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Matthew 1

1. The book of the ancestry of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the son of Abraham.
2. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was the father of Jacob, and Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers;
3. Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah through Tamar, and Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron was the father of Ram.
4. Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab was the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon was the father of Salmon.
5. Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, Obed was the father of Jesse,
6. Jesse was the father of David who became the king. David was the father of Solomon, by her who had been the wife of Uriah.
7. Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam was the father of Abijah, and Abijah was the father of Asa.
8. Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat was the father of Joram, and Joram was the father of Uzziah.
9. Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham was the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah.
10. Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh was the father of Amon, and Amon was the father of Josiah.
11. Josiah was the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, about the time they were carried away to Babylon.
12. After they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel was the father of Zerubbabel.
13. Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud, and Abiud was the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim was the father of Azor.
14. Azor was the father of Zadok, and Zadok was the father of Achim, and Achim was the father of Eliud.
15. Eliud was the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar was the father of Matthan, and Matthan was the father of Jacob.
16. And Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, from whom was born Jesus, who is called the Christ.
17. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the carrying away into Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.
18. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary was betrothed to be married to Joseph, before they were fully married she was found to be expecting a Child by the work of the Holy Spirit.
19. Then Joseph her betrothed husband, being a decent man, and not willing to make her a public example, decided to divorce her quietly.

20. But while he considered these things, behold, the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream saying:
“Joseph, O descendant of David, do not be reluctant to fully marry Mary your wife, as the Child she is carrying has been conceived through the Holy Spirit.
21. And she will give birth to a Son, and you will call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”
22. Now all this was done, so that the word spoken by the Lord and given through the prophet might be fulfilled saying:
23. “Behold, a virgin shall expect a Child, and shall give birth to a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel”, which is translated: “God with us”.
24. Then Joseph awoke from sleep and followed the instructions of the Angel of the Lord and fully married his wife.
25. And he did not sleep with her until she had given birth to her Son, and he called His name JESUS.

Matthew 2

1. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the province of Judea during the reign of Herod the king, wise men came from the East to Jerusalem.
2. They asked:
“Where is He that has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east, and we have come to worship Him.”
3. When Herod the king heard this question, he became worried, and so did the rest of Jerusalem with him.
4. And when he had called an assembly of all the Chief Priests and Scribes of the people, he demanded that they should tell him where the Messiah would be born.
5. And they said to him:
“In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet has written:
6. “You, Bethlehem in Judah, are not the least of the rulers of Judah, for a Ruler shall arise from you, who will be a Shepherd for My people Israel.””
7. Then Herod secretly called the wise men, and carefully asked them what time the star appeared.
8. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said:
“Go and search carefully for the young Child; and when you have found Him, send me a message to let me know, so that I might also come and worship Him.”
9. When they had heard the king, they departed from there, and the star, which they had seen in the east, led the way before them, until it came to rest over where the young Child was staying.
10. When they saw the star, they were extremely joyful.
11. And when they had come into the house, they saw the Child with Mary, His mother, and they fell on their knees and worshipped Him. Then they opened their treasures, and they presented to Him gifts of gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.
12. God warned them in a dream that they should not return to Herod, so they returned to their own country by another route.
13. And after they had left, the Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said: “Get up, and take the young Child and His mother, and escape into Egypt, and remain there until I tell you,

for Herod will search for the young Child to kill Him."

14. When he woke up, he took the young Child and His mother by night, and departed into Egypt.

15. And he remained there until the death of Herod, so that the prophecy spoken by the prophet might be fulfilled, which says:

"I have called My Son out of Egypt."

16. Then Herod, when he saw that he had been deceived by the wise men, became furious, and gave an order, and killed all the male children that were in Bethlehem and its surrounding regions, from two years old and younger, according to the time that he had carefully found out from the wise men.

17. Then the prophecy given by the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled, which says:

18. "A voice was heard in Ramah, of lamenting, and weeping and great mourning. This is Rachel, weeping for her children, and refusing to be comforted, because they are no longer alive."

19. But when Herod had died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph, who was still in Egypt.

20. The angel said:

"Get up, and take the young Child and His mother and go into the land of Israel, for the people who wanted to kill the young Child are dead."

21. And he arose, took the young Child and His mother and returned to the land of Israel.

22. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned in Judah in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Additionally, God warned him in a dream, so he turned aside and went into the regions of Galilee.

23. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, so that the prophecy given by the prophets might be fulfilled, which says:

"He shall be called a Nazarene."

Matthew 3

1. In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea.

2. He would say:

"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is almost here!"

3. For this is the person whom the prophet Isaiah spoke about, saying:

"The voice of a person crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight!"

4. This same John wore clothes made of camel hair, and a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

5. The people from Jerusalem and all Judea and the region around the Jordan went out to him

6. and were baptised by him in the Jordan river, and confessed their sins as they were baptised.

7. When John saw many of the the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to be baptised by him, he said to them:

"O nest of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the fiery wrath which is coming?"

8. Therefore display the correct fruits of repentance.

9. Do not say to yourselves:

"After all, Abraham is our father",

for I say to you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones.

10. Now the axe is ready to chop at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is chopped down, and thrown into the fire.

11. I baptise you with water for repentance, but the Man who is coming after me is greater than I am. I am not worthy to even carry His shoes. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire.

12. His fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean His floor, and gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with fire which cannot be put out.

13. Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him.

14. John however, tried to turn Him away. He said:

"I need to be baptised by You, so why do You come to me to be baptised?"

15. Jesus answered him in reply:

"Let it happen this way for now, for we need to do this to satisfy all the requirements of righteousness."

16. Jesus, when He was baptised, went up immediately out of the water. The sky opened up before Him, and He saw the Spirit of God falling down like a dove, and landing on Him.

17. Then a voice came from the sky saying:

"This is My dearly loved Son. I am greatly pleased with Him."

Matthew 4

1. Then Jesus was led up by the Holy Spirit into a desert place to be tested by the devil.

2. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. After this, He was hungry.

3. Then the tempter came to Him and said:

"If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread."

4. Jesus however answered him in reply:

"It is written in the Scriptures that:

"People should not exist by eating bread alone, but also by consuming every word that proceeds from God's mouth.""

5. Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, and set Him on a tower of the Temple.

6. The devil said to Him:

"If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, for it is written in the Scriptures that:

"He shall make His angels look after You, and they shall rescue You in their hands, so that You will not even bruise Your foot against any stone.""

7. Jesus said to him:

"It is also written in the Scriptures that

"You must not deliberately take the Lord your God for granted.""

8. After this, the devil again took Him up onto an extremely high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glories of each one.

9. And he said to Him:

"I will give You all these things, if You will fall to Your knees and worship me."

10. Then Jesus said to him:

"Get away from Me, Satan, for it is written in the Scriptures:

"You must worship the Lord your God, and serve Him and Him alone.""

11. Then the devil left Him, and angels came and looked after Him.

12. Now when Jesus heard that John had been thrown into prison, He left to go into Galilee.
13. He left Nazareth, and He went and lived in Capernaum, which is on the sea coast, on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali.
14. He did this so that the prophecy of the Prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled, which says:
15. “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, along the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles;
16. The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and a light has dawned for the people who sat in the region and the shadow of death.”
17. From that time Jesus began to preach, saying:
“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is almost here.”
18. Jesus, while He was walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brothers: Simon, who was also called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were throwing a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.
19. Jesus said to them:
“Follow Me, and I will teach you to catch people, instead of fish.”
20. They immediately left their nets, and followed Him.
21. And moving on from there, He saw two other brothers: James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in a boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them,
22. Then they immediately left the boat and their father, and they followed Him.
23. Then Jesus went round and about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Good News of the Kingdom, and healing all kinds of sicknesses and all kinds of diseases among the people.
24. News about Him spread throughout all of Syria, and people brought to Him all sick people who were sick with various types of diseases and painful conditions, and people who were possessed by evil spirits, and people with psychiatric problems, and people who were paralysed, and He healed them.
25. Great crowds of people followed Him, from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Matthew 5

1. Seeing the large crowds of people, He went up onto a mountain. He sat down, and then His disciples came to Him.
2. Then He opened His mouth, and He taught them, saying:
3. “Blessed are people who are poor in spirit, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them.
4. Blessed are people who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
5. Blessed are meek people, for they shall inherit the earth.
6. Blessed are people who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
7. Blessed are merciful people, for they too will be shown mercy.
8. Blessed are people who have pure hearts, for they will see God.
9. Blessed are people who make peace, for they will be called the children of God.
10. Blessed are the people who are persecuted for being righteous, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them.

11. Blessed are you, when people reject you, and persecute you, and tell of kinds of evil lies against you, for My sake.
12. Rejoice, and be extremely happy, for you have a great reward in Heaven, for this is the same way they persecuted the prophets who lived before you.
13. You are the salt of the earth. If the salt loses its saltiness, how shall it be made salty again? It is then not useful for anything but to be thrown outside and trampled under people's feet.
14. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
15. And no-one lights a candle, and places it under a basket of grain. Rather they put it on a candlestick, so that it may give light to all who are in that house.
16. Let your light shine so brightly to men that they may see your noble deeds, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.
17. Do not think that I have come to destroy the teachings of the Law or the prophets. I have not come to destroy these, but to fulfil them.
18. I tell you the truth, until heaven and the earth are removed, the Law will not be amended, even by a single dot or stroke, until all of it is fulfilled.
19. Therefore, whoever breaks even the smallest of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, he shall be called the smallest person in the Kingdom of Heaven. Whoever, however, obeys these commandments and teaches them, he shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.
20. I tell you that unless your righteousness is greater than the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will not at all enter the Kingdom of Heaven.
21. You have heard that it was said by people who lived long ago:
"You must not kill, and whoever kills will be in danger of judgement."
22. I say to you, that whoever is angry with his brother without reason will be in danger of the judgment, and whoever says to his brother:
"Raca"
will be in danger of the council, but whoever says:
"You fool!"
will be in danger of hell's fire.
23. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and you remember when you are there that your brother has anything against you;
24. Leave your gift there before the altar, and get going, first be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.
25. Reach a settlement with your opponent quickly, while you are walking along with him, so that your opponent will not deliver you to the judge, and the judge will not deliver you to the officer, and you will not be thrown into prison.
26. I tell you the truth, you will not get out of there at all until you have paid the very last penny.
27. You have heard that it was said:
"You must not commit adultery."
28. I tell you however, that whoever has looked at a woman to lust after her, has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
29. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out, and throw it away. For it is more profitable for you that one of your body parts should be lost, than that your whole body should be thrown into hell.
30. If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off, and throw it away. For it is more profitable for

you that one of your body parts should be lost, than that your whole body should be thrown into hell.

31. It has been said:

"If anyone divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce."

32. However I tell you this, that if anyone divorces his wife for any reason apart from sexual immorality, he causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

33. Again, you have heard that it was said by people who lived long ago:

"You must not swear falsely, but you must perform all your oaths to the Lord."

