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Matthew

Chapter 1

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

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

¹²and after the Babylonian deportation, Jechoniah fathered Shealtiel, and Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel fathered Abiud, and Abiud fathered Eliakim, and Eliakim fathered Azor, ¹⁴and Azor fathered Zadok, and Zadok fathered Achim, and Achim fathered Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud fathered Eleazar, and Eleazar fathered Matthan, and Matthan fathered Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. ¹⁷Therefore, 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.

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

²³"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."

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

Chapter 2

¹Now 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, ²saying, "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." ³But having heard this, Herod the king became troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴And having brought together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired from them, "Where is the Christ being born?" ⁵And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet,

⁶And 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.” ⁷Then Herod, having secretly called the learned men, inquired from them the time of the appearing of the star. ⁸And 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.” ⁹And 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. ¹⁰And having seen the star, they rejoiced with very great joy. ¹¹And 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. ¹²And having been warned through a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

¹³Now 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.” ¹⁴And he, having gotten up, took the young child and his mother at night and departed for Egypt, ¹⁵and 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.”

¹⁶Then 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. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

¹⁸“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.”

¹⁹Now Herod having died, behold, an angel of the Lord appears through a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, “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.” ²¹And he, having gotten up, took the child and his mother, and entered into the land of Israel. ²²But 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, ²³and 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

¹Now in those days, John the Baptist comes preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens is near.” ³For 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.’”

⁴Now 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. ⁵Then were going out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan, ⁶and being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁷Now 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? ⁸Therefore, produce fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹I 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; ¹²whose 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."

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

Chapter 4

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And having fasted 40 days and 40 nights, afterwards, he was hungry. ³And having approached, the tempter said to him, "If you are the Son of God, speak so that these stones might become bread." ⁴But he, answering, said, "It is written, 'Man will not live by bread alone, but by every word coming through the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil takes him into the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple, ⁶and 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.'"

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

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

¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

toward the sea, beyond the Jordan,

Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the 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.”

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

¹⁸Now 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. ¹⁹And he says to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰And immediately, they, having left {their} nets, followed him. ²¹And 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, ²²and immediately they, having left the boat and their father, followed him.

²³And 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. ²⁴And 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. ²⁵And large crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

Chapter 5

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

²And having opened his mouth, he taught them, saying,

³“Blessed {are} the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.

⁴Blessed {are} those who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed {are} the meek,

for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed {are} those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed {are} the merciful,

for they will obtain mercy.

⁸Blessed {are} the pure in heart,

for they will see God.

⁹Blessed {are} the peacemakers,

for they will be called sons of God.

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

for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.

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

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

¹³You 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. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city being set on top of a hill is not able to be hidden. ¹⁵Neither 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. ¹⁶Let 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.

¹⁷May you not think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I came not to destroy them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹Therefore, 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. ²⁰For 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.

²¹You have heard that it was said to the ancients, 'Do not kill,' and, 'Whoever might kill will be held for the judgment.' ²²But 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. ²³Therefore, if you may be offering your gift at the altar and there may remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar and go; first be reconciled with your brother, and then, having come, offer your gift. ²⁵Be 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. ²⁶Truly I say to you, you may certainly not come out from there until you would have paid the last quadrans.

²⁷You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks on a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹Now it has been said, 'Whoever might send his wife away, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But 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.

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

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

⁴³You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies and pray on behalf of those who persecute you,^[1]⁴⁵so 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. ⁴⁶For if you would love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same thing? ⁴⁷And if you would greet only your brothers, what do you do more? Do not even the Gentiles do the same thing? ⁴⁸Therefore, you shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

5:44 ^[1]

Chapter 6

¹Now 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. ²So 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. ³But you, giving alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵And 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. ⁶But 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. ⁷Now praying, do not make useless repetitions even as the Gentiles, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Therefore, you should not be like them, for your Father knows what need you have before you ask him. ⁹You, therefore, pray like this:

'Our Father who {is} in the heavens,

let your name be sanctified.

¹⁰Let your kingdom come,

let your will also be done

on earth as {it is} in heaven.

¹¹Give us today our daily bread;

¹²and forgive us our debts,

as we also forgave our debtors;

¹³and do not bring us into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.'^[1]

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

¹⁶Now 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. ¹⁷But you, when fasting, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so 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.

¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on the earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰Instead, store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in nor steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ²²The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, if your eye is good, your whole body is full of light. ²³But 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! ²⁴No 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. ²⁵Because 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? ²⁶Look 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? ²⁷But which one from you, being anxious, are able to add one cubit to his lifespan? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not toil, nor do they spin cloth. ²⁹Yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these. ³⁰But 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? ³¹Therefore, you should not be anxious, saying, 'What might we eat?' or, 'What might we drink?' or, 'What might we wear?' ³²For the Gentiles seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all of these things. ³³But seek first {his} kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴Therefore, you should not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day {is} its evil.

6:13 ^[1]

Chapter 7

¹Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ²For with the judgment you judge, you will be judged, and with the measure you measure, it will be measured to you. ³Now 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? ⁴Or 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? ⁵You 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. ⁶You 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.

⁷Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks, receives; and the one seeking, finds; and to the one knocking, it will be opened. ⁹Or what man is there from among you, of whom his son will ask for bread—he will not give him a stone, will he? ¹⁰Or he will also ask for a fish—he will not give him a snake, will he? ¹¹Therefore, 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? ¹²In 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.

¹³Enter 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. ¹⁴For the gate {is} narrow and the way has been made narrow that is leading to life, and there are few who are finding it.

¹⁵Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶By their fruits you will know them. They do not gather grapes from a thornbush or figs from thistles, do they? ¹⁷In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but the rotten tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree is not able to produce bad fruit, nor a rotten tree to produce good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree not producing good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰So then, you will recognize them from their fruits. ²¹Not 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. ²²Many 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?' ²³And then I will publicly declare to them, 'I never knew you! Go away from me, you who are practicing lawlessness!'

²⁴Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be compared to a wise man who built his house upon the rock. ²⁵And 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. ²⁶But 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. ²⁷And 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."

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

Chapter 8

¹Now when he had come down from the hill, large crowds followed him. ²And behold, a leper, having approached, bowed before him, saying, "Lord, if you would be willing, you are able to make me clean." ³And having reached out {his} hand, he touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be clean." And immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. ⁴And 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."

⁵Now when he had entered into Capernaum, a centurion came to him, begging him ⁶and saying, "Lord, my servant has been lying in the house paralyzed, being tormented terribly." ⁷And he says to him, "I, when I have come, will heal him." ⁸And 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. ⁹For 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." ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹But 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. ¹²But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth." ¹³And Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! As you believed, let it be done for you." And the servant was healed at that very hour.

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵And he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him. ¹⁶Now 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, ¹⁷so that might be fulfilled that which had been spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "He himself took our weaknesses and bore our diseases."

¹⁸Now Jesus, having seen the crowd around him, commanded to depart to the other side. ¹⁹And having approached, a scribe said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you might go." ²⁰And 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." ²¹Now another of the disciples said to him, "Lord, permit me first to go away and to bury my father." ²²But Jesus says to him, "Follow me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead."

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

²⁸And 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.

²⁹And 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?" ³⁰Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at a distance from them. ³¹But the demons were begging him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of the pigs." ³²And 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. ³³Now 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. ³⁴And 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

¹And having entered into a boat, he crossed over and came to his own city. ²And 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." ³And behold, some of the scribes said among themselves, "This man blasphemeth." ⁴And Jesus, having known their thoughts, said, "For what reason do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?' ⁶But 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." ⁷And having gotten up, he went away to his house. ⁸Now when the crowds had seen this, they were afraid and glorified God, who had given such authority to men. ⁹And 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.

¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And the Pharisees, having seen this, were saying to his disciples, "For what reason does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But he, having heard this, said, "Those who are strong in body do not have need of a physician, but those who have sickness. ¹³But having gone, learn what this is: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

¹⁴Then the disciples of John come to him, saying, "For what reason do we and the Pharisees often fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶Now 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. ¹⁷Neither 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."

¹⁸While 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." ¹⁹And having gotten up, Jesus and his disciples followed him. ²⁰And behold, a woman suffering from a discharge of blood for 12 years, having come up behind him, touched the edge of his garment, ²¹for she was saying to herself, "If only I might touch his garments, I will be made well." ²²But 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. ²³And Jesus, having come into the house of the official and having seen the flute players and the crowd being stirred up, ²⁴said, "Go away, for the girl has not died, but sleeps." But they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, having entered, he took her hand, and the girl was raised up. ²⁶And this report went out into all that region.

²⁷And when Jesus is departing from there, two blind men followed him, crying out and saying, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" ²⁸Now 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." ²⁹Then he touched their eyes, saying, "Let it

happen to you according to your faith.”³⁰ And their eyes were opened, and Jesus warned them, saying, “See that you let no one know about this.”³¹ But they, having gone out, reported it in all that land.

³² Now as they are going away, behold, they brought to him a mute, demon-possessed man. ³³ 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!” ³⁴ But the Pharisees were saying, “By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons.”

