

The Gospel According to Saint Mark

[Aramaic and Greek to English]

[the oldest account likely from Peter; and written down by Mark]

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The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, Behold I send my messenger before your face, that he may prepare your way, the voice that cries in the wilderness: Make ready the way of the Lord and straighten His highways. John was in the wilderness, baptizing and preaching the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and the whole province of Judea went out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and he baptized them in the river Jordan, when they confessed their sins. John wore a dress of camel's hair, with a girdle of leather fastened around his loins; and his food was locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, Behold, there is coming after me one who is mightier than I am, even the strings of whose shoes I am not good enough to bend down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit, And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized in the Jordan by John. And immediately, as He came up out of the water, He saw the sky was wide open, and the Spirit like a dove came down upon Him. And a voice came from heaven,

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

And immediately the Spirit drove Him out into the wilderness. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, being tested by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him. But after John was delivered up, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, saying, **THE TIME HAS COME TO AN END, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND; REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL.** As He walked beside the sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother throwing their nets into the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, **FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.** And straightway they left their nets and followed Him. And when He went a little further, He saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John; they also were in a boat mending their nets. And He called them; and immediately they left their father Zebedee with the hired men, and followed Him. When they entered into Capernaum, straightway He taught in their synagogues on the sabbaths. And they were amazed at His teaching; for He taught them as one with authority, and not as their scribes. And there was in their synagogue a man who had in him an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Jesus of Nazareth, what have we in common? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, **BE SILENT AND COME OUT OF HIM.** And the unclean spirit threw him down and cried out in a loud voice and left him. And they were all astonished, and kept asking one another, saying, What does this mean? And what is this new teaching, that with such a power He commands even unclean spirits and they obey Him? And His fame immediately spread throughout the country of Galilee. Then they went out of the synagogue and came to the house of Simon and Andrew, together with James and John. And Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with fever; and they spoke to Him about her. And He went and held her hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered to them. In the evening towards sunset, they brought to Him all who were seriously sick, and the insane. And the whole city was gathered at the door. And He healed many who were seriously sick with various diseases, and He restored many who were insane; and He did not allow the insane to

speak because some of them were His acquaintances. And in the morning He rose up very early and went away to a lonely place, and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him were looking for Him. And when they found Him, they said to Him, Everyone is seeking you. He said to them, **LET US WALK TO THE NEIGHBORING TOWNS AND CITIES, SO THAT I MAY PREACH THERE ALSO, BECAUSE I CAME FOR THIS.** And He preached in all their synagogues throughout Galilee, and cast out demons. And there came to him a leper, who fell down at His feet and begged Him, saying, If you will, you can make me clean. And Jesus had mercy on him, and stretched out His hand and touched him, and said, **I AM WILLING; BE CLEAN.** And in that hour his leprosy disappeared from him, and he became clean. And Jesus rebuked him and put him out, And said to him, **LOOK, WHY ARE YOU TELLING IT TO THE PEOPLE? BUT GO AWAY, SHOW YOURSELF TO THE PRIESTS AND PRESENT AN OFFERING FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR CLEANSING, ACCORDING TO THAT WHICH MOSES COMMANDED, AS THEIR TESTIMONIAL.** But when he went out, he began to publish it still more, and to spread the word, so that Jesus was no longer able to enter the city openly, but He remained outside in a lonely place; and yet they came to Him from everywhere.

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And Jesus entered again into Capernaum for a few days; and when they heard that He was in a certain house, A great many gathered together so that it was impossible to hold them, not even in front of the entrance; so He spoke a few words to them. And they came to Him, and brought a paralyzed man, carried by four men. But as they were unable to come near Him because of the crowd, they went up to the roof and uncovered it over the place where Jesus was; and they lowered the quilt in which the paralyzed man lay. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, **MY SON, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN.** Now some of the scribes and Pharisees were sitting there, and they reasoned in their hearts, **Why does this man speak blasphemy? Who can forgive sins except God only? But Jesus perceived in His spirit that they were reasoning among themselves, and He said to them, WHY DO YOU REASON THESES THINGS IN YOUR HEART? WHICH IS THE EASIER, TO SAY TO THE PARALYTIC, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN; OR TO SAY, RISE, TAKE UP YOUR QUILT AND WALK? BUT THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS POWER ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS,** he said to the paralytic, **I TELL YOU, RISE, TAKE UP YOUR QUILT, AND GO TO YOUR HOUSE.** And immediately he rose, and took up his quilt and went out before the eyes of them all; and they were all amazed, and gave glory to God, saying, **We have never seen anything like it.** And He went out again by the seaside, and all the people kept coming to Him, and He taught them. And as He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the custom house, and He said to him, **FOLLOW ME;** and he got up and followed him. And it came to pass that while He was a guest at his house, a great many revenue officers and sinners were also guests with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him. And when the scribes and the Pharisees saw Him eating with the revenue officers and sinners, they said to His disciples, **Why does He eat and drink with revenue officers and sinners? When Jesus heard it, He said to them, THOSE WHO ARE HEALTHY NEED NO DOCTOR, BUT THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY SICK; I CAME NOT TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS.** The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting; and they came and said to Him, **Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, and your own disciples do not fast? Jesus said to them, CAN THE SONS OF THE WEDDING FEAST FAST AS LONG AS THE BRIDEGROOM IS WITH THEM? NO! BUT THE DAYS WILL COME WHEN THE BRIDEGROOM IS TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM; THEN IN THAT DAY THEY WILL FAST. NO MAN TAKES A NEW PATCH AND SEWS IT ON A WORN OUT GARMENT, SO THAT THE NEW PATCH MAY NOT WEAKEN THE OLD, AND THE HOLE BECOME LARGER. AND NO MAN POURS NEW WINE INTO OLD WINESKINS, SO THAT THE WINE MAY NOT REND THE**

SKINS AND THE SKINS BE RUINED AND THE WINE RUN OUT; BUT THEY POUR NEW WINE INTO NEW WINESKINS. And it came to pass that while Jesus was going through the wheat fields on the sabbath, His disciples walked and pulled off the heads of wheat. And the Pharisees said to Him, Look what they are doing on the sabbath ! That which is unlawful. Jesus said to them, HAVE YOU NOT READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE WAS IN NEED AND HUNGRY, HE AND THOSE WHO WERE WITH HIM? HOW HE ENTERED INTO THE HOUSE OF GOD WHEN ABIATHAR WAS THE CHIEF PRIEST, AND ATE THE BREAD WHICH WAS ON THE TABLE OF THE LORD, WHICH WAS NOT LAWFUL TO BE EATEN EXCEPT BY THE PRIESTS, AND HE GAVE IT ALSO TO THOSE WHO WERE WITH HIM? And he said to them, THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR THE SAKE OF MAN, AND NOT MAN FOR THE SAKE OF THE SABBATH. THE SON OF MAN THEREFORE IS THE LORD ALSO OF THE SABBATH.