34. However I tell you you this: do not swear at all, neither by Heaven, for it is God's throne,

35. Nor by the earth, for it is His footstool, nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

36. Do not swear by your head either, because you cannot make a single hair white or black.

37. Instead, speak like this: "Yes" to mean "yes", and "no" to mean "no". For whatever is more than these comes from the evil one.

38. You have heard that is has been said:

"An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth."

39. However I tell you, that you should not resist evil, but if anyone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other cheek to him also.

40. If anyone wants to sue you in court, and to take away your shirt, let him have your coat also.

41. If anyone forces you to accompany him one mile, go the second mile with him also.

42. Give to any man who asks you, and do not turn away from any man that wants to borrow from you.

43. You have heard that it has been said:

"You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy."

44. However I tell you:

"Love your enemies and pray for the people who persecute you.

45. In this way you will be the children of your Father who is in Heaven, for He makes the sun rise on evil people and good people, and He sends rain on just people and unjust people.

46. For if you only love people who love you, what reward will you get for this? After all, do tax-collectors not also do this?

47. And if you only greet and acknowledge your own brothers, what are you doing more than anyone else? Do the Gentiles not also do this?

48. Therefore, you must be perfect, even as your Father who is in Heaven is perfect."

[Matthew 6](#)

1. Be careful that you do not perform your charitable deeds in front of other people, just so that they might see you. If you do this, you will have no reward from your Father who is in Heaven.

2. Therefore when you perform your charitable deeds, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may receive glorious praises from other people. I tell you the truth, they have already received their reward.

3. When you perform your charitable deeds, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is

doing.

4. In this way your charitable deeds may remain secret, and your Father who sees the secret deeds will Himself reward you openly.

5. When you pray, you should not do as the hypocrites do, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in street corners, so that other people might see them. I tell you the truth, they have already received their reward.

6. You, when you pray, go into your closet, and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father privately, and your Father who sees the secret deed will reward you openly.

7. When you pray, do not use empty or meaningless repetitions, as the Gentiles do, for they think that their prayers will be acknowledged just because they use so many words.

8. Therefore, do not be like them, for your Father knows the things you need before you ask Him.

9. Pray in this way, therefore:

“Our Father, who is in Heaven, may Your name be considered as holy.

10. May Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done on earth, as it is done in Heaven.

11. Give us today our necessary bread for today.

12. Forgive our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13. Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

14. For if you forgive other people's sins against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15. But if you do not forgive people neither will your Father forgive your sins.

16. Additionally, when you fast, do not wear a sad expression on your face, as the hypocrites do, for they twist their faces horribly, so that other people may see that they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have already received their reward.

17. You, when you fast, groom your hair and wash your face.

18. So that you do not make it obvious to other people that you are fasting, but only to your Father in secret. Then your Father who sees you secretly will reward you openly.

19. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust can eat them away, and where thieves break in and steal.

20. But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moths nor rust can eat them away, and where thieves neither break in nor steal.

21. For your heart will be on where you have stored up your treasure.

22. The eye is the light of the body. If therefore your eye is pure, your whole body will be full of light.

23. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is actually darkness, how great that darkness must be!

24. No man can serve two masters. Either he will hate this one, and love that other one, or he will follow after this one, and despise that other one. You cannot serve both "God" and Mammon, the god of money.

25. Therefore I tell you this: do not think anxiously at all about your life, what you will eat, or what you will drink, or even for your body, what clothes you will wear. Is life not more than food, and the body not more than clothes?

26. Look at the birds of the air, for they do not sow, nor do they reap, nor do they gather their food into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth more than they are?

27. Who of you by worrying can add a single cubit to his height?
28. And why do you worry about clothing? Think about the lilies of the field, how they grow, for they neither labour hard nor spin cloth.
29. And yet I tell you that even Solomon with all his glorious wealth was not dressed like one of these.
30. Therefore, if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, but is thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will He not take greater care to clothe you, oh you unbelieving people?
31. Therefore do not worry asking yourself: "What shall we eat?" Or: "What shall we drink" Or: "How shall we afford clothing?"
32. For the Gentiles run after all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need all of these things.
33. But pursue first and foremost the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these other things will be made available to you.
34. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry for itself. The day's evil is sufficient for it.

Matthew 7

1. Do not judge others, so that you are also not judged.
2. For you will also be judged with the same judgement that you use to judge others and you will be measured by the same measure you use.
3. And why do you observe the speck of dust that is in your brother's eye, but fail to notice the plank of wood which is in your own eye?
4. Or how can you say to your brother:
"Let me pull the speck out of your eye"
when – look! - a whole plank is in your own eye?
5. You hypocrite! First pull the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.
6. Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, so that they would not trample them under their feet, and turn, and tear you into pieces.
7. Keep asking, and it shall be given to you; keep seeking, and you will find it; keep knocking, and it shall be opened to you.
8. For everyone that keeps asking will receive, and everyone that keeps seeking will find, and to the person that keeps knocking it shall be opened.
9. Or is there any man among you who would give his son a stone, if he asks for bread?
10. Or who would give his son a serpent, if he asks for a fish?
11. If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, will your Father, who is in Heaven, not give good gifts to people who ask Him?
12. Therefore, do to others what you wish that others would do to you, in all things. For this summarises the teachings of the Law and the Prophets.
13. Take the narrow gate, for wide and broad is the path that leads to destruction, and there are many who go along there.
14. But the gate is tight, and the way is narrow which leads to life, and there are few people who find it.

15. Beware of false-prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are greedy wolves.
16. You will know them by the fruits they bear. Do men gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?
17. Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a diseased tree bears diseased fruit.
18. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, neither can a diseased tree bear good fruit.
19. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is chopped down, and thrown into the fire.
20. Therefore you will know them by their fruits.
21. Not everyone who says to Me: "Lord, Lord" will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven.
22. Many people will say to Me on that day:
"Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name? And did we not in Your name cast out devils? And did we not in Your name perform many miraculous deeds?"
23. And then I will say to them:
"I never fully knew you. Depart from Me, you doers of evil".
24. Therefore if anyone hears these sayings which I speak, and does them, I will compare him to a wise man who built his house upon a rock.
25. The rain fell, the floods came and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it did not fall, for it was built on a rock.
26. Everyone that hears these sayings which I speak, and does not do them, I will compare him to a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand.
27. And the rain fell, the floods came and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell, and it fell greatly."
28. And it happened, when Jesus had finished these teachings, that the people were astonished at His teaching.
29. For He taught them as Someone who had great authority, and not as one of the Scribes.

Matthew 8

1. When He had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed Him.
2. And it happened that a leper came and worshipped Him, saying:
"Master, if it is Your will, You have the power to heal me."
3. Jesus stretched forth His hand, and touched him, and said:
"It is My will, be healed."
Then immediately his leprosy was healed.
4. Jesus said to him:
"Make sure that you do not tell anyone, but make your way, and go to show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony for them."
5. When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, begging Him,
6. And saying:
"Lord, my servant is lying at home, sick and paralysed, and in immense pain and discomfort."
7. And Jesus said to him:
"I will come and heal him."

8. The centurion answered and said:

“Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter my house. Simply speak the word, and my servant will be healed.

9. For I also have authority, and I have soldiers under me, and I say to this one: “Go” and he goes, and to this one: “Come” and he comes and to my servant: “Do this” and he does it.”

10. When Jesus heard this, He was amazed, and He said to the people who followed Him:

“I tell you the truth, I have never seen such great faith, no, not in Israel.

11. And I say to you that many people will come from the east and west, and will sit down with Abraham and Isaac, and Jacob, in the Kingdom of Heaven.

12. But the children of the Kingdom will be thrown out into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

13. And Jesus said to the centurion:

“Get going, and let what you have believed be done for you.”

And his servant was healed at that same exact time.

14. When Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying down, and sick with a fever.

15. Then He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she arose, and served them.

16. When it was evening, they brought to Him many who were possessed by evil spirits, and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick.

17. That the prophecy given by Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which says:

“He Himself took our weaknesses, and carried our sicknesses.”

18. Now when Jesus saw great crowds around Him, He gave orders to depart to the other side.

19. A certain Scribe came to Him, and said:

“Master, I will follow You wherever You go.”

20. Jesus said to him:

“Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man does not have anywhere to lay His head.”

21. Another of His disciples said to Him:

“Lord, please allow me to first go and bury my father.”

22. Jesus said to him:

“Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

23. When He had entered the boat, His disciples followed Him.

24. Then it happened that a great storm arose on the sea, which was so great that the boat was covered with the waves, but He was sleeping.

25. His disciples came to Him and woke Him up, saying:

“Lord, save us, or we will die!”

26. And He said to them:

“Why are you afraid, you unbelieving people?”

Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

27. But the men were amazed, and they said:

“What kind of Man is this, for even the winds and the sea obey Him!”

28. Then He reached the other side, and came into the land of the Gergesenes. Two men met Him there, who were possessed by demons, coming out from the tombs, and they were extremely violent men, so that no-one could pass through there.

29. Then it happened that they cried out saying:

“What business do we have with You, Jesus, Son of God? Have You come here to punish us before the appointed time?”

30. A long way from there there was a herd of many pigs, which was grazing.

31. So the demons begged Him, saying:

“If You cast us out, send us into the herd of pigs.”

32. And He said to them:

“Go.”

And then they came out of the man, and they went into the herd of pigs. It then happened that the whole herd of pigs ran violently down a cliff and died in the water.

33. And the people who looked after the pigs ran away, and went to the city, and told the entire story, including what had happened to the men who were possessed by the demons.

34. And it happened that the whole city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their country.

Matthew 9

1. Then He entered into a boat, and crossed over, and came to His own city.

2. And it happened that they brought to Him a man who was sick and paralysed, lying on a bed, and Jesus, when He saw their faith, said to the man who was sick and paralysed:

“Son, be very happy, your sins have been forgiven.”

3. Then it happened that certain Scribes thought to themselves:

“This man is blaspheming!”

4. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, asked them:

“Why do you think evil things in your hearts?”

5. For which one is easier, to say:

“Your sins are forgiven”,

or to say:

“Get up and walk”?

6. But so that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins -"

He said to the man who was paralysed:

“Get up, take up your mat, and go to your own house.”

7. Then he got up, and returned to his own house.

8. When the crowds saw this, they were amazed, and they gave glory to God, because He had given such great power to people.

9. As Jesus was walking away from there, He saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the tax-collector's booth, and He said to him:

“Follow Me.”

Then he got up, and followed Him.

10. It happened, that as Jesus sat down to a meal at the house, that many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples.

11. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples:

“Why does your Master eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

12. Jesus heard this, however, and He said:

“People who are well do not need a doctor, but only people who are sick need one.

13. But go and learn what this means:

“I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, for I have not come to call righteous people, but sinners to repentance.””

14. Then the disciples of John came to Him and asked:

“Why is it that we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?”

15. Jesus said to them:

“Can the bridegroom's companions mourn while the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away, and then they will fast.

