

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

1 ^aThe book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, ^bthe son of David, ^cthe son of Abraham.

^{2d}Abraham was the father of Isaac, and ^cIsaac the father of Jacob, and ^fJacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and ^gJudah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by ^hRahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and ⁱJesse the father of David the king.

And ^dDavid was the father of Solomon by ^kthe wife of Uriah, ⁷and ^lSolomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, ^mand Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, ³and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹and ^jJosiah the father of ^oJechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹²And after the deportation to Babylon: ^pJechoniah was the father of ^qShealtiel, ⁴and ^rShealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of ^sJoseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to ^tthe Christ fourteen generations.

The Birth of Jesus Christ

¹⁸Now the birth of ^uJesus Christ took place in this way. ^vWhen his mother Mary had been betrothed ⁶to Joseph,

1:1 ^a [Luke 3:23-38]

^b 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 132:11; Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:5; Luke 1:32, 69; John 7:42; Acts 2:30; 13:23; Rom. 1:3; 2 Tim. 2:8; Rev.

22:16 ^c Gen. 22:18; Gal. 3:16

1:2 ^d Gen. 21:3
^e Gen. 25:26 ^f Gen. 29:35

1:3 ^g [Ruth 4:18-22; 1 Chr. 2:1-15]

1:5 ^h Josh. 6:25
1:6 ⁱ 1 Sam. 16:1;

17:12 / 2 Sam. 12:24
^j 2 Sam. 12:10

1:7 ^k For ver. 7-10, see 1 Chr. 3:10-14

1:8 ^l [2 Kgs. 15:1; 1 Chr. 3:11, 12]

1:11 ^m 1 Chr. 3:15, 16
ⁿ Esth. 2:6; Jer. 24:1; 27:20

1:12 ^p 1 Chr. 3:17-19
^q Luke 3:27 ^r Ezra

3:2 ^s Luke 3:23

1:17 ^t ch. 2:4; 11:2; 16:16; 22:42; 23:10; Mark 8:29; Luke 3:15; [John 1:41; 4:25]

1:18 ^u ver. 1; Mark 1:1; John 1:17; 17:3; [ver. 16] ^v Luke 1:27

1:18 ^w Luke 1:35

1:19 ^x [Deut. 24:1]

1:20 ^y ch. 2:13, 19; [ch. 2:12, 22]

1:21 ^z ver. 25; Luke 1:31; 2:21 ^{aa} Luke 2:11; Acts 4:12; 5:31; 13:23, 38; [Acts 3:26]

1:22 ^{ab} ^{ac} ch. 21:4; 26:56; John 19:36

^{ad} ch. 2:15, 23; 4:14; Mark 14:49

1:23 ^{ae} Cited from Isa. 7:14 ^{af} Isa. 8:8, 10

^{ag} See ch. 28:20
1:25 ^{ah} ver. 21

2:1 ^{ai} Luke 2:4-7

^{aj} Luke 2:15; John 7:42 / Luke 1:5

^{ak} [Gen. 25:6; 1 Kgs. 4:30]

2:2 ^{al} ch. 27:11, 37; Jer. 23:5; 30:9; Zech. 9:9 ^{am} [Num. 24:17; Rev. 22:16] ^{an} See ch.

8:2
2:4 ^{ao} See ch. 1:17

2:6 ^{ap} Cited from Mic. 5:2

before they came together she was found to be with child ^wfrom the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling ^xto put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, ^yan angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and ^zyou shall call his name Jesus, ^{af}for he will save his people from their sins.” ^{22b}All this took place ^cto fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 ^d “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name ^eImmanuel”

(which means, God ^fwith us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And ^ghe called his name Jesus.

The Visit of the Wise Men

2 Now ^hafter Jesus was born in ⁱBethlehem of Judea ^jin the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men ^kfrom the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born ^lking of the Jews? For we saw ^mhis star when it rose ⁸and have come to ⁿworship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where ^othe Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6p ^q “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

¹ Greek Aram; also verse 4 ² *Asaph* is probably an alternate spelling for *Asa*; some manuscripts read *Asa*; also verse 8 ³ *Amos* is probably an alternate spelling for *Amon*; some manuscripts read *Amon*; twice in this verse ⁴ Greek *Salathiel*; twice in this verse ⁵ Some manuscripts of the *Christ* ⁶ That is, legally pledged to be married ⁷ Greek *magi*; also verses 7, 16 ⁸ Or in the east; also verse 9

for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Flight to Egypt

¹³Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. ¹⁵This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Herod Kills the Children

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷And then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

The Return to Nazareth

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of

^{2:6} Ezek. 34:23; John 21:15-17; [2 Sam. 5:2; Rev. 7:17]
^{2:11} [1 Sam. 9:7; Ps. 72:10] ³ Isa. 60:6 ⁴ Rev. 18:13 ⁵ Ex. 30:23; Ps. 45:8; John 19:39
^{2:12} ¹ ver. 22; [ver. 13, 19] ² [ch. 27:19; Gen. 20:6; 31:11; Num. 12:6; Job 33:15]
^{2:13} ¹ ver. 19; ch. 1:20; [ver. 12, 22]
^{2:15} ¹ See ch. 1:22 ² Cited from Hos. 11:1
^{2:17} ¹ ch. 27:9; [ch. 1:22]
^{2:18} ¹ Cited from Jer. 31:15 ² Gen. 42:13, 36; Lam. 5:7

^{2:20} ⁴ [Ex. 4:19]
^{2:22} ² See ver. 12
^{2:23} ¹ ch. 4:13; Mark 1:9; Luke 1:26; 2:39; 4:16; John 1:45 ² See ch. 1:22

^{3:1} ¹ For ver. 1-12, see Mark 1:2-8; Luke 3:2-17 ² John 1:6; ³ Josh. 15:61; [Judg. 1:16]
^{3:2} ¹ ch. 4:17; Mark 1:15 ² ch. 10:7; Dan. 2:44; [ch. 6:10]
^{3:3} ¹ John 1:23; Cited from Isa. 40:3 ² Luke 1:76

^{3:4} ¹ 2 Kgs. 1:8; Zech. 13:4; [Heb. 11:37] ² Lev. 11:22 ³ 1 Sam. 14:26
^{3:6} ¹ Acts 19:18
^{3:7} ¹ ch. 23:13, 15 ² ch. 22:23 ³ ch. 12:34; 23:33 ⁴ Ps. 140:3 ⁵ Rom. 5:9; Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6; 1 Thess. 1:10
^{3:8} ¹ Acts 26:20
^{3:9} ¹ John 8:39 ² [ch. 4:3]

^{3:10} ¹ ch. 7:19; Luke 13:7, 9; John 15:2, 6
^{3:11} ¹ John 1:26; Acts 1:5 ² Acts 13:24; 19:4 ³ John 1:15, 27; 3:30, 31; Acts 13:25 ⁴ John 1:33; Acts 11:16 ⁵ [Isa. 4:4; Mal. 3:2, 3; Acts 2:3]
^{3:12} ¹ Isa. 30:24 ² ch. 13:30 ³ Mal. 4:1 ⁴ Mark 9:43, 48

^{3:13} ¹ For ver. 13-17, see Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21, 22; [John 1:32-34] ² ch. 2:22

Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.” ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

³ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

⁴ “The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
⁵ ‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁶ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit now in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees, and every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Baptism of Jesus

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by

¹ Or crying; Prepare in the wilderness

him. ^{14m} John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "**Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**" Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, ^o the heavens were opened to him, ⁱ and he ^p saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, ^q a voice from heaven said, ^r "This is my beloved Son, ² with whom I am well pleased."

The Temptation of Jesus

4 ^s Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness ^t to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting ^u forty days and forty nights, he ^v was hungry. ³ And ^w the tempter came and said to him, "If you are ^x the Son of God, command ^y these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, ^z "**It is written,**

^a "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

^{5b} Then the devil took him to ^c the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

^d "He will command his angels concerning you,"

and

^e "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

⁷ Jesus said to him, "**Again ^f it is written, ^g You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.**" ^{8h} Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "**Be gone, ⁱ Satan! For ^j it is written,**

^k "You shall worship the Lord your God and ^l him only shall you serve."

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, ^m angels came and were ministering to him.

3:14 ^m [John 13:6]

3:16 ^m Acts 7:56

^p John 1:32, 33; [Luke 4:18, 21; Acts 10:38]

3:17 ^m John 12:28 / ch. 17:5; 2 Pet. 1:17; [Ps. 2:7; Isa. 42:1; Eph. 1:6; Col. 1:13; 1 John 5:9]

4:1 ^m For ver. 1-11, see Mark 1:12, 13; Luke 4:1-13 / [Feb. 2:18; 4:15]

4:2 ^m [Deut. 9:9, 18; 1 Kgs. 19:8] ^v [John 4:6, 7]

4:3 ^m 1 Thess. 3:5 ^v See ch. 14:33 ^v [ch. 3:9]

4:4 ^m ver. 7, 10; Eph. 6:17 ^m Cited from Deut. 8:3; [John 4:34]

4:5 ^m Luke 4:9 / ch. 27:53; Neh. 11:18; Isa. 48:2; 52:1; Rev. 11:2; [Ps. 46:4; 48:1; Rev. 21:2; 22:19]

4:6 ^m Cited from Ps. 91:11, 12

4:7 ^m ver. 4, 10 ^v Cited from Deut. 6:16 / [Isa. 7:12]

4:8 ^m Luke 4:5 ^v See 1 Chr. 21:1

^v ver. 4, 7 ^m Cited from Deut. 6:13 / 1 Sam. 7:3

4:11 ^m ch. 26:53; Luke 22:43

4:12 ^m ch. 14:3; Mark 1:14; Luke 3:19, 20; [John 3:24] ^o Luke 4:14

4:13 ^m See ch. 2:23 ^q [ch. 9:1] ^r John 6:1 ^s Josh. 19:32-34

4:14 ^m See ch. 1:22

4:15 ^m Cited from Isa. 9:1, 2

4:16 ^m Isa. 42:7; Luke 1:79 ^v Job 3:5; Ps. 23:4; Amos 5:8

4:17 ^m Mark 1:14 ^z ch. 3:2

4:18 ^m For ver. 18-22, see Mark 1:16-20; [Luke 5:2-11; John 1:40-42] ^b ver. 13

4:19 ^m ch. 13:47

4:23 ^m Mark 1:39 ^c ch. 9:35; 13:54; Mark 1:21; Luke 4:15; John 18:20 / ch. 24:14; Luke 4:43; [ch. 13:19]

^g ch. 8:16; 14:35, 36; Mark 1:34; 6:55, 56

Jesus Begins His Ministry

¹² Now when he heard that ⁿ John had been arrested, ^o he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving ^p Nazareth he went and lived in ^q Capernaum by ^r the sea, in the territory of ^s Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ ^t so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ ^u "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ ^v the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and ^w shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷ ^x From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, ^z "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**"

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁸ ^a While walking by ^b the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "**Follow me, and I will make you ^c fishers of men.**" ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going 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. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds

²³ ^d And he went throughout all Galilee, ^e teaching in their synagogues and ^f proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and ^g healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all ^h Syria, and ⁱ they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and ^j pains, ^k those oppressed by demons, ^l epileptics, and ^m paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ ⁿ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the ^o Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

^o Some manuscripts omit to him ^z Or my Son, my (or the) Beloved

4:24 ^m Luke 2:2 ^g [See ver. 23 above] ⁱ ch. 8:6 / [John 10:21] ^k ch. 17:15 ^l ch. 9:2, 6 **4:25** ^m Mark 3:7, 8; Luke 6:17 ⁿ Mark 5:20

The Sermon on the Mount

5 Seeing the crowds, **he** went up on the mountain, and when he **psat** down, his disciples came to him.

The Beatitudes

2And **he** opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3“Blessed are **the poor in spirit**, for **theirs** is the kingdom of heaven.

4“Blessed are **those who mourn**, for they shall be comforted.

5“Blessed are **the meek**, for they shall inherit the earth.

6“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst **for righteousness**, for they shall be satisfied.

7“Blessed are **the merciful**, for they shall receive mercy.

8“Blessed are **the pure in heart**, for they shall see God.

9“Blessed are **the peacemakers**, for they shall be called **sons of God**.

10“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for **theirs** is the kingdom of heaven.

11“Blessed are you who others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely **on my account**. **Rejoice** and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for **so** they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Salt and Light

13“You are the salt of the earth, **but** if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

14“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. **Nor** do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. **In** the same way, let your light shine before others, so **that** they may see your good works and **give glory** to your Father who is in heaven.

Christ Came to Fulfill the Law

17“Do not think that I have come to abolish **the Law or the Prophets**; I have not come to abolish them but **to fulfill** them. **For** truly, I say to you, **until** heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. **Therefore** whoever relaxes **one of the least of these commandments** and teaches others to do the same will be called **least** in the kingdom of heaven, **but** whoever does them and

5:1 ^a ch. 15:29
^b Luke 4:20
5:2 ^a Ps. 78:2
5:3 ^a For ver. 3-12, [Luke 6:20-23] ^b [Isa. 61:1; 66:2] ^c [Luke 12:32]
5:4 ^a Isa. 61:2, 3; John 16:20; 2 Cor. 1:7; 7:10; Rev. 21:4; [James 4:9, 10]
5:5 ^a Ps. 37:11
5:6 ^a Ps. 42:2; Isa. 55:1, 2; John 7:37
^b 2 Tim. 2:22; [ch. 6:33]
5:7 ^a ch. 18:33; 25:34-36; Prov. 19:17; Luke 6:36; 2 Tim. 1:16; Heb. 6:10
5:8 ^a Ps. 24:4; 2 Tim. 2:22; [1 Pet. 1:22]
^b Heb. 12:14; 1 John 3:2, 3; Rev. 22:4; [1 Cor. 13:12]
5:9 ^a James 3:18
^b 1 John 3:1 ^c Rom. 8:14
5:10 ^a 2 Tim. 2:12; James 5:11; 1 Pet. 3:14 ^b [See ver. 3 above]
5:11 ^a Heb. 11:26; 1 Pet. 4:14 ^b John 15:21
5:12 ^a Acts 5:41; Rom. 5:3; 2 Cor. 12:10; Col. 1:11, 24; Heb. 10:34; James 1:2; 1 Pet. 4:13 ^b See ch. 21:35
5:13 ^a Mark 9:50; Luke 14:34
5:14 ^a Eph. 5:8; Phil. 2:15; [John 8:12]
5:15 ^a Mark 4:21; Luke 8:16; 11:33
5:16 ^a Philem. 6; 1 Pet. 2:12 ^b John 15:8; 2 Cor. 9:13; Phil. 1:11; [ch. 9:8]
5:17 ^a Rom. 3:31
^b ch. 7:12 ^c [Rom. 10:4; 13:8; Gal. 3:24]
5:18 ^a Luke 16:17; [ch. 24:35]
5:19 ^a [1 Cor. 3:12-15] ^b [Gal. 3:10; James 2:10] ^c ch. 11:11; 18:1-4
5:19 ^a ^b ch. 11:11; 18:1-4
5:20 ^a [Rom. 10:3; Phil. 3:9] ^b John 3:5
5:21 ^a ver. 33; [ver. 27, 31, 38, 43]
^b Cited from Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17; [ch. 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Rom. 13:9; James 2:11] ^c [Deut. 16:18]

teaches them will be called **great** in the kingdom of heaven. **For** I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds **that** of the scribes and Pharisees, you **will** never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Anger

21“You have heard that it was said to those of old, **“You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.”** **But** I say to you that **everyone** who is angry with his brother **will be liable to judgment**; whoever insults **his brother** will be liable to the council; and whoever says, **“You fool!”** will be liable to **the hell of fire**. **So** if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, **leave** your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. **Come** to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. **Truly**, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Lust

27“You have heard that it was said, **“You shall not commit adultery.”** **But** I say to you that **everyone** who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. **If** your right eye **causes** you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into **hell**. **And** if your right hand **causes** you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into **hell**.