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Jesus entered again into the synagogue, and there was a man there whose hand was withered. And they watched Him to see if He would heal him on the sabbath, that they might accuse Him. And He said to the man whose hand was withered, STAND UP IN THE CENTER, then He said to them also, IS IT LAWFUL TO DO GOOD OR EVIL ON THE SABBATH, TO SAVE A LIFE OR TO DESTROY IT? But they were silent. And He looked at them with anger, sad because of the hardness of their hearts; and He said to the man, STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND, and he stretched it out; and his hand was restored. And the Pharisees immediately went out with the Herodians, and they took counsel concerning Him how to do away with Him. So Jesus went to the sea with His disciples; and a great many people from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea and from Jerusalem and from Idumea and from around the Jordan and from Tyre and from Sidon; large crowds, who had heard all that He was doing, came to Him. And He told his disciples to bring a boat to Him, because of the crowds, so that they might not press on Him, For He was healing so many that others pushed toward Him so as to touch Him. And those who were afflicted with unclean spirits, when they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried, saying, You are indeed the Son of God. And He cautioned them earnestly not to make Him known. And He went up to the mountain, and called those He wanted; and they came to Him. And He chose twelve to be with Him, that He might send them to preach, And to have power to heal the sick and cast out devils; Namely Simon surnamed Peter And James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, surnamed B'nai Rakhshi, which means sons of thunder, And Andrew and Philip and Bartholomew and Matthew and Thomas and James the son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judah of Iscariot, who betrayed Him. And they came into a certain house. And the crowd gathered again, so that they could not eat bread. And His relatives heard of it, and went out to seize Him, for they said, He has lost his mind. And the scribes who had come down from Jerusalem said, Beelzebub is with Him, and, By the prince of demons He is casting out demons. And Jesus called them, and said to them in parables, HOW CAN SATAN CAST OUT SATAN? IF A KINGDOM IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, THAT KINGDOM CANNOT STAND. AND IF A HOUSEHOLD IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, THAT HOUSEHOLD CANNOT STAND. AND IF SATAN RISES UP AGAINST HIMSELF AND IS DIVIDED, HE CANNOT STAND, BUT THAT IS HIS END. NO MAN CAN ENTER INTO A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE AND PLUNDER HIS GOODS, UNLESS HE FIRST BIND THE STRONG MAN; AND THEN HE PLUNDERS HIS HOUSE. TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT ALL SINS AND BLASPHEMIES WHICH MEN ARE GUILTY OF SHALL BE FORGIVEN TO THEM. BUT HE WHO BLASPHEMES AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT SHALL NEVER BE FORGIVEN, BUT IS GUILTY BEFORE THE EVERLASTING JUDGMENT; For they had said, He has an unclean spirit. Then there came His mother and His brothers and stood outside, and they sent in to call Him. But the people were sitting around Him; and they said to Him, Behold, your mother and your brothers are outside, asking for you. And He answered, saying to them, WHO IS

MY MOTHER AND WHO ARE MY BROTHERS? FOR WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF GOD IS MY BROTHER AND MY SISTER AND MY MOTHER.

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Again He began to teach by the seaside; and many people gathered to Him, so that He went up and sat in a boat on the sea; and all the people stood on the land by the sea. And He taught them many things by parables, and in His teaching He said, LISTEN: BEHOLD, A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW AND WHEN HE HAD SOWN, SOME SEED FELL ON THE ROADSIDE, AND THE BIRDS CAME AND ATE IT. OTHER SEED FELL UPON THE ROCK, WHERE THERE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT SOIL; AND IT SPRANG UP SOONER BECAUSE THE GROUND WAS NOT DEEP ENOUGH; BUT WHEN THE SUN SHONE, IT WAS SCORCHED, AND BECAUSE IT HAD NO ROOT, IT DRIED UP. AND OTHER SEED FELL AMONG THISTLES, AND THE THISTLES SPRANG UP AND CHOKED IT, AND IT BORE NO FRUIT. BUT OTHER SEED FELL IN GOOD SOIL, AND IT SPRANG UP AND GREW AND BORE FRUIT, SOME THIRTY, AND SOME SIXTY, AND SOME A HUNDREDFOLD. And He said, HE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR. When they were alone, those who were with Him together with the twelve asked Him about that parable. And Jesus said to them, TO YOU IS GIVEN THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BUT TO OUTSIDERS EVERYTHING HAS TO BE EXPLAINED BY PARABLES. FOR SEEING THEY SEE, AND YET DO NOT PERCEIVE; AND HEARING THEY HEAR, AND YET DO NOT UNDERSTAND; IF THEY SHOULD RETURN, THEIR SINS WOULD BE FORGIVEN. And he said to them, DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND THIS PARABLE? HOW THEN WILL YOU UNDERSTAND ALL THE PARABLES? THE SOWER WHO SOWED, SOWED THE WORD. THOSE ON THE ROADSIDE ARE THOSE IN WHOM THE WORD IS SOWN; AND WHEN THEY HAVE HEARD IT, SATAN COMES IMMEDIATELY AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD WHICH IS SOWN IN THEIR HEARTS. AND THOSE WHICH WERE SOWN UPON THE ROCK ARE THOSE WHO WHEN THEY HAVE HEARD THE WORD, IMMEDIATELY RECEIVE IT WITH JOY; AND THEY HAVE NO ROOT IN THEMSELVES, BUT LAST FOR A WHILE; AND WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION COMES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, THEY SOON STUMBLE. AND THOSE WHICH WERE SOWN AMONG THISTLES ARE THOSE WHO HAVE HEARD THE WORD, AND THE THOUGHTS OF THIS WORLD AND THE DECEPTION OF WEALTH AND THE LUSTS OF OTHER THINGS ENTER IN AND CHOKE THE WORD AND BEAR NO FRUIT. AND THOSE WHICH WERE SOWN IN GOOD SOIL ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD AND RECEIVE IT AND BEAR FRUIT, ONE THIRTY, AND ONE SIXTY, AND ONE A HUNDREDFOLD. And he said to them, IS A LAMP BROUGHT AND PUT UNDER A BASKET OR UNDER A BED? IS IT NOT PUT ON A LAMPSTAND? FOR THERE IS NOTHING HIDDEN WHICH WILL NOT BE UNCOVERED; AND NOTHING DONE IN SECRET WHICH WILL NOT BE REVEALED. IF ANY MAN HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR. And he said to them, TAKE HEED WHAT YOU HEAR; WITH WHAT MEASURE YOU MEASURE IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU AGAIN AND WILL INCREASE, ESPECIALLY TO THEM WHO HEAR. FOR TO HIM WHO HAS WILL BE GIVEN; AND FROM HIM WHO HAS NOT, EVEN THAT WHICH HE HAS WILL BE TAKEN AWAY. And he said, SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD AS A MAN WHO CASTS SEED INTO THE GROUND. AND HE SLEEPS AND RISES UP NIGHT AND DAY, AND THE SEED SPRINGS UP AND GROWS WHILE HE IS NOT AWARE OF IT. FOR THE EARTH CAUSES IT TO YIELD FRUIT; AND YET FIRST IT BECOMES A BLADE OF GRASS, THEN AN EAR, AND AT LAST A FULL GRAIN IN THE EAR. BUT WHEN THE FRUIT IS RIPE, THEN IMMEDIATELY COMES THE SICLE, BECAUSE THE HARVEST IS READY. And he said, TO WHAT SHALL WE COMPARE THE KINGDOM OF GOD? AND WITH WHAT PARABLE SHALL WE PICTURE IT? IT IS JUST LIKE A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED, WHICH, WHEN IT IS SOWN IN THE EARTH,