16. No man puts a patch of new cloth onto an old garment, for the patch which is inserted to patch up the garment pulls away from the garment and the hole is made worse.

17. Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins, otherwise the wineskins break and the wine spills out, and the wineskins are ruined. However, they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.

18. While He was saying these things to them, it happened that a certain ruler came to Him and worshipped Him saying:

“My daughter has just died, but come and place Your hand upon her, and she will live again.”

19. So Jesus got up and followed him, and so did His disciples.

20. And it happened that a woman who had been suffering from an unending flow of blood for twelve years came behind Him and touched the edge of His clothes.

21. For she reasoned within herself:

“If I could just touch His clothes, I will be healed.”

22. But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her, He said:

“Daughter, be very happy, your faith has healed you.”

And the woman was healed from that same time.

23. Then Jesus came to the ruler's house, and saw the musicians and the crowd making a noise.

24. He said to them:

“Please make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.”

And they laughed at Him.

25. When the people had been moved outside, He went in, and took her by the hand, and the girl woke up.

26. And the story of this spread into all that region.

27. When Jesus left that place, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying:

“Son of David, have mercy on us!”

28. Then He came into the house, and the blind men came to Him, and Jesus asked them:

“Do you believe that I am able to do this?”

They said to Him:

“Yes Lord!”

29. Then He touched their eyes, and said:

“Let this happen for you in accordance with your faith!”

30. And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus strictly warned them, saying:

“Make sure that no-one knows about this.”

31. But when they had left, they spread the news about Him in all that region.

32. As they left, it happened that people brought to Him a man who could not speak and who was possessed by a demon.

33. When the demon was cast out, the man who could not speak started speaking, and the crowds were amazed, saying:

“Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!”

34. But the Pharisees said:

“He casts out demons by the power of the prince of demons!”

35. Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Good News of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36. When He saw the crowds of people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed, and they were depressed, like sheep who had no shepherd.

37. Then He said to His disciples:

"The harvest is great indeed, but the labourers are few.

38. Therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He would send out labourers into His harvest."

Matthew 10

1. Then He called His twelve disciples to Him, and He gave them power to cast out evil spirits and to heal all kinds of sicknesses and all kinds of diseases.

2. The names of the twelve apostles are these: The first is Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3. Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas, and Matthew the tax-collector; James the son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus;

4. Simon from Canaan and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.

5. Jesus sent these twelve men out, and commanded them saying:

“Do not go into the region of the Gentiles, and do not enter any Samaritan city.

6. But go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

7. And as you go, preach, saying:

“The Kingdom of Heaven is about to arrive!”

8. Heal the sick, heal lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons; you have received freely, so give freely.

9. Do not provide for yourselves gold, nor silver, nor brass coins in your money-pouches;

10. Nor a bag for your journey nor two tunics, nor sandals, and not even staffs, for the worker is worthy of his food.

11. And whenever you enter a city or town, enquire who in it is worthy, and stay with them until you leave that place.

12. And when you come to a house, greet it.

13. And if the house is worthy, let your blessings rest upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your blessings return to you.

14. And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, when you leave that house or city, shake the dust of that place off your feet.

15. I tell you the truth, the judgement day will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah than for that city.

16. Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. Therefore be as wise as snakes, and as harmless as doves.

17. But be careful about other people, for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues.
18. And you will be brought in front of governors and kings because of Me. This will be a witness against them and the Gentiles.
19. But when they deliver you up, do not be anxious about how you should converse or what you should say, for what you should say will be given to you at that exact time.
20. For you are not the one speaking, but it is rather the Spirit of your Father who is speaking through you.
21. And one brother will deliver up his brother to death, and the father will deliver his child, and the children shall rise up against the parents and cause them to be put to death.
22. And you shall be hated by all people because of My name, but the person who endures to the end shall be saved.
23. Whenever they persecute you in this city, flee to the next one. For I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through all the cities of Israel before the Son of Man will come.
24. A disciple is not above his teacher nor is a slave above his master.
25. It is enough for the disciple that he should become like his teacher, and for the slave that he should become like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household.
26. Therefore do not be afraid of them. For there is nothing covered which shall not be revealed, and secret which shall not be made known.
27. Whatever I tell you in darkness, speak this out in the light and declare on the housetops the things you hear in your ears.
28. And do not fear those people who kill the body, but do not have power to kill the spirit. Rather fear Him who has the power to destroy both spirit and body in hell.
29. Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And yet not one of these falls to the ground without your Father knowing about it.
30. But the hairs of your head are all numbered.
31. Therefore do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.
32. Whoever therefore acknowledges Me before men, I will acknowledge him also before My Father who is in Heaven.
33. Whoever, however, disowns Me before men, I too will disown him before My Father who is in Heaven.
34. Do not think that I have come to bring peace on the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.
35. For I have come to set “a man against his father” and “a daughter against her mother” and “a bride against her mother-in-law”,
36. And “a person's enemies will be those of their own household”.
37. Whoever loves their father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and whoever loves their son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.
38. And whoever does not take up their cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.
39. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life because of Me will find it.
40. Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

41. Whoever receives a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. And whoever receives a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.

42. And if anyone gives one of the least of these disciples a drink of cold water in the name of a disciple, I tell you the truth, he will not lose his reward."

Matthew 11

1. It happened, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples that He then left to teach and to preach in their cities.

2. John heard in prison about the works that Jesus did and, sending the message through his disciples,

3. he asked Him:

"Are you the One who is coming, or do we need to wait for someone else?"

4. Jesus answered them in reply:

"Go and declare to John the things which you hear and see.

5. Blind people are seeing and lame people are walking around and dead people are raised from death and very poor people have the Good News preached to them.

6. And blessed is the person who does not take offence at Me."

7. As these people left, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John:

"What spectacle did you come out into the wilderness to watch? A reed shaken about by the wind?"

8. But what then did you come out to see? A man clothed in soft clothing? But people who wear soft clothing live in royal homes.

9. But what then did you come out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

10. For this is the man that this prophecy was written about:

"Look, I send a messenger before Your face who will make Your path straight before You."

11. I tell you the truth; there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist from anyone who has been born by women. But the very least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is.

12. From the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven has been attacked and violent people grab hold of it.

13. For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John.

14. And if you wish to receive it, he is Elijah, who was to come.

15. Let anyone who has ears, hear this.

16. Let me liken this generation to something: It is like when children sit down in the market place and call out to one another,

17. and say:

"We have played the flute for you and you do not dance. We have mourned and you do not lament."

18. For John came neither eating nor drinking and they say:

"He has a demon."

19. The Son of Man came both eating and drinking, and they say:

"Look, a Man who eats too much and drinks too much, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners." But wisdom is proven right by its deeds."

20. Then He began to criticize the cities where most of His miracles were performed, because they

did not repent.

21. "Woe to you, Chorazin, woe to you Bethsaida. For if the miracles which were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22. But I tell you, the judgement day will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

23. And you Capernaum, are raised up to heaven. But you will be thrown down to hell. For if the miracles which were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained until today.

24. But I tell you that the judgement day will be more bearable for Sodom than for you."

25. At this time Jesus answered in reply:

"I thank You, Father, Lord of Heaven and the whole earth, that You have hidden these things from wise and prudent people and You have revealed them to simple people.

26. Yes Father, for this is what seemed good to You.

27. All things have been given to Me by My Father, and no-one knows the Son except the Father, and no-one knows the Father except the Son and whoever the Son wishes to reveal Him to.

28. Come to Me all you who labour hard and who carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

29. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and I have a humble heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30. For the yoke I give you is easy and the burden I give you is light."

Matthew 12

1. At that time Jesus went through the cornfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pluck the heads of corn and to eat them.

2. The Pharisees saw this and said to Him:

"Look, Your disciples are doing what it is not permitted to do on the Sabbath!"

3. He said to them:

"Have you not read what David did when he and the men with him were hungry,

4. how he entered into the house of God and ate the holy bread, which was not permitted to him or to those men with him but only to the priests?

5. Or have you not read in the Law that on the Sabbath day the priests in the Temple break the Sabbath yet are considered blameless?

6. I tell you that here there is One who is greater than the Temple.

7. If you had known what this means: "I desire mercy and not sacrifice", you would not have condemned the innocent.

8. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

9. He left there and went into their synagogue.

10. It happened that there was a man there who had a withered hand. And they challenged Him, asking:

"Is it permitted to heal on the Sabbath day?",
so that they might have grounds to accuse Him.

11. He said to them:

"Is there any man among you, who, if he had a single sheep, and it fell into a pit on the Sabbath day, would not grab hold of it and pull it out?"

12. A man is worth so much more than a sheep! Therefore it is permitted to do good on the Sabbath."
13. Then He said to the man:
"Stretch out your hand."
Then the man stretched it out and it was restored and healed, like the other one.
14. Then the Pharisees left that place and held a meeting against Him about how they could destroy Him.
15. Knowing this, Jesus departed from that place. And many crowds followed Him, and He healed them all.
16. And He strictly requested of them that they should not make Him known.
17. So that the prophecy of the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled, which says:
18. "Behold My chosen Son, My beloved, My soul is greatly pleased with Him. I will place My Spirit upon Him, and He will declare judgement to the Gentiles.
19. He will not quarrel or shout, and no-one will hear His voice in the streets.
20. He will not break a bruised reed, and He will not put out a smoking wick, until, victorious, He proclaims judgement.
21. And the Gentiles will trust in His name."
22. Then a blind and dumb man, who was possessed by a demon, was brought to Him. Then He healed Him, so that the dumb man was able to both speak and see.
23. Then all the crowds were amazed and they said:
"Could this man really be the Son of David?"
24. When the Pharisees heard that they said:
"This man does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub the ruler of the demons."
25. Jesus knew their thoughts so He said to them:
"Every kingdom that is divided against itself is destroyed, and every city or house that is divided against itself will not stand.
26. And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?
27. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, how do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges.
28. But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God then the Kingdom of God has come to you.
29. Or how can anyone enter into the house of a strong man and grab hold of his goods, except he first ties up the strong man, and then he will be able to rob his house.
30. The person who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.
31. Therefore I tell you that every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.
32. And whoever shares a teaching against the Son of Man will be forgiven. However whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, neither in this lifetime nor in the one to come.
33. Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad. For the tree is known by its fruit.
34. Nest of vipers, how do you, being evil, have the power to say good things? For the mouth speaks out of the fullness of the heart.
35. A good man brings out good things out of the good treasure of his heart, and a wicked man

brings out evil things out of the evil treasure of his heart.

36. I tell you that on the day of judgement men will give an account of every careless word that they speak.

37. For from your words you will be acquitted, or from your words you will be condemned."

38. Then certain Scribes and Pharisees answered Him in reply:

"Teacher, we wish to see a sign from You."

39. He said to them in reply:

"An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

40. For as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will remain in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights.

41. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgement against this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and indeed, there is here someone greater than Jonah.

42. The Queen of the South will rise up in the judgement against this generation, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and indeed there is here someone greater than Solomon.

