

[ A detailed legal case presented to Theophilus, in defense of Paul.]

Gospel According to

Saint Luke

[Greek physician and companion of Paul / not an apostle]

1.

Since many have desired to have in writing the story of those works with which we are familiar, according to what was handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of that very word, and since these were seen by me also because I was near and considered them all very carefully; I will therefore write to you everything in its order, most honorable Theophilus, so that you may know the truth of the words by which you were made a convert. There was in the days of Herod, king of Judea, a priest whose name was Zechariah, of the order of ministry of the house of Abijah; and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. They were both righteous before God, and walked in all his commandments, and in the righteousness of the Lord without blame. But they had no son, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well on in years. And it came to pass while he was ministering in the order of his ministry before God, according to the custom of the priesthood, his turn came to burn incense; so he entered the temple of the Lord. And all the congregation of the people prayed outside, at the time of incense. And the angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah, standing on the right of the altar of incense. And when Zechariah saw him, he became dumbfounded, and fear came upon him. And the angel said to him, Fear not, Zechariah; for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness; and a great many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great before the Lord, and he will not drink wine and strong drink; and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, while he is still in the womb of his mother. And many Israelites he will cause to turn to the Lord their God. And he will go before them with the spirit and the power of Elijah to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and those who are disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous; and he will prepare a true people for the Lord. And Zechariah said to the angel, How will I understand this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well on in years. And the angel answered, saying to him, I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I am sent to speak to you, and to bring you these glad tidings. From henceforth you will be dumb, and not able to speak until the day these things happen, because you did not believe these my words which are to be fulfilled in their time. Now the people stood waiting for Zechariah, and wondered because he remained so long in the temple. When Zechariah came out, he could not speak with them; and they understood that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he made signs to them with his eyes, but remained dumb. And when the days of his ministry were finished, he went to his house. And it came to pass after those days, his wife Elizabeth conceived, and hid herself for five months; and she said, The Lord has done these things to me in the days that he has been mindful of me, to remove my reproach among men. Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to Galilee, to a city called Nazareth, to a virgin who was acquired for a price for a man named Joseph, of the house of David; and the name of the virgin was Mary. And the angel went in and said to her, Peace be to you, O full of grace; our Lord is with you, O blessed one among women. When she saw him, she was disturbed at his word, and wondered what kind of salutation this could be. And the angel said to her, Fear not, Mary; for you have found grace with God. For behold, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will call his name Jesus. He will be great, and He will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His

father David. And He will rule over the house of Jacob forever; and there will be no limit to His kingdom. Then Mary said to the angel, How can this be, for no man has known me? The angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come, and the power of the Highest will rest upon you; therefore the one who is to be born of you is holy, and He will be called the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth your kinswoman has also conceived a son in her old age; and yet this is the sixth month with her, who is called barren. For nothing is impossible for God. Mary said, Here I am, a handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word. And the angel went away from her. In those days, Mary rose up, and went hurriedly to a mountain, to a city of Judea. And she entered the house of Zechariah, and saluted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she cried in a loud voice saying to Mary, Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. How does it happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your salutation fell on my ears, the babe in my womb leaped with great joy. And blessed is she who believed; for there will be a fulfillment of the things which were spoken to her from the Lord. And Mary said, My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; For he has regarded the meekness of his handmaid; for behold, from henceforth, all generations shall bless me. For he who is mighty has done great things to me; holy is his name. And his mercy is for centuries and generations, upon those who reverence him. He has brought victory with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their heart. He has put down the mighty from their seats, and he has lifted up the meek. He has filled the hungry with good things; and dismissed the rich empty. He has helped his servant Israel, and has remembered his mercy, Just as he spoke with our forefathers, with Abraham and with his descendants for ever. Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months, and then returned to her own home. Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered, and she gave birth to a son. And when her neighbors and relatives heard that God had increased his mercy to her, they rejoiced with her. And it came to pass on the eighth day that they came to circumcise the boy; and they would have called him Zechariah, after the name of his father, But his mother said to them, Not so; but he shall be called John. And they said to her, There is no man in your family who is called by this name. Then they made signs to his father, asking what he wanted to call him. And he asked for a tablet and wrote, saying, John is his name. And every one was surprised. And immediately his mouth and his tongue were opened, and he spoke and blessed God. And fear came on all their neighbors; and these things were spoken throughout the mountain of Judea. And all who heard it reasoned in their hearts, saying, What a boy he will be! And the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel; for he has visited his people and wrought a salvation for them. And he has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; Just as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets who have been for ages. That he would save us from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. He has shown mercy to our fathers, and he has remembered his holy covenants And the oaths which he swore to Abraham our father, to grant to us that we may be saved from the hand of our enemies, and serve before him without fear in justice and righteousness all our days. And you, boy, will be called the prophet of the Highest; for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare his way, to give knowledge of life to his people by the forgiveness of their sins, through the mercy and kindness visited by a ray from above, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. The boy grew and became strong in spirit; and he was in the desert until the day of his appearance to Israel.

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And it happened in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus to take a census of all the people in his empire. This first census took place during the governorship of Quirinius in Syria.

And every man went to be registered in his own city. Joseph also went up from Nazareth, a city of Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and family of David; with his purchased bride Mary, while she was with child, that they might be registered there. And it came to pass while they were there that her days to be delivered were fulfilled. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because they had no room where they were lodging. Now there were shepherds in that region where they were staying, and they were watching their flocks at night. And behold, the angel of God came to them, and the glory of the Lord shone on them; and they were seized with a great fear. And the angel said to them, Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which will be to all the world. For this day is born to you in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this is a sign for you: You will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And suddenly there appeared with the angel a heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good hope for men. And it came to pass when the angels departed from them and went to heaven, that the shepherds spoke to one another, saying, Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened as the Lord has shown to us. And they came hurriedly, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe laid in the manger. When they saw it, they made known the word which was spoken to them concerning the boy. And all who heard it were amazed at the things which were spoken by the shepherds. But Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had seen and heard, as it was spoken to them. And when eight days were fulfilled to circumcise the child, His name was called Jesus; for He was named by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And when the days for their purification were fulfilled, according to the law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, as it is written in the law of the Lord, every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord. And to offer a sacrifice, as it is commanded in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simon; and this man was pious and righteous, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it was said to him by the Holy Spirit, that he would not see death, until he saw the Anointed of the Lord. This man was led by the Spirit to the temple; and when the parents brought in the boy Jesus, to do for him according to what is commanded in the law, he received Him in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Now dismiss thy servant, O my Lord, in peace, according to thy word; for behold, mine eyes have already seen thy mercies, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples, a light for a revelation to the Gentiles and a glory to thy people Israel. And Joseph and Jesus' mother marveled about these things which were spoken concerning Him. And Simon blessed them, and said to Mary, his mother, Behold, this one is appointed for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign of dispute; and a sword will pierce through your own soul, so that the thoughts of the hearts of many may be revealed. And Hannah the prophetess, the daughter of Phenuel, of the tribe of Asher, was of a great age; and she had lived seven years with her husband from the days of her virginity. Then she became a widow for about eighty-four years, and she never left the temple, and with fasting and prayer she worshiped day and night. She also stood up at that hour and gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke concerning him to every man who was looking forward to the salvation of Jerusalem. And when they had done everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own city Nazareth. The boy grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. And His people went every year to Jerusalem during the feast of the passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to the feast as they were accustomed. And when the feast days were over, they returned; but the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother did not know it. They thought that He was with the children of their party; and when they went a day's journey, they sought for Him among their own people and those who knew them. But they could not find Him; so they returned again to Jerusalem, looking for Him. After three days, they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them

questions. And all those who heard Him were amazed at His wisdom and His answers. And when they saw Him, they were astonished; and his mother said to Him, My son, why have you done so to us? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you with much anxiety. He said to them, WHY WERE YOU LOOKING FOR ME? DID YOU NOT KNOW THAT I WOULD BE IN THE HOUSE OF MY FATHER? But they could not understand the words which He said to them. So he went down with them and came to Nazareth; and he was subject to them. And his mother treasured all these words in her heart. And Jesus grew in His stature and in His wisdom, and in favor with God and men.

3.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, during the governorship of Pontius Pilate in Judea, when Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lyosanius tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Hanan and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. And he went throughout the country around Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, The voice which calls in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths of our God straight in the plain. Let all the valleys be filled up, and all the mountains and hills be leveled; let the crooked places be made straight, and the rough places like a plain; and let all flesh see the salvation of God. And he said to the people who were coming to him to be baptized, O offspring of scorpions, who has warned you to escape from the anger which is coming? Therefore bring forth fruits which are worthy of repentance; and do not begin to say within yourselves, We have Abraham as our father; for I say to you that God can raise up children for Abraham from these stones. Behold, the ax is already placed at the root of the trees; therefore every tree which bears not good fruits will be cut down and cast into the fire. And the people asked him, saying, What then shall we do? He answered, saying to them, He who has two shirts, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise. And there came also tax collectors to be baptized, and they said to him, Teacher, what shall we do? He said to them, Do not exact anything more than what is commanded you to exact. And the soldiers also asked him saying, What shall we do? And he said to them, Do not molest any man, and do not accuse any man; your own wages should be enough for you. While the people were placing their hope on John, and all of them were thinking in their hearts, Perhaps he is the Christ; John answered, saying to them, Behold, I baptize you with water; but one is coming after me, who is greater than I, the strings of whose shoes I am not worthy to untie; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire; He holds a shovel in His hand, and purifies His threshing; the wheat He gathers into His barns, and the straw He burns in the unquenchable fire. Many other things also, he taught and preached to the people. Now Herod the tetrarch, because he was rebuked by John concerning Herodias wife of Philip his brother, and for all the evil things that he was doing, added this also to them all, that he put John into prison. It came to pass when all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized, and while He prayed, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, like a dove, and a voice from heaven, saying,

YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON; WITH YOU I AM PLEASED.

Now Jesus was about thirty years old, and He was supposed to be the son of Joseph, the son of Heli, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, the son of Matthat, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Hasli, the son of Naggai, the son of Maath, the son of Mattath, the son of Shemei, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah, the son of John, the son of Rheasa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shelahiel, the son of Neri, the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Kosam, the son of Elmodad, the son of Er, the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the son of Joram, the son of Mattitha, the son of Levi, the son of Simon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the

son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, the son of Melea, the son of Mani, the son of Mattha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, the son of Aminadab, the son of Arm, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, the son of Serug, the son of Arau, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shalah, the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxar, the son of Shdem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalael, the son of Cainan, the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, who was of God.

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Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and the Spirit carried Him away into the wilderness forty days, in order that He might be tempted by the adversary. And He did not eat anything in those days; and when they were over, at last He became hungry. And the adversary said to Him, If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread. Jesus answered, saying to him, **IT IS WRITTEN, IT IS NOT BY BREAD ALONE THAT MAN CAN LIVE, BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD.** Then Satan took HIM up to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the Earth in a short time. And the adversary said to Him, I will give you all this power and its glory, which are entrusted to me and I give it to whom I please. If therefore you worship me, it will all be yours. Jesus answered, saying to him **IT IS WRITTEN, YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE.** And he brought Him to Jerusalem and made Him to stand up on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here; For it is written, He will command his angels concerning you, to keep watch over you; And they will take you up in their arms, so that even your foot may not strike a stone. Jesus answered, saying to him, **IT IS SAID, YOU SHALL NOT TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD.** When the adversary was through with all his temptations, he left him for a while. So Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee; and the fame about Him went out through all the country round about. And He taught in their synagogues, and was praised by every man. And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and He entered the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was the custom, and stood up to read. And the book of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. And Jesus opened the book and found the place where it is written, **THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME; BECAUSE OF THIS HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH GOOD TIDINGS TO THE POOR; AND HE HAS SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, AND TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES AND SIGHT TO THE BLIND; TO STRENGTHEN WITH FORGIVENESS THOSE WHO ARE BRUISED AND TO PREACH THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.** And He rolled up the scroll and gave it to the attendant, and went and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, **TODAY THIS SCRIPTURE IS FULFILLED IN YOUR EARS.** And all testified about Him, and were amazed by the words of grace which came out of His mouth. And they said, Is not this man the son of Joseph? Jesus said to them, **YOU MIGHT PROBABLY TELL ME THIS PROVERB, PHYSICIAN, HEAL YOURSELF; AND ALL THAT WE HEARD YOU DID IN CAPERNAUM, DO ALSO HERE IN YOUR OWN CITY.** Then he said, **TRULY I SAY TO YOU, NO PROPHET IS ACCEPTABLE IN HIS OWN CITY. FOR TRULY I SAY TO YOU, THERE WERE MANY WIDOWS IN ISRAEL IN THE DAYS OF THE PROPHET ELIJAH WHEN HEAVEN WAS CLOSED FOR THREE YEARS AND SIX MONTHS AND THERE WAS A GREAT FAMINE THROUGHOUT THE LAND; YET ELIJAH WAS NOT SENT TO ONE OF THEM, BUT TO ZAREPHATH OF SIDON, TO A WIDOW. AND THERE WERE MANY LEPERS IN ISRAEL IN THE DAYS OF THE PROPHET ELISHA, AND YET NOT ONE OF THEM WAS CLEANSED EXCEPT NAAMAN THE ARAMEAN.** When those who were in the synagogue heard these things, they were all filled with anger. And they rose up and

took Him outside the city, and brought Him to the brow of the mountain on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down from a cliff. But He passed through the midst of them and went away. And He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and He taught them on the sabbaths. And they were astonished at His teaching; because His word had power. And there was in the synagogue a man who had an unclean demonic spirit, and he cried in a loud voice, saying, Let me alone; what have we in common, O Jesus the Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, Holy One of God! And Jesus rebuked him, saying **KEEP QUIET, AND COME OUT OF HIM.** The demon threw him in the midst, and went out of him, and did him no harm. And every man was seized with amazement, and the people spoke among themselves, saying, What kind of word is this that He commands unclean spirits with authority and power, and they go out! And the fame about Him went out through all the country around them. And when Jesus left the synagogue, He entered the house of Simon. And Simon's mother-in-law was suffering with a sever fever; and they besought Him for her. And He stood by her and rebuked the fever, and it left her; and she rose up immediately and ministered to them. When the sun was setting, all who had sick people suffering from various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hand on each one of them and healed them. Demons also came out of many, who cried out saying, You are the Christ, the Son of God. And He rebuked them, and would not allow them to speak; that people might not know that He was the Christ. And in the morning, He came out and went to a desert place; and the people were looking for Him, and came where He was; and they held Him so that He might not leave them. But Jesus said to them, **I MUST PREACH THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN OTHER CITIES ALSO, BECAUSE I WAS SENT FOR THIS** And He preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

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It came to pass when the people gathered around Him to hear the word of God, He stood on the shore of the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. One of them belonged to Simon Peter; so Jesus went up and sat in it, and He asked to row it a little way from the shore to the water. And He sat and taught the people from the boat. When He was through speaking, He said to Simon, Row out to the deep, and cast your net for a catch. Simon answered, saying to Him, Teacher, we have toiled all night and have caught nothing; but just because of your word, I will cast the net. And when they had done this, they enclosed a great many fish; and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat, to come and help them. And when they came, they filled both the boats, until they were almost sinking. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell at the feet of Jesus, and said to Him, I beg you, my Lord, leave me alone, for I am a sinful man. For he was amazed, and all who were with him, because of the catch of fish which they took. So also was it with James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. But Jesus said to Simon, **DO NOT BE AFRAID; FROM HENCEFORTH YOU WILL BE CATCHING MEN TO SAVE THEM.** And they brought the boats to land, and left everything and followed Him. When Jesus was in one of the cities, there came a man who was covered with leprosy; and he saw Jesus and fell on his face, and besought Him, saying, My Lord, if you will you can cleanse me. And Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, I will, be clean; and immediately his leprosy left him. And He charged him not to tell any man; but go and show yourself to the priests, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a testimony to them. And the fame concerning Him went out the more; and many people gathered to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases. But He departed into the wilderness and prayed. It came to pass on one of the days when Jesus was teaching that the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were sitting, who had come from every town of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of God was present to heal them. And some men brought a paralytic on a quilt; and they wanted to go in and lay him before Him. And when they found they were not able to carry him in because of the multitude, they went up on the roof

and lowered him down on his quilt from the ceiling into the midst before Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, MAN, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason saying, Who is this man who talks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins except God only? But Jesus knew their thoughts and answered, saying to them, WHAT DO YOU REASON IN YOUR HEART? WHICH IS EASIER TO SAY, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN, OR JUST TO SAY, ARISE AND WALK? BUT THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS, HE SAID TO THE PARALYTIC, I TELL YOU, ARISE, TAKE UP YOUR QUILT AND GO TO YOUR HOME. And immediately he rose up before their eyes and took his quilt and went to his house, praising God. And every man was seized with amazement, and they praised God and were filled with fear, saying, Today we have seen wonders. After these things, Jesus went out and saw a revenue officer named Levi, sitting at the custom house; and He said to him, FOLLOW ME. So he left everything and rose up and went after Him. And Levi gave Him a great reception in his house; and there was a large gathering of tax officers and others, who were guests with them. And the scribes and the Pharisees murmured and said to his disciples, Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners? And Jesus answered and said to them, A PHYSICIAN IS NOT NEEDED FOR THOSE WHO ARE WELL, BUT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY SICK. I HAVE NOT COME TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS TO REPENTANCE. They said to Him, Why do the disciples of John always fast and pray, and also those of the Pharisees; but yours eat and drink? He said to them, YOU CANNOT MAKE THE SONS OF THE WEDDING FEAST FAST SO LONG AS THE BRIDEGROOM IS WITH THEM. BUT THE DAYS WILL COME WHEN THE BRIDEGROOM IS TAKEN FROM THEM; THEN THEY WILL FAST IN THOSE DAYS. And he told them a parable, NO MAN CUTS A PIECE OF CLOTH FROM A NEW GARMENT AND PUTS IT ON A WORN – OUT GARMENT, SO THAT HE MAY NOT CUT THE NEW, AND THE NEW PIECE WILL NOT BLEND WITH THE OLD. NO MAN POURS NEW WINE INTO WORN-OUT SKINS ELSE THE NEW WINE WILL REND THE SKINS, AND THE WINE WILL RUN OUT AND THE SKINS WILL BE RUINED. BUT THEY POUR NEW WINE INTO NEW SKINS, AND BOTH ARE WELL PRESERVED. AND NO MAN DRINKS OLD WINE AND IMMEDIATELY WANTS NEW WINE, FOR HE SAYS, THE OLD IS DELICIOUS.