IS THE SMALLEST OF ALL THE SEEDS ON EARTH. BUT WHEN IT IS SOWN, IT SPRINGS UP AND BECOMES GREATER THAN ALL THE HERBS, AND PUTS FORTH LARGE BRANCHES, SO THAT THE BIRDS CAN SETTLE UNDER THEIR SHADOW. Jesus talked to them with parables like these, such parables as they were able to hear. And without parables He did not speak to them; but to His disciples, among themselves, He explained everything. On that day at evening, He said to them, LET US CROSS OVER TO THE LANDING PLACE. And they left the people, and took Him away while He was in the boat. And there were other boats with them. And there arose a heavy storm and wind, and the waves kept beating into the boat, so that the boat was nearly filled. But Jesus was sleeping on a blanket in the stern of the boat; and they came and roused Him and said to Him, Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing? So He got up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, PEACE, BE STILL. And the wind quieted down, and there was a great calm. And He said to them, WHY ARE YOU SO FEARFUL? AND WHY DO YOU HAVE NOT FAITH? And they were exceedingly afraid, and said to each other, Oh, who is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?

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And they reached the port on the other side of the sea in the country of the Gadarenes. And as He went out of the boat, He was met by a man from the cemetery, who had an unclean spirit. He lived in the cemetery, and no man could bind him in chains, Because whenever he was bound with fetters and chains, he broke the chains and cut the fetters, and no man could control him. And always, night and day, he was in the cemetery and in the mountains, crying aloud and cutting himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him, And he cried with a loud voice, saying, What have we in common, Jesus, Son of the most high God? I adjure you by God, not to torment me. For He said to him, GET OUT OF THE MAN, O YOU UNCLEAN SPIRIT. And Jesus asked him, WHAT IS YOUR NAME? And he said to him, Our name is Legion, because we are many. And he begged Him eagerly that He would not send him out of the country. Now there was near the mountain a large herd of swine feeding. And the lunatics begged Him saying, Send us to the swine, that we may attack them. And He permitted them. And the lunatics went out and attacked the swine; and the herd ran to the steep rocks, and fell into the sea; they were about two thousand, and they were drowned in the water. And those who fed them, fled, and told it in the city and also in the villages. So they went out to see what had happened. And they came to Jesus, and saw the lunatic, clothed and well behaved, and sitting down quietly, even the one who once had the legion within him; and they were afraid. And those who saw it told them just what happened to the lunatic and also to the swine. So they began to urge Him to leave their border. As He went up to the boat, the lunatic begged Him to remain with him. And He would not permit him, but said to him, GO TO YOUR HOME, TO YOUR OWN PEOPLE, AND TELL THEM WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU, AND THAT HE HAS HAD MERCY ON YOU. And he went away, and began to preach in the ten cities about what Jesus had done for him; and they were all astonished. When Jesus crossed in the boat to the other side, large crowds again gathered around Him while He was by the sea. And there came one of the leaders of the synagogue, whose name was Jairus; and when he saw Him, he fell at His feet, and he besought him earnestly and said to him, My daughter is very seriously ill; come and lay your hand on her, and she will be healed, and live. So Jesus went with him; and a large multitude followed Him, and they pressed about Him. And there was a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, Who had suffered much at the hands of many doctors, and had spent everything she had and was not helped at all, but rather became worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came through the dense crowd from behind Him, and touched His cloak; For she said, If I can only touch His cloak, I shall live. And immediately the hemorrhage was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Jesus instantly knew that some power had gone out of Him; so He turned around to the people and said, WHO TOUCHED MY GARMENTS? His disciples said to Him, You see the people pressing against you and yet you say,

Who touched me? And He was looking round to see who had done this. But the woman, frightened and trembling, because she knew what had happened to her, came and fell before Him and told Him the whole truth. He said to her, MY DAUGHTER, YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU; GO IN PEACE AND BE HEALED OF YOUR DISEASE. While He was still talking, some men came from the house of the leader of the synagogue, saying, Your daughter is dead; why do you trouble the Teacher? Jesus heard the word which they spoke, and He said to the leader of the synagogue, FEAR NOT, ONLY BELIEVE. And He did not permit any man to go with Him, except Simon Peter and James and John the brother of James. And they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, and Jesus saw them in a tumult, weeping and wailing. So He entered and said to them, WHY ARE YOU EXCITED AND CRYING? THE LITTLE GIRL IS NOT DEAD, BUT SHE IS ASLEEP. And they laughed at Him. But Jesus put them all out, and took the little girl's father and mother and those who were with Him, and He entered where the little girl was laid. And He took the little girl by her hand, and said to her, TALITHA, KOOMI, LITTLE GIRL, RISE UP. And immediately the little girl got up and walked; for she was twelve years old. And they were astonished with great amazement. But He commanded them that no man should know this; and He told them to give her something to eat.

