7</sup>And having gone quickly, tell his disciples, 'He has been raised up from the dead. And behold, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." <sup>8</sup>And having quickly left the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Greetings!" But they, having approached, took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus says to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers so that they would depart to Galilee, and there they will see me."

<sup>11</sup>Now while they were going, behold, some of the guards, having gone into the city, told the chief priests all the things that had happened. <sup>12</sup>And having gathered together with the elders and having taken counsel, they gave a large amount of money to the soldiers, <sup>13</sup>saying, "Say, 'His disciples, having come by night, stole him while we are sleeping.' <sup>14</sup>And if this report would be heard by the governor, we will persuade him and keep you free from care." <sup>15</sup>And they, having taken the money, did as they had been instructed. And this report was reported widely among the Jews even until today.

<sup>16</sup>Now the 11 disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And having seen him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And having come, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on the earth. <sup>19</sup>Having gone, therefore, make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; <sup>20</sup>teaching them to obey all things that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days, even to the end of the age."

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