6.

It came to pass on the sabbath, as Jesus walked through the wheat fields, His disciples plucked heads of wheat, and rubbed them in their hands and did eat. But some of the men of the Pharisees said to them, Why are you doing what is unlawful to do on the sabbath? Jesus answered, saying to them, HAVE YOU NOT READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE AND THOSE WHO WERE WITH HIM WERE HUNGRY? HE ENTERED INTO THE HOUSE OF GOD, AND TOOK THE BREAD THAT WAS ON THE TABLE OF THE LORD AND DID EAT IT, AND HE GAVE IT TO THOSE WHO WERE WITH HIM, THAT WHICH WAS UNLAWFUL TO EAT BUT ONLY FOR THE PRIESTS. And He said to them, THE SON OF MAN IS LORD OF THE SABBATH. And it came to pass on another sabbath He entered into the synagogue and taught; and there was there a man whose right hand was withered. And the scribes and the Pharisees watched Him to see if He would heal on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against Him. But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man whose hand was withered, RISE UP AND COME TO THE CENTER OF THE SYNAGOGUE. And when he came and stood up, Jesus said to them, I WILL ASK YOU, WHAT IS LAWFUL TO DO ON THE SABBATH, THAT WHICH IS GOOD OR THAT WHICH IS BAD? TO SAVE A LIFE OR TO DESTROY IT? And He looked at all of them, and said to him, STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND. AND HE STRETCHED IT OUT; and his hand was restored like the other. But they were filled with bitterness, and discussed with each other what to do with Jesus. It came to pass in those days Jesus

went out to a mountain to pray, and He remained all night in prayer to God. And at daybreak He called His disciples; and He chose twelve from them, whom He called apostles: Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip and Bartholomew, and Matthew and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus and Simon who is called the Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judah of Iscariot, who became the traitor. And Jesus went down with them and stood up in the plain; and a large group of his disciples and a large crowd of people from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon came to hear His word and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were suffering from unclean spirits were healed. And all the people wanted to touch Him, because power proceeded from Him, and He healed them all. And He lifted up His eyes on His disciples and said, BLESSED ARE YOU POOR, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS YOURS. BLESSED ARE YOU WHO HUNGER NOW, FOR YOU SHALL BE FILLED. BLESSED ARE YOU WHO WEEP NOW, FOR YOU SHALL LAUGH. BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN MEN HATE YOU AND DISCRIMINATE AGAINST YOU AND REPROACH YOU AND PUBLISH YOUR NAMES AS BAD, FOR THE SAKE OF THE SON OF MAN. BE GLAD AND REJOICE IN THAT DAY, FOR YOUR REWARD IS INCREASED IN HEAVEN; FOR THEIR FATHERS DID THE SAME TO THE PROPHETS. BUT WOE TO YOU, RICH MEN! FOR YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED YOUR COMFORTS. WOE TO YOU WHO ARE FULL! FOR YOU WILL HUNGER. WOE TO YOU WHO LAUGH NOW! FOR YOU WILL WEEP AND MOURN. WOE TO YOU WHEN MEN SPEAK WELL OF YOU! FOR SO DID THEIR FATHERS TO THE FALSE PROPHETS. BUT I SAY TO YOU WHO HEAR, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU. AND BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU, AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO COMPEL YOU TO CARRY BURDENS. AND TO HIM WHO STRIKES YOU ON THE CHEEK, OFFER TO HIM THE OTHER; AND TO HIM WHO TAKES AWAY YOUR ROBE, DO NOT REFUSE YOUR SHIRT ALSO. GIVE TO EVERY ONE WHO ASKS YOU; AND FROM HIM WHO TAKES AWAY WHAT IS YOURS, DO NOT DEMAND IT BACK AGAIN. JUST AS YOU WANT MEN TO DO TO YOU, DO TO THEM LIKEWISE. FOR IF YOU LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE YOU, WHAT IS YOUR BLESSING? FOR EVEN SINNERS LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE THEM. AND IF YOU DO GOOD ONLY TO THOSE WHO DO GOOD TO YOU, WHAT IS YOUR BLESING? FOR SINNERS ALSO DO THE SAME. AND IF YOU LEND ONLY TO HIM FROM WHOM YOU EXPECT TO BE PAID BACK, WHAT IS YOUR BLESSING? FOR SINNERS ALSO LEND TO SINNERS, TO BE PAID BACK LIKEWISE. BUT LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND DO GOOD TO THEM, AND LEND AND DO NOT CUT OFF ANY MAN'S HOPE; SO YOUR REWARD WILL INCREASE AND YOU WILL BECOME SONS OF THE HIGHEST; FOR HE IS GRACIOUS TO THE WICKED AND THE CRUEL. BE THEREFORE MERCIFUL, AS YOUR FATHER ALSO IS MERCIFUL. JUDGE NOT, AND YOU WILL NOT BE JUDGED; CONDEMN NOT, AND YOU WILL NOT BE CONDEMNED; FORGIVE, AND YOU WILL BE FORGIVEN. GIVE, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; GOOD MEASURE SHAKEN DOWN AND RUNNING OVER THEY WILL POUR INTO YOUR ROBE. FOR WITH THE MEASURE THAT YOU MEASURE, IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU. And he told them a parable, CAN A BLIND MAN GUIDE A BLIND MAN? WILL THEY NOT BOTH FALL INTO A PIT? THERE IS NO DISCIPLE WHO IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HIS TEACHER; FOR EVERY MAN WHO IS WELL DEVELOPED WILL BE LIKE HIS TEACHER. WHY DO YOU SEE THE SPLINTER IN YOUR BROTHER'S EYE, AND DO NOT SEE THE BEAM IN YOUR OWN EYE? OR HOW CAN YOU SAY TO YOUR BROTHER, MY BROTHER, LET ME TAKE OUT THE SPLINTER FROM YOUR EYE, WHEN BEHOLD, YOU DO NOT SEE THE BEAM IN YOUR OWN EYE? O HYPOCRITES, FIRST TAKE OUT THE BEAM FROM YOUR OWN EYE, AND THEN YOU WILL SEE CLEARLY TO TAKE OUT THE SPLINTER FROM YOUR BROTHER'S EYE. THERE IS NO GOOD TREE THAT BEARS BAD FRUIT, NOR A BAD TREE THAT BEARS GOOD FRUIT. FOR EVERY TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS OWN FRUIT. FOR THEY DO NOT PICK FIGS



FROM THISTLES NOR GATHER GRAPES FROM A BRAMBLE BUSH. A GOOD MAN BRINGS OUT GOOD THINGS FROM THE GOOD TREASURE OF HIS HEART; AND A BAD MAN FROM THE BAD THINGS; FOR FROM THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART THE LIPS SPEAK. WHY DO YOU CALL ME, MY LORD, MY LORD, AND DO NOT DO WHAT I SAY? EVERY MAN WHO COMES TO ME AND HEARS MY WORDS AND DOES THEM, I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT HE IS LIKE. HE IS LIKE A MAN WHO BUILT A HOUSE AND DUG DEEP, AND LAID ITS FOUNDATIONS UPON THE ROCK; AND WHEN THE FLOOD CAME, IT BEAT UPON THAT HOUSE AND COULD NOT SHAKE IT; FOR ITS FOUNDATION WAS LAID UPON A ROCK. AND HE WHO HEARS AND DOES NOT IS LIKE A MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE AND WHEN THE RIVER BEAT AGAINST IT, IT FELL IMMEDIATELY AND THE FALL OF THAT HOUSE WAS GREAT.

7.

When He had finished all of these words in the hearing of the people, Jesus entered Capernaum. Now the servant of a centurion was seriously sick, one who was very dear to him; and he was near death. And when he heard about Jesus, he sent to him Jewish elders, and besought Him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying, He is worthy to have this done for him; for he loves our people, and has even built us a synagogue. Jesus went with them. And when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent some of his friends to Him, and said, My Lord, do not trouble yourself; for I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof; That is why I was not worthy to come to you; but just say a word and my servant will be healed. For I am also a man under authority, and there are soldiers under my command; and I say to this one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my servant, Do this, and he does it. When Jesus heard these things, He was amazed at him, and he turned and said to the people who followed Him. I SAY TO YOU, NOT EVEN IN ISRAEL HAVE I FOUND SUCH FAITH AS THIS. So those who were sent returned to the house, and found the servant who was sick, healed. And it came to pass on the next day He was going to a city called Nain; and His disciples were with Him, and many people. And when they came near the gate of the city, He saw a dead man being carried out, who was the only son of his mother, and his mother was a widow; and many people of the city were with her. When Jesus saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her, WEEP NOT. Then He went and touched the bier, and those who carried it stood still. And He said, YOUNG MAN, I TELL YOU, ARISE. And the dead man sat up and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. And all men were seized with fear; and they praised God, saying, A great prophet is risen among us; and God has visited his people. And this word about Him went out through all Judea, and through the country around them. And John's disciples told him all these things. So John called two of his disciples and sent them to Jesus, and said, Are you the one who is to come? Or are we to expect another? And they came to Jesus and said to Him, John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, Are you the one who is to come? Or are we to expect another? In that very hour He healed a great many people of their diseases and plagues, and of evil spirits; and He gave sight to many blind men. So Jesus answered, saying to them, GO AND TELL JOHN EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD, THAT THE BLIND SEE AND THE LAME WALK AND LEPERS ARE CLEANSED AND THE DEAF HEAR AND THE DEAD RISE UP AND THE POOR ARE GIVEN HOPE. AND BLESSED IS HE WHO DOES NOT STUMBLE ON ACCOUNT OF ME. When John's disciples had gone, Jesus began to speak to the people concerning John, WHAT DID YOU GO OUT TO THE WILDERNESS TO SEE? A REED WHICH IS SHAKEN BY THE WIND? IF NOT SO, WHAT DID YOU GO OUT TO SEE? A MAN DRESSED IN FINE CLOTHES? BEHOLD, THOSE WHO WEAR FINE CLOTHES AND LIVE DELICATELY ARE IN KINGS' HOUSES. AND IF NOT SO, WHAT DID YOU GO OUT TO SEE? A PROPHET? YES, I SAY TO YOU, AND MUCH MORE THAN A PROPHET. THIS IS HE OF

WHOM IT IS WRITTEN, BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE TO PREPARE THE WAY BEFORE YOU. I SAY TO YOU THAT THERE IS NO PROPHET AMONG THOSE WHO ARE BORN OF WOMEN WHO IS GREATER THAN JOHN THE BAPTIST; AND YET EVEN THE LEAST PERSON IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS GREATER THAN HE. And all the people who heard it, even the tax collectors, justified themselves before God, for they were baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and the scribes suppressed the will of God in themselves, because they were not baptized by him. TO WHOM, THEREFORE, SHALL I LIKEN THE MEN OF THIS NATION? AND TO WHAT ARE THEY LIKE? THEY ARE LIKE BOYS WHO SIT IN THE STREET, AND CALL TO THEIR FRIENDS AND SAY, WE HAVE SUNG TO YOU BUT YOU DID NOT DANCE; AND WE HAVE WAILED TO YOU AND YOU DID NOT WEEP. FOR JOHN THE BAPTIST CAME, NEITHER EATING BREAD NOR DRINKING WINE AND YOU SAY, HE IS INSANE. THE SON OF MAN CAME, EATING AND DRINKING; AND YOU SAY, BEHOLD, A GLUTTON AND A WINEBIBBER, AND A FRIEND OF TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS! AND YET WISDOM IS JUSTIFIED BY ALL ITS WORKS. Then one of the Pharisees came and asked Him to eat with him. And He entered the house of that Pharisee and reclined as a guest. Now there was in that city a woman who was a sinner; and when she knew that He was a guest in the Pharisee's house, she took an alabaster cruse of perfume, and stood behind Him at his feet weeping, and she began to wet His feet with her tears and to wipe them with the hair of her head, and she kissed His feet and anointed them with perfume. When the Pharisee who had invited Him saw it, he reasoned in himself and said, If this man were a prophet, He would have known who she is and her reputation; for the woman who has touched Him is a sinner. Jesus answered, saying to him, SIMON, I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU. He said to him, Say it, Teacher. Jesus said to him, THERE WERE TWO MEN WHO WERE DEBTORS TO A CERTAIN CREDITOR; ONE OF THEM OWED HIM FIVE HUNDRED PENCE, AND THE OTHER FIFTY PENCE. AND BECAUSE THEY HAD NOTHING TO PAY, HE FORGAVE THEM BOTH. WHICH ONE OF THEM WILL LOVE HIM MORE? Simon answered, saying, I think the one to whom He forgave more. Jesus said to him, YOU HAVE JUDGED TRULY.

And He turned to the woman, and said to Simon, DO YOU SEE THIS WOMAN? WHEN I ENTERED YOUR HOUSE, YOU DID NOT GIVE ME EVEN WATER FOR MY FEET; BUT SHE HAS WET MY FEET WITH HER TEARS AND WIPED THEM WITH HER HAIR. YOU DID NOT KISS ME; BUT SHE, SINCE SHE ENTERED HAS NOT CEASED TO KISS MY FEET. YOU DID NOT ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL; BUT SHE HAS ANOINTED MY FEET WITH PERFUME. FOR THIS REASON, I SAY TO YOU, HER MANY SINS ARE FORGIVEN BECAUSE SHE LOVED MUCH; BUT HE TO WHOM LITTLE IS FORGIVEN, LOVES LITTLE. And He said to the woman, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. Then the guests began to say within themselves, Who is this man who forgives even sins?

8.