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And Jesus went out from thence and came to His own city; and His disciples followed Him. When the sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, and said, Whence did He receive all this? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that wonders like these are wrought by His hands? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And behold, are not His sisters here with us? And they denounced Him. And Jesus said to them, THERE IS NO PROPHET WHO IS BELITTLED, EXCEPT IN HIS OWN CITY AND AMONG HIS OWN BROTHERS AND IN HIS OWN HOUSE. And He could not perform even a single miracle there, except that He laid his hand on a few sick people and healed them. And He wondered at their lack of faith. And He traveled in the villages teaching. Then He called His twelve, and began to send them two by two; and He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out. And He commanded them not to take anything for the journey, except a staff only; no bag, no bread, no copper money in their purses; But to wear sandals, and not to wear two shirts. And He said to them, WHATEVER HOUSE YOU ENTER, STAY THERE UNTIL YOU LEAVE THAT PLACE. AND WHOEVER WILL NOT RECEIVE YOU NOR HEAR YOU, WHEN YOU LEAVE THAT PLACE, SHAKE OFF THE SAND UNDER YOUR FEET AS A TESTIMONY AGAINST THEM. TRULY I SAY TO YOU, IT WILL BE EASIER FOR SODOM AND GOMORRAH IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT THAN FOR THAT CITY. And they went out and preached that they should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and they were healed. And Herod the king heard about Jesus, for His name was known to him; and he said, John the Baptist has risen from the dead; this is why miracles are performed by Him. Others said, He is Elijah, And yet others, He is a prophet, just like one of the prophets. But when Herod heard it, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded; it is he who has risen from the dead. For this same Herod had sent out and arrested John and cast him into prison, because of Herodias, wife of his brother Philip, whom he had married. For John had said to Herod, It is not lawful for you to marry your brother's wife. But Herodias was bitter towards him, and wanted to kill him; but she could not. For Herod was afraid of John, because he knew that he was a righteous and holy man, and he guarded him; and he heard that he was doing a great many things, and he heard him gladly. Then came a state occasion, when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet to his officials and captains and the leading men of Galilee. And the daughter of Herodias entered and danced, and she pleased Herod and the guests who were with him; and the king said to the little girl, Ask me whatever you wish, and I will give it to you. And he swore to her, Whatever you ask me, I will give you, as much as half of my kingdom. She went out and said to her

mother, What shall I ask him? She said to her, The head of John the Baptist. And immediately she entered hesitantly to the king, and said to him, I do wish in this very hour that you might give me on a tray the head of John the Baptist. And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of the oaths and because of the guests, he did not wish to refuse her. So the king immediately sent the executioner and commanded to bring the head of John. And he went and beheaded John in the prison. And brought the head on a tray and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his body and buried it in a grave. And the apostles gathered together to Jesus, and told him everything they had done and what they had taught. And He said to them, COME, LET US GO TO THE WILDERNESS ALL ALONE AND REST AWHILE; for there were many coming and going, and they had no chance even to eat. So they went away in a boat to a desert place by themselves. And many people saw them when they were leaving and they knew them, and from all the cities they hurried by land and reached the place ahead of Him. And when Jesus went out He saw large crowds, and He had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them a great many things. And when it was getting late, His disciples came up to Him and said to Him, This is a desert place, and it is getting late; Dismiss them so that they may go away to the farms and villages around us and buy bread for themselves; for they have nothing to eat. He said to them, YOU GIVE THEM TO EAT. They said to Him, Shall we go and buy two hundred penny's worth of bread and give it to them to eat? He said to them, GO AND SEE HOW MANY LOAVES OF BREAD YOU HAVE HERE. And when they found out, they said to Him, Five loaves of bread and two fish. And He commanded them to make everyone sit down in groups on the grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. Then He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, and He looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves of bread, and gave them to his disciples to place before them; and they divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up the fragments of bread, twelve full baskets, and also of fish. And those who ate the bread were five thousand men. And immediately He urged His disciples to go up into the boat, and go in advance of Him to the port at Bethsaida, while He dismissed the people. And when He had dismissed them, He went up to the mountain to pray. When evening came, the boat was in the midst of the sea and He was alone on the land. And He saw them struggling as they were rowing, for the wind was against them; and in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came to them walking on the water, and He wanted to pass by them. But when they saw Him walking on the water, they thought it was a false vision, and they cried out; For they all saw Him and were frightened. And immediately He spoke to them, saying, HAVE COURAGE, IT IS I, DO NOT BE AFRAID. And He got into the boat with them and the wind quieted down; and they marveled exceedingly, and were astonished. Neither did they understand the miracle of the loaves of bread, because their hearts were confused. And when they had crossed to the port, they came to the land of Gennesaret. And when they got out of the boat, the people of that place immediately knew Him. And they came running throughout that land; and began to bring those who were seriously sick, carrying them in quilts to places where they heard He was. And wherever He entered into villages and cities, they laid the sick in the streets, and begged Him that they might even touch the edge of His robe; and all who touched Him were healed.

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Then there gathered to Him Pharisees and scribes who had come from Jerusalem. And they saw some of His disciples eating bread with their hands unwashed, and they reproached them. For all the Jews, even the Pharisees, unless their hands were washed carefully, would not eat, because they strictly observed the tradition of the elders. Even the things from the market, if they were not washed, they would not eat. And there are a great many other things which they have accepted to obey, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper utensils and the bedding of dead men. And the scribes and Pharisees asked Him, Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat

bread with their hands unwashed? He said to them, THE PROPHET ISAIAH WELL PROPHESED ABOUT YOU, O HYPOCRITES, AS IT IS WRITTEN, THIS PEOPLE HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. AND THEY WORSHIP ME IN VAIN WHEN THEY TEACH THE DOCTRINES OF THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN. FOR YOU HAVE IGNORED THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD, AND YOU OBSERVE THE TRADITION OF MEN, SUCH AS THE WASHING OF CUPS AND POTS AND A GREAT MANY OTHER THINGS LIKE THESE. He said to them, YOU CERTAINLY DO INJUSTICE TO THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD SO AS TO SUSTAIN YOUR OWN TRADITION. FOR MOSES SAID, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER; AND HE WHO CURSES FATHER OR MOTHER, LET HIM BE PUT TO DEATH. BUT YOU SAY, A MAN MAY SAY TO HIS FATHER OR HIS MOTHER, WHAT IS LEFT OVER IS CORBAN (my offering); AND YET YOU DO NOT LET HIM DO ANYTHING FOR HIS FATHER OR MOTHER. SO YOU DISHONOR THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE SAKE OF THE TRADITION WHICH YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED; AND YOU DO A GREAT MANY OTHER THINGS LIKE THESE. Then Jesus called all the people and said to them, HEAR ME, ALL OF YOU, AND UNDERSTAND. THERE IS NOTHING OUTSIDE OF A MAN, IF IT SHOULD ENTER INTO HIM, WHICH CAN DEFILE HIM; BUT WHAT GOES OUT OF HIM, THAT DEFILES THE MAN. WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR. When Jesus entered into the house because of the people, His disciples asked Him concerning that parable. And He said to them, SO EVEN YOU FIND IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND? DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT WHATEVER ENTERS INTO A MAN FROM OUTSIDE CANNOT DEFILE HIM? BECAUSE IT DOES NOT ENTER INTO HIS HEART, BUT INTO HIS STOMACH, AND THEN IS THROWN OUT THROUGH THE INTESTINES, THEREBY PURIFYING THE FOOD. IT IS WHAT GOES OUT OF MAN WHICH DEFILES THE MAN. FOR FROM WITHIN, FROM THE HEARTS OF MEN COME EVIL THOUGHTS, SUCH AS FORNICATION, ADULTERY, THEFT, MURDER, EXTORTION, WICKEDNESS, DECEIT, LUST, AN EVIL EYE, BLASPHEMY, PRIDE, FOOLISHNESS; ALL THESE EVILS COME FROM WITHIN, AND THEY DEFILE THE MAN. Jesus moved away from thence, and came to the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and He entered into a house, and did not want any one to know about Him. And yet He could not hide Himself. For immediately a woman heard about Him, whose daughter had an unclean spirit; and she came and fell at His feet. But the woman was a heathen, from Phoenicia in Syria; and she besought Him to cast out the demon from her daughter. And Jesus said to her, LET THE CHILDREN BE FIRST FILLED; FOR IT IS NOT RIGHT TO TAKE THE CHILDREN'S BREAD AND THROW IT TO THE DOGS. But she answered, saying to Him, Yes, my Lord; even the dogs eat the childrens' crumbs under the tables. Jesus said to her, GO YOUR WAY; JUST BECAUSE OF THIS WORD, THE DEMON HAS GONE OUT OF YOUR DAUGHTER. So she went to her house and found her daughter lying in bed, and the demon gone out of her. Again Jesus went out from the border of Tyre and Sidon, and came to the sea of Galilee, to the border of the ten cities. And they brought to Him a deaf and dumb man; and they asked Him to lay His hand on him. So He drew him aside from the people, and put his fingers into his ears; then He spat, and touched his tongue; And He looked up to heaven and sighed, and said to him, ETHPATAKH, which means, Be opened. And in that very hour his ears were opened, and his tongue was loosened, and he spoke plainly. And He warned them not to tell this to any man; but the more He warned them, so much the more they published it. And they were greatly astonished, saying, He does everything so well. He makes the deaf hear and the dumb to speak.

In those days, when there was a large multitude, and they had nothing to eat, He called His disciples and said to them, I HAVE PITY ON THIS PEOPLE, FOR THEY HAVE REMAINED WITH ME THREE DAYS, AND THEY HAVE NOTHING TO EAT; AND IF I DISMISS THEM TO THEIR

HOMES WHILE THEY ARE HUNGRY, THEY WILL FAINT ON THE WAY, FOR SOME OF THEM HAVE COME FROM A DISTANCE. His disciples said to Him, How can any man here in this lonely place feed all of these people with bread? And He asked them, HOW MANY LOAVES HAVE YOU? They said to Him, Seven. So He commanded the people to sit on the ground; and He took the seven loaves of bread, and He blessed them and broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and they set them before the people. And there were a few fish; and He blessed them also and commanded to set them before the people. So they ate and were satisfied, and they took up seven baskets of fragments which were left over. The men who ate were about four thousand; and He dismissed them. And immediately He went into the boat with His disciples, and He came to the country of Dalmanutha. And the Pharisees came out and began to question Him, and they asked Him for a sign from heaven, so as to test Him. And He sighed in His spirit and said, WHY DOES THIS GENERATION WANT A SIGN ? TRULY I SAY TO YOU, NO SIGN WILL BE GIVEN TO THIS GENERATION. And He left them, and went up into the boat, and departed from that port. And they had forgotten to take bread; except one loaf they had none with them in the boat. And He commanded them and said to them, WATCH OUT, AND BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES AND OF THE LEAVEN OF HEROD. They were reasoning among themselves and saying, It is because we have no bread. But Jesus knew it and said to them, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO BREAD? DO YOU NOT EVEN YET KNOW, AND DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND? IS YOUR HEART STILL HARD? YOU HAVE EYES, AND YET DO YOU NOT SEE? YOU HAVE EARS, AND YET DO YOU NOT HEAR? AND DO YOU NOT REMEMBER? WHEN I BROKE THE FIVE LOAVES OF BREAD FOR THE FIVE THOUSAND, HOW MANY FULL BASKETS OF FRAGMENTS DID YOU TAKE UP? They said to him, Twelve. He said to them, AND WHEN THE SEVEN FOR THE FOUR THOUSAND, HOW MANY BASKETS FULL OF FRAGMENTS DID YOU TAKE UP? They said, Seven. He said to them, HOW IS IT THEN THAT EVEN YET YOU CANNOT UNDERSTAND? And he came to Bethsaida; and they brought to Him a blind man, and they besought Him to touch him. And He took the blind man by the hand and brought him outside the town; and He spat on his eyes and put His hands on him and asked him what he saw. And he looked and said, I see men like trees walking. Again He put His hands over his eyes and he was restored and saw everything clearly. And He sent him to his house, saying, DO NOT EVEN ENTER INTO THE TOWN, NOR TELL IT TO ANYONE IN THE TOWN. And Jesus went out, and His disciples, to the towns of Caesarea of Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, WHO DO MEN SAY THAT I AM? They said, John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and yet others, One of the prophets. Jesus said to them, BUT YOU, WHO DO YOU SAY I AM? Simon Peter answered, saying to Him, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And He warned them not to tell any man about Him. Then He began to teach them that the Son of man would have to suffer a great deal and be rejected by the elders and the high priests and the scribes, and be killed, and rise again on the third day. And He spoke that word openly. So Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But He turned around and looked on His disciples, and He rebuked Simon, saying, GET BEHIND ME, SATAN; FOR YOU ARE NOT THINKING THE THINGS OF GOD, BUT OF MEN. And Jesus called the people together with His disciples, and said to them, HE WHO WISHES TO COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME. FOR WHOEVER WISHES TO SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT; AND WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE AND THE SAKE OF MY GOSPEL WILL SAVE IT. FOR HOW COULD A MAN BE BENEFITED IF HE SHOULD GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD AND LOSE HIS LIFE? OR WHAT COULD A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS LIFE? WHOEVER, THEREFORE, IS ASHAMED OF ME AND OF MY WORDS IN THIS SINFUL AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION, THE SON OF MAN WILL ALSO BE ASHAMED OF HIM WHEN HE COMES IN THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER WITH HIS HOLY ANGELS.