43. When an evil spirit leaves a man, it goes around desert places seeking rest, and finds none.

44. Then it says:

"I will return to the house I left".

And it goes and finds him unoccupied and swept and tidied up.

45. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there. So it happens that the last state of that man is worse than the first. So it will be with this evil generation."

46. While He was still saying these things to the crowds, indeed His mother and His brothers came and stood outside, wishing to speak with Him.

47. Then someone told Him:

"Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to speak with You."

48. He said in reply to the man who said this:

"Who is My mother and who are My brothers?"

49. Then He stretched out His hand to His disciples and said:

"See My mother and My brothers!

50. For whoever does the will of My Father in Heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

[Matthew 13](#)

1. In that day Jesus left the house and went to sit by the sea.

2. And great crowds were gathered to Him, so that He entered a boat and sat in it, and the whole crowd stood on the seashore.

3. And He said many things to them in parables, saying:

"Look, a sower went to sow some seed.

4. And in his sowing some seed fell along the way, and the birds came and ate it up.

5. But some fell on the stony ground where it did not have much earth, and immediately it sprang up because it did not have deep soil.

6. But the sun rose up and scorched it and because it did not have roots it was withered away.
7. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew and choked it.
8. Still others fell on good ground and produced fruit, some a hundred times over, some sixty times over, and some thirty times over.
9. Anyone who has ears, should listen to this."
10. Then the disciples came to Him and asked Him:
"Why do You speak to them in parables?"
11. He answered them in reply:
"Because it has been granted to you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but it has not been granted to them.
12. For if anyone already has, more will be given to him, and he will have abundantly. But if anyone does not already have, even what he has will be taken away from him.
13. Therefore I speak to them in parables, so that though they look they may not see and though they listen they may not hear nor understand,
14. so that the prophecy of the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled in them, which says:
"Though you listen and listen you will not understand, and though you look and look you will not see.
15. For the hearts of these people have grown fat, and they can hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes, otherwise they would see with their eyes and they would hear with their ears, and they would understand with their hearts, and they would turn and I would heal them."
16. Blessed are your eyes because they see and your ears because they hear.
17. I tell you the truth, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which you see, and they did not see them and to hear the things which you hear, and they did not hear them.
18. Therefore hear the parable of the sower.
19. The evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown from the heart of everyone who hears the teaching of the Kingdom and does not understand it. This is the seed that was sown along the path.
20. The seed sown on stony ground, this is the person who hears the word and immediately accepts it joyfully.
21. However he does not have roots in himself but is only temporary, so that whenever extreme difficulty or persecution arise because of the word he is immediately made to stumble.
22. The seed sown among the thorns is the man who hears the word, and the concerns of life and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word and he becomes unfruitful.
23. But the seed sown on good ground is the person who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit, either one hundred, or sixty, or thirty times over."
24. He shared another parable with them saying:
"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man sowing good seed in his field.
25. While everyone else was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the grain and left.
26. When the grain had grown and was bringing fruit, the tares also appeared.
27. His slaves came to the master of the house and said to him:
"Lord, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where then have these tares come from?"
28. He said to them:
"An enemy has done this."

His slaves then asked him:

"Master, do you wish that we should go to gather them up?"

29. He said:

"No, in case you accidentally uproot the grain while you are gathering up the tares.

30. Allow both to grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will say to the harvesters:

"Gather first the tares and tie them into bundles, to be thrown into the fire, then gather the grain into my barn.""

31. He shared another parable with them, saying:

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field.

32. It is indeed the very smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it becomes greater than all herbs and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and live in its branches."

33. He told them another parable:

"The Kingdom of God is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until it had all risen."

34. Jesus said all these things in parables to the crowds and He did not say anything to them without a parable,

35. So that the prophecy given through the prophet might be fulfilled. This prophecy says:

"I will open My mouth in parables, I will declare things that have been kept hidden from the foundation of the world."

36. Then He sent away the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said:

"Please explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."

37. He answered them in reply:

"The sower sowing the good seed is the Son of Man.

38. The field is the world, the good seed represents the sons of the Kingdom. The tares are the sons of the evil one.

39. The enemy sowing them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels.

40. Just as the tares are gathered together and totally destroyed in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world.

41. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His Kingdom everything that causes men to stumble and all evildoers,

42. And they will throw them into the fiery furnace. There will be weeping and grinding of teeth there.

43. Then righteous people will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Let anyone who has ears, listen to this.

44. The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure secretly hidden in a field, which a man finds and hides and rejoicing at this, he goes and sells everything that he owns and buys that field.

45. Again the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls.

46. When he finds a pearl of great value he goes to sell everything he has and buys that pearl.

47. Again the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net thrown into the sea which gathers all kinds of things.

48. When it is full they drag it onto the shore and they sit down and gather together the useable part of the catch into vessels, and they throw the unuseable part of the catch away.

49. So it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come out and will separate evil people from among righteous people,
50. And they will throw them into the fiery furnace. There will be weeping and grinding of teeth there.
51. Do you understand all these things?",
He asked. They answered Him:
"Yes".
52. He said to them:
"Therefore every scribe instructed about the Kingdom of Heaven is like the master of a household, who brings out of his treasures both brand new items and antiques."
53. And it happened when Jesus finished telling these parables that He left that place.
54. Then He came to His own country and taught them in their synagogue. They were astonished at this and said:
"Where did this Man get this wisdom and these miracles from?"
55. Is He not the Son of the carpenter? Is His mother not called Mary and His brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?
56. And His sisters, are they not all here with us? Where then did He get all these things?
57. Therefore they were offended because of Him. Then Jesus said to them:
"A prophet is not without worth except in his own country and in his own house."
58. And He did not perform many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

Matthew 14

1. In this season, Herod the Tetrarch heard the report about Jesus,
2. and he said to his servants:
"This is John the Baptist, he has risen from the dead and because of this he is performing these miracles."
3. For Herod had arrested John and had bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias the wife of his brother Philip.
4. For John had said to him:
"It is not lawful for you to have her."
5. And although he wished to kill him, he feared the multitude, for they took him to be a prophet.
6. When Herod's birthday was celebrated the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst of the people and pleased Herod.
7. Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.
8. So she, prompted by her mother, said:
"Give me here on a platter, the head of John the Baptist."
9. And the king was sorry, but because of the oath and because of the people gathered there, he ordered that it should be given to her.
10. So he sent and had John beheaded in the prison.
11. And his head was carried in on a platter and given to the girl, and she gave it to her mother.
12. And his disciples came and took the body and buried it and they went and informed Jesus.

13. When Jesus heard this He left there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. And when the crowd heard it they followed Him on foot from the cities.
14. When He came He saw the large crowd and He had compassion on them, and He healed their sick.
15. When evening had come, His disciples came to Him and said:
"This place is deserted, and it is already late. Dismiss this crowd, so that they may go into the villages and buy some food for themselves."
16. Jesus said to them:
"They do not need to go away, you give them something to eat."
17. They said to Him:
"We do not have anything here except five loaves of bread and two little fishes."
18. He said:
"Bring them here to Me."
19. And He ordered the multitudes to sit down on the grass, and He took the five loaves and two fishes, and looking up into heaven He blessed them and broke them and He gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the multitudes.
20. And they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the leftover pieces of bread.
21. And those who had eaten were around five thousand men not including women and children.
22. And immediately He made His disciples get into a boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the multitudes.
23. And when He had dismissed the multitudes He went up onto a mountain by Himself to pray. And when evening came He was alone there.
24. And the boat was already a far distance from the land, being tossed by the waves, for the wind was blowing in the opposite direction.
25. He came to them in the fourth watch of the night, walking on the sea.
26. And the disciples seeing Him walking on the sea were disturbed, saying that it was a ghost, and they cried out for fear.
27. Immediately Jesus spoke to them saying:
"Cheer up! It is I. Do not be afraid."
28. And Peter said to Him in reply:
"Master, if it is You, command me to come out to You on the water."
29. He said to him:
"Come."
And Peter coming out from the boat walked on the waves and came towards Jesus.
30. When he saw the strong wind he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out saying: "Lord, save me!"
31. Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him and said to him:
"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
32. When they got into the boat, the wind subsided.
33. Then those in the boat worshipped Him saying:
"Truly You are the Son of God."
34. When they had crossed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.

35. When the men of that region recognised Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region and they brought to Him all who were ill,
36. and they begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And whoever touched it was made thoroughly well.

Matthew 15

1. Then some Pharisees and Scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem asking:
2. "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread."
3. He answered them in reply:
"And why do you transgress the commandment of God through your tradition?"
4. For God said:
"Honour your father and your mother"
and
"Whoever curses his father or his mother should be put to death."
5. However you say:
"Whoever says to his father or to his mother:
"Whatever benefit you may have received from me is a gift to God" -
6. then he does not need to honour his father or his mother."
So you have annulled the word of God by your tradition.
7. You are hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied accurately about you when he said:
8. "These people honour Me with their lips but their hearts are far from Me.
9. They worship Me in vain, teaching human commandments as doctrines.""
10. And calling towards Him the crowd He said to them:
"Hear and understand.
11. It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a man, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."
12. Then His disciples came to Him and said:
"Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard Your message?"
13. He answered them in reply:
"Every plant which has not been planted by My heavenly Father will be uprooted.
14. Leave them alone. They are blind guides of the blind. Whenever the blind leads the blind, they both fall into a ditch."
15. Peter answered Him in reply:
"Explain to us this parable."
16. He said:
"Are you also still without understanding?"
17. Do you not understand that everything which enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated?
18. However, the things which are produced by the mouth proceed from the heart, and these defile a man.
19. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness,

blasphemies.

20. These are the things which defile a man. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

21. And Jesus left there and withdrew into the regions of Tyre and Sidon.

22. And behold, a woman of Canaan came out of these same regions and cried out to Him saying:
"Master, Son of David, have mercy on me. My daughter is severely possessed by an evil spirit."

23. He did not say anything in response to her. The disciples came up to Him and appealed to Him saying:

"Send her away, for she cries out after us!"

24. He answered in reply:

"I have not been sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

25. She came to Him and worshipped Him saying:

"Master, help me."

26. He answered in reply:

"It is not fitting to take the bread of the children and to throw it to the little dogs."

27. Then she said:

"Yes, Lord, however the little dogs eat from the crumbs which fall from the table of their master."

28. Then Jesus answered her in reply:

"O woman, your faith is great. Let your desire come to pass."

And her daughter was healed from that same hour.

29. And Jesus left that place and went by the sea of Galilee, and He went up onto the mountain and sat down there.

30. And a large crowd gathered to Him having with them the lame, the blind, the maimed, the mute and many others and they placed them at His feet and He healed them.

31. So the crowd marvelled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole and the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

32. When Jesus had gathered together the disciples He said to them:

"I have compassion on the crowd, because it is already the third day that they have accompanied Me, and they don't have anything to eat. And I don't want to send them away without eating, in case they faint on the way."