³⁵ 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. ³⁶ Now having seen the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were troubled and discouraged, like sheep not having a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he says to his disciples, “The harvest {is} plentiful, but the laborers {are} few. ³⁸ Therefore, beg the Lord of the harvest, so that he might send out laborers into his harvest.”

Chapter 10

¹ 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. ² 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; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the {son} of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

⁵ 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. ⁶ But go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ Now as you are going, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of the heavens has come near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, {and} cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. ⁹ Do not acquire gold or silver or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ nor a bag for your journey nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer {is} worthy of his food. ¹¹ But whatever city or village you might enter into, find someone who is worthy in it and stay there until you might leave. ¹² Now entering into the house, greet it. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ And whoever might not receive you nor listen to your words, departing from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. ¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so become wise as the serpents and harmless as the doves. ¹⁷ But beware of the men, for they will deliver you up to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues; ¹⁸ and you will even be brought before governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For it is not you who is speaking, but the Spirit of your Father who is speaking in you. ²¹ 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. ²² And you will be hated by everyone because of my name, but the one who endured to the end, he will be saved. ²³ 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.

²⁴ A disciple is not above {his} teacher, nor a slave above his master. ²⁵ 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! ²⁶ Therefore, do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and hidden, that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the darkness, say in the daylight, and what you hear in {your} ear, proclaim upon the housetops. ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ But

even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Therefore, do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows. ³²Therefore, everyone who will confess in me before men, I will also confess in him before my Father who {is} in the heavens. ³³But whoever would deny me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who {is} in the heavens.

³⁴Do not think that I came to put peace upon the earth. I did not come to put peace, but a sword. ³⁵For 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; ³⁶and the enemies of a man will be those of his own household. ³⁷The 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. ³⁸And the one who does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. ³⁹The one who found his life will lose it, and the one who lost his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰The one receiving you receives me, and the one receiving me receives the one who sent me. ⁴¹The 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. ⁴²And 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

¹And 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. ²Now John, having heard in the prison about the deeds of the Christ, having sent through his disciples, ³said to him, "Are you the one coming, or are we expecting another?" ⁴And answering, Jesus said to them, "Having gone, report to John what you see and hear. ⁵The 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. ⁶And blessed is whoever might not have been offended by me."

⁷Now 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? ⁸But what did you go out to see—a man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those wearing soft clothing are in the houses of kings. ⁹But what did you go out to see—a prophet? Yes, I say to you, and much more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he concerning whom it is written, 'Behold, I am sending my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

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

²⁰Then he began to rebuke the cities in which most of his miracles were done, because they had not repented. ²¹"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. ²²Nevertheless, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. ²³And 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. ²⁴Nevertheless, I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

²⁵At 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. ²⁶Yes, Father, for thus it became well-pleasing in your sight. ²⁷All 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.

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

Chapter 12

¹At 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. ²But the Pharisees, having seen that, said to him, "Behold, your disciples do what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath." ³But he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was hungry, and those {who were} with him— ⁴how 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? ⁵Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbaths the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, but are innocent? ⁶But I say to you that greater than the temple is here. ⁷But if you had known what this is, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent. ⁸For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

⁹And having departed from there, he went into their synagogue. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹But 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? ¹²How much more valuable, then, {is} a man than a sheep? Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbaths." ¹³Then 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. ¹⁴But having gone out, the Pharisees took counsel against him so that they might put him to death.

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

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

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

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

²²Then someone was brought to him, being demon-possessed, blind and mute, and he healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw. ²³And all the crowds were amazed and were saying, "Is this not the Son of David?" ²⁴But the Pharisees, having heard this, said, "He does not cast out demons except by Beelzebul, the prince of the demons." ²⁵But 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. ²⁶And if Satan casts out Satan, he has been divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? For this reason they will be your judges. ²⁸But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹Or 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. ³⁰The one not being with me is against me, and the one not gathering with me scatters. ³¹For this reason I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy of the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³²And 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. ³³Either 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. ³⁴You offspring of vipers, being evil, how are you able to say good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵The good man from {his} good treasure brings forth good things, and the evil man from {his} evil treasure brings forth evil things. ³⁶But I say to you that every idle word that they will speak, men will give an account concerning it in the day of judgment. ³⁷For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

³⁸Then certain scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." ³⁹But 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. ⁴⁰For 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. ⁴¹The 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. ⁴²The 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. ⁴³Now when the unclean spirit might have departed from the man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest and not finding it. ⁴⁴Then 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. ⁴⁵Then 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."