And it came to pass after these things Jesus was traveling in cities and villages, preaching and giving good news of the kingdom of God. And His twelve were with Him, and the women who were healed of diseases and unclean spirits, Mary who is called of Magdala, from whom seven demons went out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza the steward of Herod, and Susanna, and many others, who ministered to them of their wealth. And when many people had gathered and were coming to Him from all the cities, He spoke in parables. A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS SEED, AND WHEN HE HAD SOWN, SOME SEED FELL ON THE ROADSIDE; AND IT WAS TRODDEN UNDER FOOT, AND THE BIRDS ATE IT. OTHER SEED FELL UPON THE ROCK; AND SPRANG UP QUICKLY, AND BECAUSE IT HAD NO MOISTURE, IT DRIED UP. AND OTHER SEED FELL AMONG THISTLES; AND THE THISTLES SPRANG UP WITH IT AND CHOKED IT. AND OTHER SEED

FELL IN GOOD AND FERTILE GROUND; AND SPRANG UP AND BORE FRUIT A HUNDREDFOLD. And when He had said this He cried out, HE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR. And his disciples asked Him, What is this parable? He said to them, TO YOU IT IS GRANTED TO KNOW THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD; BUT TO THE REST IT HAS TO BE SAID IN FIGURES; FOR WHILE THEY SEE, THEY DO NOT PERCEIVE; AND WHILE THEY HEAR, THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND. THIS IS THE PARABLE: THE SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD. THOSE ON THE ROADSIDE ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD, AND THE ENEMY COMES AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD FROM THEIR HEARTS, SO THAT THEY MAY NOT BELIEVE AND BE SAVED. THOSE ON THE ROCK ARE THOSE WHO WHEN THEY HAVE HEARD, RECEIVE THE WORD WITH JOY; AND YET THEY HAVE NO ROOT, BUT THEIR BELIEF IS FOR A WHILE, AND IN TIME OF TRIAL THEM STUMBLE. THAT WHICH FELL AMONG THE THISTLES ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD, AND THEN CHOKE THEMSELVES WITH WORRIES AND RICHES AND WORLDLY COVETOUSNESS, AND BEAR NO FRUIT. BUT THAT IN GOOD SOIL, THESE ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD WITH A PURE AND GOOD HEART, AND KEEP IT, AND BEAR FRUIT WITH PATIENCE. NO MAN LIGHTS A LAMP AND COVERS IT WITH A VESSEL, OR PUTS IT UNDER THE BED; BUT HE PUTS IT ON THE LAMP STAND, THAT WHOEVER ENTERS SEES ITS LIGHT. FOR THERE IS NOTHING COVERED WHICH WILL NOT BE UNCOVERED; AND NOTHING HIDDEN WHICH WILL NOT BE KNOWN AND COME TO LIGHT. TAKE HEED HOW YOU HEAR; FOR HE WHO HAS, TO HIM SHALL BE GIVEN; AND FROM HIM WHO HAS NOT, EVEN THAT WHICH HE THINKS HE HAS SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY. And there came to Him his mother and his brothers, and they were not able to speak to Him because of the crowd. And they said to Him, Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to see you. He answered, saying to them, THESE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS, THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND DO IT. It came to pass on one of the days Jesus went up and sat in a boat with His disciples; and He said to them. LET US CROSS TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE. And while they were rowing, Jesus fell asleep; and there rose a storm of wind on the lake; and the boat was near sinking. And they came up and awakened Him and said to Him, Our Teacher, our Teacher, we are perishing. He got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and they quieted down and there was a calm. And He said to them, WHERE IS YOUR FAITH? But as they were frightened, they wondered, saying one to another, O who is this man, who even commands the winds and the waves and the sea obey Him? And they rowed and came to the country of the Gadarenes, which is on the shore opposite Galilee. And when He landed, He was met by a man from the city, who had had a demon in him for a long time, and he did not wear clothes and did not live in a house, but in the cemetery. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, What have we in common, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you not to torment me. For Jesus commanded the unclean spirit to go out of the man. For it was a long time since he was possessed and bound with chains and kept in fetters; but he would often break off his bonds and was driven into the desert by the demon. Jesus asked him, WHAT IS YOUR NAME? He said, Legion, because many demons had entered into him. And they besought Him not to command them to go down into the abyss. Now there was there a herd of many swine feeding on the mountain; and they besought Him to permit them to attack the swine. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man, and they attacked the swine; and the whole herd went straight to the cliff, and fell down into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the cities and in the villages. And some men went out to see what had happened; and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, dressed and well behaved and sitting at the feet of Jesus; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how that lunatic was healed. Then all the people of the Gadarenes besought Him to leave them, because they were seized with a great fear; and Jesus went up into the boat and returned from thence. But the man from whom

the demons had gone out besought Him to remain with him; but Jesus dismissed him and said to him, RETURN TO YOUR OWN HOUSE, AND DECLARE WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU. And he went away and preached throughout the city what Jesus had done for him. When Jesus returned, a large multitude welcomed Him, for they were all expecting Him. And a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue, fell at the feet of Jesus and besought Him to enter into his house. For he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was near death. And as Jesus went with him, a large crowd pressed against Him. Now a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and had spent all her wealth for doctors, could not be healed by anybody. She came near Him from behind, and touched the edge of His cloak; and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. And Jesus said, WHO TOUCHED ME? And when all of them denied it, Simon Peter and those who were with Him said to Him, Teacher, the crowds are troubling you and pressing on you, and yet you say, Who has touched me? But He said, SOME ONE HAS TOUCHED ME, FOR I KNOW THAT POWER HAS GONE OUT OF ME. When the woman saw that she could not deceive Him, she came trembling, and fell down and worshiped Him; and she said in the presence of all the people for what purpose she had touched Him, and how she was healed immediately. Jesus said to her, HAVE COURAGE, MY DAUGHTER; YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU; GO IN PEACE. While He was still talking, there came a man from the house of the leader of the synagogue, and said to Him, Your daughter has died, do not trouble the teacher. Jesus heard it and said to the father of the girl, DO NOT BE AFRAID, BUT ONLY BELIEVE, AND SHE WILL BE RESTORED TO LIFE. Jesus came into the house, and He did not allow anyone to enter with him except Simon and James and John and the father and mother of the girl. And all of them were weeping and mourning over her; but Jesus said, DO NOT WEEP, FOR SHE IS NOT DEAD BUT ASLEEP. And they laughed at Him, for they knew that she was dead. Then He put everybody out, and held her by her hand and called her and said, LITTLE GIRL, ARISE. And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately; and He commanded to give her something to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He warned them not to tell any man what had happened.

9.

Then Jesus called His twelve, and gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to cure diseases. And He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. And He said to them, DO NOT TAKE ANYTHING FOR THE JOURNEY, NEITHER A STAFF NOR A BAG NOR BREAD NOR MONEY, NOR HAVE TWO SHIRTS. AND INTO WHATEVER HOUSE YOU ENTER, REMAIN THERE, AND DEPART FROM THENCE. AND WHOEVER WILL NOT WELCOME YOU, WHEN YOU LEAVE THAT CITY, SHAKE OFF EVEN THE SAND FROM YOUR FEET FOR A TESTIMONY AGAINST THEM. And the apostles went out, and traveled in villages and cities, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by His hand; and he was amazed, because some men said that John has risen from the dead. But others, that Elijah has appeared; and others, that one of the old prophets has risen. So Herod said, I have beheaded John; but who is this one concerning whom I hear these things? And he wanted to see Him. When the apostles returned, they told Jesus everything which they had done. And He took them all alone to a lonely place in Bethsaida. When the people found it out, they went after Him; and He received them and spoke to them concerning the kingdom of God, and He healed those who were in need of healing. And when the day began to wane, His disciples came up and said to Him, Dismiss the people, that they may go to the villages around us and to the farms, to lodge there and find food for themselves, because we are in a lonely place. Jesus said to them, YOU GIVE THEM TO EAT. But they said, We do not have more than five loaves of bread and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all this people; For there were about five thousand men. Jesus said to them, MAKE THEM SIT DOWN IN GROUPS, FIFTY MEN IN EACH GROUP. The disciples did so, making them all sit down. And Jesus took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, and looked up to heaven and blessed

them, and broke and gave them to His disciples to set before the people. And they all ate and were filled; and they took up fragments of what was left over, twelve baskets. As He prayed by Himself, His disciples were with Him; then He asked them and said, WHAT DO THE PEOPLE SAY CONCERNING ME THAT I AM? They answered and said to Him, John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and others that one of the old prophets has risen. He said to them, BUT YOU, WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? Simon answered and said, the Messiah (the anointed one of God). But He cautioned them, and warned them not to say this to anyone. And He said to them, THE SON OF MAN MUST SUFFER A GREAT MANY THINGS, AND HE WILL BE REJECTED BY THE ELDERS AND THE HIGH PRIESTS AND THE SCRIBES, AND THEY WILL KILL HIM, AND ON THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RISE. Then He said in the presence of everyone, HE WHO WISHES TO COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS EVERY DAY AND FOLLOW ME. FOR HE WHO WISHES TO SAVE HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT; BUT HE WHO LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE SHALL SAVE IT. FOR HOW CAN A MAN BE BENEFITED, IF HE GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD, BUT LOSE HIS OWN SOUL, OR EVEN WEAKENS IT? FOR WHOEVER IS ASHAMED OF ME AND OF MY WORDS, THE SON OF MAN WILL BE ASHAMED OF HIM WHEN HE COMES WITH THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER ACCOMPANIED BY HIS HOLY ANGELS. I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THAT THERE ARE MEN WHO STAND HERE WHO WILL NOT TASTE DEATH UNTIL THEY SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD. And it came to pass about eight days after these words, Jesus took Simon and James and John, and went up into a mountain to pray. And while He prayed, the appearance of His face was changed and his clothes became white and dazzling. And behold, two men were speaking with Him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke concerning His departure which was to end at Jerusalem. And Simon and those who were with Him were heavy with sleep; and when they awoke they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. And when they began to leave Him, Simon said to Jesus, Teacher, it is better for us to remain here; and let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah; but he did not know what he was saying. And when he had said these things, there came a cloud and overshadowed them; and they were frightened when they saw Moses and Elijah enter into the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying,

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON; HEAR HIM.

And when the voice was heard, they found Jesus alone. And they kept silent, and in those days they did not tell any man what they saw. And it came to pass the next day, as they came down from the mountain, they were met by many people. And one of the men of that crowd cried out and said, O Teacher, I beg you to have mercy on me. I have an only son, and a spirit seizes him and he suddenly cries out and gnashes his teeth and foams; and it hardly leaves him when it has tormented him. And I besought your disciples to cast it out; and they could not. Jesus answered, saying, O CROOKED AND FAITHLESS GENERATION, HOW LONG WILL I BE WITH YOU AND PREACH TO YOU? BRING YOUR SON HERE. And as he brought him, the demon attacked him and convulsed him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy and gave him to his father. And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. And while every man wondered at everything which Jesus did, He said to his disciples. TREASURE THESE WORDS IN YOUR EARS; FOR THE SON OF MAN WILL BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF MEN. But they did not understand this word, because it was hidden from them so that they might not know it; and they were afraid to ask Him concerning this word. Then a reasoning entered into their minds as to who was the greatest among them. But Jesus knew the reasoning of their hearts, and He took a boy and made him stand by Him. And He said to them, EVERYONE WHO RECEIVES A LITTLE CHILD LIKE THIS ONE IN MY NAME, RECEIVES ME; AND HE WHO RECEIVES ME RECEIVES HIM WHO SENT ME; FOR WHOEVER IS LEAST AMONG YOU, LET HIM BE GREAT. And John answered, saying, Teacher,

we saw a man casting out demons in your name; and we forbade him, because he did not come with us as your follower. Jesus said to them, DO NOT FORBID; FOR HE WHO IS NOT AGAINST YOU IS FOR YOU. And it happened when the days to go up on His journey were fulfilled, He set his face to go to Jerusalem. So he sent messengers ahead of Him; and they went away and entered into a Samaritan village to prepare for Him. But they did not receive Him, because his face was set to go straight to Jerusalem. When His disciples James and John saw it, they said to Him, Our Lord, would you be willing that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did? He turned and rebuked them, saying, YOU DO NOT KNOW OF WHAT SPIRIT YOU ARE. FOR THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO DESTROY LIVES, BUT TO SAVE. And they went to another village. And while they were on the journey, a man said to Him, My Lord, I will follow you wherever you go. Jesus said to him, FOXES HAVE HOLES, AND THE BIRDS OF THE AIR A SHELTER; BUT THE SON OF MAN HAS NO PLACE EVEN TO LAY HIS HEAD. He said to another, FOLLOW ME; but he said to Him, My Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said to him, LET THE DEAD BURY THEIR OWN DEAD; BUT YOU GO AND PREACH THE KINGDOM OF GOD. Another one said to Him, I will follow you, my Lord; but permit me first to entrust my household to someone, and then come. Jesus said to him, NO MAN WHO PUTS HIS HAND ON THE PLOUGH HANDLE AND LOOKS BACK IS FIT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

10.

After these things, Jesus selected from His disciples seventy others, and sent them two by two before Him to every place and city to which He was to go. And He said to them, THE HARVEST IS GREAT AND THE LABORERS ARE FEW; ASK THEREFORE THE OWNER OF THE HARVEST TO BRING OUT LABORERS TO HIS HARVEST. GO FORTH; BEHOLD, I SEND YOU AS LAMBS AMONG WOLVES. DO NOT CARRY PURSES NOR BAGS NOR SHOES; AND DO NOT SALUTE ANY MAN ON THE ROAD. AND TO WHATEVER HOUSE YOU ENTER, FIRST SAY, PEACE BE TO THIS HOUSE. AND IF A MAN OF PEACE IS THERE, LET YOUR PEACE REST UPON HIM; AND IF NOT, YOUR PEACE WILL RETURN TO YOU. REMAIN IN THAT HOUSE, EATING AND DRINKING OF WHAT THEY HAVE; FOR A LABORER IS WORTHY OF HIS WAGES. DO NOT KEEP MOVING FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE. AND INTO WHATEVER CITY YOU ENTER, AND THEY RECEIVE YOU, EAT WHATEVER THEY SET BEFORE YOU; AND HEAL THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN IT AND SAY TO THEM, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS COME NEAR TO YOU. BUT INTO WHATEVER CITY YOU ENTER, AND THEY DO NOT RECEIVE YOU, GO OUT INTO THE STREET AND SAY, EVEN THE SAND OF YOUR CITY WHICH CLEAVES TO OUR FEET WE SHAKE OFF TO YOU; BUT KNOW THIS THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR TO YOU. I SAY TO YOU THAT IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER FOR SODOM IN THAT DAY THAN FOR THAT CITY. WOE TO YOU, CHORAZIN! WOE TO YOU, BETHSAIDA! IF THE MIGHTY WORKS WHICH WERE DONE IN YOU HAD BEEN DONE IN TYRE AND SIDON, PERHAPS THEY MIGHT HAVE REPENTED IN SACKCLOTH AND ASHES. BUT, IT WILL BE EASIER FOR TYRE AND SIDON AT THE JUDGMENT DAY THAN FOR YOU. AND YOU, CAPERNAUM, WHICH HAVE EXALTED YOURSELF UP TO HEAVEN, YOU WILL BE BROUGHT DOWN TO SHEOL. HE WHO HEARS YOU HEARS ME; AND HE WHO OPPRESSES YOU OPPRESSES ME; AND HE WHO OPPRESSES ME OPPRESSES HIM WHO SENT ME. So the seventy whom He had sent returned with great joy, and they said to Him, Our Lord, even the demons have submitted to us in your name. He said to them, I SAW SATAN FALLING LIKE LIGHTNING FROM HEAVEN, BEHOLD, I GIVE YOU POWER TO TREAD ON SNAKES AND SCORPIONS, AND OVERCOME THE POWER OF THE ENEMY; AND NOTHING SHALL HARM YOU. BUT DO NOT REJOICE IN THIS THAT THE DEMONS SUBMIT TO YOU; BUT REJOICE BECAUSE YOUR NAMES ARE

WRITTEN IN HEAVEN. At that very hour, Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, I THANK THEE, O MY FATHER, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, BECAUSE THOU DIDST HIDE THESE THINGS FROM THE WISE AND MEN OF UNDERSTANDING, AND REVEALED THEM TO CHILDREN; YES, MY FATHER, FOR SO IT WAS WELL PLEASING IN THY PRESENCE. And He turned to his disciples and said to them, EVERYTHING HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO ME BY MY FATHER; AND NO MAN KNOWS WHO IS THE SON EXCEPT THE FATHER; AND WHO IS THE FATHER EXCEPT THE SON, AND TO WHOMEVER THE SON WISHES TO REVEAL HIM. Then he turned to his disciples alone and said, BLESSED ARE THE EYES WHICH SEE WHAT YOU SEE. FOR I SAY TO YOU THAT MANY PROPHETS AND KINGS DESIRED TO SEE WHAT YOU SEE, AND DID NOT SEE IT; AND TO HEAR WHAT YOU HEAR, AND DID NOT HEAR IT. And behold, a scribe stood up to test Him, and he said, Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus said to him, WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE LAW? HOW DO YOU READ IT? He answered, saying to Him, You must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. Jesus said to him, YOU SPOKE THE TRUTH; DO THIS AND YOU SHALL LIVE. But as he wanted to justify himself, he said to Him, And who is my neighbor? Jesus said to him, THERE WAS A MAN WHO WENT DOWN FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICHO, AND BANDITS ATTACKED HIM AND ROBBED HIM AND BEAT HIM AND LEFT HIM WITH LITTLE LIFE REMAINING IN HIM, AND THEY WENT AWAY. AND IT CHANCED A PRIEST WAS GOING DOWN THAT ROAD; AND HE SAW HIM AND PASSED ON. AND LIKEWISE A LEVITE CAME AND ARRIVED AT THAT PLACE, AND SAW HIM AND PASSED ON. BUT A SAMARITAN, AS HE JOURNEYED, CAME WHERE HE WAS, AND WHEN HE SAW HIM, HE HAD COMPASSION ON HIM. AND HE CAME TO HIM AND BOUND UP HIS WOUNDS AND Poured ON THEM WINE AND OIL; AND HE PUT HIM ON HIS OWN ASS AND BROUGHT HIM TO THE INN AND TOOK CARE OF HIM. AND IN THE MORNING, HE TOOK OUT TWO PENNIES AND GAVE THEM TO THE INNKEEPER, AND SAID TO HIM, TAKE CARE OF HIM; AND WHATEVER YOU SPEND MORE, WHEN I RETURN, I WILL GIVE IT TO YOU. WHO THEREFORE OF THESE THREE, AS IT APPEARS TO YOU, BECAME NEIGHBOR TO HIM WHO FELL INTO THE HANDS OF THE BANDITS? He said, The one who had compassion on him. Jesus said to him, YOU GO ALSO, AND DO LIKEWISE. And it came to pass while they were journeying, He entered into a village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister whose name was Mary, and she came and sat at the feet of our Lord and listened to His words. But Martha was busy with many household cares, and she came and said to Him, My Lord, you do not seem to care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her to help me. Jesus answered and said to her, MARTHA, MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND EXCITED ABOUT MANY THINGS; BUT ONE THING IS MORE IMPORTANT; AND MARY HAS CHOSEN THE GOOD PORTION FOR HERSELF, WHICH SHALL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER.

11.