And He said to them, **TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT THERE ARE MEN STANDING HERE WHO SHALL NOT TASTE DEATH TILL THEY SEE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME WITH POWER.** And six days after, Jesus took Peter and James and John, and brought them up to a high mountain alone; and He was transfigured before their eyes. His clothes shone and became white like snow in such a manner that men on earth cannot make white. And there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Him, Teacher, it is better for us to remain here; and let us make three shelters, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah. For he did not know what he was saying, for they were afraid. And there was a cloud overshadowing them, and a voice out of the cloud said,

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON; HEAR HIM.

And suddenly, when the disciples looked around, they saw no man except Jesus alone with them. And as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them not to tell any man what they had seen until the Son of man had risen from the dead. So they kept that saying to themselves, and they wanted to know what risen from the dead meant. And they asked Him, saying, Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must first come? He said to them, **ELIJAH DOES COME FIRST TO PREPARE EVERYTHING; AND AS IT IS WRITTEN CONCERNING THE SON OF MAN THAT HE WILL SUFFER MUCH AND BE REJECTED. BUT I SAY TO YOU THAT ELIJAH HAS COME, AND THEY DID WITH HIM WHATEVER THEY PLEASSED, AS IT IS WRITTEN OF HIM.** And when He came to His disciples, He saw a large crowd with them and the scribes debating with them. And immediately all the people saw Him and were greatly surprised, and they ran to greet Him. And He asked the scribes, **WHAT DO YOU DEBATE WITH THEM?** One of the multitude answered, saying, Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit of dumbness. And whenever it seizes him, it troubles him; and he foams and gnashes his teeth and faints. And I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not. Jesus answered and said to him. **O FAITHLESS GENERATION, HOW LONG SHALL I BE WITH YOU? AND HOW LONG SHALL I PREACH TO YOU? BRING HIM TO ME.** And they brought the boy to Jesus; and when the spirit seized him, it immediately troubled him; and he fell on the ground, gasping and foaming. So Jesus asked his father, **HOW LONG HAS HE BEEN LIKE THIS?** He said to him, From his childhood. And many times it has thrown him into the fire and into the water to destroy him; but whatever you can do, help me and have mercy on me. Jesus said to him, **IF YOU CAN BELIEVE, EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE TO HIM WHO BELIEVES.** And immediately the father of the boy cried out weeping and said, I do believe, help my little faith. When Jesus saw that people were running and gathering about him, he rebuked the unclean spirit and said to it, **O DEAF AND DUMB SPIRIT, I COMMAND YOU, COME OUT OF HIM AND DO NOT ENTER HIM AGAIN.** And the epileptic cried out violently and was tortured, and the spirit went out; then the boy became as if dead, so that many said, He is dead. Then Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up. When Jesus entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, why could we not cast it out? He said to them, **THIS KIND CANNOT BE CAST OUT BY ANYTHING EXCEPT BY FASTING AND PRAYER.** And when they went out from thence, they passed through Galilee, and He did not want any man to know about Him. For He taught His disciples, and said to them, **THE SON OF MAN WILL BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF MEN, AND THEY WILL KILL HIM; AND AFTER HE IS KILLED, HE WILL RISE ON THE THIRD DAY.** But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to ask Him. And they came to Capernaum; and when they entered the house, He asked them, **WHAT WERE YOU REASONING AMONG YOURSELVES ON THE ROAD?** But they kept silent, for on the road they had argued with one another as to who was the greatest of them. And Jesus sat down and called the twelve and said to them. **HE WHO WISHES TO BE FIRST,**

LET HIM BE THE LAST OF MEN, AND THE SERVANT OF EVERY MAN. And He took a little child and made him to stand in the midst; then He took him in His arms, and said to them, WHOEVER RECEIVES A CHILD LIKE THIS IN MY NAME, HE RECEIVES ME; AND HE WHO RECEIVES ME, DOES NOT RECEIVE ME, BUT HIM WHO HAS SENT ME. John said to Him, Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons in your name; and we forbade him because he did not follow us. Jesus said to them, DO NOT FORBID HIM; FOR THERE IS NO MAN WHO PERFORMS MIRACLES IN MY NAME WHO WILL HASTILY SPEAK EVIL OF ME. THEREFORE, HE WHO IS NOT AGAINST YOU IS FOR YOU. FOR WHOEVER GIVES YOU TO DRINK EVEN A CUP OF WATER ONLY BECAUSE YOU REPRESENT THE NAME OF CHRIST, TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT HIS REWARD SHALL NOT BE LOST. AND WHOEVER SHALL CAUSE ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES WHO BELIEVE IN ME TO STUMBLE, IT WERE BETTER FOR HIM THAT AN ASS' MILLSTONE WERE HANGED ON HIS NECK AND THAT HE WERE THROWN INTO THE SEA. IF YOUR HAND OFFENDS YOU, CUT IT OFF; IT IS MUCH BETTER FOR YOU TO GO THROUGH LIFE MAIMED THAN TO HAVE TWO HANDS AND GO TO GEHENNA, WHERE THE EMBERS DO NOT DIE AND THE FIRE DOES NOT GO OUT. AND IF YOUR FOOT OFFENDS YOU, CUT IT OFF; IT IS MUCH BETTER FOR YOU TO GO THROUGH LIFE LAME, THAN TO HAVE TWO FEET, AND FALL INTO GEHENNA, WHERE THE EMBERS DO NOT DIE AND THE FIRE DOES NOT GO OUT. AND IF YOUR EYE OFFENDS YOU, REMOVE IT; IT IS BETTER FOR YOU TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD WITH ONE EYE THAN TO HAVE TWO EYES AND FALL INTO THE GEHENNA OF FIRE, WHERE THE EMBERS DO NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE DOES NOT GO OUT. FOR EVERYTHING WILL BE SALTED ON THE FIRE, AND EVERY SACRIFICE WILL BE SALTED WITH SALT. O HOW GOOD IS SALT; BUT IF THE SALT SHOULD LOSE ITS SAVOR, WITH WHAT COULD IT BE SALTED? LET THERE BE SALT IN YOU AND BE AT PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER.