Divorce

31“It was also said, **“Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certifi-**

¹ Greek *huioi*; see preface ² Some manuscripts insert *without cause* ³ Greek says *Raca* (a term of abuse)
⁴ Greek *Gehenna*; also verses 29, 30 ⁵ Greek *kodrantes*, Roman copper coin (Latin *quadrans*) worth about 1/64 of a *denarius* (which was a day’s wage for a laborer)
5:22 ^a 1 John 3:15 ^b [See ver. 21 above] ^c ch. 18:9; Mark 9:43; James 3:6; [ver. 29] **5:23** ^a [ch. 6:15; Mark 11:25] ^b ch. 8:4; 23:18 **5:25** ^a Luke 12:58, 59
5:26 ^a [ch. 18:34, 35] **5:27** ^a Cited from Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18 **5:28** ^a Job 31:1; Prov. 6:25; [2 Sam. 11:2] **5:29** ^a ch. 18:8, 9; Mark 9:43-48 ^b [ch. 13:41; Luke 17:1] ^c ch. 10:28; 23:15, 33; Luke 12:5; [ver. 22] **5:30** ^a [See ver. 29 above] ^b [See ver. 29 above] ^c [See ver. 29 above] **5:31** ^a [See ver. 27 above] ^b ch. 19:7; Jer. 3:1; Cited from Deut. 24:1

cate of divorce.³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Oaths

³³ Again *h* you have heard that it was said to those of old, ¹ You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.³⁴ But I say to you, ² Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.³⁷ Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.¹

Retaliation

³⁸ You have heard that it was said, ¹ An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.³⁹ But I say to you, ² Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

Love Your Enemies

⁴³ You have heard that it was said, ¹ You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.⁴⁴ But I say to you, ² Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ³ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Giving to the Needy

6 Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

² Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the

^{5:32} ch. 19:9; Mark 10:11, 12; Luke 16:18; [1 Cor. 7:10, 11] ¹ Rom. 7:3
^{5:33} [See ver. 27 above] ⁴ Lev. 19:12; 1 Tim. 1:10 ⁵ Num. 30:2; Deut. 23:21; Eccles. 5:4
^{5:34} James 5:12 ⁶ ch. 23:22; Isa. 66:1; Acts 7:49; See Rev. 4:2
^{5:35} Ps. 48:2
^{5:37} [Prov. 10:19]
^{5:38} [See ver. 27 above] ⁷ Cited from Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21
^{5:39} 1 Pet. 2:23
⁴ For ver. 39–42, see Luke 6:29, 30; [Rom. 12:17] ⁸ ch. 26:67; Isa. 50:6; Lam. 3:30
^{5:40} [See ver. 39 above]
^{5:41} ch. 27:32
^{5:42} Ps. 37:21; Prov. 21:26 ⁹ Deut. 15:8; Ps. 37:26; 112:5; Luke 6:34, 35
^{5:43} See ver. 21
¹⁰ Cited from Lev. 19:18; See ch. 19:19
^{5:44} Luke 6:27, 28; Rom. 12:20; [Ex. 23:4; Job 31:29, 30; Ps. 7:4] ¹¹ Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60; 2 Tim. 4:16; 1 Pet. 3:9
^{5:45} Luke 6:35; [Eph. 5:1; Phil. 2:15] ¹² Acts 14:17
^{5:46} Luke 6:32
^{5:47} ch. 6:7, 32
^{5:48} [Luke 6:36]

¹³ ch. 19:21; 1 Cor. 2:6 (Gk.); Phil. 3:15 (Gk.); Col. 1:28; 4:12 (Gk.); James 1:4; 3:2; See Gen. 17:1 ¹⁴ [Lev. 19:2; 1 Pet. 1:15]
^{6:1} 1 John 2:29
¹⁵ ver. 16; ch. 23:5
^{6:2} 1 Cor. 13:3]

^{6:2} 1 John 5:44
³ Luke 6:24
^{6:4} w ver. 6, 18
^{6:5} Mark 11:25; Luke 18:11 ⁴ ver. 2, 16
^{6:6} 2 Kgs. 4:33; Isa. 26:20 ⁵ ver. 4, 18
^{6:7} ver. 32; ch. 5:47
¹ 1 Kgs. 18:26 ⁶ Prov. 10:19; Eccles. 5:2
^{6:8} ver. 32
^{6:9} For ver. 9–13, [Luke 11:2–4] ⁷ ver. 1
⁸ Isa. 29:23; [Luke 1:49; 1 Pet. 3:15]
¹ John 17:6

hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret.⁴ And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

The Lord's Prayer

⁵ And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others.⁶ Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.⁷ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret.⁸ And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁹ And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.¹⁰ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.¹¹ Pray then like this:

- ¹² Our Father in heaven,
¹³ hallowed be your name.¹⁴
¹⁵ Your kingdom come,
¹⁶ your will be done,
¹⁷ on earth as it is in heaven.
¹⁸ Give us this day our daily bread,¹⁹
²⁰ and forgive us our debts,
²¹ as we also have forgiven our debtors.
²² And lead us not into temptation,
²³ but deliver us from evil.²⁴
- ²⁵ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,²⁶ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

¹ Or the evil one ² Greek chiton, a long garment worn under the cloak next to the skin ³ Or brothers and sisters. The plural Greek word *adelphoi* (translated "brothers") refers to siblings in a family. In New Testament usage, depending on the context, *adelphoi* may refer either to brothers or to brothers and sisters ⁴ Or Let your name be kept holy, or Let your name be treated with reverence ⁵ Or Let your kingdom come, let your will be done ⁶ Or our bread for tomorrow ⁷ Or the evil one; some manuscripts add For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

^{6:10} [ch. 3:2; 4:17] ¹¹ ch. 26:42; Luke 22:42; Acts 21:14; [ch. 12:50; Heb. 13:21] ¹² Ps. 103:20, 21; Dan. 4:35 ^{6:11} Prov. 30:8 ¹³ [ver. 34] ^{6:13} ch. 26:41; Mark 14:38; Luke 22:40, 46; [1 Cor. 10:13] ¹⁴ John 17:15; 2 Thess. 3:3; [2 Tim. 4:18] ¹⁵ See ch. 13:19
^{6:14} Mark 11:25; Luke 6:37; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13
^{6:15} ch. 18:35; See James 2:13

Fasting

¹⁶“And ^twhen you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. ^uTruly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, ^vanoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. ^wAnd your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Lay Up Treasures in Heaven

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where ^ymoth and rust ⁱdestroy and where thieves ^zbreak in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³a but if ^byour eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and ^dmoney.²

Do Not Be Anxious

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, ^fdo not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. ^hAre you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his ⁱspan of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, ^jeven Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, ^kO you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For ^lthe Gentiles seek after all these things, and ^mmy heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But ⁿseek first ^othe kingdom of God and his righteousness, ^pand all these things will be added to you.

6:16 ^r Isa. 58:5 ^s ver. 2, 5
6:17 ^t Ruth 3:3; ² Sam. 12:20
6:18 ^w ver. 4, 6
6:19 ^x ch. 19:21; Luke 12:21, 33, 34; 18:22; 1 Tim. 6:9, 10, 17-19; Heb. 13:5 ^y James 5:2, 3 ^z ch. 24:43
6:20 ^x [See ver. 19 above]
6:22 ^a Luke 11:34, 35
6:23 ^a [See ver. 22 above] ^b ch. 20:15; Deut. 15:9; Prov. 28:22
6:24 ^c Luke 16:13; [Rom. 6:16; James 4:4] ^d Luke 16:9, 11, 13
6:25 ^e For ver. 25-33, see Luke 12:22-31 ^f ver. 27, 28, 31, 34; ch. 10:19; 13:22 (Gk.); 1 Cor. 7:32 (Gk.); Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7
6:26 ^g [Job 38:41; Ps. 147:9] ^h ch. 10:31
6:27 ⁱ Luke 2:52
6:29 ^j 1 Kgs. 10:4-7
6:30 ^k ch. 8:26; 14:31; 16:8; [ch. 17:20]
6:32 ^l ver. 7 ^m ver. 8
6:33 ⁿ [ch. 5:6, 20] ^o ver. 10 ^p [1 Kgs. 3:11-14; Mark 10:29, 30; 1 Tim. 4:8; 1 Pet. 3:9]
6:34 ^q [James 4:13, 14]
7:1 ^r For ver. 1-5, see Luke 6:37, 38, 41, 42; [Rom. 14:13; 1 Cor. 4:5; James 5:9]
7:2 ^s Rom. 2:1, 3; 14:10; James 2:13; 4:11, 12 ^t Mark 4:24; [Judg. 1:7]
7:3 ^u [John 8:7-9]
7:6 ^v ch. 15:26; [Prov. 9:7, 8; 23:9] ^w [Phil. 3:2; Rev. 22:15] ^x ch. 13:46
7:7 ^y For ver. 7-11, see Luke 11:9-13 ^z ch. 18:19; 21:22; Mark 11:24; John 14:13; 15:7, 16; 16:23, 24; James 1:5, 6, 17; 1 John 3:22; 5:14, 15 ¹ Chr. 28:9; 2 Chr. 15:2; Prov. 8:17; Jer. 29:13; [Isa. 55:6] ² [Rev. 3:20]
7:9 ³ ch. 4:3

³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Judging Others

7 ^r“Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and ⁱwith the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but ^udo not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.

⁶“Do not give ^wdogs what is holy, and do not throw your ^xpearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

Ask, and It Will Be Given

⁷“Ask, ^zand it will be given to you; ^yseek, and you will find; ^bknock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or which one of you, if his son asks him for ^cbread, will give him ^aa stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, ^dwho are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will ^eyour Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

The Golden Rule

¹²“So ^ewhatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is ^fthe Law and the Prophets.

¹³“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy ^gthat leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and ^hthe way is hard that leads to life, and ⁱthose who find it are few.

A Tree and Its Fruit

¹⁵“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but in-

¹ Or worm; also verse 20 ² Greek *mammon*, a Semitic word for money or possessions ³ Or a single cubit in his stature; a cubit was about 18 inches or 45 centimeters ⁴ Some manuscripts For the way is wide and easy
7:11 ^d ch. 12:34; Gen. 6:5; 8:21 ^e [See ver. 7 above]
7:12 ^e Luke 6:31 ^f See ch. 22:40 **7:13** ^g Luke 13:23
7:14 ^h Ps. 16:11; [ch. 18:8; John 14:6] ⁱ [Luke 13:24]
7:15 ⁱ ch. 24:11, 24; Deut. 13:1-3; Jer. 14:14; 23:16; Mark 13:22; Luke 6:26; Acts 13:6; 2 Pet. 2:1; 1 John 4:1

wardly are ^kravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will recognize them ^lby their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So, ^mevery healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them ^lby their fruits.

I Never Knew You

²¹^o“Not everyone who ^psays to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will ^qenter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who ^rdoes the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day ^rmany will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not ^sprophesy in your name, and cast out demons ^tin your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³And then will I declare to them, ‘I ^wnever knew you; ^xdepart from me, ^yyou workers of lawlessness.’”

Build Your House on the Rock

²⁴^z“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like ^aa wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like ^aa foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

The Authority of Jesus

²⁸And when Jesus finished these sayings, ^bthe crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

8 When he came down from the mountain, ^dgreat crowds followed him. ²And behold, a leper ^ecame to him and ^fknelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” ³And Jesus ^gstretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴And Jesus said to him, ^g“See that you say nothing to anyone, but ^hshow yourself to the priest and ⁱoffer the gift that Moses commanded, ^jfor a proof to them.”

7:15 ^k Ezek. 22:27; Acts 20:29; [Mic. 3:5; John 10:12]

7:16 ^l Luke 6:43, 44; James 2:18

7:17 ^m ch. 12:33-35

7:19 ⁿ See ch. 3:10

7:20 ^o [See ver. 16 above]

7:21 ^p Luke 6:46; Rom. 2:13; James 1:22 ^q [Jos. 8:2] ^r [John 3:3, 5] ^s ch. 12:50

7:22 ^t ch. 25:11, 12; Luke 13:25-27

^u Mal. 3:17, 18

^v [Num. 24:4; John 11:51; 1 Cor. 13:2]

^w See Mark 9:38

7:23 ^x [See ver. 22 above]

^y ch. 10:33;

[Ps. 101:4] ^z ch. 25:41; Ps. 6:8 ^{aa} ch. 13:41; Ps. 5:5

7:24 ^{ab} For ver. 24-27, see Luke 6:47-49

^{ac} ch. 25:2; [Ezek. 13:10-14]

7:26 ^{ad} [See ver. 24 above]

7:28 ^{ae} ch. 13:54;

22:33; Mark 1:22;

6:2; 11:18; Luke 4:32; [Acts 13:12]

7:29 ^{af} John 7:46

8:1 ^{ag} ch. 4:25

8:2 ^{ah} For ver. 2-4, see

Mark 1:40-44; Luke

5:12-14 ^{ai} [ch. 18:26;

Acts 10:25]

8:4 ^{aj} ch. 9:30; 17:9;

Mark 1:34; 5:43;

7:36; 8:26; See ch.

12:16 ^{ak} Luke 17:14

^{al} Lev. 14:2-32 ^{am} ch.

10:18; 24:14; Mark

6:11; Luke 9:5; James

5:3

8:5 ^{an} For ver. 5-13,

see Luke 7:1-10

8:8 ^{ao} Ps. 107:20; [ver. 16]

8:10 ^{ap} [Mark 6:6]

^{aq} See ch. 9:2

8:11 ^{ar} Luke 13:29;

Eph. 3:6; [Isa. 59:19;

Mal. 1:11]

8:12 ^{as} Luke 13:28;

[ch. 19:30; 21:41, 43]

^{at} ch. 22:13; 25:30

^{au} ch. 13:42, 50; 22:13;

24:51; 25:30; Luke

13:28

8:13 ^{av} ch. 9:29 ^{aw} John

4:53; [ch. 9:22]

8:14 ^{ax} For ver. 14-16,

see Mark 1:29-34;

Luke 4:38-41;

^{ay} 1 Cor. 9:5

8:15 ^{az} [ch. 9:25]

The Faith of a Centurion

⁵^kWhen he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” ⁷And he said to him, ^g“I will come and heal him.” ⁸But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but ^lonly say the word, and my servant will be healed.” ⁹For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ³‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, ^mhe marveled and said to those who followed him, ⁿ“Truly, I tell you, with ^ono one in Israel ^phave I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, ^qmany will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the sons of the kingdom ^rwill be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place ^sthere will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, ^t“Go; let it be done for you ^uas you have believed.” ^vAnd the servant was healed at that very moment.

Jesus Heals Many

¹⁴^wAnd when Jesus entered Peter’s house, he saw ^xhis mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵He ^wtouchered her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. ¹⁶That evening they brought to him many who were ^xoppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits ^ywith a word and healed all who were sick. ¹⁷^zThis was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: ^{aa}“He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

The Cost of Following Jesus

¹⁸Now ^bwhen Jesus saw a crowd around him, ^che gave orders to go over to the other side. ¹⁹^dAnd a scribe came up and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” ²⁰And Jesus said to him, ^e“Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has ^fnowhere to lay his head.” ²¹Another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ²²And Jesus said to him, ^g“Follow me, and leave ^hthe dead to bury their own dead.”

¹ Leprosy was a term for several skin diseases; see Leviticus 13 ² Greek *he* ³ Greek *bondservant* ⁴ Some manuscripts *not even in Israel*

8:16 ^x ver. 28, 33; See ch. 4:24 ^y [ver. 8] **8:17** ^z See ch.

1:22 ^{aa} Cited from Isa. 53:4 **8:18** ^b [ch. 14:22; John

6:15-17] ^c Mark 4:35; Luke 8:22 **8:19** ^d For ver. 19-

22, see Luke 9:57-60 **8:22** ^e [John 5:25]

Jesus Calms a Storm

²³And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke him, saying, ^h“Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” ²⁶And he said to them, **“Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?”** Then he rose and ^krebuked the winds and the sea, and ^lthere was a great calm. ²⁷And the men ^mmarveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even ⁿwinds and sea obey him?”

Jesus Heals Two Men with Demons

²⁸And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, ¹two ^pdemon-possessed ²men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. ²⁹And behold, they ^qcried out, “What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us ^sbefore the time?” ³⁰Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. ³¹And the demons begged him, saying, “If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs.” ³²And he said to them, **“Go.”** So they came out and went into the pigs, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters. ³³The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, especially what had happened to the ^tdemon-possessed men. ³⁴And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, ^uthey begged him to leave their region.

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

9 And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to ^vhis own city. ²And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus ^xsaw their faith, he said to the paralytic, **“Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.”** ³And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, ^a“This man is blaspheming.” ⁴But Jesus, ^bknowing ³their thoughts, said, **“Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk?’** ⁶But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—**“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.”** ⁷And he rose and went home. ⁸When the crowds saw it, ^cthey were afraid, and ^cthey glorified God, who had ^dgiven such authority to men.

8:23 For ver. 23-27, see Mark 4:36-41; Luke 8:22-25; [John 6:16-21]

8:24 [John 4:6, 7]

8:25 ^h [ch. 14:30]

8:26 ^j John 14:27

^j See ch. 6:30 ^k Ps.

104:6, 7; [Luke 4:39]

^j John 38:11; Ps. 65:7;

[ch. 14:32]

8:27 ^m [Mark 1:27]

ⁿ [Luke 5:9]

8:28 ^o For ch.

8:28-9:1, see Mark

5:1-21; Luke 8:26-40

^p ver. 16; [Rev. 18:2]

8:29 ^q Mark 1:23, 24,

26; Luke 4:34; Acts

8:7 ^r [ch. 4:3, 6; See

ch. 14:33 ^s [Rev.

12:12]

8:33 ^t ver. 16

8:34 ^u [1 Kgs. 17:18;

Luke 5:8; Acts 16:39]

9:1 ^v ch. 4:13; [Mark

2:1]

9:2 ^w For ver. 2-8, see

Mark 2:3-12; Luke

5:18-26 ^x ver. 22, 29;

ch. 8:10, 13; 15:28;

Mark 10:52; Luke

7:9, 50; 17:19; 18:42;

Acts 3:16; 14:9;

James 5:15 ^y ver. 22

^z Luke 7:48; [John

5:14]

9:3 ^{aa} ch. 26:65; John

10:36

9:4 ^{ab} ch. 12:25; John

2:24, 25

9:8 ^{ac} See Luke 7:16

^{ad} ch. 28:18

9:9 ^{ae} For ver. 9-17,

see Mark 2:14-22;

Luke 5:27-38 ^{af} ch.

10:3; Mark 3:18;

Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13

9:10 ^{ag} ch. 11:19; See

ch. 5:46

9:11 ^{ah} [Luke 15:2]

^{ai} [See ver. 10 above]

9:13 ^{aj} ch. 12:7

^{ak} Cited from Hos. 6:6;

[ch. 23:23; Mark

12:33] ^{al} [Luke 15:7;

John 9:39] ^{am} 1 Tim.

1:15

9:14 ^{an} ch. 11:2;

14:12; Luke 11:1;

John 1:35; 3:25; 4:11;

[Acts 18:25; 19:3]

^{ao} [ch. 15:2] ^{ap} Luke

18:12

9:15 ^{aq} John 3:29

^{ar} See Luke 17:22

^{as} [John 16:20]

9:17 ^{at} Josh. 9:4

9:18 ^{au} For ver. 18-26,

see Mark 5:22-43;

Luke 8:41-56 ^{av} See

ch. 8:2

Jesus Calls Matthew

^{9c}As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called ¹Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, **“Follow me.”** And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus ⁴reclined at table in the house, behold, many ⁵tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ^h“Why does your teacher eat with ⁶tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, **“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn ‘what this means,’ I desire mercy, and not sacrifice. For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”**

A Question About Fasting

¹⁴Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, ⁿ“Why do we and ^othe Pharisees fast, ⁵but your disciples do not fast?” ¹⁵And Jesus said to them, ^p“Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? ^qThe days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and ^rthen they will fast. ¹⁶No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made. ¹⁷Neither is new wine put into old ^swineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and ^uknelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰And behold, a woman ^vwho had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched ^wthe fringe of his garment, ²¹for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, ^x“Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” ^yAnd instantly ⁶the woman was made well. ²³And when Jesus came to the ruler’s

¹ Some manuscripts Gergesenes; some Gerasenes

² Greek *daimonizomai*; also verse 33; elsewhere

rendered *oppressed by demons* ³ Some manuscripts

perceiving ⁴ Greek *he* ⁵ Some manuscripts *add much,*

or often ⁶ Greek *from that hour*

9:20 ¹ Lev. 15:25 ^w ch. 14:36; 23:5; [Num. 15:38, 39; Deut. 22:12] **9:22** ^s ver. 2; See Luke 7:50 ^{ch.} 15:28; 17:18; [ch. 8:13]

house and saw ²the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, **“Go away, for ^athe girl is not dead but ^bsleeping.”** And they laughed at him. ²⁵But ^cwhen the crowd had been put outside, he went in and ^dtook her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶And the report of this went through all that district.