And it came to pass while He was praying in a certain place, when He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, Our Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples. Jesus said to them, WHEN YOU PRAY, PRAY LIKE THIS, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE, AS IN HEAVEN, SO ON EARTH. GIVE US BREAD FOR OUR NEEDS EVERY DAY. AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS, FOR WE HAVE ALSO FORGIVEN ALL WHO HAVE OFFENDED US. AND DO NOT LET US ENTER INTO TEMPTATION; BUT DELIVER US FROM ERROR. And He said to them, WHO IS THERE AMONG YOU WHO HAS A FRIEND, AND IF HE SHOULD GO TO HIM AT MIDNIGHT AND SAY TO HIM, MY FRIEND, LEND ME THREE LOAVES, FOR A FRIEND HAS COME TO ME

FROM A JOURNEY AND I HAVE NOTHING TO SET BEFORE HIM, WOULD HIS FRIEND FROM INSIDE ANSWER, SAYING TO HIM, DO NOT TROUBLE ME ; THE DOOR IS ALREADY LOCKED AND MY CHILDREN ARE WITH ME IN BED; I CANNOT GET UP AND GIVE YOU BREAD? I SAY TO YOU ALSO, ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK, AND YOU SHALL FIND; KNOCK, AND IT SHALL BE OPENED TO YOU. FOR EVERYONE WHO ASKS, RECEIVES, AND HE WHO SEEKS, FINDS; AND HE WHO KNOCKS, IT IS OPENED TO HIM. FOR WHO IS AMONG YOU, A FATHER, IF HIS SON SHOULD ASK HIM BREAD, WHAT! WOULD HE HAND HIM A SCORPION! SO IF YOU, WHO ERR, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT FROM HEAVEN TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM? And while He was casting out a demon from a dumb man, it came to pass when the demon went out the dumb man spoke; and the people were amazed. But some of the men among them said, This man casts out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of devils. And others, tempting Him, asked Him for a sign from heaven. But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them, EVERY KINGDOM WHICH IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF SHALL BE DESTROYED; AND A HOUSE WHICH IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF SHALL FALL. AND IF SATAN IS DIVIDED AGAINST HIMSELF, HOW CAN HIS KINGDOM SURVIVE? AND YET YOU SAY I AM CASTING OUT DEVILS THROUGH BEELZEBUB. IF I CAST OUT DEVILS THROUGH BEELZEBUB, BY WHAT DO YOUR SONS CAST THEM OUT? THEREFORE THEY WILL BE YOUR JUDGES. BUT IF I CAST OUT DEVILS BY THE FINGER OF GOD, THEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS COME NEAR YOU. WHEN A STRONG MAN IS ARMED AND KEEPS WATCH OVER HIS COURTYARD, HIS PROPERTY IS SAFE; BUT IF THERE SHOULD COME ONE WHO IS STRONGER THAN HE, HE WILL CONQUER HIM AND TAKE AWAY HIS ARMOR IN WHICH HE TRUSTED AND DIVIDE HIS SPOIL. HE WHO IS NOT WITH ME IS AGAINST ME; AND HE WHO DOES NOT GATHER WITH ME WILL SCATTER. WHEN AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT IS GONE OUT OF A MAN, IT GOES AWAY AND TRAVELS IN PLACES WHERE THERE IS NO WATER, TO SEEK REST; AND WHEN IT FINDS IT NOT, IT SAYS, I WILL RETURN TO MY OWN HOUSE FROM WHENCE I CAME. AND IF IT SHOULD COME AND FIND IT WARM AND WELL FURNISHED, THEN IT GOES AWAY AND BRINGS SEVEN OTHER SPIRITS WORSE THAN ITSELF; AND THEY ENTER AND DWELL THERE; AND THE END OF THAT MAN WILL BECOME WORSE THAN THE BEGINNING. While He was saying these things, a woman out of the multitude lifted up her voice and said to Him, Blessed is the womb which bore you and the breasts which gave you suck. He said to her, BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND KEEP IT. And when the people were gathering, he began to say, THIS EVIL GENERATION WANTS A SIGN; AND NO SIGN WILL BE GIVEN TO IT EXCEPT THE SIGN OF THE PROPHET JONAH. FOR AS JONAH WAS A SIGN TO THE NINEVITES, SO ALSO WILL THE SON OF MAN BE TO THIS GENERATION. THE QUEEN OF THE SOUTH WILL RISE UP IN JUDGMENT WITH THE MEN OF THIS GENERATION AND CONDEMN THEM; FOR SHE CAME FROM THE FAR ENDS OF THE EARTH TO HEAR THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON; AND BEHOLD, A GREATER THAN SOLOMON IS HERE. THE MEN OF NINEVEH WILL RISE UP IN JUDGMENT AGAINST THIS GENERATION AND CONDEMN IT; FOR THEY REPENTED AT THE PREACHING OF JONAH; AND BEHOLD, A GREATER THAN JONAH IS HERE. NO MAN LIGHTS A LAMP AND PUTS IT IN A HIDDEN PLACE OR UNDER A BASKET, BUT ON A LAMP HOLDER, SO THAT THOSE WHO ENTER MAY SEE ITS LIGHT. THE LAMP OF YOUR BODY IS YOUR EYE; WHEN THEREFORE YOUR EYE IS BRIGHT, YOUR WHOLE BODY WILL ALSO BE LIGHTED; BUT IF IT IS DISEASED, YOUR WHOLE BODY WILL ALSO BE DARK. TAKE HEED, THEREFORE, LEST THE LIGHT WHICH IS IN YOU BE DARKNESS. IF YOUR WHOLE BODY IS LIGHTED AND THERE IS NO PART IN IT DARK, THE WHOLE OF IT WILL GIVE LIGHT, JUST AS A LAMP GIVES YOU LIGHT WITH ITS SHINING. While He spoke, a Pharisee



asked Him to dine with him; and he entered and reclined. When the Pharisee saw Him, he was amazed because He did not first wash before dinner. And Jesus said to him, NOW YOU PHARISEES CLEAN THE OUTSIDE OF THE CUP AND THE DISH; BUT WITHIN YOU ARE FULL OF EXTORTION AND INIQUITY. O YOU SHORTSIGHTED, DID NOT HE WHO MADE THE OUTSIDE ALSO MAKE THE INSIDE? BUT GIVE ALMS OF WHAT YOU HAVE; AND, BEHOLD, EVERYTHING WILL BE CLEAN TO YOU. BUT WOE TO YOU PHARISEES! WHO TAKE TITHES OF MINT AND DILL AND EVERY KIND OF VEGETABLE, BUT OVERLOOK JUSTICE AND THE LOVE OF GOD. THESE WERE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO HAVE DONE, THE VERY ONES BY NO MEANS TO HAVE BEEN LEFT UNDONE. WOE TO YOU PHARISEES! FOR YOU LOVE CHIEF SEATS IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND SALUTATIONS IN THE STREETS. WOE TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YOU ARE LIKE GRAVES THAT CANNOT BE RECOGNIZED, AND MEN WALK OVER THEM AND KNOW IT NOT. One of the scribes answered, saying to Him, Teacher, when you say these things, you reproach us also. But He said, WOE ALSO TO YOU, SCRIBES! FOR YOU LAY HEAVEY BURDENS ON MEN, AND YOU YOURSELVES DO NOT TOUCH THESE BURDENS EVEN WITH ONE OF YOUR FINGERS. WOE TO YOU ! FOR YOU BUILD THE TOMBS OF THE PROPHETS WHOM YOUR FATHERS KILLED. THEREFORE YO9U ARE WITNESSES, AND YOU APPROVE THE WORKS OF YOUR FATHERS; FOR THEY KILLED THEM, AND YET YOU BUILD THEIR TOMBS. FOR THIS REASON THE WISDOM OF GOD ALSO SAID, BEHOLD, I WILL SEND THEM PROPHETS AND APOSTLES, SOME OF WHOM THEY WILL PERSECUTE AND KILL; THAT THE BLOOD OF ALL THE PROPHETS WHICH WAS SHED SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD MAY BE AVENGED ON THIS GENERATION; FROM THE BLOOD OF ABEL TO THE BLOOD OF ZECHARIAH, WHO WAS KILLED BETWEEN THE TEMPLE AND THE ALTAR; YES, I SAY TO YOU, IT WILL BE AVENGED ON THIS NATION. WHOE TO YOU, SCRIBES! FOR YOU HAVE TAKEN AWAY THE KEYS OF KNOWLEDGE; YOU DID NOT ENTER, AND THOSE WHO WERE ENTERING YOU HINDERED. When He had said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees were displeased and they were enraged and criticized His words. And they plotted against Him in many ways, seeking to catch something out of His mouth so that they might be able to accuse Him.

12.

When a large number of people had gathered together so that they trod on one another, Jesus began to say to his disciples first of all BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES, WHICH IS HYPOCRISY. FOR THERE IS NOTHING THAT IS COVERED THAT WILL NOT BE UNCOVERED; AND HIDDEN THAT WILL NOT BE KNOWN. FOR WHATEVER YOU HAVE SAID IN DARKNESS WILL BE HEARD IN THE LIGHT; AND WHAT YOU HAVE WHISPERED IN THE EARS IN THE INNER CHAMBERS WILL BE PREACHED ON THE HOUSETOPS. I SAY TO YOU, MY FRIENDS, DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THOSE WHO KILL THE BODY, AND AFTER THAT HAVE NOTHING MORE THEY CAN DO. BUT I WILL SHOW YOU OF WHOM TO BE AFRAID; OF HIM WHO AFTER HE HAS KILLED HAS THE POWER TO THROW INTO HELL; YES, I SAY TO YOU, FEAR HIM. ARE NOT FIVE SPARROWS SOLD FOR TWO PENNIES ? AND YET NOT ONE OF THEM IS LOST BEFORE GOD. BUT SO FAR AS YOU ARE CONCERNED, EVEN THE HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED; THEREFORE FEAR NOT, BECAUSE YOU ARE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN MANY SPARROWS. I SAY TO YOU, WHOEVER WILL ACKNOWLEDGE ME BEFORE MEN, THE SON OF MAN WILL ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM BEFORE THE ANGELS OF GOD. BUT HE WHO DENIES ME BEFORE MEN I WILL DENY BEFORE THE ANGELS OF GOD. AND WHOEVER SAYS A WORD AGAINST THE SON OF MAN WILL BE FORGIVEN; BUT HE WHO BLASPHEMES

AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN. WHEN THEY BRING YOU TO THE SYNAGOGUES BEFORE THE LEADERS AND AUTHORITIES, DO NOT WORRY HOW YOU WILL ANSWER OR WHAT YOU WILL SAY; FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH YOU AT THAT VERY HOUR WHAT YOU OUGHT TO SAY. And one of the men from the crowd said to Him, Teacher, ask my brother to divide the inheritance with me. Jesus said to him, MAN, WHO APPOINTED ME A JUDGE OR A PROPERTY DIVIDER OVER YOU? And He said to his disciples, BEWARE OF ALL COVETOUSNESS, BECAUSE LIFE DOES NOT DEPEND ON ABUNDANCE OF WEALTH. Then He told them a parable. THE LAND OF A RICH MAN BROUGHT HIM A GREAT MANY CROPS. AND HE REASONED WITHIN HIMSELF, SAYING, WHAT SHALL I DO, FOR I HAVE NO PLACE TO GATHER MY CROPS? SO HE SAID, I WILL DO THIS; I WILL TEAR DOWN MY BARNS AND REBUILD THEM AND ENLARGE THEM, AND GATHER THERE ALL MY WHEAT AND MY GOOD THINGS. AND I WILL SAY TO MYSELF, SOUL, YOU HAVE MANY GOOD THINGS STORED UP FOR MANY YEARS; REST, EAT, DRINK, AND BE HAPPY. BUT GOD SAID TO HIM; O YOU SHORTSIGHTED MAN, THIS VERY NIGHT YOUR LIFE WILL BE DEMANDED OF YOU; AND THESE THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE PREPARED, TO WHOM WILL THEY BE LEFT? SUCH IS HE WHO LAYS UP TREASURES FOR HIMSELF AND IS NOT RICH IN THE THINGS OF GOD. And He said to his disciples, THEREFORE I SAY TO YOU, DO NOT WORRY FOR YOUR LIFE, WHAT YOU WILL EAT; NOR FOR YOUR BODY, WHAT YOU WILL WEAR, FOR LIFE IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN FOOD, AND THE BODY THAN CLOTHING. OBSERVE THE RAVENS; FOR THEY DO NOT SOW OR REAP, AND THEY HAVE NO STOREROOMS AND BARNS; AND YET GOD FEEDS THEM; HOW MUCH MORE IMPORTANT ARE YOU THAN THE BIRDS? WHO AMONG YOU BY WORRYING CAN ADD TO HIS STATURE ONE CUBIT? SO IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO DO THE SMALLER THING, WHY DO YOU WORRY ABOUT THE REST? OBSERVE THE FLOWERS, HOW THEY GROW; FOR THEY DO NOT TOIL NOR DO THEY SPIN; BUT I SAY TO YOU THAT NOT EVEN SOLOMON IN ALL HIS GLORY WAS ARRAYED LIKE ONE OF THESE. AND IF GOD CLOTHES IN SUCH FASHION THE GRASS OF THE FIELD, WHICH TODAY IS AND TOMORROW FALLS INTO THE FIREPLACE; HOW MUCH MORE IS HE TO YOU, O YOU OF LITTLE FAITH? SO DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT WHAT YOU WILL EAT OR WHAT YOU WILL DRINK, AND LET NOT YOUR MIND BE DISTURBED BY THESE THINGS. FOR WORLDLY PEOPLE SEEK AFTER ALL THESE THINGS; AND YOUR FATHER KNOWS THAT THESE THINGS ARE ALSO NECESSARY FOR YOU. BUT SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND ALL OF THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED TO YOU. DO NOT BE AFRAID, O LITTLE FLOCK; FOR YOUR FATHER IS PLEASED TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM. SELL YOUR POSSESSIONS AND GIVE THEM AS ALMS; MAKE FOR YOURSELVES PURSES WHICH DO NOT WEAR OUT, AND A TREASURE IN HEAVEN THAT DOES NOT RUN SHORT, WHERE THE THIEF DOES NOT COME NEAR, AND MOTH DOES NOT DESTROY. FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE ALSO WILL BE YOUR HEART. LET YOUR GIRDLE BE FASTENED ON YOUR LOINS, AND YOUR LAMPS LIGHTED. AND BE LIKE MEN WHO EXPECT THEIR MASTER WHEN HE WILL RETURN FROM THE WEDDING HOUSE; SO THAT WHEN HE COMES AND KNOCKS, THEY WILL IMMEDIATELY OPEN THE DOOR FOR HIM. BLESSED ARE THOSE SERVANTS, WHOM THEIR MASTER, WHEN HE COMES, FINDS AWAKE; TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT HE WILL GIRD HIMSELF AND MAKE THEM SIT DOWN, AND COME IN AND SERVE THEM. IF HE SHOULD COME IN THE SECOND OR THE THIRD WATCH AND FIND THEM SO, BLESSED ARE THOSE SERVANTS. BUT KNOW THIS, THAT IF THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE KNEW AT WHAT WATCH THE THIEF WOULD COME, HE WOULD HAVE KEPT AWAKE AND NOT ALLOWED HIS HOUSE TO BE PLUNDERED. THEREFORE, YOU ALSO BE READY; FOR THE SON OF MAN WILL COME IN THAT VERY HOUR WHICH YOU DO NOT EXPECT.

Simon Peter said to Him, Our Lord, do you speak this parable to us or also to all men? Jesus said to him, WHO IS THE FAITHFUL AND WISE STEWARD, WHOM HIS MASTER WILL APPOINT OVER HIS HOUSEHOLD TO GIVE SUPPLIES IN DUE TIME? BLESSED IS THAT SERVANT, WHOM HIS MASTER WHEN HE COMES WILL FIND SO DOING. TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT HE WILL APPOINT HIM OVER ALL HIS WEALTH. BUT IF THAT SERVANT SHOULD SAY IN HIS HEART, MY MASTER HAS DELAYED HIM COMING; AND BEGINS TO BEAT THE MENSERVANTS AND MAIDSERVANTS OF HIS MASTER, AND THEN BEGINS TO EAT AND DRINK AND GET DRUNK; THE MASTER OF THAT SERVANT WILL COME IN A DAY AND AT AN HOUR THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT OR KNOW; AND HE WILL SEVERLY PUNISH HIM, AND PLACE HIM WITH THOSE WHO ARE NOT TRUSTWORTHY. AND THE SERVANT WHO KNOWS THE WISHES OF HIS MASTER, AND DOES NOT MAKE READY ACCORDING TO HIS WISHES, WILL RECEIVE A SEVERE BEATING. BUT HE WHO DOES NOT KNOW, AND DOES WHAT IS WORTHY OF PUNISHMENT WILL RECEIVE LESS BEATING. FOR TO WHOMEVER MORE IS GIVEN, OF HIM MORE WILL BE REQUIRED; AND TO WHOM MUCH IS ENTRUSTED, MORE WILL BE REQUIRED OF HIS HAND. I CAME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE; AND I WISH TO DO IT, IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN KINDLED. I HAVE A BAPTISM TO BE BAPTIZED WITH; AND I AM OPPRESSED UNTIL IT IS FULFILLED. DO YOU THINK THAT I HAVE COME TO BRING PEACE ON EARTH? I SAY TO YOU, NO, BUT DIVISIONS; FOR FROM HENCEFORTH THERE WILL BE FIVE IN A HOUSE, WHO WILL BE DIVIDED, THREE AGAINST TWO, AND TWO AGAINST THREE. FOR A FATHER WILL BE DIVIDED AGAINST HIS SON, AND A SON AGAINST HIS FATHER; A MOTHER AGAINST HER DAUGHTER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER; A MOTHER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW. AND HE SAID TO THE PEOPLE, WHEN YOU SEE A CLOUD RISE FROM THE WEST, YOU IMMEDIATELY SAY, IT WILL RAIN; AND SO IT IS. AND WHEN THE WIND BLOWS FROM THE SOUTH, YOU SAY, IT WILL BE HOT; AND IT IS SO. O YOU HYPOCRITES, YOU KNOW HOW TO DISCERN THE FACE OF THE EARTH AND OF THE SKY; HOW THEN IS IT THAT YOU DO NOT DISCERN THIS TIME? WHY DO YOU NOT OF YOURSELVES JUDGE WHAT IS RIGHT? FOR WHEN YOU GO WITH YOUR ACCUSER TO THE RULER, WHILE YOU ARE ON THE WAY GIVE SOMETHING AND SETTLE WITH HIM; OTHERWISE HE MIGHT TAKE YOU TO THE JUDGE, AND THE JUDGE WILL DELIVER YOU TO THE PRISON WARDEN, AND THE PRISON WARDEN WILL THROW YOU INTO PRISON. TRULY I SAY TO YOU, YOU WILL NOT COME OUT FROM THENCE UNTIL YOU PAY THE LAST PENNY.