33. The disciples said to Him:

"Where will we be able to find enough bread to feed so great a multitude here in this deserted place?"

34. And Jesus asked them:

"How many loaves do you have?"

They said to Him:

"Seven loaves and a few little fish."

35. So He directed the crowd to sit down on the ground.

36. Then He took the seven loaves and the fishes and He gave thanks and broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the multitude.

37. And they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven baskets full of the remaining pieces.

38. And those who ate were four thousand men besides women and children.

39. And He dismissed the multitude and He entered the boat and came to the region of Magdala.

Matthew 16

1. Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came to Him, testing Him, and demanding that He should show them a sign from Heaven.

2. So He answered them in reply:

“When it is evening you say:

“It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.”

3. And in the morning:

“It will be bad weather today, for the sky is red and gloomy.”

Indeed, you know how to assess the appearance of the sky, but you are not able to assess the signs of the times.

4. An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah."

And He left them and departed.

5. And the disciples went to the other side, and forgot to take bread.

6. Jesus said to them:

“Watch out for and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

7. Then they discussed among themselves, saying:

“It is because we have not brought bread.”

8. Knowing this Jesus said:

“Why do you discuss among yourselves, oh you of little faith, because you have no bread?

9. Do you not know, and can you not remember the five loaves of bread for the five thousand and how many baskets you took up?

10. Or the seven loaves for the four thousand and how many baskets you took up?

11. How then do you not understand that I did not speak to you about bread, but to beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees?"

12. Then they understood that He was not telling them to beware of the yeast of bread but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

13. Then Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi and He asked His disciples saying:

“Who do men say that the Son of Man is?"

14. They said to Him:

“Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, still others say Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15. He asked them:

“Who do you say that I am?"

16. Simon Peter answered Him in reply:

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

17. Jesus answered him in reply:

“You are blessed, Simon BarJonah, because flesh and blood have not revealed this to you but My Father who is in Heaven.

18. And I say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades will not be able to overpower it.

19. I will give to you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on the earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on the earth will be loosed in Heaven."

20. Then He commanded the disciples that they should not tell anyone that He was the Christ.

21. And then Jesus began to show to His disciples that He had to leave them to go into Jerusalem

and suffer many things from the elders and the Chief Priests and the Scribes, and be killed and rise again on the third day.

22. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him saying:
“Never Lord. This shall not happen to You.”

23. He turned to Peter and said:

“Get behind Me, Satan. You are a cause of offence to Me, because you do not think of the things of God but of the things of men.”

24. Then Jesus said to His disciples:

“If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

25. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it. And whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

26. For what profit will a man get if he should gain the whole world and yet lose his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

27. For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each person according to his deeds.

28. Truly I say to you that there are certain people standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom.”

Matthew 17

1. Now after six days Jesus took along Peter and James and John his brother and took them up onto a high mountain by themselves.

2. And He was transformed before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

3. And look, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah discussing with Him.

4. Peter answered Jesus in reply:

“Lord, it is good that we are here. If You wish it, let us make here three tents, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

5. While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and look, a voice came from the cloud, saying:

“This is My beloved Son. Listen to Him.”

6. And hearing this the disciples fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.

7. And Jesus came up to them and touched them and said:

“Arise, do not be afraid.”

8. And when they lifted up their eyes they saw no-one except Jesus Himself alone.

9. And as they came down from the mountain Jesus instructed them saying:

“Tell the vision to no-one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.”

10. And the disciples asked Him, saying:

“Why then do the Scribes say that Elijah must come first?”

11. He answered them in reply:

“Elijah is truly coming and will restore all things.

12. However I say to you that Elijah has already come, and they did not know him but they did to him whatever they wished. Thus also the Son of Man will suffer many things from them.”

13. Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them about John the Baptist.

14. And as they were coming towards the crowd, a man approached them kneeling down to Him
15. and saying:
"Master, have mercy on my son, because he is an epileptic and suffers badly. For many times he falls into the fire and many times into the water.
16. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they were not able to heal him."
17. And Jesus answered in reply:
"O faithless and perverse generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I endure you? Bring him here to Me."
18. And Jesus rebuked the demon and it came out of him and the child was healed from that hour.
19. Then the disciples came to Jesus by themselves and asked:
"Why were we not able to cast it out?"
20. He said to them:
"Because of your little faith. Truly I say to you: If you have faith the size of a mustard seed you will say to this mountain:
"Move from here to there",
and it will be moved. And nothing will be impossible for you.
21. But this kind does not go out except by fasting and prayer."
22. And while they stayed in Galilee, Jesus said to them:
"The Son of Man will be betrayed into the hands of men,
23. and they will kill Him, and on the third day He will be raised."
And they lamented greatly.
24. When they came to Capernaum the collectors of the tribute came to Peter and asked:
"Does your teacher not pay the tribute?"
25. Peter said
"Yes."
And when he had come into the house, Jesus pre-empted him asking:
"What do you think, Simon? The kings of the earth, from whom do they take customs or poll-tax, from their own sons or from strangers?"
26. He said,
"From strangers." Jesus said to him
"Then the sons are exempt.
27. However, so that we do not offend them, go to the sea, and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up. When you open its mouth you will find a piece of money. Take that and give it to them for Me and you."

[Matthew 18](#)

1. At that time the disciples came to Jesus, asking:
"Who then will be greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?"
2. And He called a small child to them and set him in the middle of them
3. and said:
"Truly I say to you, if you do not turn and become as little children, you will not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.
4. For whoever humbles himself as this little child, he is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

5. And whoever receives one such little child as this one in My name, receives Me.
6. Whoever offends one of these little children who believes in Me, it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck and he were drowned in the depths of the sea.
7. Woe to the world because of offences. For offences must come, but woe to the man through whom the offences come.
8. Therefore if your hand or your foot offends you, cut it off and cast it from you. For it is better for you to enter into life crippled or lame rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the eternal fire.
9. And if your eye offends you, pluck it out and cast it away from you. For it is better for you to enter into life with one eye than to be thrown with both eyes into the fire of hell.
10. Beware that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I say to you that their angels in Heaven always see the face of My Father in Heaven.
11. [*The Son of Man has indeed come to save that which was lost.]
12. What do you think? If a man has one hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountain and go after the one going astray?
13. And if he happens to find it, truly I say to you that he rejoices over the one going astray more than over the ninety-nine.
14. Thus also it is not the will of your Father in Heaven that one of these little ones should be destroyed.
15. If your brother sins against you, go and correct him between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.
16. If he does not listen to you, take along with you one or two others, so that "In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word will be established."
17. If he does not listen to them, tell it to the church. If he does not listen even to the church, let him be to you like a heathen or a tax-collector.
18. Truly I say to you:
"Whatever things you bind on the earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever things you loose on the earth will be loosed in Heaven."
19. Again I say to you that if two of you agree about anything on earth which you request, it will be done for you by My Father in Heaven.
20. For where two or three of you are gathered together in My name, I am there in your midst.
21. Then Peter came up to Him and asked Him:
"Master, how many times will my brother sin against me and I forgive him - up to seven times?"
22. Jesus said to him:
"I do not say to you up to seven times but up to seventy-seven times.
23. Therefore the Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.
24. When he began to settle accounts one was brought to him who owed ten thousand talents.
25. Because he did not have the money to pay the debt back his master ordered that he should be sold along with his wife and his children and all that he had, and that it should be paid back.
26. The slave fell before him and worshipped him saying:
"Have patience with me, and I will pay back everything to you!"
27. The master of that slave was then moved with compassion on him and released him and forgave him the debt.

28. Going out from there that slave found one of his fellow slaves who owed him one hundred denarii, and he laid hands on him and choked him saying:
"Pay back what you owe me!"
29. Then his fellow slave fell and begged him saying:
"Be patient with me, and I will pay it back to you!"
30. He would not but going from there threw him into the prison until he should pay back the debt.
31. Seeing this his fellow slaves became greatly troubled and they went to tell his master everything that had happened.
32. Then his master summoned him and said to him:
"You wicked slave, I forgave you all that your debt, because you begged me.
33. Should you also not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I also had mercy on you?"
34. And his master was enraged and handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back all the debt.
35. Thus also My Father in Heaven will do to you if you do not each forgive your brothers from your heart."

*No verse 11 in the Nestle-Aland Edition of the Original Greek Text

Matthew 19

1. When Jesus finished these sayings, He left Galilee and He went into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.
2. And large crowds followed Him, and He healed them there.
3. And some Pharisees came to Him, testing Him and asking:
"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?"
4. He said to them in reply:
"Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female?"
5. And He said:
"Because of this a man will leave his father and his mother and will be joined to his wife and the two will become one flesh.
6. So that they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore that which God has bound together let man not separate."
7. They asked Him:
"Why then did Moses command to give her a certificate of divorce and to divorce her?"
8. He said to them:
"Moses because of the hardness of your heart permitted you to divorce your wives, from the beginning it did not happen like this.
9. I say to you that whoever divorces his wife except for sexual immorality and marries another commits adultery."
10. His disciples said to Him:
"If this is the case regarding men and their wives, it would be better not to get married!"
11. Then He said to them:
"Not everyone can accept this teaching but only those to whom it has been granted.

12. For there are some eunuchs who were such from their mothers' wombs, and there are some who have been made eunuchs by people, and there are some eunuchs who make themselves eunuchs for the Kingdom of Heaven. Let him accept this who is able to accept it."

13. Then children were brought in to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray. But the disciples rebuked them.

14. But Jesus said:

"Leave the little children and do not forbid them to come to Me, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

15. And He laid His hands on them and departed from there.

16. And behold, one came to Him saying:

"Master, what good thing should I do so that I might receive eternal life?"

17. He said to him:

"Why do you call Me good? Only one Person is good. If you wish to enter into eternal life, keep the commandments."

18. He asked Him:

"Which ones?"

Jesus said:

"Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness,

19. honour your father and your mother, and love your neighbour as yourself."

20. The young man said to Him:

"I have kept all of these. What do I still lack?"

21. Jesus said to him:

"If you wish to be perfect, go and sell your possessions and give to the very poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven, and come and follow Me."

22. Hearing this sentence the young man went away upset. For he had many possessions.

23. Jesus said to His disciples:

"Truly I say to you that a rich man will find it difficult to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

24. Again I say to you that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."

25. Hearing this the disciples were greatly amazed asking:

"Who then can be saved?"

26. Jesus looked at them and said:

"With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

27. Then Peter answered Him in reply:

"Behold, we have left all things and have followed You. What reward will we receive?"

28. Jesus said to him:

"Truly I say to you that for you who follow Me in the regeneration, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of His glory, you will also be seated on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29. And everyone who leaves houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields on account of My name will receive one hundred times and will inherit eternal life.