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

Chapter 13

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

¹⁰And having approached, the disciples said to him, "For what reason do you speak to them in parables?" ¹¹But 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³For this reason I speak to them in parables; because seeing, they do not see; and hearing, they do not hear nor understand. ¹⁴And 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.

¹⁵For 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.'

¹⁶But blessed {are} your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸You, therefore, listen to the parable of the sower. ¹⁹Everyone 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. ²⁰Now that sown on the rocky ground, this is the one hearing the word and immediately receiving it with joy; ²¹but 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. ²²Now 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. ²³Now that which has been sown on the good soil, this is the one hearing the word and understanding it, who indeed produces a crop and yields, some 100 {times}, and some 60, and some 30."

²⁴He set before them another parable, saying, "The kingdom of the heavens is like a man who had sown good seed in his field. ²⁵But while the men slept, his enemy came and sowed darnel among the wheat and went away. ²⁶Now when the blades sprouted and produced a crop, then the darnel became visible also. ²⁷Now 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?' ²⁸But 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?' ²⁹But he says, 'No, lest gathering up the darnel, you might uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Permit 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.'"

³¹He 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; ³²which 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." ³³He 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."

³⁴All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the crowds, and he was speaking nothing to them without a parable, ³⁵so 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."

³⁶Then, 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." ³⁷Now answering, he said, "The one sowing the good seed is the Son of Man, ³⁸and 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, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. And the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Therefore, just as the darnel are gathered up and burned with fire, thus will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will gather up from his kingdom all the stumbling blocks and those doing lawlessness. ⁴²And they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. The one having ears, let him hear.

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

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like a net having been cast into the sea, and having gathered from every kind, ⁴⁸which, 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. ⁴⁹Thus it will be at the end of the age: The angels will come and will separate the wicked from among the righteous, ⁵⁰and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth. ⁵¹Have you understood all these things?" They say to him, "Yes."

⁵²Now 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." ⁵³And it happened that when Jesus finished these parables, he departed from there.

⁵⁴And 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? ⁵⁵Is not this the son of the carpenter? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶And are not all his sisters with us? From where, therefore, to this one {are} all these things?" ⁵⁷And 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." ⁵⁸And he did not do many miracles there, because of their unbelief.

Chapter 14

¹At that time, Herod the tetrarch heard the news about Jesus. ²And 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." ³For Herod, having arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Philip, his brother. ⁴For John was saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." ⁵And wanting to put him to death, he feared the people, because they regarded him as a prophet. ⁶But the birthday of Herod having come about, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst and pleased Herod, ⁷because of which he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. ⁸Now she, having been urged beforehand by her mother, said, "Give me here, on a platter,

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

¹³Now 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.¹⁴ And having come out, he saw a large crowd, and had compassion on them, and healed their sick.¹⁵ 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.”¹⁶ But Jesus said to them, “They have no need to go away. You give them to eat.”¹⁷ But they say to him, “We have nothing here except five loaves and two fish.”¹⁸ But he said, “Bring them here to me.”¹⁹ 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.²⁰ And they all ate and were filled. And they took up what remains of the broken pieces—12 baskets full.²¹ Now those eating were about 5,000 men, besides women and children.

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

³⁴And having crossed over, they came to the land at Gennesaret.³⁵ And having recognized him, the men in that place sent into all that surrounding area, and they brought to him all those having sickness.³⁶ 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

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

⁸ “This people honors me with {their} lips,

but their heart is far away from me.

⁹ But they worship me in vain,

teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

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

²¹And having come out from there, Jesus withdrew into the regions of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And 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." ²³But 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." ²⁴But he answering said, "I was not sent, except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she, having come, bowed down to him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶Now he answering said, "It is not good to take the bread of the children and to throw it to the little dogs." ²⁷But she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat from the crumbs that fall from the tables of their masters." ²⁸Then 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.

²⁹And having left from there, Jesus went along the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up on a hill, he was sitting there. ³⁰And 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, ³¹so 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.

³²But 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." ³³And the disciples say to him, "From where would be to us in a wilderness enough bread so as to satisfy so large a crowd?" ³⁴And Jesus says to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few small fish." ³⁵And having commanded the crowd to recline on the ground, ³⁶he 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. ³⁷And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took away seven baskets full of the broken pieces that are left over. ³⁸But those eating were 4,000 men, besides women and children. ³⁹And having sent away the crowds, he got into the boat and went into the region of Magadan.

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

Chapter 16

¹And the Pharisees and Sadducees, having approached—testing him—asked him to show them a sign from heaven. ²But he answering said to them, ^[1] ["When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' ³And 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."] ⁴"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.