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

²⁷**And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, ^fSon of David.”** ²⁸When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, **“Do you believe that I am able to do this?”** They said to him, **“Yes, Lord.”** ²⁹**Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.”** ³⁰And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, **“See that no one knows about it.”** ³¹But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

Jesus Heals a Man Unable to Speak

³²As they were going away, behold, a ^bdemon-oppressed man who was mute ⁱwas brought to him. ³³And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds ^mmarveled, saying, **“Never was anything like this seen in Israel.”** ³⁴But the Pharisees said, **“He casts out demons by the prince of demons.”**

The Harvest Is Plentiful, the Laborers Few

³⁵And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, ^phe had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, ^qlike sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, **“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ^spray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to ^tsend out laborers into his harvest.”**

The Twelve Apostles

10 ^uAnd he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²^vThe names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, ^wwho is called Peter, and ^xAndrew his brother; ^yJames the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and ⁴Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁵Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

9:23 ^r Rev. 18:22

9:24 ^s [Acts 20:10]

^u John 11:4, 11

9:25 ^t Acts 9:40

^v Mark 9:27; Acts

3:7; 9:41

9:27 ^w [ch. 20:30-34]

^x ch. 12:23; 15:22;

20:30, 31; 22:42; See

ch. 1:1

9:29 ^x Mark 8:25;

John 9:6 ^y See ver. 2

9:30 ^y See ch. 8:4

9:31 ^z Mark 1:45;

7:36

9:32 ^z [ch. 12:22-24;

Luke 11:14, 15] ^z See

ch. 4:24

9:33 ^z [Mark 1:27]

9:35 ^z See ch. 4:23,

24

9:36 ^z [ch. 14:14]

^z Mark 6:34 ^z Num.

27:17; 1 Kgs. 22:17;

Ezek. 34:5

9:37 ^z Luke 10:2;

John 4:35

9:38 ^z [2 Thess. 3:1]

^z ch. 20:2; [Mark

1:12]

10:1 ^z Mark 3:13-15;

6:7-13; Luke 6:13;

9:1, 2

10:2 ^z For ver. 2-4,

see Mark 3:16-19;

Luke 6:14-16; Acts

1:13 ^z ch. 16:18;

John 1:42 ^z ch. 4:18,

21

10:3 ^z ch. 9:9

10:5 ^z [See ver. 1

above] ^z 2 Kgs.

17:24; Ezra 4:10;

Luke 9:52; 10:33;

17:16; John 4:9, 39,

40; 8:48; Acts 8:25;

[Acts 1:8]

10:6 ^z ch. 15:24;

[Acts 3:25, 26; 13:46]

^z Ps. 119:176; Isa.

53:6; Jer. 50:6; [ch.

9:36; 18:12] ^z Acts

2:36; 7:42; Heb. 8:8,

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10:7 ^z ch. 3:2; 4:17;

Luke 10:9

10:8 ^z [ch. 11:5]

^z [Isa. 55:1; Acts 3:6;

20:33, 35]

10:9 ^z For ver. 9-15,

see Mark 6:8-11;

Luke 9:3-5; [Luke

10:4-12; 22:35]

10:10 ^z 1 Tim. 5:18;

[1 Cor. 9:4, 7-14]

10:12 ^z [1 Sam. 25:6;

1 Chr. 12:18]

10:13 ^z [ch. 8:8; Acts

16:15] ^z [See ver. 12

above]

10:14 ^z Acts 13:51;

[Neh. 5:13; Acts 18:6]

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

⁵**u** These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, **“Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of ^tthe Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to ^bthe lost sheep of ^cthe house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, ^d“The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, ² cast out demons. ^fYou receive without paying; give without pay. ⁹Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, nor two tunics³ nor sandals nor a staff, for ^hthe laborer deserves his food. ¹¹And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹²As you enter the house, ⁱgreet it. ¹³And if the house is ^jworthy, let ^jyour peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let ^jyour peace return to you. ¹⁴And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, ^kshake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, ^mit will be more bearable on the day of judgment for ⁿthe land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.”**

Persecution Will Come

¹⁶**“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be ^pwise as serpents and ^qinnocent as doves. ¹⁷Be aware of men, for ^rthey will deliver you over to courts and flog you ^sin their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, ^tto bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When ^uthey deliver you over, ^vdo not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for ^wwhat you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰x** For it is not you who speak, but ^vthe Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹**Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for**

¹ Some manuscripts *Lebbaeus*, or *Lebbaeus called Thaddaeus* ² *Leprosy* was a term for several skin diseases; see Leviticus 13 ³ Greek *chiton*, a long garment worn under the cloak next to the skin

10:15 ^z ch. 11:24 ^z Gen. 18:20; 19:28; 2 Pet. 2:6

10:16 ^z Luke 10:3; [John 17:18] ^z Gen. 3:1 ^z Rom.

16:19 [Gk.]; Phil. 2:15; [1 Cor. 14:20] **10:17** ^z See

Mark 13:9, 11; Luke 12:11, 12 ^z See ch. 23:34

10:18 ^z [See ver. 17 above] ^z See ch. 8:4 **10:19** ^z [See

ver. 17 above] ^z For ver. 17-22, [Mark 13:11-13; Luke

21:12-19; 2 Tim. 4:16, 17] ^z See ch. 6:25 ^z Deut.

18:18; [Num. 23:5]; See Ex. 4:12 **10:20** ^z Luke 12:12;

Acts 4:8; 6:10; 13:9; 1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 13:3; [ver. 40;

1 Thess. 2:13; Heb. 1:1] ^z [John 15:26] **10:21** ^z ver.

35, 36 **10:22** ^z ch. 24:9; John 15:18-21

my name's sake. ^bBut the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, ^dflee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel ^ebefore the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant ¹ above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. ²⁶If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign ² those of his household.

Have No Fear

²⁶“So have no fear of them, ^ffor nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on ^gthe housetops. ²⁸And ^hdo not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him ^{who} can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? ³⁰And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³¹But ^meven the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³²Fear not, therefore; ⁿyou are of more value than many sparrows. ³³So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³⁴but ^pwhoever denies me before men, ^qI also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. ³⁵I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁶For I have come ^rto set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁷And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁸Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁹And ^wwhoever does not take his cross and ^xfollow me is not worthy of me. ⁴⁰Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Rewards

⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and ^ywhoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹But the one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a

10:22 ^b ch. 24:13; Mark 13:13; [Dan. 12:12, 13; James 5:11; Rev. 2:10]; See Heb. 3:6

10:23 ^c ch. 23:34 ^d [ch. 12:15; Acts 8:1; 9:25, 30; 14:6; 17:10, 14] ^e ch. 16:28

10:24 / Luke 6:40; John 13:16; 15:20; [Heb. 12:3]

10:25 ^e ch. 9:34; 12:24; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15; See John 7:20

10:26 ^f Mark 4:22; Luke 8:17; [1 Tim. 5:25]; For ver. 26-33, see Luke 12:2-9

10:27 / See Luke 5:19

10:28 ^g Isa. 8:12, 13; 51:12, 13; Jer. 1:8; 1 Pet. 3:14 ^h James 4:12

10:30 ^m See 1 Sam. 14:45

10:31 ⁿ ch. 6:26; 12:12

10:32 ^o [Rom. 10:9; 10; Heb. 10:35; Rev. 3:5]

10:33 ^p 2 Tim. 2:12; 2 Pet. 2:1; 1 John 2:23; [Mark 8:38] ^q ch. 7:23; 25:12; Luke 13:25

10:34 / See Luke 12:51-53 ^r [Rev. 6:4]

10:35 ^s [See ver. 34 above] ^t ver. 21; [Mic. 7:6]

10:36 ^u Cited from Mic. 7:6; [Ps. 41:9; 55:12, 13; John 13:18]

10:37 / Luke 14:26

10:38 ^w ch. 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23; 14:27 ^x ch. 9:9; John 8:12; 12:26; 21:19

10:39 ^y ch. 16:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 9:24; 17:33; John 12:25

10:40 ^z Luke 10:16; John 13:20; Gal. 4:14; [ver. 20; ch. 18:5; 25:40] ^a Mark 9:37; Luke 9:48; [John 12:44, 45]

10:41 ¹ 1 Kgs. 17:10-15; 18:4; 2 Kgs. 4:8; [3 John 5-8]

10:42 ^c ch. 25:35, 40; Mark 9:41; Heb. 6:10 ^d ch. 18:10

righteous person's reward. ⁴²And ^vwhoever gives one of ^uthese little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

Messengers from John the Baptist

11 When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

²Now when John heard ^fin prison about the deeds of ^gthe Christ, he sent word by ^hhis disciples ³and said to him, “Are you ⁱthe one who is to come, or shall we ^jlook for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers ⁵are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and ^lthe poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who ^mis not offended by me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out ⁿinto the wilderness to see? ⁸A reed shaken by the wind? ⁹What then did you go out to see? A man ⁶dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? ^pA prophet? ⁷Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.”

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, ⁸and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets

¹ Greek *bondservant*; also verse 25 ² Greek lacks *will they malign* ³ Greek *Gehenna* ⁴ Greek *assarion*, Roman copper coin (Latin *quadrans*) worth about 1/16 of a *denarius* (which was a day's wage for a laborer) ⁵ *Leprosy* was a term for several skin diseases; see Leviticus 13 ⁶ Or *Why then did you go out? To see a man... ?* ⁷ Some manuscripts *Why then did you go out? To see a prophet?* ⁸ Or *He has been coming violently*

11:2 / For ver. 2-19, see Luke 7:18-35 ^f ch. 14:3; [ch. 4:12] ^g See ch. 1:17 ^h See ch. 9:14 **11:3** / John 4:25; 6:14; 11:27 ⁱ [Luke 3:15] **11:5** / See Luke 7:22 ^l Luke 4:18; [ch. 5:3; James 2:5] **11:6** ^m Isa. 8:14, 15; John 6:61 **11:7** ⁿ ch. 3:1; Luke 1:80 ^o [Eph. 4:14; James 1:6] **11:9** ^p ch. 14:5; 21:26; Luke 1:76 **11:10** ^q Mark 1:2; Cited from Mal. 3:1 **11:12** / Luke 16:16 **11:13** / [See ver. 12 above]

and the Law prophesied until John,¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is ¹⁵Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, ¹ let him hear.

¹⁶But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷“ We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came ¹⁹neither eating ²⁰nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’²⁰ The Son of Man came ²¹eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, ²²a friend of ²³tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”²²

Woe to Unrepentant Cities

²⁰Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. ²¹“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in ²²Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²²But I tell you, it will be more bearable on ²³the day of judgment for ²⁴Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³And you, ²⁴Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to ²⁵Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴But I tell you that ²⁵it will be more tolerable on ²⁶the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.”

Come to Me, and I Will Give You Rest

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, ²⁶“I thank you, Father, ²⁷Lord of heaven and earth, that ²⁸you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and ²⁹revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your ²⁷gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son ²⁸except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone ²⁹to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to ²⁹me, all who labor and are ³⁰heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and ³⁰learn from me, for I am ³¹gentle and lowly in heart, and ³²you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For ³¹my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

^{11:14} ch. 17:10-13; Mal. 4:5; Mark 9:11-13; Luke 1:17; [John 1:21]

^{11:15} ch. 13:9, 43; Luke 8:8; 14:35

^{11:18} ch. 3:4; Mark 1:6; ¹⁹ Luke 1:15

^{11:19} ch. 9:10; Luke 7:36; 14:1; John 2:1; 12:2 x ch. 9:11; Luke 15:2; 19:7 ¹ ch. 18:17

^{11:20} [Ps. 81:11-13; Isa. 1:2-5]

^{11:21} ^a For ver. 21-24, see Luke 10:12-15 ^b ch. 15:21; Mark 3:8; [Isa. 23; Ezek. 28:2-24; Amos 1:9, 10]

^{11:22} [Luke 12:47, 48] ^d See Acts 17:31 ¹ [See ver. 21 above]

^{11:23} ^c Cited from Isa. 14:13-15 / ch. 16:18 (Gk.); Luke 16:23; Acts 2:27

^{11:24} [See ver. 22 above] ^e ch. 10:15

^{11:25} ^b For ver. 25-27, see Luke 10:21, 22 ¹ See Acts 17:24

^{11:26} ^f Job 37:24; 1 Cor. 1:19-27; 2 Cor. 3:14 ² ch. 21:16; Ps. 8:2; [ch. 13:11; 16:17]

^{11:26} ^g Luke 12:32; Gal. 1:15

^{11:27} ^m See ch. 28:18 ¹ [John 1:18; 6:46; 7:29; 8:19; 10:15; 17:25] ¹ [John 17:26]

^{11:28} ^p John 7:37; [John 6:37] ¹ [ver. 3] [ch. 23:4; Luke 11:46]

^{11:29} ¹ John 13:15; Eph. 4:20; Phil. 2:5; 1 Pet. 2:21; 1 John 2:6; ² Zech. 9:9; 2 Cor. 10:1; Phil. 2:7, 8; [ch. 5:5] ¹ Jer. 6:16 ^{11:30} ¹ John 5:3

^{12:1} ^w For ver. 1-8, see Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5 ^x Deut. 23:25

^{12:2} ^y [ver. 10; Luke 13:14; 14:3; John 5:10; 7:23; 9:16] ¹ [Ex. 20:9-11]

^{12:3} ¹ 1 Sam. 21:1-6; See ch. 21:16

^{12:4} ^z Ex. 25:30; Lev. 24:5-9

^{12:5} ^c Num. 28:9, 10; [1 Chr. 9:32; John 7:22, 23]

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

12 At that time ^wJesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and ^xthey began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ²But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, ³“Look, your disciples are doing ⁴what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.” ³He said to them, ⁴“Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: ⁵how he entered the house of God and ate ⁶the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? ⁵Or have you not read ⁶in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? ⁶I tell you, ⁷something greater than the temple is here. ⁷And if you had known ⁸what this means, ⁹I desire mercy, and not sacrifice, ⁸you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸For ⁹the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

A Man with a Withered Hand

⁹He went on from there and ¹⁰entered their synagogue. ¹⁰And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, ¹¹“Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”¹¹—¹²so that they might accuse him. ¹¹He said to them, ¹²“Which one of you who has a sheep, ¹³if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹²Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So ¹³it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” ¹³Then he said to the man, ¹⁴“Stretch out your hand.”¹⁴ And ¹⁵the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. ¹⁴But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

God's Chosen Servant

¹⁵Jesus, aware of this, ¹⁶withdrew from there. And ¹⁷many followed him, and he healed them all ¹⁶and ¹⁷ordered them not to make him known. ¹⁷This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

¹ Some manuscripts omit to hear ² Some manuscripts children (compare Luke 7:35) ³ Or for so it pleased you will

^{12:6} ^d ver. 41, 42; [ver. 8; Hag. 2:9; Mal. 3:1] ^{12:7} ^c ch. 9:13 ¹ Cited from Hos. 6:6; [Mic. 6:6-8] ^{12:8} ^s [ch. 9:6]

^{12:9} ^b For ver. 9-14, see Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11

^{12:10} ¹ [Luke 14:3]; see 2 ¹ [Luke 11:54; 20:20; John 8:6] ^{12:11} ¹ [Ex. 23:4; 5; Deut. 22:4]

^{12:12} ¹ ch. 6:26; 10:31 ¹ [John 5:16, 17]

^{12:13} ¹ [1 Kgs. 13:4] ^{12:15} ¹ Mark 3:7; John 10:39; See ch. 10:23 ¹ ch. 19:2 ^{12:16} ¹ Mark 1:25 (Gk.); 3:12; 8:30; Luke 4:41 (Gk.); 9:21; See ch. 8:4

^{12:17} ¹ See ch. 1:22

- 18 ^s“Behold, my ^tservant whom I have chosen,
my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased.
^uI will put my Spirit upon him,
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.
- 19 He will not quarrel or cry aloud,
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets;
- 20 a bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not quench,
until he brings justice to victory;
- 21 ^vand in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit

^{22w}Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. ^{23x}And all the people were amazed, and said, ^x“Can this be the Son of David?” ²⁴But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, ^y“It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.” ^{25z}Knowing their thoughts, ^ahe said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, ^bby whom do ^cyour sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸But if it is ^dby the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then ^ethe kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹Or ^fhow can someone enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed ^ghe may plunder his house. ^{30h}Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ³¹ⁱTherefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but ^jthe blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³²And whoever speaks a word ^kagainst the Son of Man ^lwill be forgiven, but ^mwhoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in ⁿthis age or in the age to come.

A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit

³³ⁿ“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, ^ofor the tree is known by its fruit. ^{34p}You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, ^qwhen you are evil? ^rFor out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and

12:18 ^r Cited from Isa. 42:1-3 ^s Acts 4:27, 30 ^t [Isa. 61:1; Luke 4:18; John 3:34; Acts 10:38]

12:21 ^u Isa. 42:4 (Gk.); [Isa. 11:10; Rom. 15:12]

12:22 ^v For ver. 22-24, see Luke 11:14, 15; [ch. 9:32-34]

12:23 ^w John 4:29; 7:26, 31; See ch. 9:27

12:24 ^x Mark 3:22; See ch. 10:25

12:25 ^y See ch. 9:4

^z For ver. 25-29, see Mark 3:23-27; Luke 11:17-22

12:27 ^{aa} [Acts 19:13] ^{ab} [2 Kgs. 2:7]

12:28 ^{ac} [ver. 18] ^{ad} ^e ch. 19:24; 21:31, 43; Luke 17:21

12:29 ^{ae} [Isa. 49:24 ^{af} [Isa. 53:12]]

12:30 ^{ag} Luke 11:23; [Mark 9:40; Luke 9:50]

12:31 ^{ah} For ver. 31, 32, see Mark 3:28-30; [Luke 12:10; Heb. 6:4-6; 10:26; 1 John 5:16] ^{ai} [Acts 7:51; Heb. 10:29]

12:32 ^{aj} ch. 11:19; John 7:12; 9:24

^{ak} 1 Tim. 1:12, 13 ^{al} [See ver. 31 above]

^{am} [Eph. 1:21]

12:33 ^{an} ch. 7:16-20 ^{ao} Luke 6:43, 44

12:34 ^{ap} ch. 3:7; 23:33 ^{aq} ch. 7:11 ^{ar} ch. 15:18, 19; Luke 6:45; [ch. 13:52; Eph. 4:29]

12:35 ^{as} [See ver. 34 above]

12:36 ^{at} [Eph. 5:4, 11; 2 Pet. 1:8] ^{au} Eccles. 12:14; Rom. 14:12; 1 Pet. 4:5 ^{av} See Acts 17:31

12:37 ^{aw} [ch. 5:22; James 3:2-12]

12:38 ^{ax} ch. 16:1; Mark 8:11, 12; Luke 11:16; 23:8; John 2:18; 4:48; 6:30; 1 Cor. 1:22

12:39 ^{ay} ch. 16:4; For ver. 39-42, see Luke 11:29-32; [Mark 8:11, 12] ^{az} Isa. 57:3; Mark 8:38; James 4:4

12:40 ^{ba} Jonah 1:17 ^{bb} [ch. 17:22, 23]

12:41 ^{bc} Jonah 1:2 ^{bd} Heb. 11:7; [Jer. 3:11; Ezek. 16:51, 52; Rom. 2:27]

^{be} Jonah 3:5 ^{bf} ver. 6

the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. ³⁶I tell you, ^oon the day of judgment ^ppeople will give account for ^qevery careless word they speak. ³⁷For ^rby your words you will be justified, and ^sby your words you will be condemned.”