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And He departed from thence, and came to the border of Judea at the crossing of the Jordan; and a great many people went to Him there, and He taught them again as He was accustomed to do. And the Pharisees came to Him, tempting Him and asking, Is it lawful for a man to leave his wife? He said to them, WHAT DID MOSES COMMAND YOU? They said, Moses gave us permission to write a letter of separation, and then to divorce. Jesus answered, saying to them, IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE HARDNESS OF YOUR HEART THAT HE WROTE FOR YOU THIS PARTICULAR LAW. BUT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING GOD MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE. FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER AND CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE. AND BOTH SHALL BE ONE FLESH; HENCEFORTH THEY ARE NOT TWO, BUT ONE FLESH. WHAT THEREFORE GOD HAS JOINED, LET NO MAN SEPARATE. And his disciples again asked him about this in the house. And he said to them, WHOEVER DIVORCES HIS WIFE AND MARRIES ANOTHER COMMITS ADULTERY. AND IF A WOMAN DIVORCES HER HUSBAND AND MARRIES ANOTHER, SHE COMMITS ADULTERY. And they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but his disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was displeased, and He said to them, ALLOW THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME TO ME, AND DO NOT FORBID THEM; FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS FOR SUCH AS THESE. TRULY I SAY TO YOU, WHOEVER DOES NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE A LITTLE CHILD SHALL NOT ENTER IT. Then He took them in His arms, and put His hand on them and blessed them. While He was on the way, a man came running and fell on his knees and asked Him, saying, O good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit life eternal? Jesus said to him, WHY DO YOU CALL ME GOOD? THERE IS NO ONE WHO IS GOOD EXCEPT THE ONE GOD. YOU KNOW THE COMMANDMENTS? DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT

MURDER, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, DO NOT OPPRESS, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER. But he answered and said to him, Teacher, all of these I have obeyed from my boyhood. Then Jesus looked at him and loved him, and He said to him, YOU LACK ONE THING; GO, SELL EVERYTHING YOU HAVE AND GIVE IT TO THE POOR, AND YOU SHALL HAVE A TREASURE IN HEAVEN; AND TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME. But he felt sad because of this saying, and he went away depressed; for he had great wealth. Then Jesus looked at his disciples and said to them, HOW HARD FOR THOSE WHO HAVE WEALTH TO ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD! But the disciples were surprised at His words. And Jesus answered again saying to them, MY SONS, HOW HARD IT IS FOR THOSE WHO TRUST IN THEIR WEALTH TO ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD! But they were the more astonished, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? Jesus looked at them and said to them, WITH MEN THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT NOT WITH GOD; FOR EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD. Then Peter began to say, Behold, we have left everything and followed you. Jesus answered and said, TRULY I SAY TO YOU, THERE IS NO MAN WHO LEAVES HOUSES OR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR FATHER OR MOTHER OR WIFE OR CHILDREN OR FIELDS FOR MY SAKE AND FOR THE SAKE OF MY GOSPEL, WHO SHALL NOT RECEIVE NOW, IN THIS TIME A HUNDREDFOLD, HOUSES AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND MAIDSERVANTS AND CHILDREN AND FIELDS AND OTHER WORLDLY THINGS AND IN THE WORLD TO COME LIFE EVERLASTING. MANY WHO ARE FIRST SHALL BE LAST, AND THE LAST FIRST. While they were going up on their way to Jerusalem, Jesus was ahead of them; and they were amazed; and they followed Him with fear. And He took His twelve aside, and began to tell them what was surely to happen to Him, saying, BEHOLD, WE ARE GOING UP TO JERUSALEM, AND THE SON OF MAN WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE HIGH PRIESTS AND THE SCRIBES, AND THEY WILL CONDEMN HIM TO DEATH AND DELIVER HIM TO THE GENTILES. AND THEY WILL MOCK HIM AND SCOURGE HIM AND SPIT IN HIS FACE AND KILL HIM; AND ON THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RISE UP. And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Him and said to him, Teacher, we wish you would do for us whatever we ask. He said to them, WHAT DO YOU WISH ME TO DO FOR YOU ? They said to Him Grant us to sit, one at your right and one at your left, in your glory. He said to them, YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU ARE ASKING; CAN YOU DRINK THE CUP WHICH I DRINK AND BE BAPTIZED WITH THE BAPTISM WITH WHICH I AM TO BE BAPTIZED ? They said to Him, We can. Jesus said to them, THE CUP WHICH I SHALL DRINK, YOU TOO WILL DRINK; AND WITH THE BAPTISM WITH WHICH I AM BAPTIZED, YOU WILL BE BAPTIZED ALSO; BUT TO SIT AT MY RIGHT AND AT MY LEFT IS NOT MINE TO GIVE; EXCEPT TO THOSE FOR WHOM IT IS PREPARED. When the ten heard it, they began to murmur at James and John. Jesus called them and said to them, YOU KNOW THAT THOSE WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES PRINCES OF THE PEOPLE ARE ALSO THEIR LORDS; AND THEIR OFFICIALS RULE OVER THEM. LET NOT THIS BE SO AMONG YOU; BUT HE WHO WISHES TO BE GREAT AMONG YOU, LET HIM MINISTER TO YOU. AND ANYONE OF YOU WHO WISHES TO BE FIRST, LET HIM BE A SERVANT TO ALL. FOR THE SON OF MAN ALSO DID NOT COME TO BE MINISTERED TO, BUT TO MINISTER, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A SALVATION FOR THE SAKE OF MANY. And they came to Jericho; and when Jesus went out of Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind man, Timaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry aloud and say, O son of David, have mercy on me. Then Jesus stopped and commanded to call him. So they called the blind man, and said to him, Have courage, rise; He is calling you. And the blind man threw off his robe and got up and went to Jesus. Jesus said to him, WHAT DO YOU WISH ME TO DO FOR YOU? The blind man said to him, Master, that I may see. And Jesus said to him, SEE; YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU. And immediately he saw, and went on his way.