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

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

¹³Now Jesus, having come to the regions of Caesarea Philippi, asked his disciples, saying, "Who do men say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some, John the Baptist; and some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He says to them, "But who do you say I am?" ¹⁶And answering, Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷Now 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. ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹I 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." ²⁰Then he commanded the disciples that they would tell no one that he is the Christ.

²¹From 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. ²²And having taken him aside, Peter began to rebuke him, saying, "Merciful to you, Lord; may this never be to you." ²³But, 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." ²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever might have lost his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For 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? ²⁷For 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. ²⁸Truly 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."

16:2 ^[1]

Chapter 17

¹And six days later Jesus takes with him Peter, and James, and John his brother, and brings them up onto a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became brilliant as the light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with him. ⁴But 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." ⁵While 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." ⁶And having heard that, the disciples fell on their face and were very afraid. ⁷And Jesus, having approached and having touched them, said, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸But having lifted up their eyes, they saw no one except only Jesus himself.

⁹And 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." ¹⁰And his disciples questioned him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that it is necessary for Elijah to come first?" ¹¹But he, answering, said, "Elijah indeed is coming and will restore all things. ¹²But 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." ¹³Then the disciples understood that he spoke to them about John the Baptist.

¹⁴And having come to the crowd, a man, having approached him, is kneeling before him ¹⁵and 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. ¹⁶And I brought him to your disciples, but they were not able to heal him." ¹⁷But 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." ¹⁸And Jesus rebuked it, and the demon came out from him, and the boy was healed from that hour.

¹⁹Then the disciples, having come to Jesus privately, said, "For what reason were we not able to cast it out?" ²⁰And 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. ²¹^[1] [But this kind does not go out except with prayer and fasting.]

²²Now 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, ²³and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised up." And they became very upset.

²⁴Now 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?" ²⁵He 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?" ²⁶But when he said, "From strangers," Jesus said to him, "Therefore, the sons are free." ²⁷But 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."

17:21 ^[1]

Chapter 18

¹At that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of the heavens?" ²And having called to himself a little child, he set him in the midst of them ³and 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. ⁴Therefore, whoever will humble himself like this little child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of the heavens. ⁵And whoever might receive a little child like this in my name receives me. ⁶But 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.

⁷Woe 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! ⁸Now 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. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰See 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. ¹¹^[1] [For the Son of Man came to save that which was lost.] ¹²What 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? ¹³And 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. ¹⁴In the same way, it is not the will before your Father who {is} in the heavens that one of these little ones would perish.

¹⁵But 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. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷But 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. ¹⁸Truly 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. ¹⁹Again 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. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst."

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

18:11 ^[1]

Chapter 19

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

³And Pharisees approached him, testing him, and saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?" ⁴But he, answering, said, "Have you not read that the one who made them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵and 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?' ⁶So then, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate." ⁷They say to him, "Why then has Moses commanded us to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" ⁸He says to them, "For your hardness of heart, Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not that way. ⁹But 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." ¹⁰The disciples say to him, "If thus is the case of the man with {his} wife, it is better not to marry." ¹¹But he said to them, "Not everyone can accept this word, but those to whom it has been given. ¹²For 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."

¹³Then little children were brought to him so that he would lay {his} hands on them and would pray, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But 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." ¹⁵And having placed {his} hands on them, he went on from there.

¹⁶And behold, a man, having approached him, said, "Teacher, what good thing might I do in order that I might have eternal life?" ¹⁷But 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." ¹⁸He says to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "Do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, ¹⁹honor {your} father and {your} mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰The young man says to him, "All these things I have obeyed. What do I still lack?" ²¹Jesus 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." ²²But the young man, having heard the word, went away being grieved, for he had many possessions.

²³Now Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I say to you, a rich man will enter with difficulty into the kingdom of the heavens. ²⁴And 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." ²⁵Now having heard this, the disciples were very astonished, saying, "Who then is able to be saved?" ²⁶But Jesus, having looked at them, said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." ²⁷Then answering, Peter said to him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed you. What then will there be for us?" ²⁸And 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. ²⁹And 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. ³⁰But many who will be first will be last, and the last, first.

Chapter 20

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

¹⁷And Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the 12 disciples aside by themselves, and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸"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 ¹⁹and 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."

²⁰Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee approached him with her sons, bowing down and asking for something from him. ²¹But 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." ²²But 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." ²³He 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." ²⁴And having heard this, the ten {disciples} were very angry with the two brothers. ²⁵But 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. ²⁶It is not this way among you. Instead, whoever might desire to become great among you will be your servant, ²⁷and whoever might desire to be first among you will be your servant, ²⁸just 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."