The Sign of Jonah

³⁸Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, ^twe wish to see a sign from you.” ³⁹But he answered them, ^x“An evil and ^yadulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰For ^zjust as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, ^aso will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹^bThe men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and ^ccondemn it, for ^dthey repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, ^esomething greater than Jonah is here. ⁴²^fThe 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, ^gsomething greater than Solomon is here.

Return of an Unclean Spirit

⁴³“When ^hthe unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through ⁱwaterless places seeking rest, but finds none. ⁴⁴Then it says, ^j‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and ^kthe last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this ^levil generation.”

Jesus’ Mother and Brothers

⁴⁶While he was still speaking to the people, behold, ^mhis mother and his ⁿbrothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. ⁴⁷But he replied to the man who told him, ^o“Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” ⁴⁸And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, ^p“Here are my mother and my brothers!” ⁴⁹For ^qwhoever

^r Some manuscripts insert verse 47: *Someone told him, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak to you”*

12:42 ¹ 1 Kgs. 10:1; 2 Chr. 9:1 ² [See ver. 41 above]

12:43 ³ For ver. 43-45, see Luke 11:24-26 ⁴ [Ps. 63:1; Jer. 2:6] **12:45** ⁵ 2 Pet. 2:20-22; [John 5:14] ⁶ ver. 39

12:46 ⁷ For ver. 46-50, see Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21 ⁸ ch. 13:55; Mark 6:3; John 2:12; 7:3, 5, 10; Acts 1:14; 1 Cor. 9:5; Gal. 1:19 **12:50** ⁹ [John 15:14; Heb. 2:11]

^adoes the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Parable of the Sower

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house ^aand sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, ^bso that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And ^che told them many things in parables, saying: ⁴“A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but ⁷when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, ⁸they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among ⁹thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some ¹⁰a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Who has ears, ¹¹let him hear.”

The Purpose of the Parables

¹⁰Then the disciples came and said to him, ¹¹“Why do you speak to them in parables?” ¹¹And he answered them, ¹²“To you it has been given to know ¹³the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹²For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, ¹⁴even what he has will be taken away. ¹³This is why I speak to them in parables, because ¹⁵seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, ¹⁶nor do they understand. ¹⁴Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

^d“You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.
¹⁵ For this people’s heart has grown dull,
and with their ears ^ethey can barely hear,
and ^ftheir eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and ^gunderstand with their heart
and ^hturn, and I would heal them.”

¹⁶But ⁱblessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷For truly, I say to you, ¹⁸many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

12:50 ^a ch. 7:21; [Luke 11:28]
13:1 ^a For ver. 1-15, see Mark 4:1-12; Luke 8:4-10
13:2 ^a [Mark 3:9; Luke 5:1-3]
13:3 ^a ver. 34 ^r [Isa. 55:10; Amos 9:13]
13:6 ^r James 1:11
13:7 ^r John 15:6
13:7 ^r Jer. 4:3
13:8 ^r ver. 23; Gen. 26:12
13:9 ^r See ch. 11:15
13:11 ^r ch. 19:11; Col. 1:27; [1 Cor. 2:6-10; 1 John 2:20, 27]; See ch. 11:25 ^r See Rom. 16:25
13:12 ^r ch. 25:29; Mark 4:25; Luke 8:18; 19:26; [John 15:2; James 4:6]
^r [Rev. 2:5]
13:13 ^b Deut. 29:4; Jer. 5:21; Ezek. 12:2; Rom. 11:8; 2 Cor. 3:14; 4:4; [Isa. 42:19, 20] ^c ver. 19, 51; ch. 15:10; 16:12; Mark 8:21
13:14 ^d John 12:40; Acts 28:26, 27; Cited from Isa. 6:9, 10
13:15 ^e [Heb. 5:11] [John 9:39, 41] ^f [Rom. 10:10] ^h See Luke 22:32
13:16 ^r Luke 10:23, 24; [ch. 16:17]
13:17 ^r [See ver. 16 above] ^r Heb. 11:13; 1 Pet. 1:10-12; [John 8:56]
13:18 ^r For ver. 18-23, see Mark 4:13-20; Luke 8:11-15
13:19 ^r ver. 38; ch. 4:23; 8:12 ^r See ver. 13 ^r John 17:15; Eph. 6:16; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 John 2:13, 14; 3:12; 5:18, 19
13:20 ^a [Isa. 58:2; Ezek. 33:31, 32; Mark 6:20; John 5:35]
13:21 ^r Gal. 1:6; [Hos. 6:4; Gal. 5:7] ^r See ch. 11:6
13:22 ^r See ch. 6:25 ^r 2 Tim. 4:10
^r 1 Tim. 6:9, 10, 17; [ch. 19:23; Mark 10:23; Acts 5:1-11; Heb. 3:13]
13:23 ^m [See ver. 19 above] ^r Hos. 14:8; John 15:5, 16; Phil. 1:11; Col. 1:6 ^r ver. 8

The Parable of the Sower Explained

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of ¹the kingdom and ²does not understand it, ³the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately ⁴receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but ⁵endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately ⁶he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but ⁷the cares of ⁵the world and ⁸the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and ⁹understands it. He indeed ¹⁰bears fruit and yields, in one case ¹¹a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Parable of the Weeds

²⁴He put another parable before them, saying, ²⁵“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁶but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds ³among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants ⁴of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ³⁰‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, ³¹Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

The Mustard Seed and the Leaven

³¹He put another parable before them, saying, ³²“The kingdom of heaven is like ¹a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³²It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and be-

¹ Some manuscripts add here and in verse 43 to *hear*
² Or *stumbles* ³ Probably *darnel*, a wheat-like weed
⁴ Greek *bondservants*; also verse 28

13:24 ^r ver. 37-42; [Mark 4:26-29] **13:29** ^r [1 Cor. 4:5]
13:30 ^r ch. 3:12 **13:31** ^r For ver. 31, 32, see Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18, 19 ^a ch. 17:20; Luke 17:6

comes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³He told them another parable. ^b“The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was ^dall leavened.”

Prophecy and Parables

^{34c}All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. ³⁵This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet:

^f“I will open my mouth in parables;
^gI will utter what has been hidden
^hsince the foundation of the world.”

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, ^j“Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is ^kthe sons of the kingdom. The weeds are ^lthe sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. ^mThe harvest is ⁿthe close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds ^oare gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at ⁿthe close of the age. ^{41p}The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all ^qcauses of sin and ^rall law-breakers, ^{42s}and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place ^tthere will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then ^uthe righteous will shine like the sun ^vin the kingdom of their Father. ^wHe who has ears, let him hear.

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven ^xis like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy ^yhe goes and sells all that he has and ^zbuys that field.

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding ^aone pearl of great value, ^ywent and sold all that he had and ^zbought it.

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is ^blike a net that was thrown into the sea and ^cgathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, ^dmen drew it ashore and sat

13:33 ^b Luke 13:20, 21 ^c Gen. 18:6
13:34 ^d 1 Cor. 5:6; Gal. 5:9
13:34 ^e ver. 3; Mark 4:33, 34; [John 16:25, 29]
13:35 ^f Cited from Ps. 78:2 ^g [ver. 11; Rom. 16:25, 26; 1 Cor. 2:7] ^h ch. 25:34; Luke 11:50; [John 17:24; Eph. 1:4; 1 Pet. 1:20]
13:36 ⁱ ver. 1 ^j ver. 24-30; [ch. 15:15]
13:38 ^k [ver. 43] ^l John 8:44; Acts 13:10; 1 John 3:10; [ch. 23:15]; See ver. 19
13:39 ^m Joel 3:13; Rev. 14:15 ⁿ ver. 49; ch. 24:3; 28:20; [Dan. 12:13; Heb. 9:26]
13:40 ^o John 15:6; [ch. 3:12] ^p [See ver. 39 above]
13:41 ^q ch. 24:31 ^r ch. 18:7; [Zeph. 1:3] ^s ch. 7:23
13:42 ^t ver. 50; Rev. 9:2; [Rev. 19:20; 20:10] ^u See ch. 8:12
13:43 ^v Prov. 4:18; Dan. 12:3; [1 Cor. 15:41, 42] ^w [ver. 38; ch. 25:34; 26:29; Luke 12:32] ^x See ch. 11:15
13:44 ^y Prov. 2:4 ^z [ch. 25:9; Prov. 23:23; Phil. 3:7, 8] ^a [Isa. 55:1; Rev. 3:18]
13:46 ^b ch. 7:6 ^c [See ver. 44 above] ^d [See ver. 44 above]
13:47 ^e ch. 4:19 ^f [ver. 38; ch. 22:10; 25:2]
13:48 ^g John 21:11
13:49 ^h See ver. 39 ⁱ [ch. 25:32; [ver. 41]
13:50 ^j See ver. 42
13:51 ^k ver. 10-16; [John 10:6; 16:29]
13:52 ^l ch. 23:34 ^m [ch. 28:19 ⁿ [ch. 12:35]
13:54 ^o For ver. 54-58, see Mark 6:1-6; [Luke 4:16-30] ^p ch. 2:23; Luke 4:23
^q See ch. 4:23 ^r See ch. 7:28
13:55 ^s [Luke 4:22; John 6:42] ^t [Mark 6:3] ^u See ch. 12:46
13:57 ^v See ch. 11:6 ^w Luke 4:24; John 4:44; [Jer. 11:21; 12:6; John 7:5]
13:58 ^x [ch. 17:20]

down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and ^yseparate the evil from the righteous ^{50s}and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place ^tthere will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

New and Old Treasures

^{51h}“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every ⁱscribe ^jwho has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who ^kbrings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

⁵³And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, ^{54l}and coming to ^mhis hometown ⁿhe taught them in their synagogue, so that ^othey were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? ^{55p}Is not this ^qthe carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not ^rhis brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” ⁵⁷And ^sthey took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, ^t“A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.” ⁵⁸And he did not do many mighty works there, ^ubecause of their unbelief.

The Death of John the Baptist

14 ^vAt that time ^wHerod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, ²and he said to his servants, ^x“This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.” ³For ^yHerod had seized John and bound him and ^zput him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, ⁴because John had been saying to him, ^a“It is not lawful for you to have her.” ⁵And though he wanted to put him to death, ^bhe feared the people, because they held him to be ^ca prophet. ⁶But when Herod’s ^dbirthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and pleased Herod, ⁷so that

ⁱ Some manuscripts *Isaiah the prophet* ^z Some manuscripts *his brother’s wife*

14:1 ^v For ver. 1-12, see Mark 6:14-29; Luke 9:7-9
^w Luke 3:1; Acts 13:1 **14:2** ^x ch. 16:14 **14:3** ^y Luke 3:19, 20 ^z ch. 11:2; John 3:24 **14:4** ^a Lev. 18:16; 20:21
14:5 ^b ch. 21:26; [ch. 21:46] ^c See ch. 11:9
14:6 ^d Gen. 40:20

he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. ⁸Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." ⁹And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. ¹⁰He sent and had John beheaded in the prison, ¹¹and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. ¹²And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Jesus Walks on the Water

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on

^{14:12} See ch. 9:14
^{14:13} For ver. 13-21, see Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-13; ch. 15:32-38; 16:9; Mark 8:2-9

^{14:14} [ch. 9:36]

^{14:15} ^b ver. 22; [ch. 15:23]

^{14:16} [2 Kgs. 4:42-44]

^{14:19} / Mark 7:34; John 11:41; 17:1

^b ch. 26:26; 1 Sam. 9:13; Mark 8:7;

^{14:22} / Luke 24:30; [1 Cor. 14:16]

^{14:22} / For ver. 22-33, see Mark 6:45-51; John 6:15-21

^m [ch. 8:18]

^{14:23} ⁿ Luke 6:12; 9:28; [Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16] ^a [Mark 13:35]

^{14:25} / [See ver. 22 above]

^{14:26} ^p [Luke 24:37]

^{14:27} ^q ch. 17:7; [Deut. 31:6; Isa. 41:13; 43:1, 2; John 16:33]

^{14:29} / [John 21:7]

^{14:30} / [ch. 8:25, 26]

^{14:31} / See ch. 6:30 ⁿ [James 1:6]

^{14:32} / [See ver. 30 above]

^{14:33} ^r ver. 22 See ch. 8:2 ^x [John 6:14]

^y ch. 16:16; 26:63; Ps. 2:7; Mark 1:1; Luke 1:35; 4:41; John 1:49; 10:36; 11:27; 20:31; [ch. 3:17]

^{14:34} / For ver. 34-36, see Mark 6:53-56; [John 6:24, 25]

^a Luke 5:1

^{14:35} ^s ch. 4:24

^{14:36} / See ch. 9:20 ^d Mark 3:10; Luke 6:19; [Acts 5:15]

^{15:1} / For ver. 1-20, see Mark 7:1-23

^f Mark 3:22

^{15:2} ^e [ch. 9:11]

^b Gal. 1:14; Col. 2:8

^j Luke 11:38

^{15:4} ^k Cited from Ex. 20:12

^l Cited from Ex. 21:17

^{15:6} ^m Gal. 3:17 (Gk.); [Rom. 2:23]

^{15:7} ⁿ ch. 23:13

^{15:8} ^o Cited from Isa. 29:13; [Ezek. 33:31]

^{15:9} ^p Col. 2:22; Titus 1:14

^{15:10} ^q ch. 13:51

the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret

³⁴And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. ³⁵And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Traditions and Commandments

15 ^eThen Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ^{2g}"Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat." ³He answered them, "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' ⁵But you say, 'If anyone tells his father or his mother, "What you would have gained from me is given to God," he need not honor his father.' So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. ⁷ⁿYou hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

8o "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

What Defiles a Person

¹⁰And he called the people to him and said to them, "Hear and understand: ^{11r}it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person." ¹²Then the

¹ Greek many stadia, a stadion was about 607 feet or 185 meters ² Some manuscripts was out on the sea

³ Some manuscripts strong wind ⁴ Or is an offering

⁵ Some manuscripts law ^{15:11} / See Acts 10:14, 15

disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were ^soffended when they heard this saying?” ¹³He answered, ^t“Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted ^uwill be rooted up. ¹⁴Let them alone; ^vthey are blind guides. ¹⁵And ^wif the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, ^x“Explain the parable to us.” ¹⁶And he said, ^y“Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that ^zwhatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? ¹⁸But ^{aa}what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹For out of the heart come ^{bb}evil thoughts, ^{cc}murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, ^{dd}slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person. But ^{ee}to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”

The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

^{21g}And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, ^{ha}a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, ^{ib}“Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, ^{ic}“Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, ^{kd}“**I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**” ²⁵But she came and ^{le}knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, ^{mf}“**It is not right to take the children’s bread and ^mthrow it to the dogs.**” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat ⁿthe crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, ^{og}“**O woman, ^ogreat is your faith! ^pBe it done for you as you desire.**” ^qAnd her daughter was ^rhealed instantly.³

Jesus Heals Many

^{29r}Jesus went on from there and walked ^sbeside the Sea of Galilee. And he ^twent up on the mountain and sat down there. ³⁰And great crowds came to him, bringing with them ^uthe lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, ^{31v}so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, ^wthe crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And ^xthey glorified ^ythe God of Israel.

Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

^{32z}Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, ^{aa}“**I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me**

^{15:12} [ch. 13:57; Luke 7:23]

^{15:13} [Isa. 60:21; 61:3; John 15:1, 2; 1 Cor. 3:9] ^uJude 12

^{15:14} ch. 23:16, 24; [Isa. 56:10; Mal. 2:8] ^vLuke 6:39

^{15:15} [ch. 13:36]

^{15:16} ch. 16:9

^{15:17} [1 Cor. 6:13]

^{15:18} ch. 12:34; James 3:6

^{15:19} James 2:4

^c ch. 5:22, 28; See Ex. 20:13-16 ^dEph. 4:31; Col. 3:8; 1 Tim. 6:4

^{15:20} 1 Cor. 6:9, 10 / Mark 7:2, 5

^{15:21} For ver. 21-28, see Mark 7:24-30

^{15:22} Gen. 10:15, 19; Judg. 1:30-33

^f See ch. 9:27

^{15:23} [ch. 14:15]

^{15:24} Rom. 15:8; See ch. 10:5, 6

^{15:25} ^g See ch. 8:2

^{15:26} ch. 7:6

^{15:27} [Luke 16:21]

^{15:28} ^h See ch. 9:2

ⁱ [ch. 8:13] ^q ch. 9:22; 17:18; [John 4:52, 53]

^{15:29} For ver. 29-31, [Mark 7:31-37]

^j ch. 4:18; John 6:1

^k ch. 5:1

^{15:30} ^l See ch. 11:5

^{15:31} ^m See ch. 9:33

ⁿ ch. 18:8; Mark 9:43

^x ch. 9:8 ^r Isa. 29:23; Luke 1:68; Acts 13:17

^{15:32} For ver. 32-39, see Mark 8:1-10; [ch. 14:14-21] ^s [ch. 9:36]

^{15:34} ch. 16:10

^{15:36} ch. 26:27; Mark 14:23; Luke 22:17, 19; John 6:11, 23; Acts 27:35; Rom. 14:6; 1 Cor. 10:30; 11:24; 14:16; 1 Tim. 4:3, 4

^{15:37} ^t [2 Kgs. 4:42-44]

^{15:39} [Mark 8:10]

^{16:1} For ver. 1-12, see Mark 8:11-21

^u John 8:6 ^h 1 Cor. 1:22; See ch. 12:38

ⁱ Luke 11:16; 21:11

^{16:2} [Luke 12:54, 55]

^{16:3} ^k Luke 12:56

^l [ch. 12:28; Luke 19:44]

^{16:4} ^m See ch. 12:39

ⁿ ch. 4:13; 21:17

now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.” ³³And the disciples said to him, “Where are we to get enough bread in such a desolate place to feed so great a crowd?” ³⁴And Jesus said to them, ^{oo}“**How many loaves do you have?**” They said, ^{pp}“Seven, and a few small fish.” ³⁵And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground, ^{qq}he took the seven loaves and the fish, and ^{rr}having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ³⁷And ^{ss}they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ³⁸Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹And after sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of ^{tt}Magadan.