13.

At that time there came some men and told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answered, saying to them DO YOU THINK THAT THOSE GALILEANS WERE GREATER SINNERS THAN ALL THE OTHER GALILEANS, BECAUSE THIS HAPPENED TO THEM? NO; BUT I SAY TO YOU THAT ALL OF YOU ALSO, IF YOU DO NOT REPENT, WILL PERISH IN THE SAME WAY. OR THOSE EIGHTEEN UPON WHOM THE TOWER IN SHILOHA FELL, AND IT KILLED THEM; DO YOU THINK THAT THEY WERE GREATER SINNERS THAN ALL THE OTHER MEN WHO LIVE IN JERUSALEM? NO, BUT I SAY TO YOU THAT UNLESS YOU REPENT, ALL OF YOU WILL PERISH LIKE THEM. And he spoke this parable: A MAN HAD A FIG TREE PLANTED IN HIS VINEYARD; AND HE CAME AND SOUGHT FRUIT ON IT, AND HE DID NOT FIND ANY. SO HE SAID TO THE LABORER, BEHOLD, FOR THREE YEARS I HAVE BEEN COMING AND SEEKING FRUIT ON THIS FIG TREE, AND FOUND NONE; CUT IT DOWN; WHY SHOULD THE GROUND BE WASTED?

THE LABORER SAID TO HIM, MY LORD, LET IT REMAIN THIS YEAR ALSO, UNTIL I WORK IT AND FERTILIZE IT. IT MIGHT BEAR FRUIT; AND IF NOT, THEN YOU CAN CUT IT DOWN. While Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath, there was there a woman who had been afflicted with rheumatism for eighteen years, and was bent down and could never straighten herself at all. Jesus saw her and called her and said to her, WOMAN, YOU ARE CURED OF YOUR SICKNESS. AND HE LAID HIS HAND ON HER, AND IMMEDIATELY SHE STRAIGHTENED UP AND PRAISED GOD. But the leader of the synagogue answered with anger, because Jesus healed on the sabbath; and he said to the people, There are six days in which men should work; in those days you ought to come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. Jesus answered, saying to him, O HYPOCRITES, DOES NOT EACH ONE OF YOU LOOSE HIS OX OR HIS ASS FROM THE MANGER, AND GO WITH IT TO GIVE IT DRINK? THIS ONE IS A DAUGHTER OF ABRAHAM, AND BEHOLD, THE ADVERSARY HAS BOUND HER FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS; WAS IT NOT NECESSARY FOR HER TO BE LOOSENED FROM THIS BOND ON THE SABBATH DAY? And when he said these things, all who opposed Him were ashamed; and all the people rejoiced over all the wonders which were done by His hand. Jesus said, TO WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE ? AND TO WHAT SHALL I LIKEN IT? IT IS LIKE A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED WHICH A MAN TOOK AND CAST INTO HIS GARDEN, AND IT GREW AND BECAME A LARGE TREE, AND THE BIRDS OF THE AIR NESTED ON ITS BRANCHES. Again Jesus said, TO WHAT SHALL I LIKEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD ? IT IS LIKE THE LEAVEN WHICH A WOMAN TOOK AND BURIED IN THREE MEASURES OF FLOUR UNTIL IT WAS ALL LEAVENED. And He journeyed through the villages and cities, teaching, while going to Jerusalem. A man asked Him, Are there only a few who are to be saved? Jesus said to them, STRIVE TO ENTER IN THROUGH THE NARROW DOOR; FOR I SAY TO YOU, THAT MANY WILL SEEK TO ENTER IN AND WILL NOT BE ABLE. FROM THE HOUR WHEN THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE RISES UP AND LOCKS THE DOOR, YOU WILL BE STANDING OUTSIDE AND KNOCKING AT THE DOOR, AND YOU WILL BEGIN TO SAY, OUR LORD, OUR LORD, OPEN FOR US; AND HE WILL ANSWER, SAYING I SAY TO YOU, I DO NOT KNOW YOU OR WHERE YOU COME FROM. AND YOU WILL BEGIN TO SAY, WE HAVE EATEN AND DRUNK IN YOUR PRESENCE, AND YOU TAUGHT IN OUR STREETS. AND HE WILL SAY TO YOU I DO NOT KNOW YOU OR WHERE YOU COME FROM; DEPART FROM ME, O YOU WORKERS OF INIQUITY. THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH WHEN YOU SEE ABRAHAM AND ISAAC AND JACOB AND ALL THE PROPHETS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BUT YOU WILL BE THROWN OUTSIDE. AND THEY WILL COME FROM THE EAST AND FROM THE WEST AND FROM THE SOUTH AND FROM THE NORTH, AND SIT DOWN IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD. AND BEHOLD, THERE ARE SOME WHO ARE LAST WHO WILL BE FIRST, AND THERE ARE SOME WHO ARE FIRST WHO WILL BE LAST. In that very day some of the men of the Pharisees drew near and said to Him. Get out and go away from here; for Herod wants to kill you. Jesus said to them, GO AND TELL THAT FOX, BEHOLD, I CAST OUT DEMONS AND I HEAL TODAY AND TOMORROW, AND ON THE THIRD DAY I WILL BE FINISHED. BUT I MUST DO MY WORK TODAY AND TOMORROW, AND I WILL LEAVE THE NEXT DAY, BECAUSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT A PROPHET SHOULD PERISH OUTSIDE OF JERUSALEM. O JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM, MURDERESS OF PROPHETS AND STONER OF THOSE WHO ARE SENT TO HER! HOW MANY TIMES I LONGED TO GATHER YOUR CHILDREN TOGETHER AS A HEN GATHERS HER CHICKENS UNDER HER WINGS, BUT YOU WERE NOT WILLING! BEHOLD, YOUR HOUSE IS LEFT TO YOU DESOLATE; AND I SAY TO YOU THAT YOU WILL NOT SEE ME UNTIL YOU SAY, BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

And it came to pass when He entered the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees to eat bread on a sabbath day, they watched Him. And there was a man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus answered, saying to the scribes and Pharisees, IS IT LAWFUL TO HEAL ON THE SABBATH ? But they kept silent. So He took him and healed him and let him go. And He said to them, WHICH ONE OF YOU, IF HIS SON OR HIS OX SHOULD FALL INTO A PIT ON THE SABBATH DAY, WOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PULL AND BRING HIM OUT? And they could not answer Him concerning this. And He spoke a parable to those who were invited there, because He saw them choosing places among the front seats. WHEN YOU ARE INVITED OF A MAN TO A BANQUET HOUSE, DO NOT GO AND SIT IN THE FRONT SEAT; IT MIGHT BE THAT A MORE HONORABLE MAN THAN YOU IS INVITED THERE; AND THEN HE WHO HAS INVITED YOU AND HIM WILL COME AND SAY TO YOU, GIVE THE PLACE TO HIM; AND YOU WILL BE EMBARRASSED WHEN YOU GET UP AND TAKE A LOWER SEAT. BUT WHEN YOU ARE INVITED, GO AND SIT AT THE LOWER END, SO THAT WHE HE WHO HAS INVITED YOU COMES, HE WILL SAY TO YOU, MY FRIEND, GO UP AND SIT HIGHER; AND YOU WILL HAVE GLORY BEFORE ALL WHO SIT WITH YOU. FOR WHOEVER EXALTS HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLD; AND WHOEVER HUMBLD HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTD. He also said to him who had invited him, WHEN YOU GIVE A DINNER OR A SUPPER, DO NOT INVITE YOUR FRIENDS NOR YOUR BROTHERS NOR YOUR RELATIVES NOR YOU RICH NEIGHBORS; LEST THEY INVITE YOU, AND YOU WILL BE REPAID FOR THIS. BUT WHEN YOU GIVE A RECEPTION, INVITE THE POOR, THE MAIMED, THE LAME, AND THE BLIND; AND YOU WILL BE BLESSED; FOR THEY HAVE NOTHING TO REPAY YOU; FOR YOU WILL BE REPAID AT THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS. When one of the guests heard these things, he said to Him, Blessed is he who will eat bread in the kingdom of God. Jesus said to him, A MAN GAVE A GREAT SUPPER, AND INVITED MANY. AND HE SENT HIS SERVANT AT SUPPER TIME TO TELL THOSE WHO WERE INVITED, BEHOLD, EVERYTHING IS MADE READY FOR YOU, COME. ONE AND ALL, THEY BEGAN TO MAKE EXCUSES. THE FIRST SAID TO HIM, I HAVE BOUGHT A FIELD, AND I AM FORCED TO GO SEE IT; I BEG YOU TO EXCUSE ME FOR BEING CALLED AWAY. AND OTHER SAID, I HAVE BOUGHT FIVE YOKE OF OXEN, AND I AM JUST GOING TO EXAMINE THEM; I BEG YOU, EXCUSE ME FOR BEING CALLED AWAY. AND ANOTHER SAID, I HAVE JUST TAKEN A WIFE, AND THEREFORE I CANNOT COME. AND THE SERVANT CAME AND TOLD HIS MASTER THESE THINGS. THEN THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE WAS ANGRY, AND SAID TO HIS SERVANT, GO OUT QUICKLY TO THE STREETS AND LANES OF THE CITY, AND BRING IN HERE THE POOR, THE AFFLICTED, THE MAIMED, AND THE BLIND. AND THE SERVANT SAID, MY LORD, IT HAS BEEN DONE AS YOU COMMANDED, AND YET THERE IS MORE ROOM. THEN THE MASTER SAID TO HIS SERVANT, GO OUT TO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES, AND URGE THEM TO COME IN SO THAT MY HOUSE MAY BE FILLED. FOR I SAY TO YOU THAT NOT ONE OF THOSE MEN WHO WERE INVITED SHALL TASTE OF MY SUPPER. AND WHILE MANY PEOPLE WERE GOING WIT HIM, HE TURNED AND SAID TO THEM, HE WHO COMES TO ME AND DOES NOT PUT ASIDE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER AND HIS BROTHERS AND HIS SISTERS AND HIS WIFE AND HIS CHILDREN AND EVEN HIS OWN LIFE CANNOT BE A DISCIPLE TO ME. AND HE WHO DOES NOT TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME CANNOT BE A DISCIPLE TO ME, FOR WHICH OF YOU WHO WISHES TO BUILD A TOWER DOES NOT AT FIRST SIT DOWN AND CONSIDER ITS COST, TO SEE IF HE HAS ENOUGH TO FINISH IT? LEST AFTER HE HAS LAID THE FOUNDATION, HE IS NOT ABLE TO FINISH IT, AND ALL WHO SEE IT WILL MOCK HIM. SAYING, THIS MAN BEGAN TO BUILD, BUT HE WAS NOT ABLE TO FINISH. OR WHICH KING WHO GOES TO WAR TO FIGHT AGAINST A KING EQUAL TO HIM

WOULD NOT AT FIRST REASON WHETHER HE IS ABLE WITH TEN THOUSAND TO MEET THE ONE WHO IS COMING AGAINST HIM WITH TWENTY THOUSAND? AND IF NOT, WHILE HE IS FAR AWAY FROM HIM, SENDS ENVOYS AND SEEKS PEACE. SO EVERY MAN OF YOU WHO WOULD NOT LEAVE ALL HIS POSSESSIONS CANNOT BE A DISCIPLE TO ME. SALT IS GOOD; BUT IF THE SALT LOSE ITS SAVOR, WITH WHAT CAN IT BE SALTED? IT IS GOOD NEITHER FOR THE GROUND NOR FOR FERTILIZING; BUT IT IS THROWN OUT. HE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR LET HIM HEAR.

15.

Then the tax collectors and sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. And the scribes and Pharisees murmured, saying, He receives even the sinners and eats with them. So Jesus told them this parable: WHAT MAN AMONG YOU HAS A HUNDRED SHEEP, AND IF ONE OF THEM SHOULD GET LOST, WOULD HE NOT LEAVE THE NINETY AND NINE IN THE OPEN, AND GO IN SEARCH OF THE ONE WHICH IS LOST, UNTIL HE FINDS IT? AND WHEN HE FINDS IT HE REJOICES AND TAKES IT ON HIS SHOULDERS. AND HE COMES TO HIS HOUSE, AND INVITES HIS FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, AND SAYS TO THEM, REJOICE WITH ME, FOR I HAVE FOUND MY SHEEP WHICH WAS LOST. I SAY TO YOU THAT SUCH WILL BE THE JOY IN HEAVEN OVER ONE SINNER WHO REPENTS, MORE THAN OVER NINETY AND NINE RIGHTEOUS WHO NEED NO REPENTANCE. OR WHAT WOMAN WHO HAS TEN COINS, AND SHOULD LOSE ONE OF THEM, WOULD NOT LIGHT A LAMP AND SWEEP THE HOUSE AND SEARCH FOR IT CAREFULLY UNTIL SHE FINDS IT? AND WHEN SHE FINDS IT, SHE CALLS HER WOMEN FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, AND SAY TO THEM, REJOICE WITH ME, FOR I HAVE FOUND MY COIN WHICH WAS LOST. I SAY TO YOU THAT SUCH WILL BE THE JOY BEFORE THE ANGELS OF GOD OVER ONE SINNER WHO REPENTS. And Jesus said to them again, A MAN HAD TWO SONS; AND HIS YOUNGER SON SAID TO HIM, MY FATHER, GIVE ME THE PORTION WHICH IS COMING TO ME FROM YOUR HOUSE. AND HE DIVIDED TO THEM HIS POSSESSIONS. AND AFTER A FEW DAYS, HIS YOUNGER SON GATHERED EVERYTHING THAT WAS HIS SHARE, AND WENT TO A FAR COUNTRY, AND THERE HE WASTED HIS WEALTH IN EXTRAVAGANT LIVING. AND WHEN ALL HE HAD WAS GONE, THERE WAS A SEVERE FAMINE IN THAT COUNTRY; AND HE BEGAN TO BE IN NEED. SO HE WENT AND GOT ACQUAINTED WITH ONE OF THE CITIZENS OF THAT COUNTRY; AND HE SENT HIM TO THE FIELD TO FEED THE SWINE. AND HE CRAVED TO FILL HIS STOMACH WITH THE HUSKS THAT THE SWINE WERE EATING; AND YET NO MAN WOULD GIVE HIM. AND WHEN HE CAME TO HIMSELF, HE SAID, HOW MANY HIRED WORKERS ARE NOW IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE WHO HAVE PLENTY OF BREAD, AND I AM HERE PERISHING WITH HUNGER! I WILL RISE AND GO TO MY FATHER AND SAY TO HIM, MY FATHER, I HAVE SINNED BEFORE HEAVEN AND BEFORE YOU; AND I AM NO LONGER WORTHY TO BE CALLED YOUR SON; JUST MAKE ME LIKE ONE OF YOUR HIRED WORKERS. AND HE ROSE UP AND CAME TO HIS FATHER. AND WHILE HE WAS YET AT A DISTANCE, HIS FATHER SAW HIM AND HAD COMPASSION ON HIM, AND HE RAN AND FELL ON HIS NECK AND KISSED HIM. AND HIS SON SAID TO HIM, MY FATHER I HAVE SINNED BEFORE HEAVEN AND BEFORE YOU, AND I AM NOT WORTHY TO BE CALLED YOUR SON. BUT HIS FATHER SAID TO HIS SERVANTS, BRING THE BEST ROBE AND PUT IT ON HIM AND PUT A RING ON HIS HAND AND SHOES ON HIS FEET; AND BRING AND KILL THE FAT OX, AND LET US EAT AND BE MERRY; FOR THIS MY SON WAS DEAD AND HAS COME TO LIFE; HE WAS LOST AND IS FOUND. AND THEY BEGAN TO BE MERRY. BUT HIS ELDER SON WAS IN THE FIELD; AND AS HE CAME NEAR THE HOUSE, HE HEARD THE VOICE OF

THE SINGING OF MANY,. AND HE CALLED ONE OF THE BOYS, AND ASKED HIM WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT. HE SAID TO HIM. YOUR BROTHER HAS COME; AND YOUR FATHER HAS KILLED THE FAT OX BECAUSE HE RECEIVED HIM SAFE AND WELL. AND HE BECAME ANGRY AND WOULD NOT GO IN; SO HIS FATHER CAME OUT AND BESOUGHT HIM. BUT HE SAID TO HIS FATHER, BEHOLD, HOW MANY YEARS I HAVE SERVED YOU, AND I NEVER DISOBEYED YOUR COMMANDMENT; AND YET YOU NEVER GAVE ME EVEN A KID THAT I MIGHT MAKE MERRY WITH MY FRIENDS. BUT FOR THIS SON OF YOURS, AFTER HE HAD WASTED YOUR WEALTH WITH HARLOTS AND COME BACK, YOU HAVE KILLED THE FAT OX. HIS FATHER SAID TO HIM, MY SON, YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH ME, AND EVERYTHING WHICH IS MINE IS YOURS. IT WAS RIGHT FOR US TO MAKE MERRY AND REJOICE; FOR THIS YOUR BROTHER WAS DEAD AND HAS COME TO LIFE; AND WAS LOST AND IS FOUND.