²⁹And as they were proceeding from Jericho, a great crowd followed him. ³⁰And 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." ³¹Now 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." ³²And having stood still, Jesus called to them and said, "What do you want that I might do for you?" ³³They say to him, "Lord, that our eyes might be opened." ³⁴Now having been moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. And immediately they received their sight and followed him.

20:16 ^[1]

Chapter 21

¹And when they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³And if anyone might say anything to you, you will say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." ⁴Now this had come about so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

⁵"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."

⁶Now the disciples, having gone and having done just as Jesus had directed them, ⁷brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat upon them. ⁸Now 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. ⁹Now 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!"

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

¹²And 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. ¹³And he says to them, "It is written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers." ¹⁴And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵But 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. ¹⁶And 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?'" ¹⁷And having left them, he went out from the city to Bethany and spent the night there.

¹⁸Now in the morning, returning to the city, he was hungry. ¹⁹And 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. ²⁰And having seen this, the disciples marveled, saying, "How did

the fig tree immediately wither away?" ²¹But 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. ²²And everything, whatever you might request in prayer, believing, you will receive."

²³And 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?" ²⁴But 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. ²⁵The 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?' ²⁶But if we would say, 'From men,' we fear the crowd, for they all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷And 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. ²⁸But what do you think? A man had two sons, and having gone to the first, said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.' ²⁹But he, answering, said, 'I will not,' but afterward, having changed his mind, he went. ³⁰But having gone to the second son, he said likewise. And he, answering, said, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹Which 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. ³²For 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.

³³Listen 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. ³⁴Now when the fruit season approached, he sent his servants to the vine growers to receive his fruit. ³⁵But the vine growers having taken hold of his servants, one they beat, and one they killed, and one they stoned. ³⁶Again, he sent other servants, more than the first, but they did to them likewise. ³⁷But afterward, he sent to them his own son, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But the vine growers, having seen the son, said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, that we might kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And having laid hold of him, they threw him out from the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard may come, what will he do to those vine growers?" ⁴¹They 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." ⁴²Jesus 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?

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

Chapter 22

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

wedding feast, but they were not willing to come. ⁴Again 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."' ⁵But they, having paid no attention, went away, one to his own field and one to his business. ⁶But the others, having seized his servants, treated them shamefully and killed them. ⁷But the king was provoked, and having sent his soldiers, he killed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he says to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those who had been invited were not worthy. ⁹Therefore, go to the crossings of the roads and invite as many as you might find to the wedding feasts.' ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹But the king, having come in to look at those reclining to eat, saw there a man not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here, not having wedding clothes?' But he was speechless. ¹³Then 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.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few chosen."

¹⁵Then having gone, the Pharisees took counsel how they might entrap him in {his} words. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷Therefore, tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to give a poll tax to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, having perceived their wickedness, said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin of the poll tax." And they brought a denarius to him. ²⁰And he says to them, "Whose image and inscription {is} this?" ²¹They say, "Caesar's." Then he says to them, "Therefore, give to Caesar the things of Caesar, and to God the things of God." ²²And having heard it, they marveled, and having left him, they went away.

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

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

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

⁴⁴The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I might put your enemies under your feet"?

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

Chapter 23

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

¹³But 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. ¹⁴^[1] [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. ¹⁵Woe 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.

¹⁶Woe 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.’ ¹⁷You fools and blind men! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctified the gold? ¹⁸And, ‘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.’ ¹⁹You fools and blind men! For which {is} greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift? ²⁰Therefore, the one having sworn by the altar swears by it and by everything that {is} on top of it. ²¹And the one having sworn by the temple swears by it and by the one inhabiting it. ²²And the one having sworn by heaven swears by the throne of God and by the one sitting on it.

²³Woe 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. ²⁴You blind guides, who are straining out the gnat but swallowing the camel!

²⁵Woe 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. ²⁶You blind Pharisee! Clean first the inside of the cup and of the plate, so that the outside of it might become clean also.

²⁷Woe 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. ²⁸In the same way, you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

²⁹Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the tombs of the righteous. ³⁰And 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.’ ³¹Therefore you testify against yourselves that you are sons of those who have killed the prophets, ³²and you fill up the measure of your fathers. ³³You serpents, you offspring of vipers, how might you escape from the judgment of Gehenna? ³⁴For 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, ³⁵so 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. ³⁶Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

³⁷Jerusalem, 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! ³⁸Behold, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹For 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

¹And 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. ²But 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."