The Pharisees and Sadducees Demand Signs

16 ^fAnd the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and stto test him ^hthey asked him to show them ^aa sign from heaven. ²He answered them, ^g“**When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’ ³And in the morning, ‘It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ ^kYou know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret ^lthe signs of the times.**” ^{4m}An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.” ⁵ⁿSo ^ohe left them and departed.

The Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees

⁵When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. ⁶Jesus said to them, ^{oo}“**Watch and ^pbeware of ^qthe leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.**” ⁷And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, ^{rr}“We brought no bread.” ⁸But ^{ss}Jesus, aware of this, said, ^{tt}“**O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread?**” ^{9u}Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember ^vthe five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? ¹⁰Or ^wthe seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? ¹¹How is it that you fail to un-

^f Some manuscripts add of the blind ^g Greek is expelled into the latrine ^h Greek from that hour ⁱ Some manuscripts omit the following words to the end of verse 3

^{16:6} Luke 12:1 ^p 1 Cor. 5:6-8; Gal. 5:9 ^{16:8} ch. 26:10 ^r See ch. 6:30 ^{16:9} ch. 15:16 ^s ch. 14:17-21 ^{16:10} ch. 15:34-38

derstand that I did not speak about bread? ^aBeware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” ^{12v}Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of ^wthe teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

^{13x}Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say ^yJohn the Baptist, others say ^zElijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, ^a“You are ^bthe Christ, ^cthe Son of ^dthe living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, ^e“Blessed are you, ^fSimon Bar-Jonah! For ^gflesh and blood has not revealed this to you, ^hbut my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, ⁱyou are Peter, and ^jon this rock ^kI will build my church, and ^lthe gates of ^mhell ⁿwill not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you ^othe keys of the kingdom of heaven, and ^pwhatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed ^qin heaven.” ^{20v}Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

^{21p}From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that ^rhe must go to Jerusalem and ^ssuffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on ^tthe third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! ^uThis shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, ^v“Get behind me, Satan! You are ^wa hindrance to me. For you ^xare not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him ^ydeny himself and ^ztake up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For ^awhoever would save his life ^bwill lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For ^cwhat will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or ^dwhat shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with ^ehis angels in the glory of his Father, and ^fthen he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not ^gtaste death ^huntil they see the Son of Man ⁱcoming in his kingdom.”

16:11 ^a [See ver. 6 above]

16:12 ^v ch. 17:13 ^w [ch. 5:20; 23:3]

16:13 ^x For ver. 13-16, see Mark 8:27-29; Luke 9:18-20

16:14 ^y ch. 14:2; Mark 6:14; Luke 9:7 ^z Mark 6:15; Luke 9:8; [ch. 17:10; Mark 9:11; John 1:21]

16:16 ^a John 11:27 ^b See ch. 1:17 ^c See ch. 14:33 ^d Deut. 5:26; Josh. 3:10; Ps. 42:2; Jer. 10:10; Dan. 6:20; Hos. 1:10; Acts 14:15; 2 Cor. 3:3; 1 Tim. 4:10

16:17 ^e [ch. 13:16] ^f [John 1:42; 21:15-17] ^g 1 Cor. 15:50; Gal. 1:16 (Gk.); Eph. 6:12; Heb. 2:14 ^h 1 Cor. 2:10; 12:3; [ch. 11:25; John 6:45]

16:18 ⁱ [ch. 10:2; John 1:42] ^j Eph. 2:20; Rev. 21:14; [ch. 7:24] ^k Job 38:17; Isa. 38:10 ^l See ch. 11:23

16:19 ^m [Isa. 22:22; Rev. 1:18; 3:7] ⁿ [ch. 18:18; John 20:23]

16:20 ^o Mark 8:30; Luke 9:21; [ch. 17:9]; See ch. 12:16

16:21 ^p For ver. 21-28, see Mark 8:31-9:1; Luke 9:22-27; [ch. 17:12, 22, 23; 20:17-19] ^q ch. 20:18; [Luke 13:33] ^r ch. 17:12, 22, 23; Luke 24:7 ^s See ch. 27:63; John 2:19

16:23 ^t [ch. 4:10] ^u See ch. 13:41 ^v Rom. 8:5; Phil. 3:19; Col. 3:2; [Phil. 2:5]

16:24 ^w [2 Tim. 2:12, 13] ^x See ch. 10:38, 39

16:25 ^y [See ver. 24 above]

16:26 ^z [Luke 12:20] ^a [Ps. 49:7, 8]

16:27 ^b ch. 24:30; 25:31; 26:64; Dan. 7:10, 13; Zech. 14:5; John 1:5; Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 1:10; 4:16; Jude 14; Rev. 1:7; [Deut. 33:2]

The Transfiguration

17 ^aAnd after six days Jesus took with him ^bPeter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was ^ctransfigured before them, and ^dhis face shone like the sun, and ^ehis clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for ^fElijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, ^ga bright cloud overshadowed them, and ^ha voice from the cloud said, ⁱ“This is my beloved Son, ^jwith whom I am well pleased; ^klisten to him.” ⁶When ^lthe disciples heard this, ^mthey fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and ⁿtouching them, saying, “^oRise, and ^phave no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, ^u“Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.” ¹⁰And the disciples asked him, “Then why do the scribes say ^vthat first Elijah must come?” ¹¹He answered, “^wElijah does come, and ^xhe will restore all things. ¹²But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but ^ydid to him whatever they pleased.” ¹³So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands.” ^{13z}Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

Jesus Heals a Boy with a Demon

^{14a}And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, ¹⁵said, “Lord, have mercy on my son,

^a The Greek words for Peter and rock sound similar ^b Greek the gates of Hades ^c Or shall have been bound... shall have been loosed ^d Or “[May God be] merciful to you, Lord!” ^e Greek stumbling block ^f The same Greek word can mean either soul or life, depending on the context; twice in this verse and twice in verse 26 ^g Or my Son, my (or the) Beloved

16:27 ^h ch. 13:41 ⁱ Rom. 2:6; 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27; 1 Pet. 1:17; Rev. 2:23; 20:12; 22:12; See Acts 10:42; 1 Cor. 3:8 **16:28** ^j John 8:52; Heb. 2:9

^k [ch. 10:23; 23:36; 24:34] ^l Luke 23:42

17:1 ^m For ver. 1-8, see Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36 ⁿ ch. 26:37; Mark 5:37 **17:2** ^o [2 Cor. 3:18 (Gk.)] ^p Rev. 1:16; 10:1 ^q Dan. 7:9; [ch. 28:3; Ps. 104:2] **17:4** ^r [Mal. 4:5]

17:5 ^s 2 Pet. 1:17; [Ex. 24:15, 16] ^t See ch. 3:17 ^u Acts 3:22 **17:6** ^v 2 Pet. 1:18 ^w [Gen. 17:3; Ezek. 1:28; Rev. 1:17] **17:7** ^x Dan. 8:18; 10:10, 18 ^y ch. 14:27

17:9 ^z For ver. 9-13, see Mark 9:9-13 ^a See ch. 8:42; 12:16 **17:10** ^b See ch. 11:14; Mal. 4:5, 6

17:11 ^c Luke 1:16, 17; [Acts 1:6; 3:21] **17:12** ^d ch. 14:3, 10 ^e ch. 16:21 **17:13** ^f ch. 16:12 **17:14** ^g For ver. 14-19, see Mark 9:14-28; Luke 9:37-42

for he is ^ban epileptic and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. ¹⁶And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered, “**O faithless and ^dtwisted generation, how long am I to be with you? ^eHow long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.**” ¹⁸And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and ^gthe boy was healed instantly. ¹⁹Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁰He said to them, ^h“Because of your little faith. For ⁱtruly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, ^kyou will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and ^lnothing will be impossible for you.” ⁴

Jesus Again Foretells Death, Resurrection

^{22m}As they were gathering ⁵ in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “**The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, ²³ and they will kill him, and he will be raised on ⁿthe third day.**” And they were greatly distressed.

The Temple Tax

^{24o}When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of ^pthe two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the tax?” ²⁵He said, “Yes.” And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, ⁴“**What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or ^rtax? From their sons or from others?**” ²⁶And when he said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “**Then the sons are free.**” ²⁷However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. ⁶Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself.”

Who Is the Greatest?

18 ⁴At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, ⁴“**Truly, I say to you, unless you ^uturn and ^vbecome like children, you ^wwill never enter the kingdom of heaven.**” ^{4x}Whoever humbles himself like this child is the ^wgreatest in the kingdom of heaven.

^{5y}“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but ^zwhoever causes one of these ^ulittle ones who believe in me to sin, ⁷it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

17:15 ^b ch. 4:24

17:16 ^c [ch. 10:1; Mark 6:7; Luke 10:17]

17:17 ^d Phil. 2:15; [John 20:27] ^e [John 14:9]

17:18 ^f ch. 8:26; Zech. 3:2; Mark 1:25; Luke 4:35, 39; Jude 9 ^g See ch. 9:22

17:20 ^h [John 11:40]; See ch. 6:30 ⁱ ch. 21:21, 22; Mark 11:23 ^j Luke 17:6; [ch. 13:31] ^k ver. 9; [1 Cor. 13:2] ^l Mark 9:23

17:22 ^m For ver. 22, 23, see Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:43-45; [ch. 16:21-28; 20:17-19]

17:23 ⁿ See Mark 8:31

17:24 ^o Mark 9:33 ^p Ex. 30:13; 38:26

17:25 ^q ch. 18:12; 11:28 ^r ch. 22:17, 19; Mark 12:14; Rom. 13:7

18:1 ^r ch. 17:24; For ver. 1-5, see Mark 9:33-37; Luke 9:46-48; [ch. 20:20-28]

18:3 ^s See Luke 22:32 ^v ch. 19:14; Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17; [Ps. 131:2; 1 Cor. 14:20; 1 Pet. 2:2] ^w [ch. 5:19, 20]

18:4 ^x ch. 20:27; 23:11, 12 ^y [See ver. 3 above]

18:5 ^y [ch. 10:40, 42]

18:6 ^z Mark 9:42 ^a Luke 17:2; [1 Cor. 8:12]

18:7 ^b See ch. 13:41

^c Luke 17:1; See 1 Cor. 11:19 ^d ch. 26:24

18:8 ^e ch. 5:29, 30; Mark 9:43-48 ^f See ch. 25:41

18:9 ^f [See ver. 8 above] ^g [See ver. 8 above]

18:10 ^h [ch. 6:29; 25:40, 45; Luke 15:7, 10] ⁱ Acts 12:15; [Ps. 34:7; 91:11; Heb. 1:14] ^j Luke 1:19; Rev. 8:2; [Esth. 1:14]

18:12 ^k ch. 17:25; 21:28 ^l For ver. 12-14, [Luke 15:4-7]

18:14 ^m [John 6:39; 10:28; [John 17:12]

Temptations to Sin

⁷“**Woe to the world for ^btemptations to sin!**” ⁸For it is necessary that temptations come, ⁹but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ^{8c}And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into ^fthe eternal fire. ^{9a}And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into ^hthe hell of fire.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹⁰“**See that you do not despise ^gone of these little ones.** For I tell you that in heaven ^htheir angels always ⁱsee the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁰ ¹²What do you think? ^kIf a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So ^lit is not the will of my ¹¹ Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

If Your Brother Sins Against You

^{15m}“**If your brother sins against you, ⁿgo and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have ^ogained your brother.**” ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established ^pby the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, ^qtell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, ^rlet him be to you as ²a Gentile and ²a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, ^swhatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed ²in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if

² Greek the ² Greek the demon ³ Greek: from that hour ⁴ Some manuscripts insert verse 21: But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting ⁵ Some manuscripts remained ⁶ Greek stater, a silver coin worth four drachmas or approximately one shekel ⁷ Greek causes... to stumble; also verses 8, 9 ⁸ Greek stumbling blocks ⁹ Greek Gehenna ¹⁰ Some manuscripts add verse 11: For the Son of Man came to save the lost ¹¹ Some manuscripts your ¹² Or shall have been bound... shall have been loosed

18:15 ^m Luke 17:3 ⁿ 2 Thess. 3:15; [Titus 3:10; James 5:19]; See Lev. 19:17 ^o 1 Cor. 9:19-22; 1 Pet. 3:1

18:16 ^p Deut. 19:15; 2 Cor. 13:1; [Num. 35:30; John 8:17; 1 Tim. 5:19; Heb. 10:28] **18:17** ^q [1 Cor. 5:4, 5; 6:1-6]

^r [Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 5:9-13; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14; 2 John 10] ^s ch. 5:46, 47 **18:18** ^t [ch. 16:19; John 20:23]

two of you ^aagree on earth about anything they ask, ^vit will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are ^wgathered in my name, ^xthere am I among them.”

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

²¹Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often ^ywill my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?” ²²As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.”

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished ^ato settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ^bten thousand ^ctalents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him ^tto be sold, with his wife and ^fchildren and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant ^sfell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and ^dforgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred ^bdenarii, ^eand seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, ^guntil he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother ^mfrom your heart.”

Teaching About Divorce

19 Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from ⁿGalilee and ^oentered ^pthe region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ²And ^qlarge crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

³And Pharisees came up to him and ^rtested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” ⁴He answered, ^t“Have you not read that he who

18:19 ^u[Acts 12:5, 12; Philem. 22] ^v See ch. 7:7

18:20 ^w[Acts 4:30, 31; 1 Cor. 5:4] ^x[ch. 28:20; John 12:26; 20:20, 26]

18:21 ^y ver. 15
^z Luke 17:3, 4; [Col. 3:13]

18:23 ^{aa} ch. 25:19

18:24 ^{ab} Esth. 3:9
^{ac} ch. 25:15

18:25 ^{ad} [Luke 7:42]
^{ae} Ex. 21:2; Lev. 25:39

18:26 ^{af} Acts 10:25;
See ch. 8:2

18:27 ^{ag} [See ver. 25 above]

18:28 ^{ah} ch. 20:2;
22:19; Mark 6:37;

18:29 ^{ai} Luke 7:41;
10:35; John 6:7

18:33 ^{aj} [ch. 6:12;
Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13;
1 John 4:11]

18:34 ^{ak} See James
2:13 ^{al} ver. 30; [ch.
5:25, 26]

18:35 ^{am} ch. 6:15;
[Prov. 21:13] ^{an} 1 Pet.
1:22; [Rom. 6:17]

19:1 ^{ao} ch. 17:24
^{ap} For ver. 1-9, see
Mark 10:1-12

19:2 ^{aq} Luke 9:51; 17:11;
John 10:40; [ch. 4:25]

19:3 ^{ar} ch. 12:15

19:3 ^{as} John 8:6 ^{at} ch.
5:31

19:4 ^{au} Gen. 1:27;
2:18, 21-23; 5:2; [ch.
21:16]

19:5 ^{av} Eph. 5:31;
Cited from Gen. 2:24
^{aw} 1 Cor. 6:16; [Mal.
2:15]

19:6 ^{ax} 1 Cor. 7:10

19:7 ^{ay} Deut. 24:1-4

19:8 ^{az} Mark 16:14;
[Mark 3:5; 6:52; Heb.
3:8]

19:9 ^{ba} See ch. 5:32

19:11 ^{bb} 1 Cor. 7:2, 7-
9, 17 ^{bc} [ch. 20:23]
^{bd} ch. 13:11

19:12 ^{be} [1 Cor. 7:32]

19:13 ^{bf} For ver. 13-
15, see Mark 10:13-
16; Luke 18:15-17

^{bg} Mark 10:48
19:14 ^{bh} ch. 18:3
^{bi} [Mark 9:39]

19:16 ^{bj} For ver. 16-
29, see Mark 10:17-
30; Luke 18:18-30;

[Luke 10:25-28]
^{bk} [ver. 29] ^{bl} ch. 25:46;
[ch. 18:8]

created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵and said, ^u“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and ^vthe two shall become one flesh”? ⁶So they are no longer two but one flesh. ^wWhat therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” ⁷They said to him, ^x“Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” ⁸He said to them, “Because of your ^yhardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.” ⁷

¹⁰The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” ¹¹But he said to them, ^a“Not everyone can receive this saying, but only ^bthose to ^cwhom it is given. ¹²For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs ^dfor the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.”

Let the Children Come to Me

¹³Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples ^frebuked the people, ¹⁴but Jesus said, ^g“Let the little children ^hcome to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” ¹⁵And he laid his hands on them and went away.

The Rich Young Man

¹⁶And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to ⁱhave ^keternal life?” ¹⁷And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. ^lIf you would enter life, keep the commandments.” ¹⁸He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, ^m“You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall

¹ Or seventy-seven times ² Greek bondservants; also verses 28, 31 ³ A talent was a monetary unit worth about twenty years’ wages for a laborer ⁴ Greek bondservant; also verses 27, 28, 29, 32, 33 ⁵ A denarius was a day’s wage for a laborer ⁶ Greek tortures ⁷ Some manuscripts add and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery; other manuscripts except for sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery

19:17 ^l Lev. 18:5; Neh. 9:29; Ezek. 20:11, 13, 21; Rom. 10:5; Gal. 3:12 **19:18** ^m Rom. 13:9; Cited from Ex. 20:12-16; Deut. 5:16-20; [ch. 5:21, 27]

not steal, You shall not bear false witness, ¹⁹Honor your father and mother, and, ²⁰You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁰The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” ²¹Jesus said to him, “If you would be ^pperfect, go, ^qsell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have ^rtreasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, ^{only} with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven.” ²⁴Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter ^vthe kingdom of God.” ²⁵When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁶But Jesus ^wlooked at them and said, ^x“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” ²⁷Then Peter said in reply, “See, ^ywe have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” ²⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, ^zwhen the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me ^awill also sit on twelve thrones, ^bjudging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold ^cand will ^dinherit eternal life. ³⁰But ^emany who are ^ffirst will be last, and the last first.