30. And many who are first shall be last, and many who are last shall be first."

Matthew 20

1. "For the Kingdom of Heaven is like a master of a household, who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.
2. He agreed with the workers for a denarius for the day and he sent them into the vineyard.
3. And going out around the third hour he saw others standing there in the market place idle.
4. And he said to these ones:
"You also go out at once into the vineyard, and I will give you what is fair."
5. So they went. Again going out around the sixth and the ninth hours he did likewise.
6. Around the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing around and he asked them:
"Why have you stood here idle the whole day?"
7. They said to him:
"Because nobody hired us."
He said to them:
"You also go into the vineyard."
8. When it had become evening the master of the vineyard said to his foreman:
"Call the workers and give them their wages beginning from the last ones until the first ones."
9. And those who came at the eleventh hour each received one denarius.
10. And those who came at the first hour thought that they would receive more. And they each also received one denarius.
11. Receiving this they murmured against the master of the household,
12. saying:
"These last ones have worked one hour, and you have made them the same as us who have suffered the burden and the heat of the day."
13. He answered in reply to one of them:
"Friend, I am not being unjust to you. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?"
14. Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last one even as to you.
15. Or is it not lawful for me to do as I wish with my money? Or is your eye evil because I am good?"
16. Thus the last will be first and the first last."
17. And Jesus came up into Jerusalem and He took along the twelve disciples by themselves and said to them along the way:
18. "Behold, we are going up into Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the Chief Priests and Scribes, and they will condemn Him to death.
19. And they will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and to flog and to crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised.
20. Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Him with her sons and worshipped Him, wishing a certain thing from Him.
21. He asked her:
"What do you desire?"
She said to Him:
"Declare that these my two sons will be seated one on Your right hand and the other on Your left hand in Your Kingdom."
22. Jesus answered her in reply:
"You do not know what you ask for. Are you able to drink from the cup from which I am about to

drink?"

They replied to Him:

"We are able."

23. He said to them:

"You will indeed drink from My cup, however to be seated on My right hand and on My left hand is not Mine to give, but for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father."

24. And hearing this the ten became very angry with the two brothers.

25. But Jesus gathered them and said:

"You see how the leaders of the Gentiles lord it over them and the great exercise authority over them.

26. It is not to be this way with you, but whoever among you wishes to become great will be your servant,

27. and whoever among you wishes to be the first will be your slave.

28. Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

29. And as they left Jericho a large crowd followed Him.

30. And behold two blind men, seated along the way, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying:

"Master, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

31. The crowd warned them that they should be silent. But they cried out all the more saying:

"Have mercy on us Master, Son of David!"

32. Then Jesus stopped, called them and asked:

"What do you wish that I should do for you?"

33. They said to Him:

"Master, that our eyes might be opened."

34. Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes, and immediately they looked up and followed Him.

Matthew 21

1. And when they drew near Jerusalem and came into Bethphage to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two of His disciples

2. saying to them:

"Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied up and her colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me.

3. And if anyone asks you why, say that the Lord has need of them. Then he will send them immediately."

4. This happened so that the word spoken by the prophet might be fulfilled, which says:

5. "Say to the daughter of Zion:

"Behold your King is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt the foal of a donkey.""

6. So the disciples went and they did just as Jesus had instructed them.

7. They led the donkey and the colt and laid on them their clothes and He sat on top of them.

8. And a very large crowd spread their clothes in the road, others cut branches from the trees and spread them along the way.
9. And the crowds that went before Him and those that followed after Him cried out saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"
10. And when He came into the city, the whole city was shaken and asked: "Who is this?"
11. The crowds said: "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."
12. And Jesus went into the Temple and He threw out all those who were selling and those who were buying in the Temple, and He overturned the tables of the money changers and the chairs of the dove sellers.
13. And He said to them: "It is written: "My House shall be called a House of Prayer", but you have made it a den of robbers."
14. And the blind and the lame people came to Him in the Temple, and He healed them.
15. The Chief Priests and the Scribes, when they saw the amazing things that He had done and the children crying out in the Temple and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David", they became indignant
16. and they said to Him: "Do You hear what they are saying?"
But Jesus said to them: "Yes. Have you never read that: "Out of the mouth of children and babies You have perfected praise"?"
17. And leaving them He went outside the city into Bethany and lodged there.
18. And in the morning as He returned to the city He became hungry.
19. Seeing a fig tree along the way He went up to it and He found nothing on it except leaves only, and He said to it: "May you never again produce any fruit forever."
And immediately the fig tree withered away.
20. And seeing this the disciples were amazed and asked: "How did the fig tree wither away immediately?"
21. Jesus answered them saying: "Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only perform this miracle of the fig tree, but if you say to this mountain: "Get up and be cast into the sea", it will happen.
22. And all things you ask for in prayer, and believe for, you will receive."
23. And when He went into the Temple the Chief Priests and the elders of the people came to Him as He was teaching, asking: "By what authority do You do these things? And who gave You this authority?"
24. Jesus answered them and said to them: "I will also ask you one question, and if you answer Me I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.
25. The baptism of John, where did it come from? Was it from Heaven or was it from men?"

Then they reasoned among themselves saying:

“If we say: “From Heaven”, He will ask us: “Why did you not believe in Him?””

26. But if we say: “From men”, we fear the multitude, for they all hold John as a prophet.”

27. And they replied Jesus saying:

“We do not know.”

He said to them:

“And I also will not tell you by what authority I do these things.

28. What do you think? A man had two sons. And going to the first one he said to him: “Son, go today and work in the vineyard.”

29. He answered him in reply:

“I don't want to.”

However, he later repented and went.

30. Going up to the second one, he said the same thing. He answered him in reply:

“I go, Sir”,

but he did not go.

31. Which of the two did the will of the father?”

They said:

“The first one.”

He said to them:

“I tell you that the tax collectors and the prostitutes enter ahead of you into the Kingdom of Heaven.

32. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe in him. However, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed in him. Seeing this you did not afterward repent and believe in him.

33. Hear another parable: A certain landowner planted a vineyard and set a wall around it and he dug a winepress in it and he built a tower and he leased it to farmers and he left on a journey.

34. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent some of his slaves to the farmers to collect its fruit.

35. And the farmers took his slaves and some they beat, some they killed and some they stoned.

36. Again he sent other slaves, more than at the first time, and they did the same things to them.

37. Finally he sent his son saying:

“They will respect my son.”

38. However, the farmers seeing the son said to one another:

“This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and we will have his inheritance.”

39. And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and they killed him.

40. When the master of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers?”

41. They said to him:

“He will utterly destroy those wicked men and he will give the vineyard to other farmers, who will give to him the fruits in their seasons.”

42. Jesus said to them:

“Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the key cornerstone; this was done by the Lord and it was amazing in our eyes”?

43. Because of this I tell you that the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and will be given to a people bearing fruit for it.

44. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken, but if it falls on anyone it will grind him to

dust.”

45. And hearing this the Chief Priests and the Pharisees knew that He was speaking about them.

46. And they wished to lay hands on Him but they feared the crowd, because they held Him as a prophet.

Matthew 22

1. And in reply Jesus again spoke to them in parables, saying:

2. “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who arranged a wedding for his son.

3. And he sent out his slaves to call those who were invited to the wedding, but they did not want to come.

4. Again he sent out other slaves, saying:

“Say to those who are invited:

“Look, I have prepared the dinner,
my bulls and my fatted oxen have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding.””

5. But they ignored it and went their ways, one to his field, another to his shop.

6. And the others overpowered his slaves and humiliated them and killed them.

7. Then the king got angry and sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned up their city.

8. Then he said to his slaves:

“The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.

9. Go therefore into the highways and invite as many people as you may find to the wedding.”

10. And those slaves went out into the highways and gathered together all those whom they found, evil as well as good. And the wedding was filled with guests.

11. When the king came in to see the guests he saw there a man not wearing wedding clothes.

12. And he said to him:

“Friend, how did you enter here without wearing wedding clothes?”

And he was speechless.

13. Then the king said to his servants:

“Bind his feet and hands and cast him out into the outer darkness.”

There is weeping and gnashing of teeth there.

14. For many are called, but few are chosen.”

15. Then the Pharisees went and took counsel about how they could trap Him in His speech.

16. And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians saying:

“Teacher, we know that You are true and that You teach the way of God in truth and You do not concern Yourself with anyone, for You do not consider the status of men.

17. Tell us therefore what You think; is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

18. Jesus knowing their wickedness said:

“Why do you tempt Me, you hypocrites?

19. Show Me a coin.”

And they brought to Him a denarius.

20. And He asked them:

“Whose is this image and this inscription?”

21. They said to Him:

“Caesar's”.

Then He said to them:

“Give therefore to Caesar the things which are Caesar's and give to God the things which are God's.”

22. And hearing this they were amazed, and they left Him and went away.

23. That day the Sadducees came to Him, who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked Him

24. saying:

“Teacher, Moses taught that if anyone should die without having children, his brother should marry his wife and raise up children for his brother.

25. There were among us seven brothers. And the first got married and died, and not having any children he left his wife to his brother.

26. And the same thing happened also with the second brother and the third right through the seven.

27. Last of all the woman also died.

28. In the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all married her!”

29. Jesus answered and said to them:

“You are mistaken, not knowing the scriptures or the power of God.

30. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels in Heaven.

31. About the resurrection of the dead have you not read what has been said by God to you, saying:

32. “I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob?” For He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”

33. And when the crowd heard this they were astonished at His teaching.

34. When the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together around Him.

35. And one of them, who was a lawyer asked Him, testing Him:

36. “Teacher, which commandment is the greatest in the Law?”

37. He said to him:

““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 greatest and the first commandment.

39. The second is like it:

“You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

40. In these two commandments lie the whole Law and the prophets.”

41. When the Pharisees were gathered together Jesus asked them

42. saying:

“What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?”

They said to Him:

“The Son of David.”

43. He asked them:

“How then does David in the spirit call Him Lord, saying:

44. "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit down at My right hand, until I will place Your enemies under Your feet"?"

45. If then David calls Him "Lord", how can He be his Son?"

46. And no-one was able to answer Him and no-one dared to question Him any longer from that day.

Matthew 23

1. Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples

2. saying:

"The Scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.

3. Therefore do and observe all the things which they say to you, but do not copy their deeds. For they speak but they do not do.

4. For they bind heavy burdens, which are hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders, but they do not wish to move these even with their little fingers.

5. They perform all their deeds to be seen by men. For they enlarge their phylacteries and they lengthen their ceremonial tassels,

6. they love the front seats at feasts and the prominent seats in the synagogues

7. and greetings in the market place, and to be called "Rabbi" by men.

8. You however, do not be called "Rabbi". For you all have one teacher, you are all brothers.

9. And do not call anyone on earth your Father for you have one Father who is in Heaven.

10. And do not be called leaders, as you have one leader, the Christ.

11. The greatest among you shall be your servant.

12. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

13. Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites, for you shut up the Kingdom of Heaven against men. For you yourselves do not enter and you do not allow those who are entering to enter.

15. Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites, for you sweep through the sea and the land to make one follower, and when he is made you make him two times a son of hell as you are.