³Now 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?" ⁴And answering, Jesus said to them, "Be careful that no one might lead you astray. ⁵For many will come in my name saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will lead many astray. ⁶And 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. ⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸But all these things are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹Then 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. ¹⁰And then many will be caused to stumble, and will betray one another and will hate one another. ¹¹And many false prophets will be raised up and will lead many astray. ¹²And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But the one who has endured to the end, he will be saved. ¹⁴And 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.

¹⁵Therefore, 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), ¹⁶"then let those in Judea flee to the mountains, ¹⁷let the one on the housetop not go down to take anything from his house, ¹⁸and let the one in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹But woe to those having in the womb and to those nursing in those days! ²⁰But pray so that your flight would not occur in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹For then will be a great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, nor will ever happen again. ²²And 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. ²³Then if anyone might say to you, 'Behold, here {is} the Christ!' or, 'Here!' you may not believe it. ²⁴For 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. ²⁵Behold, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶Therefore, 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. ²⁷For 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. ²⁸Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will be gathered.

²⁹But 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹And 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.

³²Now 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. ³³In the same way also, when you might see all these things, you know that he is near, at the gates. ³⁴Truly I say to you that this generation may certainly not pass away until all these things may have happened. ³⁵The heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words may certainly not pass away. ³⁶But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of the heavens, nor the Son, except the

Father only. ³⁷For just as the days of Noah were, thus will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For 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, ³⁹and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away—thus also will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field—one is taken, and one is left. ⁴¹Two women are grinding with the mill—one is taken, and one is left. ⁴²Therefore, be alert, for you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴For this reason you also be ready, for the Son of Man will come at the hour that you do not think.

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

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

¹⁴For {it is} like a man going to another country. He called his own slaves and handed over to them his possessions. ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶When he had gone, the one having received the five talents traded with them and gained another five talents. ¹⁷Likewise, the one with the two also gained another two. ¹⁸But the one having received the one, having gone away, dug in the ground and hid the money of his master. ¹⁹Now after a long time, the master of those slaves comes and settles accounts with them. ²⁰And 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.' ²¹His 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.' ²²The one with the two talents, having also approached, said, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents, but behold, I have gained two talents.' ²³His 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.' ²⁴But 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.' ²⁵And having become afraid, having gone away, I hid your talent in the ground. Behold, you have what {is} yours.' ²⁶But 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. ²⁷Therefore, 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. ²⁸Therefore, take away the talent from him and give it to the one having the ten talents. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰And throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.'

³¹But when the Son of Man may come in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²And 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. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on {his} left. ³⁴Then 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. ³⁵For 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; ³⁶I was naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you cared for me; I was in prison, and you came to me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you to drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and invite you in? Or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and come to you?' ⁴⁰And 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.' ⁴¹Then 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, ⁴²for I was hungry, and you did not give me to eat; I was thirsty, and you did not give me to drink; ⁴³I 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.' ⁴⁴Then 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?' ⁴⁵Then 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.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life."

Chapter 26

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

⁶Now while Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a 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. ⁸Now having seen this, the disciples became angry, saying, "For what {is} this waste? ⁹For this was able to have been sold for much and to be given to the poor." ¹⁰But Jesus, knowing this, said to them, "Why are you causing trouble for this woman? For she has done a good work for me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me. ¹²For when she poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. ¹³Truly 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."

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

¹⁷Now 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?" ¹⁸And 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.'"" ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰Now evening having come, he was reclining to eat with the Twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will betray me." ²²And being very grieved, each one began to ask him, "Surely not I, Lord?" ²³But he, answering, said, "The one who dipped {his} hand with me in the dish, he will betray me. ²⁴The 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." ²⁵But answering, Judas, the one betraying him, said, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said it yourself."

²⁶Now 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." ²⁷And having taken a cup and having given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸For this is my blood of the covenant that is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹But 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."

³⁰And having sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹Then 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.'

³²But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." ³³But answering, Peter said to him, "{Even} if all will be caused to stumble in you, I will never be caused to stumble." ³⁴Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, in this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵Peter 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.

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane and says to the disciples, "Sit here while, having gone over there, I might pray." ³⁷And having taken along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be grieved and to be troubled. ³⁸Then he says to them, "My soul is deeply sorrowful, to the point of death. Remain here and watch with me." ³⁹And 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." ⁴⁰And 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? ⁴¹Watch and pray so that you might not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed {is} willing, but the flesh {is} weak." ⁴²Again, 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." ⁴³And having come again, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down. ⁴⁴And having left them again, having gone away, he prayed a third time, having said the same words again. ⁴⁵Then 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. ⁴⁶Get up, that we might go. Behold, the one betraying me has approached."