Laborers in the Vineyard

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius ³a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And ^gabout the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And ^hwhen evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his ⁱforeman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received

19:19 ^o ch. 5:43; 22:39; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27; Gal. 5:14; James 2:8; Cited from Lev. 19:18
19:20 ^p [Phil. 3:6]
19:21 ^q See ch. 5:48 ^r Luke 12:33; [Luke 16:9; 19:8; Acts 2:45; 4:34, 35; 1 Tim. 6:18, 19] ^s ch. 6:19, 20
19:22 ^t [Ezek. 33:31]
19:23 ^u [1 Cor. 1:26]; See ch. 13:22
19:24 ^v [Mark 10:24] ^w See ch. 12:28
19:26 ^x Mark 10:21; Luke 22:61 ^y Gen. 18:14; Job 42:2; Jer. 32:17, 27; Zech. 8:6; Mark 14:36; Luke 1:37
19:27 ^z ch. 4:20, 22; Mark 1:18, 20
19:28 ^a See ch. 16:27 ^b Luke 22:30; Rev. 3:21 ^c [1 Cor. 6:2]
19:29 ^d [Luke 14:26] ^e [ver. 16]; See ch. 25:34
19:30 ^f ch. 20:16; Mark 10:31; Luke 13:30 / [ch. 21:31, 32]
20:6 ^g [1 Cor. 15:8]
20:8 ^h Lev. 19:13; Deut. 24:15 ⁱ Luke 8:3; [ch. 24:45]
20:12 ^j Luke 12:55; James 1:11 (Gk.)
20:13 ^k ch. 22:12; 26:50
20:14 ^l ch. 25:25
20:15 ^m [Rom. 9:15-24] ⁿ ch. 6:23; Deut. 15:9; Prov. 23:6
20:16 ^o See ch. 19:30
20:17 ^p For ver. 17-19, see Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-33; [ch. 16:21-28; 17:12, 22, 23]
20:18 ^q See ch. 16:21 ^r ch. 26:66; John 19:7
20:19 ^s ch. 27:2; John 18:30, 31; Acts 3:13; [Acts 2:23; 4:27; 21:11] ^t ch. 27:26-31 ^u ch. 26:2; Luke 24:7; John 12:32, 33; 18:32 ^v ch. 16:21; 27:63
20:20 ^w For ver. 20-28, see Mark 10:35-45 ^x ch. 4:21; 27:56 ^y See ch. 8:2
20:21 ^z [ch. 19:28]
20:25 ^a ch. 16:28; 25:31, 34; Luke 23:42

a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and ⁱthe scorching heat.” ¹³But he replied to one of them, ^k“Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take ^lwhat belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or ^mdo you begrudge my generosity?” ¹⁶So ⁿthe last will be first, and the first last.”

Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time

¹⁷And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸“See, ^qwe are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will ^rcondemn him to death ¹⁹and ^sdeliver him over to the Gentiles ^tto be mocked and flogged and ^ucrucified, and he will be raised on ^vthe third day.”

A Mother's Request

²⁰When ^xthe mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and ^ykneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine ^zare to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, ^ain your kingdom.” ²²Jesus answered, ^b“You do not know what you are asking. Are you able ^cto drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” ²³He said to them, ^d“You will drink ^emy cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, ^fbut it is for those for whom it has been ^gprepared by my Father.” ²⁴And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, ^h“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles ⁱlord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It shall not be so among you. But

¹ Greek in the regeneration ² Some manuscripts manifold ³ A denarius was a day's wage for a laborer ⁴ Or is your eye bad because I am good?
20:22 ^q [Luke 9:33; 23:34] ^r ch. 26:29, 42; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42; John 18:11; [Isa. 51:22] **20:23** ^d [Rom. 8:17; Phil. 3:10] ^e Acts 12:2; Rev. 1:9 / [ch. 19:11] ^f ch. 25:34 **20:25** ^h For ver. 25-28, [ch. 18:1-4; Luke 22:25-27] ⁱ 1 Pet. 5:3 **20:26** ^j ch. 23:11; [Luke 9:48]

whoever would be great among you must be your servant,¹ ²⁷and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,² ²⁸even as the Son of Man came not to be served but ^kto serve, and ^lto give his life as a ransom for ^mmany.”

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

²⁹And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. ³⁰And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, “Lord,³ have mercy on us, ^oSon of David!” ³¹The crowd ^rrebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!” ³²And stopping, Jesus called them and said, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³³They said to him, “Lord, let our eyes be opened.” ³⁴And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him.

The Triumphal Entry

21 ^aNow when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to ^tthe Mount of Olives, then Jesus ^ssent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them, and he will send them at once.’” ⁴This took place ^tto fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“^a Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, ^vhumble, and mounted on a donkey, and ^don a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd ^wspread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, ^x“Hosanna to ^ythe Son of David! ^zBlessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna ^ain the highest!” ¹⁰And ^bwhen he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is ^cthe prophet Jesus, ^dfrom Nazareth of Galilee.”

20:28 ^k John 13:4, 13-15; Phil. 2:7; [2 Cor. 8:9] / Isa. 53:10; Dan. 9:26; John 10:15; 11:51, 52; Rom. 4:25; Gal. 1:4; 2:20; 1 Tim. 2:6; Titus 2:14; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19 ^m ch. 26:28; Isa. 53:11, 12; Heb. 2:10; 9:28; [Rom. 5:15; Rev. 5:9]

20:29 ^r For ver. 29-34, see Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43; [ch. 9:27-31]

20:30 ^o ch. 21:9; 22:42; See ch. 1:1

20:31 ^p ch. 19:13

21:1 ^q For ver. 1-9, see Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:29-38; John 12:12-15 ^r ch. 24:3; 26:30; Zech. 14:4; [John 8:1; [Acts 1:12] / [Mark 14:13]

21:4 ^s See ch. 1:22

21:5 ^t Cited from Zech. 9:9; [Isa. 62:11] ^v ch. 11:29

21:8 ^u 2 Kgs. 9:13

21:9 ^x [Rev. 7:10]; See Ps. 118:25 (Heb.) ^y ch. 20:30 ^z ch. 23:39; Cited from Ps. 118:26 ^a Luke 2:14;

[Ps. 148:1]

21:10 ^b Mark 11:11

21:11 ^c ver. 46; Luke 7:16; 13:33; 24:19;

John 4:19; 6:14;

7:40; 9:17; [Mark 6:15; Luke 9:8, 19;

John 1:21] ^d See ch. 2:23

21:12 ^e For ver. 12-16, see Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-47;

[John 2:14-16] / [Ex. 30:13] ^f Lev. 1:14;

5:7; 12:8; Luke 2:24

21:13 ^g Cited from Isa. 56:7 / Jer. 7:11

21:14 ^h ch. 11:5; 15:31

21:15 ⁱ [Luke 19:39;

40] ^j [See ver. 9 above]

21:16 ^k ver. 42; ch. 12:3; 5; 19:4; 22:31

^l Cited from Ps. 8:2 (Gk.) ^m ch. 11:25

21:17 ⁿ ch. 16:4

^o Mark 11:19; [Luke 21:37] ^p Mark 11:1; Luke 19:29; 24:50;

John 11:18

21:18 ^q For ver. 18-22, see Mark 11:12-14, 20-24 ^r ch. 4:2

21:19 ^s [Luke 13:6-9]

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹²e And Jesus entered the temple^s and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of ^fthe money-changers and the seats of those who sold ^gpigeons. ¹³He said to them, “It is written, ^h“My house shall be called a house of prayer;’ but ⁱyou make it a den of robbers.”

¹⁴j And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵k But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, ^l“Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant, ¹⁶and they said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; ^mhave you never read,

^m“ ‘Out of the mouth of ⁿinfants and nursing babies you have prepared praise?’”

¹⁷ And ^oleaving them, he ^pwent out of the city to ^qBethany and lodged there.

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

¹⁸In the morning, as he was returning to the city, ^rhe became hungry. ¹⁹e And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, “May no fruit ever come from you again!” And the fig tree withered at once.

²⁰When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither at once?” ²¹ And Jesus answered them, ^u“Truly, I say to you, ^vif you have faith and ^wdo not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ^x“Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen. ²² And ^ywhatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, ^zif you have faith.”

The Authority of Jesus Challenged

²³z And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him ^aas he was teaching, and said, ^b“By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you

¹ Greek *diakonos* ² Greek *bondservant* (*doulos*) ³ Some manuscripts omit *Lord* ⁴ Or *even* ⁵ Some manuscripts add *of God*

21:21 ^a ch. 17:20 ^v [John 14:12] ^w Acts 10:20; Rom. 4:20; 14:23; James 1:6 ^x [Ps. 46:2; 1 Cor. 13:2; Rev. 8:8] **21:22** ^y [See ver. 21 above] ^z See ch. 7:7 **21:23** ^a For ver. 23-27, see Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8 ^b See ch. 26:55 ^c [Ex. 2:14; John 1:25; Acts 4:7]

tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'"²⁶ But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet."²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸h "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'²⁹ And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went.³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go.³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

The Parable of the Tenants

³³g "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country.³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit.³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.³⁶x Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them.³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.'³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.⁴⁰b When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

21:25 f [ch. 13:54]

g Luke 15:18, 21;
John 3:27 e ver. 32;
Luke 7:30

21:26 f ver. 46; ch.
14:5 f [John 5:35];
See ch. 11:9

21:28 b ch. 17:25;
18:12 i ver. 33; ch.
20:1

21:29 f ver. 32; ch.
27:3; Heb. 7:21

21:31 a Luke 7:29
i Luke 7:37-50 m See
ch. 12:28

21:32 a [ch. 3:8-12,
15; Prov. 8:20; 2 Pet.
2:21] e ver. 25; ch.
11:18 p Luke 3:12,
13 j [See ver. 29
above]

21:33 a For ver. 33-
46, see Mark 12:1-
12; Luke 20:9-19
f ver. 28; Ps. 80:8; Isa.
5:1 i Isa. 5:2 i Song
8:11, 12 m ch. 25:14,
15; [Mark 13:34]

21:34 a [See ver. 33
above]

21:35 v ch. 5:12;
22:6; 23:34, 37;
[2 Chr. 24:19; 36:15,
16; Neh. 9:26; Jer.
37:15; 38:6; Acts
7:52; 2 Cor. 11:24-
26; 1 Thess. 2:15;
Heb. 11:36, 37]
w [2 Chr. 24:21; John
10:31-33; Acts 7:59]

21:36 a ch. 22:4

21:38 v Heb. 1:2;
[John 1:11; Rom.
8:17] z [1 Kgs. 21:19]

21:39 a Heb. 13:12

21:40 b [ch. 24:50;
25:19]

21:41 e Luke 19:27
d ver. 43; Acts 13:46;
18:6; 28:28; [ch.
8:11, 12]

21:42 e ver. 16

21:42 f Acts 4:11;
1 Pet. 2:7; Cited from
Ps. 118:22, 23

21:43 a [Luke 14:24]
b [ch. 3:10; Isa. 5:4, 7]

21:44 a Isa. 8:14, 15;
Rom. 9:32, 33; 1 Pet.
2:8 i Dan. 2:34, 35,
44, 45

21:46 i Mark 11:18;
Luke 19:47, 48; John
7:25, 30, 44; [ch.
26:4] m ver. 26;
[ver. 11]

22:1 a ch. 13:34

22:2 p For ver. 2-14,
[Luke 14:16-24]

See Rev. 19:7

22:3 f [Esth. 6:14;
Prov. 9:3, 5]

f "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;² this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."³

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast

22 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²p "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son,³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come.⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business,⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them.⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy.⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment.¹² And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and

i Greek *bondservants*; also verses 35, 36 o Greek *the head of the corner* s Some manuscripts omit verse 44

d Greek *bondservants*; also verses 4, 6, 8, 10

22:4 a ch. 21:36 i Luke 11:38; John 21:12, 15 (Gk.)

Prov. 9:2 22:5 v [Heb. 2:3] 22:6 w Luke 18:32; Acts

14:5; 1 Thess. 2:2 x See ch. 21:35 22:7 p ch. 21:41;

Luke 19:27 22:8 z ch. 10:11; Acts 13:46; Rev. 3:4;

[Luke 20:35] 22:10 b See ch. 13:47 22:11 i [Rev.

19:8; 22:14] 22:12 d ch. 20:13; 26:50

‘cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Paying Taxes to Caesar

¹⁵g Then the Pharisees went and plotted how ^h to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent ⁱ their disciples to him, along with ^j the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, ^k we know that you are true and teach ^l the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for ^m you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay ⁿ taxes to ^o Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “**Why ^p put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.**” And they brought him a denarius.²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “**Whose likeness and inscription is this?**” ²¹ They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “**Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.**” ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they ^r left him and went away.

Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

²³ The same day ^s Sadducees came to him, ^t who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question, ²⁴ saying, “Teacher, Moses said, ^u ‘If a man dies having no children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.’²⁵ Now there were seven brothers among us. The first married and died, and having no children left his wife to his brother. ²⁶ So too the second and third, down to the seventh. ²⁷ After them all, the woman died. ²⁸ In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven, whose wife will she be? For they all had her.”

²⁹ But Jesus answered them, “**You are wrong, ^v because you know neither the Scriptures nor ^w the power of God. ³⁰ For in the resurrection they neither ^x marry nor ^x are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ³¹ And as for the resurrection of the dead, ^y have you not read what was said to you by God: ³² ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?’ He is not God of the dead, but of the living.**” ³³ And when the crowd heard it, ^z they were astonished at his teaching.

The Great Commandment

³⁴ b But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced ^c the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ d And one of them, ^e a lawyer, asked him a question ^f to test him.

^{22:13} ^g See ch. 8:12

^{22:14} ^h Rev. 17:14

^{22:15} ⁱ For ver. 15-32, see Mark 12:13-27; Luke 20:20-38

^h [Luke 11:54]

^{22:16} ^j Mark 2:18

^h Mark 3:6; [Mark

8:15] ^k [John 3:2]

^h Acts 18:26; [Acts

13:10] ^m See Acts

10:34

^{22:17} ⁿ ch. 17:25

^o Luke 2:1; 3:1

^{22:18} ^p See John 8:6

^{22:21} ^q Rom. 13:7

^{22:22} ^r Mark 12:12

^{22:23} ^s ver. 34; ch.

3:7; 16:1; Acts 4:1;

5:17; 23:6 ^t Acts

23:8; [Acts 4:2]

^{22:24} ^u [Deut. 25:5]

^{22:29} ^v John 20:9

^w 1 Cor. 6:14

^{22:30} ^x ch. 24:38;

Luke 17:27

^{22:31} ^y See ch. 21:16

^{22:32} ^z Acts 7:32;

Cited from Ex. 3:6

^{22:33} ^{aa} See ch. 7:28

^{22:34} ^{ab} For ver. 34-

40, see Mark 12:28-

33 ^{ac} ver. 23

^{22:35} ^{ad} [Luke 10:25-

28] ^{ae} See Luke 7:30

^f ver. 18

^{22:37} ^{af} Luke 10:27;

Cited from Deut. 6:5

^{22:39} ^{ag} [1 John 4:21]

^h Cited from Lev.

19:18; See ch. 19:19

^{22:40} ^{ah} [Rom. 13:8,

10] ^{ai} ch. 7:12; [Gal.

5:14]

^{22:41} ^{aj} For ver. 41-

45, see Mark 12:35-

37; Luke 20:41-44

^m ver. 34

^{22:42} ^{ak} See ch. 1:1,

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^{22:43} ^{al} Rev. 1:10; 4:2;

[2 Sam. 23:2]

^{22:44} ^{am} Acts 2:34, 35;

Heb. 1:13; Cited

from Ps. 110:1;

[1 Cor. 15:25; Heb.

10:13]

^{22:45} ^{an} [Rom. 1:3, 4]

^{22:46} ^{ao} [Luke 14:6]

^p Mark 12:34; Luke

20:40

^{23:1} ^{ap} For ver. 1, 2, 5-

7, see Mark 12:38,

39; Luke 20:45, 46;

[Luke 11:43]

^{23:2} ^{aq} [Ezra 7:6, 10,

25; Neh. 8:4]

^v [Deut. 17:10, 11;

John 9:28, 29]

^{23:3} ^{ar} [ch. 5:20;

15:3-13] ^{as} Rom.

2:17-23

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, ^g “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**” ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And ^h a second is like it: ⁱ “**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**” ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend ^k all the Law and the Prophets.”

Whose Son Is the Christ?

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees ^m were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying, “**What do you think about ⁿ the Christ? Whose son is he?**” They said to him, ^o “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “**How is it then that David, ^p in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,**

44p “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet?”

45 If then David calls him Lord, ^q how is he his son?” ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, ^r nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Seven Woes to the Scribes and Pharisees

23 Then Jesus ^s said to the crowds and to his disciples, ^{2u} “**The scribes and the Pharisees ^v sit on Moses’ seat, ^{so} to practice and observe whatever they tell you—^w but not what they do. ^{3v} For they preach, but do not practice. ^{4v} They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, ³ and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. ^{5v} They do all their deeds ^z to be seen by others. For they make ^a their phylacteries broad and ^b their fringes long, ⁶ and they ^c love the place of honor at feasts and ^d the best seats in the synagogues ⁷ and ^d greetings in ^e the marketplaces and being called ^f ‘rabbi’ by others. ^{8g} But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are ^h all brothers. ⁹ ⁹ⁱ And call no man your father on earth, for ^j you have one Father, who is**

¹ Greek for you do not look at people’s faces ² A denarius was a day’s wage for a laborer ³ Some manuscripts omit hard to bear ⁴ Rabbi means my teacher, or my master; also verse 8 ⁵ Or brothers and sisters

^{23:4} ^u Luke 11:46; [ch. 11:28-30; Acts 15:10]

^{23:5} ^v [See ver. 1 above] ^z ch. 6:1, 16; [John 5:44] ^a Ex.

13:9; Deut. 6:8; 11:18 ^b See ch. 9:20 ^{23:6} ^c Luke 14:7,

8 ^d Luke 11:43 ^{23:7} ^d [See ver. 6 above] ^e ch. 11:16;

20:3 ^f See John 1:38 ^{23:8} ^g James 3:1 ^h Luke 22:32;

John 21:23; See Philem. 16 ^{23:9} ⁱ [1 Cor. 1:12; 3:4]

^j ch. 6:9; Mal. 1:6; See ch. 7:11

in heaven. ¹⁰Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, ^kthe Christ. ¹¹The greatest among you shall be your servant. ^{12m}Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

¹³“But woe ⁿto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you ^oshut the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. For you ^pneither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in. ¹⁴Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single ^qproselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a ^rchild of ^shell ² as yourselves.