16.

And He spoke a parable to His disciples, saying, THERE WAS A RICH MAN, WHO HAD A STEWARD; AND THEY ACCUSED HIM THAT HE WAS WASTING HIS WEALTH. SO HIS MASTER CALLED HIM AND SAID TO HIM, WHAT IS THAT THAT I HEAR CONCERNING YOU? GIVE ME AN ACCOUNT OF YOUR STEWARDSHIP; FOR NO LONGER CAN YOU BE A STEWARD FOR ME. THEN THE STEWARD SAID TO HIMSELF, WHAT WILL I DO ? FOR MY LORD WILL TAKE AWAY FROM ME THE STEWARDSHIP. I CANNOT DIG, AND I AM ASHAMED TO BEG. NOW I KNOW WHAT I WILL DO SO THAT WHEN I LEAVE THE STEWARDSHIP THEY WILL RECEIVE ME IN THEIR HOUSES. AND HE CALLED HIS LORD'S DEBTORS, ONE BY ONE, AND SAID TO THE FIRST, HOW MUCH DO YOU OWE MY LORD? HE SAID TO HIM, A HUNDRED MEASURES OF BUTTER. HE SAID TO HIM, TAKE YOUR NOTE; SIT DOWN QUICKLY, AND WRITE FIFTY POUNDS. AND HE SAID TO ANOTHER, AND YOU, WHAT DO YOU OWE TO MY LORD? HE SAID TO HIM, ONE HUNDRED BUSHEL OF WHEAT. HE SAID TO HIM, TAKE YOUR NOTE, AND SIT DOWN AND WRITE EIGHTY BUSHEL. AND THE LORD PRAISED THE UNJUST STEWARD BECAUSE HE HAD DONE WISELY; FOR THE CHILDREN OF THIS WORLD ARE WISER IN THEIR GENERATION THAN THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT. AND I ALSO SAY TO YOU, USE THIS EARTHLY WEALTH, HOWEVER ACQUIRED, TO MAKE FRIENDS SO THAT WHEN IT IS GONE, THEY WILL RECEIVE YOU AND YOU WILL HAVE EVERLASTING HABITATION. HE WHO IS FAITHFUL WITH LITTLE IS ALSO FAITHFUL WITH MUCH; AND HE WHO IS DISHONEST WITH LITTLE IS ALSO DISHONEST WITH MUCH. IF, THEREFORE, YOU ARE NOT FAITHFUL WITH THE WEALTH OF INIQUITY, WHO WILL BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ANY TRUTH IN YOU? AND IF YOU ARE NOT FOUND FAITHFUL WITH THAT WHICH IS NOT YOUR OWN, WHO WILL GIVE YOU THAT WHICH IS YOUR OWN? NO SERVANT CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS; FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE AND LIKE THE OTHER; OR HE WILL HONOR ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YOU CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON (wealth). When the Pharisees heard all these things, because they loved money, they ridiculed Him. But Jesus said to them, YOU ARE THE ONES WHO MAKE YOURSELVES RIGHTEOUS BEFORE MEN; BUT GOD KNOWS YOUR HEARTS. FOR WHAT IS HIGHLY ESTEEMED AMONG MEN IS DISGUSTING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD. THE LAW AND PROPHETS WERE UNTIL JOHN; FROM THAT TIME THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS PREACHED, AND EVERYONE PRESSES TO ENTER INTO IT. IT IS EASIER FOR HEAVEN AND EARTH TO PASS AWAY THAN FOR ONE LETTER OF THE LAW TO PASS AWAY. HE WHO DIVORCES HIS WIFE AND MARRIES ANOTHER COMMITS ADULTERY; AND HE WHO MARRIES THE ONE WHO IS ILLEGALLY SEPARATED COMMITS ADULTERY. THERE

WAS A RICH MAN, WHO USED TO WEAR PURPLE AND FINE LINEN, AND EVERY DAY HE MADE MERRY VERY LAVISHLY. AND THERE WAS A POOR MAN NAMED LAZARUS, WHO WAS LAID DOWN AT THAT RICH MAN'S DOOR AFFLICTED WITH BOILS; HE LONGED TO FILL HIS STOMACH WITH THE CRUMBS THAT FELL FROM THE RICH MAN'S TABLE; THE DOGS ALSO CAME AND LICKED HIS BOILS. NOW IT HAPPENED THAT THE POOR MAN DIED, AND THE ANGELS CARRIED HIM INTO ABRAHAM'S BOSOM; AND THE RICH MAN ALSO DIED AND WAS BURIED. AND WHILE HE WAS TORMENTED IN SHEOL, HE LIFTED UP HIS EYES FROM A DISTANCE, AND SAW ABRAHAM WITH LAZARUS IN HIS BOSOM. AND HE CALLED IN A LOUD VOICE, SAYING, O MY FATHER ABRAHAM, HAVE MERCY ON ME AND SEND LAZARUS TO DIP HIS FINGER IN WATER AND WET MY TONGUE; FOR I AM TORMENTED IN THIS FLAME. ABRAHAM SAID TO HIM, MY SON, REMEMBER YOU RECEIVED YOUR PLEASURES WHEN YOU WERE LIVING, AND LAZARUS HIS HARDSHIPS; AND BEHOLD NOW HE IS COMFORTABLE HERE, AND YOU ARE SUFFERING. BESIDES ALL THESE THINGS, A GREAT GULF IS FIXED BETWEEN US AND YOU; SO THAT THOSE WHO WISH TO CROSS OVER FROM HERE TO YOU CANNOT, NEITHER FROM THERE TO CROSS OVER TO US. HE SAID TO HIM, IF THAT IS SO, I BESEECH YOU, O MY FATHER, TO SEND HIM TO MY FATHERS HOUSE; FOR I HAVE FIVE BROTHERS; LET HIM GO AND TESTIFY TO THEM, SO THAT THEY MAY NOT ALSO COME TO THIS PLACE OF TORMENT. ABRAHAM SAID TO HIM, THEY HAVE MOSES AND THE PROPHETS; LET THEM HEAR THEM. BUT HE SAID TO HIM, NO, MY FATHER ABRAHAM; BUT IF ONLY A MAN FROM THE DEAD GO TO THEM, THEY WILL REPENT. ABRAHAM SAID TO HIM, IF THEY WILL NOT HEAR MOSES AND THE PROPHETS, NEITHER WILL THEY BELIEVE EVEN IF A MAN SHOULD RISE FROM THE DEAD.

17.

And Jesus said to His disciples, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE BUT THAT OFFENCES SHOULD COME; BUT WOE TO HIM BY WHOSE HAND THEY COME! IT WERE BETTER FOR HIM THAT AN ASS' MILLSTONE WERE HANGED ON HIS NECK, AND HE WERE THROWN INTO THE SEA, THAN TO CAUSE ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES TO STUMBLE. BEWARE AMONG YOURSELVES. IF YOUR BROTHER SHOULD SIN, REBUKE HIM; AND IF HE REPENTS, FORGIVE HIM. AND IF HE SHOULD OFFEND YOU SEVEN TIMES IN A DAY, AND SEVEN TIMES IN A DAY TURN TO YOU AND SAY, I REPENT; FORGIVE HIM. And the apostles said to our Lord, Increase our faith. He said to them, IF YOU HAVE FAITH EVEN AS A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED, YOU COULD SAY TO THIS MULBERRY TREE, BE UPROOTED AND PLANTED IN THE SEA; AND IT WOULD OBEY YOU. NOW WHICH OF YOU HAS A SERVANT WHO PLOUGHS OR FEEDS SHEEP, AND IF HE SHOULD COME FROM THE FIELD, WOULD SAY TO HIM, ENTER IN AND SIT DOWN? BUT HE WILL RATHER SAY TO HIM, PREPARE SOMETHING THAT I MAY HAVE MY SUPPER, AND GIRD YOURSELF AND SERVE ME UNTIL I EAT AND DRINK; AND THEN YOU ALSO CAN EAT AND DRINK. WHAT! WILL THAT SERVANT RECEIVE PRAISE, BECAUSE HE DID WHAT HE WAS COMMANDED TO DO? I DO NOT THINK SO. EVEN YOU ALSO, WHEN YOU HAVE DONE ALL THE THINGS WHICH ARE COMMANDED YOU, SAY, WE ARE IDLE SERVANTS; WE HAVE ONLY DONE WHAT WAS OUR DUTY TO DO. And it came to pass while Jesus was going to Jerusalem, He went through Samaritan territory which is towards Galilee. And when He drew near to enter a village, He was met by ten lepers, and they stood afar off; And they lifted their voices saying, O Jesus, our Master, have mercy on us. And when He saw them He said to them, GO SHOW YOURSELVES TO THE PRIESTS; and while they were going, they were cleansed. But one of them, when he saw that he was cleansed, turned back, and with a loud voice praised God. And he fell on his



face at the feet of Jesus, thanking Him; and this one was a Samaritan. Jesus answering said, WERE THERE NOT TEN WHO WERE CLEANSED? WHERE ARE THE NINE? WHY DID THEY SEPARATE THEMSELVES SO AS NOT TO COME AND GIVE PRAISE TO GOD, EXCEPT THIS MAN WHO IS OF A STRANGE PEOPLE? And he said to him, ARISE, GO; YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU. When some of the Pharisees asked Jesus when the kingdom of God would come, He answered, saying to them, THE KINGDOM OF GOD DOES NOT COME BY OBSERVATION. NEITHER WILL THEY SAY, BEHOLD, IT IS HERE! OR, BEHOLD, IT IS THERE! FOR BEHOLD, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU. And He said to his disciples, THE TIME WILL COME WHEN YOU WILL COVET TO SEE ONE OF THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN, AND YOU WILL NOT SEE IT. AND IF THEY SHOULD SAY TO YOU, BEHOLD, HE IS HERE! AND BEHOLD, HE IS THERE! DO NOT GO. FOR JUST AS THE LIGHTNING FLASHES FROM THE SKY, AND ALL UNDER THE SKY IS LIGHTED, SUCH WILL BE THE DAY OF THE SON OF MAN. BUT FIRST HE MUST SUFFER A GREAT MANY THINGS, AND BE REJECTED BY THIS GENERATION. JUST AS IT HAPPENED IN THE DAYS OF NOAH, SUCH WILL IT BE IN THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN. FOR THEY WERE EATING AND DRINKING, AND MARRYING AND GIVING IN MARRIAGE, UNTIL THE DAY WHEN NOAH ENTERED THE ARK, AND THE FLOOD CAME AND DESTROYED EVERY MAN. AND AGAIN, JUST AS IT HAPPENED IN THE DAYS OF LOT; THEY WERE EATING AND DRINKING, AND BUYING AND SELLING, AND PLANTING AND BUILDING; BUT IN THE DAY WHEN LOT WENT OUT OF SODOM, THE LORD SENT DOWN A RAIN OF FIRE AND SULPHUR FROM HEAVEN, AND DESTROYED THEM ALL. SUCH WILL IT BE IN THE DAY WHEN THE SON OF MAN APPEARS. IN THAT DAY, HE WHO IS ON THE ROOF, WITH HIS CLOTHES IN THE HOUSE, WILL NOT COME DOWN TO TAKE THEM; AND HE WHO IS IN THE FIELD WILL NOT TURN BACK. JUST REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE. HE WHO DESIRES TO SAVE HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT; AND HE WHO LOSES HIS LIFE SHALL SAVE IT. I SAY TO YOU THAT IN THAT VERY NIGHT TWO WILL BE IN ONE BED; ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND THE OTHER LEFT. AND TWO WOMEN WILL BE GRINDING TOGETHER; ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND THE OTHER LEFT. TWO WILL BE IN THE FIELD; ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND THE OTHER LEFT. They answered, saying to Him, Our Lord, to what place? He said to them, WHEREVER THE CARCASS IS, THERE WILL THE VULTURES GATHER.

18.

He also spoke to them a parable, that they should pray always and not get weary. THERE WAS A JUDGE IN A CITY, WHO NEITHER FEARED GOD NOR REGARDED MEN. AND THERE WAS A WIDOW IN THAT CITY WHO USED TO COME TO HIM, SAYING, AVENGE ME OF MY ACCUSER. AND HE WOULD NOT FOR A LONG TIME, BUT AFTERWARDS HE SAID WITHIN HIMSELF, THOUGH I AM NOT AFRAID OF GOD AND HAVE NO REGARD FOR MEN; YET BECAUSE THIS WIDOW TROUBLES ME, I WILL AVENGE HER, SO THAT SHE MAY NOT KEEP COMING AND ANNOYING ME. Then our Lord said, HEAR WHAT THE UNJUST JUDGE SAID. WOULD NOT GOD AVENGE HIS CHOSEN ONES MUCH MORE, WHO CALL UPON HIM DAY AND NIGHT AND HE HAS PATIENCE WITH THEM? I SAY TO YOU, HE WILL AVENGE THEM PROMPTLY. BUT WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES, WILL HE FIND FAITH ON THE EARTH? And He spoke this parable against the men who relied upon themselves, that they were righteous, and despised every other man: TWO MEN WENT UP TO THE TEMPLE TO PRAY, ONE A PHARISEE, AND THE OTHER A TAX COLLECTOR. AND THE PHARISEE STOOD BY HIMSELF, AND PRAYED THUS: O GOD, I THANK THEE, THAT I AM NOT LIKE THE REST OF MEN, EXTORTIONERS, GRAFTERS, ADULTERERS, AND NOT LIKE THIS TAX COLLECTOR. BUT I FAST TWICE A WEEK, AND I GIVE TITHES ON

EVERYTHING I EARN. BUT THE TAX COLLECTOR STOOD AFAR OFF, AND HE WOULD NOT EVEN LIFT UP HIS EYES TO HEAVEN, BUT SMOTE HIS BREAST, SAYING, O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER. I SAY TO YOU THAT THIS MAN WENT DOWN TO HIS HOUSE MORE RIGHTEOUS THAN THE PHARISEE. FOR EVERYONE WHO EXALTS HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLLED; AND EVERYONE WHO HUMBLLES HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED. They brought to Him also little children, that He might touch them; and His disciples saw them and rebuked them. But Jesus called them, and said to them, PERMIT THE CHILDREN TO COME TO ME, AND DO NOT STOP THEM; FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS FOR THOSE WHO ARE LIKE THESE. TRULY I SAY TO YOU, HE WHO WILL NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE A LITTLE CHILD WILL NEVER ENTER INTO IT. And one of the leaders asked Him saying, O good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit life everlasting? Jesus said to him, WHY DO YOU CALL ME GOOD? THERE IS NO ONE GOOD BUT ONE, THAT IS GOD. YOU KNOW THE COMMANDMENTS: YOU SHALL NOT KILL; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS; HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER. He said to Him, All these I have obeyed from my boyhood. When Jesus heard it, He said to him, YOU LACK ONE THING; GO, SELL EVERYTHING YOU HAVE AND GIVE IT TO THE POOR, AND YOU WILL HAVE A TREASURE IN HEAVEN; AND COME AND FOLLOW ME. But when he heard these things, he felt sad, because he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he felt sad, He said, HOW DIFFICULT IT IS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE WEALTH TO ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD! IT IS EASIER FOR A ROPE TO GO THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE THAN FOR A RICH MAN TO ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD. Those who heard it said to Him, Who then can be saved? But Jesus said, THINGS IMPOSSIBLE TO MEN ARE POSSIBLE TO GOD. Simon Peter said to Him, Behold, we have left everything and followed you. Jesus said to him, TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT THERE IS NO MAN WHO LEAVES HOUSES OR PARENTS OR BROTHERS OR WIFE OR CHILDREN FOR THE SAKE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, WHO WILL NOT RECEIVE MANY TIMES MORE AT THIS TIME AND IN THE WORLD TO COME LIFE EVERLASTING. Then Jesus took the twelve and said to them, BEHOLD, WE ARE GOING UP TO JERUSALEM, AND ALL THINGS WRITTEN BY THE PROPHETS CONCERNING THE SON OF MAN WILL BE FULFILLED. FOR HE WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE GENTILES, AND THEY WILL MOCK HIM AND SPIT IN HIS FACE. AND THEY WILL SCOURGE HIM AND CURSE HIM AND KILL HIM; AND ON THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RISE AGAIN. But they understood not one of these sayings; and this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know these things which were spoken to them. And when He drew near Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside and begging. And he heard the voice of the people passing, and asked, Who is this? They said to him, Jesus the Nazarene is passing. And he cried, saying, O Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me! And those who were going before Jesus rebuked him, telling him to keep quiet; but he cried the more, O son of David, have mercy on me! So Jesus stood still, and commanded them to call him to Him; and as he came near He asked him, saying, WHAT DO YOU WISH ME TO DO FOR YOU? He answered, My Lord, that I may see. And Jesus said to him, SEE; YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU. And he saw immediately, and followed Him praising God; and all the people who saw it gave praise to God.