16. Woe to you, blind leaders who say:

"If anyone swears on the Temple, it is nothing, However, if anyone swears on the gold of the Temple, he is obliged to perform the oath."

17. Blind fools, for what is greater, the gold or the Temple that sanctifies the gold?

18. And:

"If anyone swears on the altar, it is nothing. But if anyone swears on the gift that is placed on it, he is obliged to perform the oath."

19. Blind people, for what is greater, the gift or the altar which sanctifies the gift?

20. Therefore if anyone swears on the altar he swears on it and on everything that has been placed on it,

21. and if anyone swears by the Temple he swears by it and by all within it,

22. and if anyone swears by Heaven he swears by the throne of God and by Him who is sitting on it.

23. Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites, because you tithe mint and dill and cumin

and you leave the weightier matters of the Law; justice and mercy and faith. You should do these things without leaving the others.

24. Blind guides who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel.

25. Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites, for you clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence.

26. Blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside also might be clean.

27. Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites, for you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside appear beautiful, but on the inside are full of dead bones and all uncleanness.

28. For you also appear righteous to men on the outside, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29. Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites, for you construct the tombs of the prophets and decorate the memorials of the righteous,

30. and you say:

"If we lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have shared with them in the blood of the prophets."

31. Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

32. Therefore fill up the measure of your fathers' guilt.

33. Serpents, generation of vipers, how will you flee from the condemnation of hell?!

34. Therefore behold I send to you prophets and wise men and Scribes. Some of them you will kill and crucify and some of them you will flog in your synagogues and you will chase from city to city.

35. That on you may come all the righteous blood spilled on the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous to the blood of Zacharias the son of Barachias whom you murdered between the Temple and the altar.

36. Truly I tell you, all these things will be on this generation.

37. O Jerusalem Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who have been sent to you, how many times I wished to gather together your children, as a hen gathers together her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.

38. Behold your house is left to you empty.

39. For I tell you, you will not see Me until that time when it is said:

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

[Matthew 24](#)

1. And Jesus went out and left the Temple and His disciples came to Him to show Him the buildings of the Temple.

2. He said to them in reply:

"Do you not see all these? Truly I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another which will not be pulled down."

3. When He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, His disciples came to Him by themselves saying: "Tell us, when will these things be and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?"

4. Jesus answered and said to them:

"See that no-one deceives you.

5. For many will come in My name, saying:

"I am the Christ",

and they will deceive many.

6. And you shall hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not alarmed. For it is necessary that these things should happen, but this is not yet the end.

7. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

8. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9. Then they will betray you to affliction and they will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

10. And then many people will be offended and they will betray one another and they will hate one another.

11. And many false prophets will arise and will deceive many people.

12. And because lawlessness will increase the love of many people will grow cold.

13. He who remains to the end will be saved.

14. And this Good News of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

15. When therefore you see the "abomination of desolation" that was spoken of by Daniel the prophet standing in the holy place, (let the reader understand),

16. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

17. Let him who is on the housetop not come down to take the things from his house,

18. And let him who is in the field not turn back to take his garment.

19. Woe to those who are pregnant and who are nursing children in those days!

20. Pray that your flight may not be in winter nor on the Sabbath.

21. For there will be a great affliction which has never happened before from the beginning of the world until now and will never happen again.

22. And if those days were not shortened, no flesh would be saved, but because of the elect those days will be shortened.

23. Then if anyone says to you:

"Look, here is the Christ!"

Or:

"He is here!",

do not believe it.

24. For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will give great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the chosen ones.

25. See, I have warned you.

26. Therefore if anyone says to you:

"Look He is in the desert!",

do not go out there. Or,

"Look, He is in the inner chambers!",

do not believe them.

27. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

28. For where the body is, there the vultures will be gathered together.
29. Immediately after the affliction of those days:
"The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give her light and the stars will fall from heaven and the powers of heaven will be shaken."
30. Then the sign of the Son of Man will be seen in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with great power and glory.
31. And He will send forth His angels with a great blast of the trumpet, and they will gather together His chosen ones from the four winds from one end of heaven to the other end.
32. Learn the parable from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and puts forth leaves, know that the summer is near.
33. In the same way, when you see all these things, know that it is near, at the doors.
34. Truly I say to you that this generation will not pass away until all these things happen.
35. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.
36. About these days and hours no-one knows, neither the angels of Heaven nor the Son, but only the Father.
37. Just as in the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.
38. For in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the days that Noah entered the ark,
39. and they did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.
40. Then two men will be in the field, one will be taken away and the other will be left.
41. Two women will be grinding in the mill, one will be taken away and the other will be left.
42. Be alert therefore, for you do not know when the day of the Lord will come.
43. But know this that if the master of the house knew in which watch the thief would come, he would have been alert and he would not have allowed him to break into his house.
44. Therefore you also be ready, for you do not know the hour when the Son of Man will come.
45. For who then is that faithful and wise slave whom his master has made ruler over his household to give them food at the right time?
46. Blessed is that servant whose master should come back and find him doing this.
47. Truly I tell you that he will make him ruler of all his possessions.
48. But if that wicked servant says in his heart:
"My master is taking his time",
49. and he begins to beat his fellow slaves and to eat and to drink with the drunkards,
50. The master of that slave will come in a day when he does not expect him and in an hour that he does not know
51. and he will cut him in two and will give him his portion among the hypocrites. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

1. Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten young ladies who took their lamps to go to meet the bridegroom.
2. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible.
3. Those who were foolish took their lamps but did not take with them any oil.
4. The sensible ones took oil in their oil jars along with their lamps.
5. As the bridegroom was late, they all dozed off and slept.
6. In the middle of the night, there was a loud cry:
"Look, the bridegroom, come to meet him!"
7. Then those young ladies all woke up and trimmed their lamps.
8. The foolish ones said to the sensible ones:
"Give us some of your oil, as our lamps are going out."
9. The sensible ones replied:
"No, in case there is not enough for us and you. Rather go to those who sell and buy some."
10. While they were gone away to buy some the bridegroom came and those young ladies who were ready entered with him into the wedding and the door was shut.
11. Later the other young ladies also came, and said:
"Lord, Lord, open to us."
12. He answered them in reply:
"Truly I tell you, I do not know you."
13. Be alert then, because you do not know the day or the hour.
14. Like when a man who was going on a journey called his slaves and entrusted his possessions to them.
15. And to one he gave five talents, to another he gave two talents, and to yet another he gave one talent, to each according to his ability, and he left on his journey.
16. Going immediately the one with five talents worked and earned another five to add to these ones.
17. In the same way the one with two talents earned another two.
18. But the one with one talent went and dug the ground and hid his master's money there.
19. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
20. And the one with five talents came forward and brought five more talents saying:
"Master, you gave me five talents. Look I have gained another five talents."
21. His master said to him:
"Well done, you good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord."
22. And coming forward the one with two talents also said:
"Master, you gave me two talents. Look I have gained two other talents."
23. His master said to him :
"Well done, you good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your master."
24. Also coming forward the one who had received one talent said:
"Master, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering from where you have not scattered."

25. And I was afraid, and I went and I hid your talent in the ground. Here, take your money."
26. His master answered him in reply:
"You wicked and lazy slave, so you know that I reap where I have not sown and that I gather from where I have not scattered?"
27. Then you should have placed my money at the bank, so that upon my return I could have received back my money with interest.
28. Therefore take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten talents...."
29. (For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have in abundance, but he who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.)
30. "...And throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness". There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
31. When the Son of Man comes in His glory with all His angels around Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.
32. And all the nations will be gathered together before Him, and He will separate them from one another, as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats,
33. and He will set the sheep at His right hand, but the goats He will set on His left hand.
34. Then the King will say to those on His right hand:
"Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
35. For I was hungry and you gave Me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me a drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in,
36. I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you came to help Me, I was in prison and you came to Me."
37. Then the righteous will reply saying:
"Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You a drink?"
38. When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?"
39. When did we see You sick or in prison and come to You?"
40. And the King will tell them in reply:
"Truly I say to you, as often as you did this to the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me."
41. Then He will also say to those on His left hand:
"Go away from Me, you cursed ones into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
42. For I was hungry and you did not give Me food to eat; I was thirsty and you did not give Me a drink,
43. I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, I was naked and you did not clothe Me, I was sick and in prison and you did not come to help Me."
44. Then these ones will answer saying:
"Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and we did not minister to You?"
45. Then He will reply them saying:
"Truly I say to you, as often as you did not do these things to the least of My brothers and sisters, you did not do them to Me."
46. And they will depart into the eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Matthew 26

1. And it happened when Jesus finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples:
2. "Know that after two days it will be Passover, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to be crucified."
3. Then the Chief Priests and the elders of the people gathered together in the court of the Chief Priest called Caiaphas,
4. And consulted together about how they might take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.
5. Then they said:
"Not during the festival, so that there would not be an outcry among the people."
6. When Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon the Leper,
7. A woman came to Him with an alabaster box of very precious perfume, and she poured it on His head as He sat at dinner.
8. Seeing this the disciples became angry and asked:
"Why this waste?"
9. For this could have been sold for lots of money and given to the very poor."
10. Knowing this, Jesus said to them:
"Why do you bother the woman? For she has performed a good deed towards Me.
11. For you always have the very poor with you, but you do not always have Me.
12. For in pouring this perfume on My body she has done this for My burial.
13. Truly I say to you, whenever this Good News is preached in the whole world, what she has done will be spoken of in memory of her."
14. Then one of the twelve, the one called Judas Iscariot, went to the Chief Priests
15. and asked:
"What will you give me if I betray Him to you?"
They agreed with him for thirty pieces of silver.
16. And from that time he sought the right time to betray Him.
17. On the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus asking:
"Where do You wish us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"
18. He replied:
"Go into the city, to such and such a man, and say to him:
"The Teacher says:
"My time is near, I will celebrate the Passover with My disciples at your house.""
19. And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and they prepared the Passover.
20. Now when it was evening He sat down to eat with the twelve
21. And He said to them as they were eating:
"Truly I tell you that one of you will betray Me."
22. And they were greatly saddened and began to say to Him one after the other:
"Surely it is not I, Lord?"
23. Jesus answered them in reply:
"The one who dips his hand into the dish with Me, he will betray Me."
24. For the Son of Man goes as it has been written about Him, but woe to that man through whom

the Son of Man will be betrayed. It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

25. Then Judas His betrayer answered Him in reply:

"Surely it is not I, rabbi?"

Jesus said to him:

"You have said it."

26. While they were eating Jesus took some bread, and blessed it, broke it, and giving it to His disciples, said:

"Take, eat, this is My body."

27. Then He took the cup and He gave thanks then He gave it to them saying:

"Drink from it, all of you.

28. This is My blood of the covenant which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.

29. I say to you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew with you in the Kingdom of My Father."

30. And they sang a hymn then they went out to the Mount of Olives.

31. Then Jesus said to them:

"All of you will be caused to stumble in Me this night, for it is written:

"I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

32. After I am raised I will go before you into Galilee."

33. Peter answered Him in reply:

"If everyone is caused to stumble in You, I will never be caused to stumble."