¹⁶“Woe to ^tyou, ^ublind guides, who say, ^v“If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.” ¹⁷You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or ^wthe temple that has made the gold sacred? ¹⁸And you say, “If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by ^xthe gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.” ¹⁹You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or ^ythe altar that makes the gift sacred? ²⁰So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. ²¹And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by ^zhim who dwells in it. ²²And whoever swears by ^aheaven swears by ^bthe throne of God and by ^chim who sits upon it.

^{23d}“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ^eyou tithe mint and dill and ^fcumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: ^gjustice and mercy and faithfulness. ^hThese you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. ²⁴You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing ⁱa camel!

²⁵“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ^kyou clean the outside of ^lthe cup and the plate, but inside they are full of ^mgreed and self-indulgence. ²⁶You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of ^lthe cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

^{27m}“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like ^owhite-washed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and ^pall uncleanness. ²⁸So you also ^qoutwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of ^rhypocrisy and lawlessness.

²⁹“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, ³⁰saying, “If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have

23:10 ^k See ch. 1:17
23:11 ^l ch. 20:26
23:12 ^m Luke 14:11; 18:14; [ch. 18:4; Prov. 29:23; Ezek. 21:26; James 4:6, 10; 1 Pet. 5:5, 6]
23:13 ⁿ Luke 11:52 ^o [ch. 16:19] ^p [ch. 5:20; 21:31; Luke 7:30]
23:15 ^q Acts 2:10; 6:5; 13:43 ^r [John 17:12; 2 Thess. 2:3] ^s See ch. 5:29
23:16 ^t See ch. 15:14 ^u ver. 17, 19, 26; John 9:39-41; Rom. 2:19; 2 Pet. 1:9; Rev. 3:17 ^v [ch. 5:33-35]
23:17 ^w Ex. 30:29
23:18 ^x ch. 5:23
23:19 ^y Ex. 29:37
23:21 ^z 1 Kgs. 8:13; 2 Chr. 6:2; Ps. 26:8; 132:14
23:22 ^a [ch. 21:25] ^b See ch. 5:34 ^c See Rev. 4:2
23:23 ^d Luke 11:42 ^e Deut. 14:22; [Luke 18:12] ^f Isa. 28:25, 27 ^g Ps. 33:5; Jer. 5:1; Mic. 6:8; Zech. 7:9 ^h [1 Sam. 15:22]
23:24 ⁱ ch. 19:24
23:25 ^j For ver. 25-28, [ch. 15:11-20] ^k Luke 11:39, 40 ^l Mark 7:4 ^m Luke 16:14; 20:47
23:26 ⁿ [See ver. 25 above]
23:27 ^o Luke 11:44 ^p [Acts 23:3] ^q Eph. 5:3; [Num. 19:16; 2 Kgs. 23:16]
23:28 ^r ver. 5 ^s Luke 12:1
23:29 ^t Luke 11:47, 48
23:31 ^u Acts 7:51, 52
23:32 ^v Gen. 15:16; Dan. 8:23; 1 Thess. 2:15, 16
23:33 ^w ch. 3:7; 12:34 ^x ver. 15
23:34 ^y For ver. 34-36, [Luke 11:49-51] ^z ch. 10:16 ^a See Acts 13:1; 1 Cor. 12:28 ^b ch. 13:52 ^c See ch. 21:35 ^d ch. 10:17; Mark 13:9; Luke 21:12; Acts 22:19; 26:11; [Luke 12:11] ^e ch. 10:23

taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.” ³¹Thus you witness against yourselves that you are ^esons of those who murdered the prophets. ³²“Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. ³³You serpents, ^yyou brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to ^whell? ³⁴“Therefore ^yI send you ^zprophets and wise men and ^ascribes, ^bsome of whom you will kill and crucify, and ^bsome you will ^cflog in your synagogues and ^dpersecute from town to town, ³⁵so that on you may come all ^ethe righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of innocent ^fAbel to the blood of ^gZachariah the son of Barachiah, ³ whom you murdered between ^hthe sanctuary and ^tthe altar. ³⁶Truly, I say to you, ⁱall these things will come upon this generation.

Lament over Jerusalem

^{37k}“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that ^lkills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have ^mgathered ⁿyour children together ^oas a hen gathers her brood ^uunder her wings, and ^qyou would not! ³⁸See, ^ryour house is left to you desolate. ³⁹For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ^s“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” ³

Jesus Foretells Destruction of the Temple

24 ¹Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ²But he answered them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, ³there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

Signs of the Close of the Age

³As he sat on ^vthe Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him ^wprivately, saying, “Tell us, ^xwhen will these things be, and what will be the sign of your ^ycoming

¹ Some manuscripts add here (or after verse 12) verse 14: *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows’ houses and for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore you will receive the greater condemnation* ² Greek Gehenna; also verse 33 ³ Some manuscripts omit the son of Barachiah
23:35 ^q Rev. 18:24 ^r Gen. 4:4, 8; Heb. 11:4; 1 John 3:12 ^s [Zech. 1:1] ^t See Luke 1:9 ^u Ex. 40:6; 2 Kgs. 16:14; Ezek. 40:47 ^v **23:36** ^w [ch. 10:23; 16:28; 24:34]
23:37 ^x For ver. 37-39, see Luke 13:34, 35; [Luke 19:41-44] ^y See ch. 21:35 ^z [Ps. 147:2; Prov. 1:24] ^a Luke 23:28 ^b [Deut. 32:11, 12] ^c Ruth 2:12 ^d John 5:40
23:38 ^e [Isa. 64:11; Jer. 12:7; 22:5] **23:39** ^f ch. 21:9; Cited from Ps. 118:26 **24:1** ^g [ch. 21:23]; For ver. 1-51, see Mark 13:1-37; Luke 21:5-36 **24:2** ^h Luke 19:44 **24:3** ⁱ See ch. 21:1 ^j [Mark 4:34] ^k [Acts 1:6, 7] ^l ver. 27, 37, 39; See 1 Thess. 2:19

and of the close of the age?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, ^a"See that no one leads you astray. ⁵For ^bmany will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ;' and they will lead many astray. ⁶And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you ^dare not alarmed, for this ^emust take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷For ^fnation will rise against nation, and ^gkingdom against kingdom, and there will be ^hfamines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹"Then ⁱthey will deliver you up ^kto tribulation and ^lput you to death, and ^myou will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰And then many will fall away ^j and ⁿbetray one another and hate one another. ¹¹And many ^ofalse prophets will arise ^pand lead many astray. ¹²And because lawlessness will be increased, ^qthe love of many will grow cold. ¹³'But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom ^rwill be proclaimed throughout the whole world ^sas a testimony ^tto all nations, and ^vthen the end will come.

The Abomination of Desolation

¹⁵"So when you see the abomination of desolation ^wspoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in ^xthe holy place (^ylet the reader understand), ¹⁶then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷'Let the one who is on ^zthe housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹And ^{aa}alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹For then there will be ^{ab}great tribulation, ^{ac}such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²²And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for ^{ad}the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³'Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. ²⁴For ^{ae}false christs and ^{af}false prophets will arise and ^{ag}perform great signs and wonders, ^{ah}so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵See, ^{ai}I have told you beforehand. ²⁶So, if they say to you, 'Look, ^{aj}he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be ^{ak}the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸'Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

^{24:3} See ch. 13:39
^{24:4} Jer. 29:8; Eph. 5:6; Col. 2:8; 2 Thess. 2:3; 1 John 3:7
^{24:5} ver. 11, 24; Jer. 14:14; 1 John 2:18
^{24:6} See ch. 1:17
^{24:6} 2 Thess. 2:2
^{24:7} Rev. 1:1
^{24:7} 2 Chr. 15:6; [Rev. 6:4] Isa. 19:2
^{24:8} Acts 11:28; Rev. 6:8, 12
^{24:8} John 16:21; Acts 2:24 (Gk.); Rom. 8:22
^{24:9} ch. 10:17, 21
^{24:9} ver. 21, 29; Rev. 2:10
^{24:10} ch. 23:34; John 16:2
^{24:10} See ch. 10:21
^{24:11} See ch. 7:15
^{24:12} Rev. 2:4
^{24:13} See ch. 10:22
^{24:14} Rom. 10:18; Col. 1:6, 23; [Mark 14:9] ch. 10:18
^{24:14} ch. 28:19
^{24:15} Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11
^{24:15} [John 11:48; Acts 6:13; 21:28] Dan. 9:22, 23, 25; Rev. 1:3
^{24:17} Luke 17:31
^{24:17} See Luke 5:19
^{24:19} Luke 23:29
^{24:21} ver. 29; Dan. 12:1; [Rev. 7:14]
^{24:22} Rev. 16:18
^{24:22} ver. 24, 31; Isa. 65:8, 9; Luke 18:7; [ch. 22:14]
^{24:23} Luke 17:23; [ver. 5, 26]
^{24:24} [1 John 2:18]
^{24:24} ver. 11
^{24:24} 1 John 2:18
^{24:25} 1 John 13:19; 14:29; [2 Pet. 3:17]
^{24:26} Acts 21:38
^{24:27} Luke 17:24
^{24:27} ver. 3, 37, 39
^{24:28} Luke 17:37; [Job 39:30]
^{24:29} ver. 21
^{24:29} Isa. 13:10; 24:23; Ezek. 32:7; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15; Acts 2:20; [Amos 5:20; 8:9; Zeph. 1:15; Rev. 6:12; 8:12]
^{24:29} Rev. 6:13; [Isa. 14:12; 34:4]

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁹"Immediately after ^athe tribulation of those days ^bthe sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and ^cthe stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰Then ^d'will appear in heaven ^ethe sign of the Son of Man, and then ^fall the tribes of the earth will mourn, and ^gthey will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven ^hwith power and great glory. ³¹And ⁱhe will send out his angels with a loud ^jtrumpet call, and they will ^kgather ^lhis elect from ^mthe four winds, ⁿfrom one end of heaven to the other.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

³²"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, ³⁴at the very gates. ³⁴Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but ^fmy words will not pass away.

No One Knows That Day and Hour

³⁶"But concerning that day and hour ^gno one knows, not even the angels of heaven, ^hnor the Son, ⁱbut the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, ³⁸so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, ³⁹marrying and giving in marriage, until ^mthe day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, ⁴⁰so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding ^oat the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, ^pstay awake, for you do not know on what day ^qyour Lord is coming. ⁴³'But know this, that if the

ⁱ Or stumble ^o Some manuscripts omit nor the Son

^{24:30} Dan. 7:13
^{24:30} [ver. 3] Rev. 1:7; [Zech. 12:12]
^{24:30} See ch. 16:27
^{24:30} ch. 26:64; Mark 9:1; [ch. 25:31]
^{24:31} ch. 13:41
^{24:31} 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16
^{24:31} [ch. 23:37; 2 Thess. 2:1]
^{24:31} ver. 22, 24
^{24:31} Dan. 7:2; Zech. 2:6; Rev. 7:1
^{24:31} Deut. 4:32; 30:4
^{24:33} James 5:9; Rev. 3:20
^{24:34} See ch. 16:28
^{24:35} Ps. 102:26; Isa. 51:6; 2 Pet. 3:10; [ch. 5:18; Heb. 12:27]
^{24:35} Ps. 119:89; Isa. 40:8; 1 Pet. 1:23, 25
^{24:36} ch. 25:13; 1 Thess. 5:1, 2
^{24:36} [Phil. 2:6, 7]
^{24:36} [Zech. 14:7; Acts 1:7]
^{24:37} Luke 17:26, 27
^{24:38} [See ver. 37 above]
^{24:38} ch. 22:30
^{24:38} Gen. 7:7-16
^{24:39} [See ver. 37 above]
^{24:41} Luke 17:35
^{24:41} Ex. 11:5; Isa. 47:2
^{24:42} Mark 14:34-38; Luke 12:37; 21:36; Acts 20:31; 1 Thess. 5:6
^{24:43} John 13:13
^{24:43} For ver. 43-51, [Luke 12:39-46]

master of the house had known in what part of the night ^athe thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ^aready, for ^athe Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

⁴⁵“Who then is ^vthe faithful and ^wwise servant, ^awhom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶“Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁷Truly, I say to you, ^vhe will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁸But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master ^ais delayed,’ ⁴⁹and begins to beat his fellow servants ^aand eats and drinks with ^adrunkards, ⁵⁰the master of that servant will come ^bon a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know ⁵¹and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place ^cthere will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

25 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ^aten virgins who took their lamps ^aand went to meet ^athe bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were ^wwise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom ^awas delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But ^aat midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and ^btrimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and ^athose who were ready went in with him to ^athe marriage feast, and ^bthe door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, ^mI do not know you.’ ¹³“Watch therefore, for you ^eknow neither the day nor the hour.

The Parable of the Talents

¹⁴“For ^ait will be like a man ^agoing on a journey, who called his servants ^aand entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five ^atalents, ⁶to another two, to another one, ^ato each according to his ability. Then he ^awent away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once

24:43 ^a[1 Thess. 5:2;

2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3]

24:44 ^ach. 25:10
^w ver. 27

24:45 ^ach. 25:21;

1 Cor. 4:2; Heb. 3:5

ch. 7:24; 10:16;

25:2

24:46 ^aJohn 13:17;

Rev. 16:15

24:47 ^ach. 25:21, 23

24:48 ^ach. 25:5

24:49 ^a1 Thess. 5:7

24:50 ^a2 Pet. 3:12;

[ch. 25:13]

24:51 ^aSee ch. 8:12

25:1 ^aLuke 19:13

^c ch. 9:15; John 3:29;

Rev. 19:7; 21:2, 9

25:2 ^w[See ch. 24:45
above]

25:5 ^ach. 24:48; [ver.

19; Heb. 10:37;

2 Pet. 3:4, 9]

25:6 ^aMark 13:35

25:7 ^b[Luke 12:35]

25:10 ^ach. 24:44

^j ch. 22:2 ^kFor ver.

10-12, [Luke 13:25-27]

25:11 ^a[ch. 7:22, 23]

25:12 ^a[See ver. 11

above] ^m ch. 10:33;

[2 Tim. 2:19]

25:13 ^ach. 24:42

^e [ch. 24:50]

25:14 ^aFor ver. 14-30,

[Luke 19:12-27]

^q [Mark 13:34] ^r ch.

21:33

25:15 ^ach. 18:24

^r [Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor.

12:11; Eph. 4:7;

1 Pet. 4:10] ^r[See

ver. 14 above]

25:18 ^w [ch. 13:44]

25:19 ^v[ver. 5] ^w ch.

18:23; Rom. 14:12;

[Luke 16:2]

25:21 ^aver. 23; ch.

24:45 ^vLuke 16:10;

1 Cor. 4:2; 1 Tim.

3:13] ^ach. 24:47

^e Heb. 12:2; [John

15:11]

25:24 ^a1 Sam. 25:3

^c [2 Cor. 8:12]

25:25 ^ach. 20:14

25:26 ^cch. 18:32;

Prov. 20:4; Rom.

12:11

25:29 ^v[Luke 12:48];

See ch. 13:12

25:30 ^aSee ch. 8:12

^b [Luke 17:10]

25:31 ^aSee ch. 16:27;

28 ^j ch. 19:28

25:32 ^k[ch. 24:31]

^j Joel 3:12; [ch. 24:14;

28:19] ^m ch. 13:49

ⁿ Ezek. 34:17

and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and ^wdug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now ^vafter a long time the master of those servants came and ^wsettled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and ^vfaithful servant. ⁷You have been faithful over a little; ²¹I will set you over much. Enter into ^athe joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be ^ba hard man, reaping ^cwhere you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here ^dyou have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You ^cwicked and ^csl slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And ^ccast ^bthe worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place ^cthere will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

The Final Judgment

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him ^kwill be gathered ^lall the nations, and ^mhe will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates ⁿthe sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

¹ Greek *bondservant*; also verses 46, 48, 50 ² Greek

bondservants ³ Or *torches* ⁴ Some manuscripts add

and the *bride* ⁵ Greek *bondservants*; also verse 19 ⁶ A

talent was a monetary unit worth about twenty years' wages for a laborer ⁷ Greek *bondservant*; also verses

23, 26, 30

³⁴Then ^othe King will say to ^pthose on his right, 'Come, you ^qwho are blessed by my Father, ^rinherit ^sthe kingdom ^tprepared for you ^ufrom the foundation of the world. ³⁵For ^vI was hungry and you gave me food, ^wI was thirsty and you ^xgave me drink, ^yI was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶^vI was naked and you clothed me, ^yI was sick and you ^zvisited me, ⁴¹^wI 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 drink?' ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰And ^bthe King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these ⁴¹^omy brothers, ⁱyou did it to me.' ⁴¹"Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you ^jcursed, into ^kthe eternal fire prepared for ^hthe devil and his angels. ⁴²For ^lI was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, ^jyou did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away ^kinto eternal punishment, but the righteous ^kinto 'eternal life.'"

The Plot to Kill Jesus

26 When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ^{2m}"You know that after two days ^athe Passover is coming, and ^othe Son of Man ^wwill be delivered up to be crucified."

^{3a}Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in ^rthe palace of the high priest, whose name was ^sCaia-phas, ^{4a}and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, "Nor during the feast, ^ulest there be an uproar among the people."