19.

And when Jesus entered and passed through Jericho there was a man named Zaccai, who was rich and chief of the tax collectors. And he wanted to see who Jesus was; but he could not because of the crowd, for Zaccai was small in stature. So he ran ahead of Jesus, and climbed up into a leafless fig tree, that he might see Him, because He was to pass that way. When Jesus came to that place, He saw him and said to him, MAKE HASTE, COME DOWN, O ZACCAI, FOR TODAY I MUST STAY AT

YOUR HOUSE. And he hastened and came down, and welcomed Him with joy. Now when they all saw it, they murmured, saying, He has entered to stay in the house of a sinner. But Zaccai rose up and said to Jesus, Behold, my Lord, half of my wealth I will give to the poor; and I will pay fourfold to every man from whom I have extorted. Jesus said to him, TODAY LIFE HAS COME TO THIS HOUSE, BECAUSE HE ALSO IS A SON OF ABRAHAM. FOR THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST. While they were listening to these things, He continued by speaking a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they were expecting that the kingdom of God would appear at that very hour; And He said, A GREAT MAN OF A NOBLE FAMILY WENT TO A FAR COUNTRY TO RECEIVE FOR HIMSELF A KINGDOM AND TO RETURN. AND HE CALLED HIS TEN SERVANTS, AND GAVE THEM TEN POUNDS, AND SAID TO THEM, TRANSACT BUSINESS UNTIL I COME BACK. BUT THE PEOPLE OF HIS CITY HATED HIM, AND SENT MESSENGERS AFTER HIM, SAYING, WE DO NOT WANT HIM TO RULE OVER US. AND WHEN HE RECEIVED THE KINGDOM AND RETURNED, HE COMMANDED TO CALL HIS SERVANTS TO WHOM HE HAD GIVE THE MONEY, THAT HE MIGHT KNOW WHAT EACH ONE OF THEM HAD GAINED IN BUSINESS. THE FIRST ONE CAME AND SAID, MY LORD, YOUR POUND HAS GAINED TEN POUNDS. HE SAID TO HIM, O GOOD SERVANT! BECAUSE YOU ARE FOUND FAITHFUL IN A LITTLE, YOU WILL HAVE CHARGE OVER TEN TALENTS. AND THE SECOND CAME AND SAID, MY LORD, YOUR POUND HAS GAINED FIVE POUNDS. HE SAID TO THIS ONE, YOU ALSO WILL HAVE CHARGE OVER FIVE TALENTS. BUT ANOTHER ONE CAME AND SAID, MY LORD, HERE IS YOUR POUND WHICH WAS WITH ME, WHICH I KEPT LAID UP IN A PURSE. FOR I WAS AFRAID OF YOU, BECAUSE YOU ARE A HARSH MAN; YOU PICK UP WHAT YOU HAVE NOT LAID DOWN, AND YOU REAP WHAT YOU HAVE NOT SOWN. HE SAID TO HIM, I WILL JUDGE YOU FROM YOUR OWN MOUTH, O WICKED SERVANT. YOU KNEW ME THAT I AM A HARSH MAN, AND PICK UP WHAT I HAVE NOT LAID DOWN, AND REAP WHAT I HAVE NOT SOWN. WHY THEN DID YOU NOT GIVE MY MONEY TO THE EXCHANGE, SO THAT WHEN I CAME I COULD DEMAND IT WITH ITS INTEREST? AND HE SAID TO THOSE WHO STOOD IN HIS PRESENCE, TAKE AWAY THE POUND FROM HIM AND GIVE IT TO HIM WHO HAS TEN POUNDS. THEY SAID TO HIM, OUR LORD, HE HAS ALREADY WITH HIM TEN POUNCS. HE SAID TO THEM, I SAY TO YOU; TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SHALL BE GIVEN; AND FROM HIM WHO HAS NOT, EVEN THAT WHICH HE HAS WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM. BUT THOSE MY ENEMIES, WHO WERE NOT WILLING THAT I SHOULD RULE OVER THEM BRING HERE, AND KILL THEM BEFORE ME. And when Jesus had said these things, He went forward to go to Jerusalem. And when He arrived at Bethphage and Bethany, on the side of the mountain which is called the Place of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, saying to them, GO TO THE VILLAGE WHICH IS IN FRONT OF US; AND WHEN YOU ENTER IT YOU WILL FIND A COLT TIED, ON WHICH NO MAN HAS EVER RIDDEN; UNTIE IT AND BRING IT. AND IF ANY MAN SHOULD ASK YOU, WHY DO YOU UNTIE IT? TELL HIM THIS: OUR LORD NEEDS IT. And those who were sent went away and found just as He had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owner said to them, Why do you untie the colt? And they said to them, Our Lord needs it. And they brought it to Jesus; and they put their garments on the colt, and they set Jesus on it. And as He went along, they spread their garments on the road. And when He came near to the descent of the mount of the Place of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice, praising God with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, saying, Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord; peace in heaven and glory in the highest. But some of the Pharisees who were in the multitude said to Him, Teacher, rebuke your disciples. He said to them, I SAY TO YOU THAT IF THESE SHOULD KEEP SILENT, THE STONES WOULD CRY OUT. And when He drew near and saw the city, He wept over it; And He said, IF YOU HAD ONLY KNOWN THOSE WHO CAME FOR YOUR PEACE, EVEN IN THIS

YOUR DAY ! BUT NOW THEY ARE HIDDEN FROM YOUR EYES. BUT THE DAYS WILL COME WHEN YOUR ENEMIES WILL SURROUND YOU, AND OPPRESS YOU FROM EVERY PLACE, AND WILL OVERTHROW YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN WITHIN YOU; AND THEY WILL NOT LEAVE IN YOU A STONE UPON A STONE, BECAUSE YOU DID NOT KNOW THE TIME WHEN YOU WERE TO BE VISITED. And when He entered the temple, He began to put out those who were buying and selling in it; And He said to them, IT IS WRITTEN, MY HOUSE IS THE HOUSE OF PRAYER; BUT YOU HAVE MADE IT A CAVE OF BANDITS. And He taught every day in the temple. But the high priests and the scribes and the elders of the people sought to get rid of Him; but they were not able to find what to do to Him; for all the people gathered around Him to hear Him.

20.

And it came to pass on one of the days, while He was teaching the people and preaching in the temple, the high priests and the scribes with the elders rose up against Him. And they said to Him, Tell us by what authority you do these things, and who gave you this authority? Jesus answered, saying to them, I WILL ALSO ASK YOU A QUESTION, AND YOU TELL ME; THE BAPTISM OF JOHN, WAS IT FROM HEAVEN OR FROM MEN? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we should say from heaven, He will say to us, why then did you not believe him? And if we should say from men, all the people will stone us; for they regard John as a prophet. So they said to Him, We do not know whence it is. Jesus said to them, NEITHER WILL I TELL YOU BY WHAT AUTHORITY I DO THESE THINGS. And He began to speak this parable to the people: A MAN PLANTED A VINEYARD, AND LEASED IT TO LABORERS, AND WENT ON A JOURNEY FOR A LONG TIME. AND AT THE SEASON HE SENT HIS SERVANT TO THE LABORERS TO GIVE HIM OF THE FRUIT OF THE VINEYARD; BUT THE LABORERS BEAT HIM AND SENT HIM BACK EMPTY. AND AGAIN HE SENT ANOTHER OF HIS SERVANTS; BUT THEY BEAT HIM ALSO AND TREATED HIM SHAMEFULLY AND SENT HIM BACK EMPTY. AND AGAIN HE SENT THE THIRD ONE; BUT THEY WOUNDED HIM ALSO AND THREW HIM OUTSIDE. THEN THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD SAID, WHAT SHALL I DO? I WILL SEND MY BELOVED SON; PERHAPS THEY WILL SEE HIM AND FEEL ASHAMED. BUT WHEN THE LABORERS SAW HIM, THEY REASONED WITH THEMSELVES, SAYING THIS IS THE HEIR; COME, LET US KILL HIM, AND THE INHERITANCE WILL BE OURS. SO THEY CAST HIM OUT OF THE VINEYARD AND KILLED HIM. WHAT THEREFORE WILL THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD DO TO THEM? HE WILL COME AND DESTROY THOSE LABORERS, AND GIVE THE VINEYARD TO OTHERS. And when they heard it, they said, This will never happen. But He looked at them and said, WHAT IS IT THAT IS WRITTEN. THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THE SAME BECAME THE CORNERSTONE? WHOEVER FALLS ON THAT STONE WILL BE BROKEN; AND WHOMEVER IT FALLS UPON, IT WILL DESTROY. The high priests and the scribes sought to lay hands on Him that very hour; but they were afraid of the people; for they knew that He had spoken this parable against them. So they sent spies disguised as righteous men to ensnare Him by a word, and to deliver Him to the judge and then to the authority of the governor. So they asked Him, saying, Teacher, we know that you speak and teach truthfully, and you do not discriminate between men, but you teach the way of God justly. Is it lawful for us to pay head tax to Caesar or not? But He understood their craftiness and said, WHY DO YOU TEMPT ME? SHOW ME A PENNY. WHOSE IMAGE AND INSCRIPTION ARE ON IT? They said, Caesar's. Jesus said to them, GIVE THEREFORE TO CAESAR THAT WHICH IS CAESAR'S AND TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S. And they were not able to get a word from Him before the people; and they were amazed at His answer, and kept silence. Then came to Him some of the men of the Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection: and they asked Him, Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's

brother should die, and he has a wife without children, let his brother take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married and died without children. The second married his wife, and died without children. And the third one married her again; and likewise the seven of them; and they died, leaving no children. And at last the woman also died. Therefore at the resurrection, to which one of them will she be a wife? For seven of them married her. Jesus said to them, THE SONS OF THIS WORLD MARRY WOMEN, AND WOMEN ARE GIVEN TO MEN IN MARRIAGE. BUT THOSE WHO ARE WORTHY OF THE OTHER WORLD AND THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, NEITHER TAKE WOMEN IN MARRIAGE NOR ARE WOMEN GIVEN IN MARRIAGE TO THEM. FOR THEY CANNOT DIE AGAIN, BECAUSE THEY ARE LIKE ANGELS; AND THEY ARE SONS OF GOD, BECAUSE THEY ARE SONS OF THE RESURRECTION. NOW CONCERNING THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, EVEN MOSES POINTED IT OUT (FOR HE REFERRED TO IT AT THE BUSH) SAYING, THE LORD GOD OF ABRAHAM AND THE GOD OF ISAAC AND THE GOD OF JACOB. GOD IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD BUT OF THE LIVING; FOR ALL LIVE TO HIM. And some of the men of the scribes answered, saying to Him, Teacher, you have well said. And they did not dare again to question Him concerning anything. And He said to them, HOW CAN THE SCRIBES SAY CONCERNING THE CHRIST THAT HE IS SON OF DAVID? AND YET DAVID SAID IN THE BOOK OF PSALMS, THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT DOWN YOUR ENEMIES UNDER YOUR FEET. IF, THEREFORE DAVID CALLS HIM MY LORD, HOW THEN CAN HE BE HIS SON? And while all the people were listening, He said to his disciples, BEWARE OF THE SCRIBES WHO LIKE TO WALK IN LONG ROBES, AND LOVE TO BE GREETED IN THE STREETS, AND TAKE THE CHIEF SEATS IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND THE HIGH PLACES AT THE BANQUETS. THOSE WHO EMBEZZLE THE PROPERTY OF WIDOWS WITH THE PRETENSE THAT THEY MAKE LONG PRAYERS; THEY WILL RECEIVE A GREATER JUDGMENT.

21.

Jesus then looked at the rich men who were casting their offerings into the treasury. And He also saw a poor widow, who cast in two pennies. And He said, TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT THIS POOR WIDOW HAS CAST IN MORE THAN EVERY MAN. FOR ALL THESE CAST INTO THE HOUSE OF THE OFFERINGS OF GOD OF THEIR ABUNDANCE; BUT SHE OUT OF HER POVERTY HAS CAST IN EVERYTHING SHE HAS EARNED. While some men were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and gift offerings, Jesus said to them, THESE THINGS WHICH YOU SEE WILL BE DESTROYED; THE DAYS WILL COME WHEN NOT A STONE WILL BE LEFT UPON A STONE, WHICH WILL NOT BE TORN DOWN. And they asked Him, saying, Teacher, when will these things happen? And what is the sign when these things are about to happen? He said to them, BE CAREFUL THAT YOU MAY NOT BE DECEIVED; FOR MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME, AND SAY, I AM THE CHRIST; AND THE TIME IS NEAR; BUT DO NOT FOLLOW THEM. AND WHEN YOU HEAR OF WARS AND REVOLUTIONS, DO NOT BE AFRAID; FOR ALL THESE THINGS MUST FIRST COME TO PASS; BUT THE END IS NOT YET. FOR NATION WILL RISE AGAINST NATION, AND KINGDOM AGAINST KINGDOM. AND THERE WILL BE GREAT EARTHQUAKES IN DIFFERENT PLACES, AND FAMINES AND PLAGUES; AND THERE WILL BE ALARMING SIGHTS, AND GREAT SIGNS WILL APPEAR FROM HEAVEN; AND THE WINTERS WILL BE SEVERE. BUT BEFORE ALL THESE THINGS, THEY WILL LAY HANDS ON YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU AND DELIVER YOU TO THE SYNAGOGUES AND THE PRISONS; AND THEY WILL BRING YOU BEFORE KINGS AND GOVERNORS FOR THE SAKE OF MY NAME. IT WILL BE TO YOU FOR A TESTIMONY. TREASURE IT IN YOUR HEARTS, AND DO NOT

TRY TO LEARN WHAT TO ANSWER. FOR I WILL GIVE YOU A MOUTH AND WISDOM, WHICH ALL YOUR ENEMIES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND. YOU WILL BE DELIVERED UP EVEN BY YOUR PARENTS AND BROTHERS, AND YOUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS; AND THEY WILL PUT SOME OF YOU TO DEATH. AND YOU WILL BE HATED BY EVERY MAN BECAUSE OF MY NAME. AND YET NOT A HAIR OF YOUR HEAD WILL BE LOST. BY YOUR PATIENCE YOU WILL GAIN YOUR SOULS. BUT WHEN YOU SEE JERUSALEM SURROUNDED BY AN ARMY, THEN KNOW THAT ITS DESTRUCTION IS AT HAND. THEN LET THOSE WHO ARE IN JUDEA FLEE TO THE MOUNTAIN; AND LET THOSE WHO ARE WITHIN IT FLEE; AND LET THOSE WHO ARE IN THE FIELDS NOT ENTER INTO IT. FOR THESE ARE THE DAYS OF VENGEANCE, SO THAT EVERYTHING WHICH IS WRITTEN MUST BE FULFILLED. BUT WOE TO THOSE WHO ARE WITH CHILD, AND TO THOSE WHO GIVE SUCK IN THOSE DAYS! FOR THERE WILL BE GREAT DISTRESS IN THE LAND, AND WRATH TO THIS PEOPLE. AND THEY WILL FALL BY THE EDGE OF THE SWORD, AND THEY WILL BE TAKEN CAPTIVE TO EVERY COUNTRY; AND JERUSALEM WILL BE TRODDEN UNDER THE FEET OF THE GENTILES UNTIL THE TIME OF THE GENTILES COMES TO AN END. AND THERE WILL BE SIGNS IN SUN AND MOON AND STARS; AND ON EARTH DISTRESS OF THE NATIONS, AND CONFUSION BECAUSE OF THE ROARING OF THE SEA; AND UPHEAVAL THAT TAKES LIFE OUT OF MEN, BECAUSE OF FEAR OF WHAT IS TO COME ON EARTH; AND THE POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE WILL BE SHAKEN. THEN THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN THE CLOUDS WITH A LARGE ARMY AND GREAT GLORY. BUT WHEN THESE THINGS BEGIN TO HAPPEN, HAVE COURAGE AND LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, BECAUSE YOUR SALVATION IS AT HAND. And He spoke to them a parable, LOOK AT THE FIG TREE AND ALL THE TREES; WHEN THEY PUT FORTH LEAVES, YOU IMMEDIATELY UNDERSTAND BY THEM THAT SUMMER IS NEAR. EVEN YOU ALSO, WHEN YOU SEE THESE THINGS HAPPEN, KNOW THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR. TRULY I SAY TO YOU, THIS GENERATION WILL NOT PASS AWAY UNTIL ALL THESE THINGS HAPPEN. HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY, BUT MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY. BUT TAKE HEED TO YOURSELVES, THAT YOUR HEARTS MAY NOT BECOME HEAVY BY EXTRAVAGANCE AND DRUNKENNESS AND WORRIES OF THIS WORLD, AND THAT DAY COME SUDDENLY UPON YOU. FOR LIKE A DOWNPOUR IT WILL ENTRAP ALL THOSE WHO DWELL ON THE FACE OF ALL THE EARTH. THEREFORE KEEP WATCH ALWAYS AND PRAY, THAT YOU MAY BE WORTHY TO ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS WHICH ARE TO HAPPEN, AND THAT YOU MAY STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN. During the day He taught in the temple; and at night He went out and lodged in the mountain which is called the Place of the Olives. And all the people came ahead of Him to the temple, to hear Him.