⁴⁷And 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. ⁴⁸Now the one betraying him gave them a signal, saying, "Whomever I might kiss is him. Seize him." ⁴⁹And immediately, having come up to Jesus, he said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and he kissed him. ⁵⁰But Jesus said to him, "Friend, for that which you are here." Then having come, they laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹And 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. ⁵²Then Jesus says to him, "Return your sword to its place, for all those who have taken up a sword will perish by a sword. ⁵³Or 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? ⁵⁴How then would the Scriptures be fulfilled, that this must happen?" ⁵⁵At 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. ⁵⁶But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples, having left him, fled.

⁵⁷Now those who had seized Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had been gathered together. ⁵⁸But 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. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole

council were seeking false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death. ⁶⁰But they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. But later two, having come forward, ⁶¹said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶²And having stood up, the high priest said to him, "Do you answer nothing? What is it that they are testifying against you?" ⁶³But 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." ⁶⁴Jesus 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." ⁶⁵Then 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. ⁶⁶What do you think?" And they, answering, said, "He is deserving of death." ⁶⁷Then they spit in his face and beat him, and they slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who is the one who struck you?"

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and one servant girl came to him, saying, "You were also with Jesus of Galilee." ⁷⁰But he denied it in front of them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." ⁷¹But when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and says to those there, "This one was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷²And he again denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" ⁷³But 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." ⁷⁴Then he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man," and immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵And 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

¹Now 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. ²And having bound him, they led him away and delivered him to Pilate the governor.

³Then 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, ⁴saying, "I have sinned, having betrayed innocent blood." But they said, "What {is that} to us? See to that yourself." ⁵And having thrown down the shekels of silver in the temple, he departed and having gone out, he hanged himself. ⁶Now 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." ⁷But having taken counsel, they bought with the money the field of the potter for a burial place for strangers. ⁸For this reason that field has been called "Field of Blood" to this day. ⁹Then 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, ¹⁰and they gave it for the field of the potter, as the Lord had directed me."

¹¹Now 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." ¹²And when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he answered nothing. ¹³Then Pilate says to him, "Do you not hear everything they are bringing against you?" ¹⁴But he did not answer him not even with one word, so as to amaze the governor greatly. ¹⁵Now at the festival it had become the custom of the governor to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they chose. ¹⁶Now at that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. ¹⁷Therefore 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?" ¹⁸For he had known that they had handed him over to him because of envy. ¹⁹But 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." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds so that they would ask for Barabbas, but would kill Jesus. ²¹But answering, the governor said to them, "Which from the two do you want that I would release to you?" But they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate says to them, "What then should I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all answer, "Crucify him." ²³But he said, "For what evil did he do?" But they cried out even louder, saying, "Crucify him." ²⁴But 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." ²⁵And answering, all the people said, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶Then he released Barabbas to them, but having scourged Jesus, he handed him over so that he would be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor, having taken Jesus into the Praetorium, gathered before him the whole cohort.

²⁸And having stripped him, they put a scarlet robe on him. ²⁹And 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!" ³⁰And having spat on him, they took the reed and kept striking him on his head. ³¹And 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.

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

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour darkness happened over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶But 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?" ⁴⁷But some of those who had been standing there, having heard it, were saying, "He calls for Elijah." ⁴⁸And 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. ⁴⁹But the rest were saying, "Leave him alone. We may see whether Elijah comes to save him." ⁵⁰But Jesus, having cried out again with a loud voice, released {his} spirit. ⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was split in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook, and the rocks were split apart. ⁵²And the tombs were opened, and many of the bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³And having come out from the tombs after his resurrection, they entered into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now 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." ⁵⁵Now many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for him were there looking on from a distance. ⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷Now when it became evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was discipled by Jesus. ⁵⁸He, having approached Pilate, asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph, having taken the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰and 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. ⁶¹Now Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²Now the next day, which was after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together with Pilate, ⁶³saying, "Sir, we remember that that deceiver, yet living, said, 'After three days I am being raised up.' ⁶⁴Therefore, 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." ⁶⁵And Pilate said to them, "Take a guard. Go, make it as secure as you know how." ⁶⁶And they, having gone, made the tomb secure, having sealed the stone with the guard.

Chapter 28

¹Now 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. ²And 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. ³Now his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white like snow. ⁴But the guards were shaken from the fear of him and became like dead men. ⁵But answering, the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who has been crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised up, just as he said. Come see the place where he was lying. ⁷And 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." ⁸And having quickly left the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Greetings!" But they, having approached, took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then 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."

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

¹⁶Now the 11 disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And having seen him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And having come, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on the earth. ¹⁹Having 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; ²⁰teaching 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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