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

^{6v}Now when Jesus was at ^wBethany in the house of Simon the leper, ^{7a}a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? ⁹For this could have been sold for a large sum

25:34 ^o ver. 40; Luke 19:38; Rev. 17:14; 19:16; [Isa. 6:5] ^p 1 Kgs. 2:19; Ps. 45:9; 110:1 ^q [Ps. 37:22; Isa. 65:23; Eph. 1:3] ^r ch. 19:29; Rev. 21:7 ^s Luke 12:32; 22:29 ^t ch. 20:23; [1 Cor. 2:9; Heb. 11:16] ^u See ch. 13:35

25:35 ^v Isa. 58:7; Ezek. 18:7, 16; [James 2:15, 16] ^w ch. 10:42 ^x Job 31:32; Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:1, 2; 3 John 5

25:36 ^y [See ver. 35 above] ^z [Luke 10:33, 34] ¹ James 1:27 ² 2 Tim. 1:16; [Heb. 10:34; 13:3]

25:40 ^b ver. 34 ^c See ch. 10:40, 42 ^d ch. 2:8-10; John 20:17; Rom. 8:29; Heb. 2:11; [ch. 12:50]

25:41 ^e ch. 7:23 ^f [Heb. 6:8] ^g ch. 13:40, 42; 18:8; Mark 9:43, 48; Jude 7; [Luke 16:24]; See 2 Thess. 1:8 ^h 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6; Rev. 12:7

25:42 ⁱ Job 22:7 **25:45** ^j [Luke 10:16; Acts 9:5; 1 Cor. 8:12] **25:46** ^k Dan. 12:2; [John 5:29; Acts 24:15] ^l Rom. 2:7; 5:21; 6:23

26:2 ^m For ver. 2-5, see Mark 14:1, 2; Luke 22:1, 2 ⁿ See John 6:4 ^o ver. 24 ^p See ch. 20:18, 19 **26:3** ^q [Ps. 2:2; John 11:47; Acts 4:27]

^r ver. 58, 69; Luke 11:21; John 18:15; [Rev. 11:2] ^s ver. 57; Luke 3:2; John 11:49; 18:13; Acts 4:6

26:4 ^t John 11:53; See ch. 21:46 **26:5** ^u ch. 27:24

26:6 ^v For ver. 6-13, see Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-8; [Luke 7:37-39] ^w ch. 21:17; John 11:18

26:9 ^x [John 13:29] **26:10** ^y ch. 16:8 **26:11** ^z Deut. 15:11 ¹ ch. 9:15; See John 7:33

26:12 ² John 19:40 **26:13** ³ [ch. 24:14] ⁴ Acts 10:4

and ^xgiven to the poor." ¹⁰But ^yJesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹For ^zyou always have the poor with you, but ^ayou will not always have me. ¹²In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it ^bto prepare me for burial. ¹³Truly, I say to you, wherever ^cthis gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told ^din memory of her."

Judas to Betray Jesus

^{14c}Then one of the twelve, whose name was ^fJudas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they ^gpaid him ^hthirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he sought an opportunity ⁱto betray him.

The Passover with the Disciples

^{17j}Now on ^kthe first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ¹⁹'The Teacher says, ^mMy time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.' " ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰ⁿWhen it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, ^ohe said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" ²³He answered, ^p"He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes ^qas it is written of him, but ^rwoe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! ^sIt would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, 'Rabbi?'" He said to him, ^u"You have said so."

¹ Or brothers and sisters ² Leprosy was a term for several skin diseases; see Leviticus 13 ³ Some manuscripts add disciples

26:14 ^v For ver. 14-16, see Mark 14:10, 11; Luke 22:3-6; [John 13:2, 27, 30] ^w ch. 10:4; 27:3; Acts 1:16; [John 6:71; 12:4] **26:15** ^x Zech. 11:12; [Gen. 23:16; Jer. 32:9]

^h ch. 27:3, 9; Ex. 21:32 **26:16** ^y See ch. 20:18, 19 **26:17** ^z For ver. 17-19, see Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13

⁴ Ex. 12:18 **26:18** ¹ See John 11:28 ^m [ver. 45; John 7:6, 8, 30; 8:20; 13:1; 17:1] **26:20** ⁿ For ver. 20-24, see Mark 14:17-21; [Luke 22:14, 21-23; John 13:21-26]

26:21 ^o [John 6:70, 71] **26:23** ^p [John 13:18] **26:24** ^q ver. 54, 56; Mark 9:12; Luke 18:31; 24:25-27, 46; Acts 17:2, 3; 26:22, 23; 1 Cor. 15:1; 1 Pet. 1:10, 11 ^r ch. 18:7 ^s John 17:12 **26:25** ^t ver. 49; See John 13:8 ^u ver. 64; See Luke 22:70

Institution of the Lord's Supper

^{26v}Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and ^wafter blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, **“Take, eat; ^xthis is my body.”** ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he ^yhad given thanks he gave it to them, saying, **“Drink of it, all of you, ^zfor ^xthis is my ^zblood of the ^ccovenant, which is poured out for ^amany ^bfor the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you ⁱⁿ my Father’s kingdom.”**

Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

^{30d}And when they had sung a hymn, ^ethey went out to ^fthe Mount of Olives. ³¹Then Jesus said to them, **“You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will ^gstrike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³²But after I am raised up, ^hI will go before you to Galilee.”** ³³ⁱPeter answered him, **“Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”** ³⁴^jJesus said to him, **“Truly, I tell you, this very night, ^kbefore the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”** ³⁵^kPeter said to him, **“Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!”** And all the disciples said the same.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

^{36m}Then Jesus went with them ^eto a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, **“Sit here, while I go over there and pray.”** ³⁷And taking with him ⁿPeter and ^othe two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, **“My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and ^qwatch ^zwith me.”** ³⁹And going a little farther he fell on his face ^rand prayed, saying, **“My Father, if it be possible, let ^sthis cup pass from me; ^tnevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”** ⁴⁰And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, **“So, could you not watch with me one hour? ^uWatch and ^vpray that you ^wmay not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”** ⁴²Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, **“My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, ^wyour will be done.”** ⁴³And again he came and found them sleeping, for ^xtheir eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for ^ythe third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, **“Sleep and take your rest later on.”** ³See, ^zthe hour is at hand, and ^athe

26:26 ^v For ver. 26-29, see Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:18-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25
^w See ch. 14:19
^x 1 Cor. 10:16; [John 6:53]
26:27 ^v See ch. 15:36
26:28 ^v [See ver. 26 above] ^v Ex. 24:8; [Zech. 9:11; Heb. 13:20] ^v See ch. 13:20
^{20:28} ^v Mark 1:4; [Luke 1:77]
26:29 ^v [ch. 13:43]
26:30 ^v For ver. 30-35, see Mark 14:26-31 ^v Luke 22:39; John 18:1 ^v See ch. 21:1
26:31 ^v Cited from Zech. 13:7; [John 16:32]
26:32 ^v ch. 28:7, 10, 16; Mark 16:7
26:33 ^v [Luke 22:31, 33]
26:34 ^v Luke 22:34; John 13:38 ^k ver. 75
26:35 ^v Luke 22:33; John 13:37
26:36 ^v For ver. 36-46, see Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:40-46
^v [See ver. 30 above]
26:37 ^v ch. 17:1 ^o ch. 4:21
26:38 ^v [Ps. 42:5, 6; John 12:27] ^v See ch. 24:42
26:39 ^v Heb. 5:7
^v See ch. 20:22 ^v ver. 42; John 5:30; 6:38; Phil. 2:8
26:41 ^v [See ver. 38 above] ^u 1 Pet. 4:7
^v ch. 6:13
26:42 ^v ver. 39; See ch. 6:10
26:43 ^v Luke 9:32
26:44 ^v [2 Cor. 12:8]
26:45 ^v John 12:23, 27; 13:1; 17:1; [ver. 18; Luke 22:53] ^a ch. 17:22; 20:18
26:47 ^v For ver. 47-56, see Mark 14:43-50; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:3-11 ^v ver. 14; Acts 1:16
26:49 ^v ver. 25
26:50 ^v ch. 20:13; 22:12 ^v [John 13:27]
26:51 ^v [Luke 22:38]
26:52 ^v Rev. 13:10; [Gen. 9:6; Ezek. 35:6]
26:53 ^v [John 10:18] ^v [ch. 4:11; 2 Kgs. 6:17; Dan. 7:10; Luke 22:43; John 18:36] ^k Luke 8:30

Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

^{47b}While he was still speaking, ^cJudas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, **“The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.”** ⁴⁹And he came up to Jesus at once and said, **“Greetings, ^dRabbi!”** And he kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, **“^eFriend, ^fdo what you came to do.”** ⁵⁴Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his ^gsword and struck the servants of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, **“Put your sword back into its place. For ^hall who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me ⁱmore than twelve ^jlegions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”** ⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, **“Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day ^mI sat in the temple ⁿteaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶But ^lall this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”** ^oThen all the disciples left him and fled.

Jesus Before Caiaphas and the Council

^{57p}Then ^qthose who had seized Jesus led him to ^rCaiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸And ^sPeter was following him at a distance, as far as ^tthe courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with ^uthe guards to see the end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole Council ^vwere seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, ^vthough many false witnesses came forward. At last

¹ Some manuscripts insert *new* ² Or *keep awake*; also verses 40, 41 ³ Or *Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?* ⁴ Or *Friend, why are you here?* ⁵ Greek *bondservant* ⁶ Greek *Sanhedrin*

26:54 ^v See ver. 24; ch. 1:22 **26:55** ^v [John 8:2]; [Luke 2:46; John 18:20] ^v ch. 21:23; [ch. 4:23] **26:56** ^v [See ver. 54] ^v ver. 31; [Ps. 88:8, 18; John 16:32]
26:57 ^v Luke 22:54 ^v For ver. 57-68, see Mark 14:53-65; [John 18:12, 13, 19-24] ^v ver. 3 **26:58** ^v [John 18:15] ^v [See ver. 57 above] ^v John 7:32; 18:3 **26:59** ^v See Acts 6:11 **26:60** ^v Ps. 27:12; 35:11

two came forward ⁶¹and said, "This man said, ^xI am able to ^ydestroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days." ⁶²And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" ⁶³But Jesus remained silent. ^aAnd the high priest said to him, ^b"I adjure you by the living God, ^dtell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, ^e"You have said so. But I tell you, from now on ^hyou will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and ^hcoming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his robes and said, ^k"He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your judgment?" They answered, ^l"He deserves death." ⁶⁷Then ^mthey spit in his face ⁿand ^ostruck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

Peter Denies Jesus

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside ^rin the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." ⁷¹And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷²And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." ⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." ⁷⁴Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, ^a"Before the rooster crows, you will ^ydeny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Jesus Delivered to Pilate

27 ^wWhen morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ²And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

Judas Hangs Himself

³Then when ^bJudas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus ²was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back ^dthe thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

26:60 ^w Deut. 19:15

26:61 ^x [Acts 6:14]; See John 2:19 ^y ch. 27:40

26:63 ^z ch. 27:12, 14; Isa. 53:7; John 19:9

^a For ver. 63-66, [Luke 22:67-71]

^b [Lev. 5:1; 1 Sam. 14:24, 26; Mark 5:7]

^c See ch. 16:16

^d John 10:24 ^e [ch. 22:42-45]; See ch. 1:17 / See ch. 14:33

26:64 ^f ver. 25 ^h See ch. 16:27; 24:30 / ^g Ps. 110:1; Heb. 1:3; [Mark 16:19]

26:65 / Num. 14:6; Acts 14:14 ^k ch. 9:3; John 10:36

26:66 / See Lev. 24:16

26:67 ^m ch. 27:30; Isa. 50:6; Mark 10:34

ⁿ [Luke 22:63-65; John 18:22] ^o ch. 5:39; Acts 23:2

26:68 ^p ver. 63

26:69 ^q For ver. 69-75, see Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:55-62; John 18:16-18, 25-27

^r ver. 3

26:71 / ch. 2:23

26:73 / [Judg. 12:6]

26:75 ^v ver. 34

^w [Acts 3:13, 14]

27:1 ^w Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66 ^x See ch. 26:4

27:2 / Luke 23:1; John 18:28 ^y See ch. 20:19 ^z Luke 3:1;

13:1; Acts 3:13; 4:27; 1 Tim. 6:13

27:3 ^z See ch. 26:14 ^a ch. 21:29 ^b ch. 26:15

27:4 ^c ver. 24

27:5 / [2 Sam. 17:23; Acts 1:18]

27:6 ^d Mark 12:41, 43; Luke 21:1; John 8:20

27:8 ^e Acts 1:19 / ^f ch. 28:15

27:9 / See ch. 1:22 ^g Cited from Zech. 11:13

27:11 / For ver. 11-14, see Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:2, 3; John 18:29-38 ^h ver. 29,

37; ch. 2:2; John 18:39; 19:3; [ver. 42]

ⁱ [1 Tim. 6:13]; See Luke 22:70

27:12 ^j See ch. 26:63

27:13 ^k John 19:10

They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." ⁵And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." ⁷So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸Therefore ^hthat field has been called the Field of Blood ^tto this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, ^k"And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

Jesus Before Pilate

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you ^mthe King of the Jews?" Jesus said, ^a"You have said so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, ^b"Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus

¹ Or Have you no answer to what these men testify against you? ² Greek he

27:15 ^g For ver. 15-26, see Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:18-25; John 18:39, 40; 19:16 **27:17** / ver. 22

27:18 / [John 12:19] **27:19** / John 19:13 ^h ver. 24; [Luke 23:47] ⁱ See ch. 2:12 **27:20** ^j Acts 3:14

who is called Christ?"²² They all said, "Let him be crucified!"²³ And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shout-ed all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gain-ing nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."²⁵ And all the people an-swered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Jesus Is Mocked

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquar-ters,²⁸ and they gathered the whole bat-talion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

The Crucifixion

³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross.³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him."⁴³ He trusts in God;

^{27:22} Acts 13:28
^{27:23} Luke 23:41; John 8:46
^{27:24} ch. 26:5
^a [Deut. 21:6-8; Ps. 26:6; 73:13] ^b ver. 19
^c ver. 4

^{27:25} [ch. 23:35, 36; Josh. 2:19; Acts 5:28] ^e [Ex. 20:5; Lam. 5:7]
^{27:26} ch. 20:19; Isa. 50:6; 53:5; [Luke 23:16; John 19:1]
^{27:27} For ver. 27-31, see Mark 15:16-20; John 19:2, 3
^b John 18:28, 33; 19:9; Acts 23:35; Phil. 1:13 (Gk.) ^f See Acts 10:1 (Gk.)

^{27:28} Rev. 18:12, 16; [Luke 23:11]
^{27:29} ch. 20:19
^f See ver. 11
^{27:30} See ch. 26:67
^{27:31} Isa. 53:7
^{27:32} Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26; [John 19:17] ^p Heb. 13:12; [ch. 21:39; Num. 15:35]

^{27:33} For ver. 33-51, see Mark 15:22-38; Luke 23:32-38, 44-46; John 19:17-19, 23, 24, 28-30
^{27:34} [Ps. 69:21] ^j Acts 8:23
^{27:35} Ps. 22:18
^{27:36} ver. 54; [Ps. 22:17]

^{27:37} ver. 11, 29
^{27:38} [John 18:40] ^x [ch. 20:21]
^{27:39} Ps. 22:7; 109:25; [Lam. 1:12] ^z Luke 22:65; 23:39; [James 2:7] ^y Job 16:4; Isa. 37:22; Jer. 18:16; Lam. 2:15
^{27:40} ch. 26:61
^c ch. 4:3, 6 ^d ver. 43; ch. 26:63; See ch. 14:33
^{27:42} [Luke 4:23] ^f [ch. 26:53, 54; John 10:18] ^g John 1:49; 12:13; [ver. 37]

^{27:43} Cited from Ps. 22:8
^{27:44} [Luke 23:39-43]

^{27:46} [Heb. 5:7] ^k Cited from Ps. 22:1
^{27:48} Ruth 2:14
^m Ps. 69:21
^{27:50} ver. 46
^o [John 10:18]
^{27:51} Ex. 26:31-33; 2 Chr. 3:14 ^q ver. 54

let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, "I am the Son of God."⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land⁵ until the ninth hour.⁷ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink.⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him,⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Jesus Is Buried

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus.⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the

¹ Some manuscripts *this righteous blood, or this righteous man's blood* = A Roman judicial penalty, consisting of a severe beating with a multi-lashed whip containing imbedded pieces of bone and metal ² Greek the *prætorium* = Greek *colonnade*; a tenth of a Roman legion, usually about 600 men ³ That is, noon ⁴ Or *earth* ⁵ That is, 3 P.M. ⁶ Or *a son*

^{27:52} [Dan. 7:18, 22] ³ John 11:11-13; Acts 7:60; 13:36; 1 Cor. 15:6, 18, 20; 1 Thess. 4:13-15; 2 Pet. 3:4
^{27:53} See ch. 4:5 ^{27:54} For ver. 54-56, see Mark 15:39-41; Luke 23:47, 49 ⁵ ver. 36 ⁶ ver. 43
^{27:55} John 19:25 ⁷ Ps. 38:11 ⁸ See Luke 8:2, 3
^{27:56} [See ver. 55 above] ⁹ ch. 20:20; [Mark 15:40]
^{27:57} For ver. 57-61, see Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42

body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb,⁶¹ which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.⁶² Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The Guard at the Tomb

⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.'⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first."⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can."⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

The Resurrection

28 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.⁶ He is not here, for he has risen,⁷ as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you."⁸ So they departed quickly

27:60 [Isa. 53:9]
 [Isa. 22:16; Mark 16:4; John 11:38]
27:61 / ver. 56; ch. 28:1
27:62 [Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54; John 19:14, 31, 42]
27:63 [ver. 64; John 7:12] / ch. 16:21; 17:23; 20:19; 28:6; Mark 8:31; 10:34; Luke 9:22; 18:33; 24:6, 7; [ch. 26:61; John 2:19]
27:64 / [ch. 28:13]
27:65 [ch. 28:11]
27:66 / Dan. 6:17
28:1 = For ver. 1-8, see Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10; John 20:1 / ch. 27:56, 61
28:2 / [John 20:12]
28:3 / Dan. 10:6
 [Dan. 7:9; Mark 9:3; John 20:12; Acts 1:10]
28:4 / [Rev. 1:17]
28:6 / ch. 27:63
28:7 / ver. 10, 16; ch. 26:32

28:8 = [Ps. 2:11]
28:9 / [Mark 16:9; John 20:14] = 2 Kgs. 4:27 / ver. 17; Luke 24:52
28:10 / See John 20:18 / [Ps. 22:22; Rom. 8:29; Heb. 2:11, 12, 17]
28:11 / ch. 27:65, 66
28:13 / [ch. 27:64]
28:14 / ch. 27:2 / See Acts 12:20 (Gk.)
28:15 / ch. 27:8
28:16 / ver. 7
28:17 / ver. 9

from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The Report of the Guard

¹¹While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place.¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers¹³ and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.'¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble."¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

The Great Commission

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

¹ Or Take a guard ² Some manuscripts the Lord ³ Or into

28:18 / ch. 11:27; Dan. 7:13, 14; John 3:35; 13:3; 17:2; Acts 2:36; Rom. 14:9; 1 Cor. 15:27; Eph. 1:10, 20-22; Phil. 2:9, 10; Col. 2:10; Heb. 1:2; 2:8; 1 Pet. 3:22; [ch. 9:6; John 5:27] / [ch. 6:10; Luke 2:14] **28:19** / Mark 16:15, 16 / ch. 13:52 / Luke 24:47; [ch. 24:14; Mark 11:17; Rom. 1:5] = See Acts 8:16 = [2 Cor. 13:14]
28:20 / John 14:15 / [Acts 1:2] / [ch. 1:23; 18:20; John 12:26; 14:3; 17:24; Acts 18:10] / See ch. 13:39