22.

Now the feast of unleavened bread, which is called the passover, was at hand. And the high priests and the scribes sought how to kill Him; but they were afraid of the people. But Satan had taken possession of Judah called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. So he went away and spoke with the high priests and the scribes and officers of the temple about delivering Him to them. And they were glad and promised to give him money. And he agreed with them, and sought an opportunity to deliver Him to them in the absence of the people. Then the day of unleavened bread came, on which it was the custom to kill the passover lamb. So Jesus sent Peter and John, and said to them, GO AND PREPARE THE PASSOVER FOR US TO EAT. They said to Him, Where do you wish us to prepare? He said to them, BEHOLD, WHEN YOU ENTER THE CITY, YOU WILL MEET A MAN CARRYING A WATERSKIN; FOLLOW HIM. AND WHEREVER HE ENTERS, SAY TO THE MASTER OF THE

HOUSE, OUR TEACHER SAYS, WHERE IS THE GUEST ROOM, WHERE I MAY EAT THE PASSOVER WITH MY DISCIPLES? AND BEHOLD, HE WILL SHOW YOU AN UPPER ROOM, LARGE AND FURNISHED; THERE MAKE READY. And they went and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the passover. And when it was time, Jesus came and sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. And He said to them, I HAVE GREATLY DESIRED TO EAT THIS PASSOVER WITH YOU BEFORE I SUFFER; FOR I SAY TO YOU THAT HENCEFORTH I WILL NOT EAT IT UNTIL IT IS FULFILLED IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD. And He took the cup and gave thanks and said, TAKE THIS AND DIVIDE IT AMONG YOURSELVES. FOR I SAY TO YOU, I WILL NOT DRINK OF THE FRUIT OF THE VINE UNTIL THE KINGDOM OF GOD COMES. And He took bread and gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them and said, THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOUR SAKE; THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. And likewise also He took the cup, after they had eaten supper, and He said, THIS IS THE CUP OF THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU. BUT BEHOLD, THE HAND OF HIM WHO IS TO BETRAY ME IS ON THE TABLE. AND THE SON OF MAN WILL GO, JUST AS HE HAS BEEN DESTINED; BUT WOE TO THE MAN BY WHOSE HAND HE WILL BE BETRAYED! And they began to inquire among themselves which one of them was to do this act. There was also a dispute among them as to who was the greatest among them. Jesus said to them THE KINGS OF THE GENTILES ARE ALSO THEIR LORDS, AND THOSE WHO RULE OVER THEM ARE CALLED BENEFACTORS; BUT NOT SO WITH YOU; LET HIM WHO IS GREAT AMONG YOU BE THE LEAST, AND HE WHO IS A LEADER BE LIKE ONE WHO SERVES. FOR WHO IS GREATER, HE WHO SITS DOWN OR HE WHO SERVES? IS IT NOT HE WHO SITS DOWN? BUT I AM AMONG YOU AS ONE WHO SERVES. YOU ARE THOSE WHO HAVE REMAINED WITH ME THROUGHOUT MY TRIALS. AND I PROMISE YOU, JUST AS MY FATHER HAS PROMISED ME, A KINGDOM, THAT YOU MAY EAT AND DRINK AT THE TABLE IN MY KINGDOM; AND YOU WILL SIT ON SEATS AND JUDGE THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL. And Jesus said to Simon, SIMON, BEHOLD, SATAN WANTS TO SIFT ALL OF YOU LIKE WHEAT; BUT I HAVE MADE SUPPLICATION FOR YOU THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT WEAKEN; AND EVEN YOU IN TIME WILL REPENT AND STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHREN. Simon said to Him, My Lord, I am ready with you, even for the prison and for death. Jesus said to him, I SAY TO YOU, SIMON, THE COCK WILL NOT CROW TODAY UNTIL YOU HAVE DENIED THREE TIMES THAT YOU KNOW ME. And He said to them, WHEN I SENT YOU OUT WITHOUT PURSES AND WITHOUT BAGS AND SHOES, DID YOU LACK ANYTHING? They said to him, Not a thing. He said to them, FROM NOW ON HE WHO HAS PURSES, LET HIM TAKE THEM, AND THE BAG LIKEWISE; AND HE WHO HAS NO SWORD, LET HIM SELL HIS ROBE AND BUY FOR HIMSELF A SWORD. FOR I SAY TO YOU THAT WHAT IS WRITTEN MUST BE FULFILLED IN ME, HE WILL BE NUMBERED AMONG THE WICKED; FOR ALL THE THINGS CONCERNING ME WILL BE FULFILLED. And they said to Him, Our Lord, behold here are two swords. He said to them, THAT IS ENOUGH. And He came out and went away, as it was His custom, to the mount of the Place of Olives; and His disciples also followed Him. And when He arrived at a certain place, He said to them, PRAY THAT YOU MAY NOT ENTER INTO TEMPTATION. And He withdrew from them, about the distance of a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, saying, O FATHER, IF THOU WILT LET THIS CUP PASS FROM ME; BUT NOT AS I WILL, BUT THY WILL BE DONE. And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, to strengthen Him. And He was in fear, and prayed earnestly; and His sweat became like drops of blood; and He fell down upon the ground. Then He rose up from His prayer and came to his disciples and found them sleeping because of distress. And He said to them, WHY DO YOU SLEEP? RISE AND PRAY THAT YOU MAY NOT ENTER INTO TEMPTATION. While He was still speaking, behold, a multitude came and he who is called Judah, one of the twelve, coming before them; and he drew near to Jesus and kissed Him. For this was the sign he had given them, He

whom I kiss is the one. Jesus said to him, JUDAH, DOYOU BETRAY THE SON OF MAN WITH A KISS? When those who were with Him saw what happened, they said to Him, Our Lord, shall we smite them with swords? And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. But Jesus answered, saying, IT IS ENOUGH FOR THE PRESENT. And He touched the ear of him who was wounded, and healed it. And Jesus said to the high priests and the elders, and the officers of the temple who had come against Him, HAVE YOU COME OUT AGAINST ME TO ARREST ME WITH SWORDS AND STAVES, AS IF YOU WERE AGAINST A BANDIT ? I WAS WITH YOU EVERY DAY IN THE TEMPLE, AND YOU DID NOT EVEN POINT YOUR HANDS AT ME; BUT THIS IS YOUR TIME, AND THE POWER OF DARKNESS. And they arrested Him and brought Him to the house of the high priest. And Simon followed Him afar off. And they kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard, and sat around it; and Simon also sat among them. And a young woman saw him sitting by the fire, and she looked at him and said, This man also was with Him. But he denied, saying, Woman, I do not know Him. And after a little while, another saw him and said to him, You also are one of them. But Peter said, I am not. And after an hour, another one argued and said, Truly, this man also was with Him; for he is also a Galilean. Peter said, Man, I do not know what you are saying. And immediately while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. And Jesus turned and looked at Peter. And Simon remembered the word of our Lord that was said to him, Before the cock crows you will deny me three times. And Simon went outside and wept bitterly. And the men who held Jesus mocked Him, and they covered His head and smote Him on His face, saying, Prophecy! Who has struck you? And many other things they blasphemed and said against Him. As soon as it was daybreak, the elders and the high priests and the scribes gathered together and brought Him up to their council chamber. And they said to Him, If you are the Christ, tell us. He said to them, IF I TELL YOU, YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE ME. AND IF I ASK YOU, YOU WILL NOT ANSWER ME NOR RELEASE ME. FROM HENCEFORTH THE SON OF MAN WILL SIT AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE POWER OF GOD. And they all said, Are you then the Son of God? Jesus said to them, YOU SAY THAT I AM. And they said, Why then do we need witnesses? For we have heard it from His own mouth.

23.

Then the whole company of them rose up and brought Him to Pilate; and they began to accuse Him, saying, We found this man misleading our people and forbidding to pay the head tax to Caesar; and He says concerning Himself that He is a King, even the Christ. Pilate asked Him, saying, Are you the King of the Jews? He said to him, THAT IS WHAT YOU SAY. Then Pilate said to the high priests and the people, I cannot find any fault against this man. But they shouted and said, He has stirred up our people, teaching throughout Judea, and beginning from Galilee even to this place. When Pilate heard the name Galilee, he asked if the man was a Galilean. And when he knew that He was under the jurisdiction of Herod, he sent Him to Herod, because he was in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus he was exceedingly glad, for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had heard many things concerning Him, and he hoped to see some miracle by Him. And he asked Him many questions; but Jesus gave him no answer. Then the high priests and the scribes stood and accused Him bitterly. And Herod and his soldiers insulted Him and mocked Him, and dressed Him in a scarlet robe and sent Him to Pilate. And that day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other; for there had been a long-standing enmity between them. Then Pilate called the high priests and the leaders of the people, and he said to them, You brought me this man as if he were misleading your people; and behold, I have examined Him before your own eyes, and I have found no fault in Him concerning all that you accuse Him. Nor even has Herod; for I sent Him to him; and behold, He has done nothing worthy of death. I will therefore chastise Him and release Him. For there was a custom to release to them one at the feast. But all the people cried out saying, Get rid of Him and release to us Bar-Abba;



(who because of sedition and murder which had happened in the city, was cast into prison.) Again Pilate spoke to them, desiring to release Jesus. But they cried out, saying, Crucify Him, crucify Him! And he said to them the third time, What evil has He done? I have found nothing in Him worthy of death; I will therefore chastise Him and release Him. But they persisted with loud voices, and asked to crucify Him. And their voices and that of the high priests prevailed. Then Pilate commanded to have their request granted. So he released to them the one who because of sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they asked for, and he delivered Jesus to their will. And while they took Him away, they laid hold of Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming from a village, and they placed the end of the cross on him, to carry it with Jesus. And many people followed Him, and the women who were mourning and wailing over Him. But Jesus turned to them and said, O DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM, DO NOT WEEP OVER ME; BUT WEEP OVER YOURSELVES AND OVER YOUR OWN CHILDREN. FOR BEHOLD, THE DAYS ARE COMING IN WHICH THEY WILL SAY, BLESSED ARE THE BARREN AND THE WOMBS THAT NEVER GAVE BIRTH AND THE BREASTS THAT NEVER GAVE SUCK. THEN THEY WILL BEGIN TO SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS. FALL ON US; AND TO THE HILLS, COVER US. FOR IF THEY DO THESE THINGS WITH THE GREEN WOOD, WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH DRY WOOD? And there were coming with Him two others, malefactors, to be put to death. And when they came to a place which is called The Skull, they crucified Him there, and the malefactors, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, O FATHER, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY ARE DOING. And they divided His garments and cast lots over them. The people stood looking on. And even the leaders of the synagogue mocked Him, and said, He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ, the chosen one of God. And the soldiers ridiculed Him, as they came near Him and offered Him vinegar, saying to Him, If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself. There was also an inscription which was written over Him, in Greek and Roman and Hebrew, This is the King of the Jews. Now one of the malefactors who were crucified with Him blasphemed against Him, saying, If you are the Christ, save yourself and save us also. But the other rebuked him and said to him, Do you not fear even God, for you are also in the same judgment? And ours is just, for we are paid as we deserve and as we have done; but He has done nothing wrong. And he said to Jesus, Remember me, my Lord, when you come in your kingdom. Jesus said to him, TRULY I SAY TO YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE. Now it was about the sixth hour, and darkness fell upon the whole earth, and lasted until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the curtains at the door of the temple were torn in the center. Then Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, O MY FATHER, INTO THEY HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT. He said this and it was finished. When the centurion saw what had happened, he praised God and said, Truly this was a righteous man. And all the people who were gathered together to see this sight, when they saw what had happened, returned, beating their breasts. And all the acquaintances of Jesus stood afar off, and the women who had come with Him from Galilee, and they were beholding these things. There was a man named Joseph the counselor of Ramtha, a city of Judea, a good and righteous man. He did not agree with their wishes and their actions; and he waited for the kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. And he took it down and wrapped it in fine linen, and laid it in a hewn tomb in which no one was ever laid. This was a Friday, and the sabbath was approaching. The women who had come with Him from Galilee were near, and they saw the tomb and how His body was laid. And they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. And on the sabbath they rested, as it is commanded.

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And on the first day of the week, early in the morning, while it was yet dark, they came to the tomb and brought the spices which they had prepared; and they were with the other women. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, and they entered in, but they did not find the body of Jesus. And it

came to pass as they were confused about this, behold, two men stood above them, and their garments were shining; and they were afraid and bowed their faces to the ground; and they said to them, Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, He has risen; remember that He spoke to you while He was in Galilee, saying that the Son of man had to be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and rise again on the third day. And they remembered His words. And they returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven and to the rest. They were Mary of Magdala, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and the rest who were with them, who told these things to the apostles. And these words appeared in their eyes as delusions; and they did not believe them. But Simon rose up and ran to the tomb; and he looked in and saw the linen laid by itself, and he went away wondering in himself concerning what had happened. And behold two of them were going on that day to a village called Emmaus, about six miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other concerning all these things that had happened. And while they were speaking and asking each other, Jesus came and overtook them and walked with them. But the sight of their eyes was blurred so that they could not recognize Him. And He said to them, **WHAT ARE THESE WORDS THAT YOU ARE DISCUSSING WITH EACH OTHER, AS YOU WALK AND ARE SAD?** One of them, named Cleopah, answered, saying to Him, Are you alone a stranger from Jerusalem, that you do not know what has happened in it in these days? He said to them, **WHAT THINGS?** They said to Him, About Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in word and deed before God and before all the people. And the high priests and the elders delivered Him up to the judgment of death, and they crucified Him. But we were hoping that He was the one to save Israel; and behold, it is three days since all these things happened. And some of our women also amazed us, for they went early to the tomb; and when His body was not found, they came, and said to us, We saw angels there, and they said that He is alive. And some of our men also went to the tomb, and they found it as the women had said; but they did not see Him. Then Jesus said to them, **O DULL-MINDED AND HEAVY-HEARTED, SLOW TO BELIEVE ALL THAT THE PROPHETS HAVE SPOKEN; DID NOT CHRIST HAVE TO SUFFER ALL THESE THINGS IN ORDER TO ENTER INTO HIS GLORY?** And He began from Moses and from all the prophets, and interpreted to them from all the scriptures concerning Himself. And they drew near to the village to which they were going; and He made them think that He was going to a far place. But they urged Him and said, Remain with us; for the day is spent and it is near dark. So He entered to stay with them. And it came to pass, as He sat at table with them, He took bread and blessed it and broke it and gave it to them. And immediately their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He was taken away from them. And they said one to another, Were not our minds dull within us when He spoke with us on the road and interpreted the scriptures to us? And they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together, and those who were with them, saying, Truly our Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon. And they also reported those things that happened on the road, and how they knew Him as He broke bread. And while they were discussing these things, Jesus stood among them, and said to them, **PEACE BE WITH YOU; IT IS I; DO NOT BE AFRAID.** And they were confused and frightened, for they thought they saw a spirit. Jesus said to them, **WHY DO YOU TREMBLE? AND WHY DO THOUGHTS ARISE IN YOUR HEARTS? LOOK AT MY HANDS AND MY FEET, THAT IT IS I; FEEL ME AND UNDERSTAND; FOR A SPIRIT HAS NO FLESH AND BONES, AS YOU SEE I HAVE.** When He said these things, He showed them His hands and his feet. And as they still did not believe because of their joy, and they were bewildered, He said to them, **HAVE YOU ANYTHING HERE TO EAT?** They gave Him a portion of a broiled fish and of a honeycomb. And He took it and ate before their eyes. And He said to them, **THESE ARE THE WORDS WHICH I SPOKE TO YOU WHEN I WAS WITH YOU, THAT EVERYTHING MUST BE FULFILLED WHICH IS WRITTEN IN THE LAW OF MOSES AND IN THE PROPHETS AND IN THE PSALMS, CONCERNING ME.** Then He opened their mind to understand the scriptures. And He said to them, **THUS IT IS WRITTEN, AND IT WAS RIGHT, THAT CHRIST SHOULD SUFFER AND RISE FROM THE DEAD ON THE**

THIRD DAY; AND THAT REPENTANCE SHOULD BE PREACHED IN HIS NAME FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AMONG ALL NATIONS; AND THE BEGINNING WILL BE FROM JERUSALEM. YOU ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS. AND I WILL SEND UPON YOU THE PROMISE OF MY FATHER; BUT REMAIN IN THE CITY OF JERUSALEM UNTIL YOU ARE CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH. And He took them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He parted from them and went up to heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; And they were always in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.