34. Jesus said to him:

"Truly I tell you, that this night you will betray Me three times before the cock crows."

35. Peter said to Him:

"Even if I must die with You, I will not betray You!"

And all the disciples said the same thing.

36. Then Jesus came with them into the place called Gethsemane and He said to the disciples:

"Sit here while I go there to pray."

37. And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and He began to be sorrowful and distressed.

38. And He said to them:

"My spirit is sorrowful unto death. Stay here and watch with Me."

39. And He went a little distance and fell on His face in prayer, saying:

"My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from Me. But let not My will but Yours be done."

40. And He came to the disciples and He found them sleeping, and He said to Peter:

"Did you not have the strength to watch with Me even one hour?"

41. Watch and pray, so that you do not enter into temptation. For the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."

42. Going away again the second time He prayed saying:

"My Father, if it is not possible that this should pass away from Me except I drink it, let Your will be done."

43. And coming He again found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

44. And leaving them He again went and prayed the third time repeating this prayer again.

45. Then He came to the disciples and said to them:
"Sleep now and rest, behold the hour is near when the Son of Man will be betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46. Arise and let us go. Look, My betrayer is near."

47. And when He was still saying this, look, Judas one of the twelve came and with him there was a large crowd from the Chief Priests with swords and clubs.

48. His betrayer had given them a sign saying:
"The One I kiss, He is the One. Arrest Him."

49. And immediately, He came to Jesus saying:
"Greetings, Rabbi",
and He kissed Him deeply.

50. Jesus said to him:
"Friend, why are you here?"
Then they came and laid hold of Jesus, and arrested Him.

51. And look, one of those with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the slave of the Chief Priest and cut off his ear.

52. Then Jesus said to him:
"Return your sword to its place. For all who take the sword are destroyed by the sword.

53. Or do you think that I am not able to call upon My Father, so He will send to Me at once more than twelve legions of angels?

54. But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled, that these things must happen?"

55. At that point Jesus spoke to the crowds:
"Have you come out to seize Me with swords and clubs as if you were coming out against a thief? Every day I sat teaching in the Temple and you did not arrest Me."

56. All this happened so that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then the disciples all left Him and fled.

57. Those who arrested Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the Chief Priest, where the Scribes and the elders were gathered together.

58. Peter followed Him from a distance until the court of the Chief Priest and he entered and sat down inside among the officers to see how it would end.

59. The Chief Priests and the Council all sought false-witness against Jesus, so that they might kill Him,

60. And they did not find any although many false-witnesses came forward. Finally, two came forward

61. And said:
"This Man said:
"I am able to pull down the Temple of God and rebuild it within three days.""

62. And the Chief Priest stood up and asked Him:
"Do You answer nothing to what these people witness against You?!"

63. Jesus was silent. And the Chief Priest said to Him:
"I bid You by the living God to tell me whether You are the Christ the Son of God!"

64. Jesus said to him:
"You have said it. However, I tell you that soon you will see the Son of Man seated on the right hand of the power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

65. Then the Chief Priest tore his clothes and said:
"He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look now, you have heard the blasphemy!"
66. What do you think?!"
They answered him in reply:
"He is deserving of death!"
67. Then they spat in His face and struck Him with their fists, and some slapped Him
68. saying:
"Prophecy to us, Christ, who is the one who struck You?!"
69. Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a little girl came to him saying:
"You also were with Jesus of Galilee."
70. He denied it before them all saying:
"I do not know what you are talking about."
71. As he was going out into the porch another girl saw him and said to those that were there:
"This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."
72. And again he denied Him with an oath that:
"I do not know the Man!"
73. After a little while those who stood by came to Peter and said:
"Truly you also are one of them, for your accent clearly shows it!"
74. Then he began to curse strongly and to swear that:
"I do not know the Man!"
And immediately a cock crowed.
75. And Peter remembered the words that Jesus spoke, that:
"Before the cock crows you will deny Me three times."
And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Matthew 27

1. When it was morning all the Chief Priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to kill Him.
2. And they bound Him and led Him away and they handed Him over to Pilate the Governor.
3. Then Judas His betrayer seeing that He had been condemned, repented and took back the thirty pieces of silver to the Chief Priests and the elders
4. saying:
"I have sinned by betraying innocent blood!"
They said to him:
"What is that to us? You see to it!"
5. And he threw down the thirty pieces of silver into the Temple and departed, and he went and hanged himself.
6. The Chief Priests took the silver and said:
"It is not lawful for us to put this into the treasury since it is the price of blood."
7. They took counsel together and with the money bought the potter's field to bury strangers in.
8. Therefore that field has been called the field of blood until this day.
9. Then was fulfilled what was said by the prophet Jeremiah saying:

“And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him who was valued, whom the sons of Israel valued.

10. And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.”

11. And Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him saying:

“Are You the King of the Jews?”

Jesus said to him:

“You say it.”

12. And when He was accused by the Chief Priests and the elders He answered nothing.

13. Then Pilate said to Him:

“Do You not hear how many things they witness against You?”

14. And He did not answer him even one word, so that the governor marvelled greatly.

15. At the feast the governor was accustomed to release one prisoner whom they wished to the crowd.

16. He had then one notorious prisoner named Jesus Barabbas.

17. Pilate gathered them and asked them:

“Whom do you wish me to release to you, Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus called the Christ?”

18. For he knew that they had delivered Him because of envy.

19. When he was sitting on the judgement seat his wife sent to him saying:

“Do not have anything to do with that righteous Man. For I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.”

20. But the Chief Priests and the elders of the people persuaded the crowds that they should ask for Barabbas, and that they should destroy Jesus.

21. The governor asked them in reply:

“Who of the two do you wish me to release to you?”

They said to him:

“Barabbas.”

22. Pilate asked them:

“What should I do with Jesus called the Christ?”

They all said:

“Let Him be crucified.”

23. He asked:

“Which crime did He commit?”

They cried out all the more saying:

“Let Him be crucified!”

24. Pilate, seeing that it was no use but that rather a clamour was arising, took water and he washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:

“I am innocent of His blood. You see to it.”

25. And all the people said in reply:

“Let His blood be on us and on our children.”

26. Then he released to them Barabbas, and then he scourged Jesus and delivered Him to be crucified.

27. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered around Him the whole cohort.

28. And they removed His clothes and draped around Him a purple robe.

29. And they plaited together a crown of thorns and placed it on His head and put a reed in His right hand, and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him saying:
“Hail, King of the Jews!”

30. And they spat on Him and they took the reed and beat Him on the head.

31. And when they had mocked Him, they stripped the robe from Him and put onto Him His own clothes and led Him away to be crucified.

32. As they came from there they found a man of Cyrene called Simon, whom they forced to carry His cross.

33. And they came to the place called Golgotha, which is called the Place of the Skull.

34. And they gave Him a mixture of wine and gall to drink. And when He had tasted it He did not want to drink it.

35. And when they had crucified Him they divided His clothing by casting lots,

36. And sitting down they watched Him there.

37. And they placed at His head the accusation against Him written:
“This is Jesus the King of the Jews.”

38. Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on His right hand, and one on His left hand.

39. And those who passed by blasphemed against Him shaking their heads

40. and saying:
“He said that He would pull down the Temple and rebuild it in three days, let Him save Himself, if He is the Son of God, and let Him come down from the cross.”

41. In the same way the Chief Priests mocking Him with the Scribes and the elders said:

42. “He saved others, but 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 trusted in God, let Him now rescue Him if He delights in Him!”
For He said:
“I am the Son of God.”

44. And the robbers who were crucified along with Him also insulted Him.

45. From the sixth hour there was a darkness spread over the whole land until the ninth hour.

46. Around the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice saying:
“Eli Eli Lema Sabachthani?”
This means:
“My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?”

47. Some of those standing there heard and said that He was calling Elijah.

48. And immediately one of them ran and took a sponge and filled it with vinegar and put it on a reed for Him to drink.

49. The others said:
“Leave Him alone so that we will see if Elijah comes to save Him.”

50. Jesus again cried out with a great shout and yielded up His spirit.

51. And look the veil of the Temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom and the land shook and the rocks were split,

52. and the graves were opened and many bodies of holy people buried there were raised to life,

53. and they came out from the graves after His resurrection and they went into the holy city and

appeared to many.

54. The centurion and those with him watching Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and these events, they were greatly afraid, saying:

“Truly this was the Son of God!”

55. There were many women watching from a distance, who accompanied Jesus from Galilee to minister to Him.

56. Among these were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

57. When it was evening a rich man from Arimathea called Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus came.

58. He came to Pilate and requested the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered that it should be given to him.

59. And Joseph took the body and he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth.

60. And he placed it in his new tomb which he had carved from the rock and he rolled a large stone to the entrance of the tomb and he left.

61. There were there Mary Magdalene and the other Mary sitting opposite the tomb.

62. On the next day, which followed after the day of preparation, the Chief Priests gathered together before Pilate

63. saying:

“Lord, we remember that when He was still alive, that liar said:

“After three days, I will arise.”

64. Therefore please order that the grave should be made secure until the third day, in case His disciples come and steal His body away and say to the people:

“He has risen from the dead”,

and the last lie will be greater than the first.”

65. Pilate said to them:

“You have a guard over it. Go and make it as secure as you know how to do.”

66. And they went and secured the grave and sealed the stone with a guard.

Matthew 28

1. After the Sabbath on the dawn of the first day of the week Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the grave.

2. And look, there was a great earthquake. For an angel of the Lord came down from Heaven and came forward and rolled away the stone and sat down on it.

3. His appearance was like lightning and his clothes were white as snow.

4. And those watching shook for fear of him and became as dead men.

5. The angel said to the women in reply:

“Do not fear, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

6. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come see the place where He was laid.

7. And go quickly and say to His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and look He will go ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him. Look I have told you.”

8. And they went quickly from the grave with fear and great joy and they ran to announce to His

disciples.

9. And look Jesus appeared before them saying:

“Rejoice!”

They came up to Him and took hold of His feet and worshipped Him.

10. Then Jesus said to the women:

“Do not fear, go and announce to My brothers that they should go into Galilee, and there I will be seen.”

11. When they were going, look, certain men of the guard went into the city and announced to the Chief Priests everything that had happened.

12. And they gathered together with the elders and they took counsel and they gave large sums of money to the soldiers

13. saying:

“Say that His disciples came at night and stole His body away while you were sleeping.

14. And if this is heard by the governor, we will persuade him and we will make you safe.”

15. They took the money and did as they had been taught. And this story is spread widely among the Jewish people until this day.

16. The eleven disciples went to Galilee to the mountain where Jesus had directed them,

17. and seeing Him they worshipped, and some doubted.

18. And Jesus came forward and and spoke to them saying:

“All power in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

19. Go then and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20. teaching them to obey everything which I have commanded you. And look, I am with you every day until the end of the age.”

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