When He came near to Jerusalem, towards Bethphage and Bethany at the mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, And He said to them, GO TO THE VILLAGE AHEAD OF US; AND AS SOON AS YOU ENTER IT, YOU WILL FIND A COLT TIED UP, ON WHICH NO MAN OF THE SONS OF MEN HAS EVER RIDDEN; UNTIE IT AND BRING IT. AND IF ANY MAN SHOULD SAY TO YOU, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS ? SAY TO HIM, OUR LORD NEEDS IT; AND IMMEDIATELY HE WILL SEND IT HERE. So they went and found the colt tied by the door, outside in the street. And as they were untying it, some of the men who stood there said to them, What are you doing, are you untying the colt? And they answered them as Jesus had instructed them; and they consented. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and they put their garments on it, and Jesus rode on it. And many spread their garments on the road; and others cut down branches from the trees, and spread them on the road. And those who were in front of Him and those who were behind Him were crying and saying, Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. And blessed is the kingdom of our father David, which is coming; Hosanna in the highest! And Jesus entered Jerusalem, and went into the temple; and He looked upon everything, and when evening came, He went out to Bethany with the twelve. And the next day, when they went out of Bethany, He became hungry. And He saw a fig tree in the distance which had leaves on it. So He came to it to see if He could find anything on it; and when He came He found nothing on it except leaves; for it was not yet time for the figs. And He said to it, FROM NOW AND FOREVER LET NO MAN EAT OF YOUR FRUIT. And His disciples heard it. And they came to Jerusalem; and Jesus entered into the temple of God, and began to cast out those who were buying and selling in the temple; and He overturned the trays of the money-changers and the stands of those who sold doves; And He would not allow any man to bring goods into the temple. And He taught them, saying, IS IT NOT WRITTEN, MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED THE HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE PEOPLES? BUT YOU HAVE MADE IT A BANDITS' CAVE. And the high priests and the scribes heard it, and they sought how to do away with Him; for they were afraid of Him, because all the people were amazed at His teaching. And when evening came, they went outside of the city. And in the morning, as they were passing they saw the fig tree withered from its roots. And Simon remembered and said to Him, Master, behold, the fig tree which you cursed has withered. Jesus answered, saying to them, IF YOU HAVE FAITH IN GOD, TRULY I SAY TO YOU, WHOEVER SHOULD SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN, BE MOVED AND FALL INTO THE SEA, AND DOES NOT DOUBT IN HIS HEART, BUT BELIEVES THAT WHAT HE SAYS WILL BE DONE, IT WILL BE DONE TO HIM. THEREFORE I SAY TO YOU, ANYTHING YOU PRAY FOR AND ASK, BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE IT, AND IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU. AND WHEN YOU STAND UP TO PRAY, FORGIVE WHATEVER YOU HAVE AGAINST ANY MAN, SO THAT YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN WILL FORGIVE YOU YOUR TRESPASSES. BUT IF YOU WILL NOT FORGIVE, EVEN YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN WILL NOT FORGIVE YOU YOUR TRESPASSES. And they came again to Jerusalem; and while He was walking in the temple, the high priests and the scribes and the elders came to Him. And they said to Him, By what authority do you do these things? And who gave you this authority to do these things? Jesus said to them, I WILL ALSO ASK YOU A WORD TO TELL ME, AND THEN I WILL TELL YOU BY WHAT AUTHORITY I DO THESE THINGS. WHENCE IS THE BAPTISM OF JOHN, FROM HEAVEN OR FROM MEN? TELL ME. And they reasoned among themselves and said, If we should say to Him, From heaven, He will say to us, Why then did you not believe Him? And if we should say, From men, there is the fear of the people, for all of them regard John as a true prophet. So they answered, saying to Jesus, We do not know. He said to them, I WILL ALSO NOT TELL YOU BY WHAT AUTHORITY I DO THESE THINGS.

And He began to speak to them in parables. A MAN PLANTED A VINEYARD AND FENCED IT ALL AROUND, AND HE DUG IN IT A WINE PRESS, AND BUILT A TOWER IN IT, AND THEN HE LEASED IT TO LABORERS AND WENT ON A JOURNEY. AND IN DUE SEASON HE SENT HIS SERVANT TO THE LABORERS TO RECEIVE SOME OF THE FRUITS OF THE VINEYARD. BUT THEY BEAT HIM AND SENT HIM AWAY EMPTY. AND AGAIN WHEN HE SENT TO THEM ANOTHER SERVANT, THEY STONED HIM ALSO AND WOUNDED HIM AND SENT HIM AWAY IN DISGRACE. AND AGAIN HE SENT ANOTHER, BUT THEY KILLED HIM; AND HE SENT MANY OTHER SERVANTS, SOME OF THEM THEY BEAT AND SOME THEY KILLED. BUT FINALLY, HE HAD A VERY BELOVED SON, AND HE SENT HIM TO THEM LAST OF ALL, FOR HE SAID, THEY MIGHT FEEL ASHAMED BEFORE MY SON, BUT THE LABORERS SAID AMONG THEMSELVES. THIS IS THE HEIR; COME, LET US KILL HIM, AND THE INHERITANCE WILL BE OURS. AND THEY TOOK AND KILLED HIM, AND THREW HIM OUTSIDE OF THE VINEYARD. WHAT THEN WILL THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD DO? HE WILL COME AND DESTROY THOSE LABORERS, AND GIVE THE VINEYARD TO OTHERS. HAVE YOU NOT READ THIS SCRIPTURE; THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THE SAME BECAME THE CORNERSTONE? This was from the Lord, and is a wonder in our eyes. They wanted to seize Him, but they were afraid of the people; for they knew that He spoke this parable against them; and they left Him and went away. And they sent to Him some men of the scribes and of the Herodians, that they might trap Him by a word. They came and asked Him, Master, we know that you are true and you do not favor any man; for you are impartial, and you teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to give head tax to Caesar or not? Shall we give or shall we not give? But He knew their scheme, and said to them, WHY DO YOU TEMPT ME? BRING ME A PENNY, THAT I MAY SEE IT. And they brought it to Him. He said to them, WHOSE IS THIS IMAGE AND INSCRIPTION? They said, Caesar's. Jesus said to them, GIVE TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S AND TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S. And they were amazed at Him. Then the Sadducees came to Him, those who say there is no resurrection; and they asked Him, saying, Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother die and leave a wife and leave no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers the first one took a wife and died, and left no offspring. The the second married her, and he died; he also left no offspring; and likewise the third one, So all seven of them married her, and left no offspring. And after them all, the woman also died. Therefore at the resurrection, whose wife will she be? For all seven had married her. Jesus said to them, IS IT NOT THAT YOU ERR BECAUSE YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES NOR THE POWER OF GOD? FOR WHEN THEY RISE FROM THE DEAD, MEN NEITHER MARRY WOMEN, NOR ARE WOMEN GIVEN IN MARRIAGE TO MEN; BUT THEY ARE LIKE THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN. NOW CONCERNING THE RISING OF THE DEAD, HAVE YOU NOT READ IN THE BOOK OF MOSES, HOW GOD SAID TO HIM FROM THE BUSH, I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM AND THE GOD OF ISAAC AND THE GOD OF JACOB? AND YET HE WAS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD, BUT OF THE LIVING. YOU THEREFORE GREATLY ERR. And one of the scribes came near and heard them debating, and he saw that he gave them a good answer. So he asked Him, Which is the first commandment of all? Jesus said to him, THE FIRST OF ALL COMMANDMENTS IS, HEAR, O ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; AND YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT; THIS IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE TO IT, YOU MUST LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. THERE IS NO OTHER COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE. The scribe said to Him, Well, Teacher, you have said the truth, that He is One, and there is no other besides Him; And that a man should love Him with all the heart and with all the mind and with all the soul and with all the might, and love his neighbor as himself; this is far more

important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices. When Jesus saw that he replied wisely, he answered, saying to him, YOU ARE NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM OF GOD. And no man dared again to question Him. And Jesus answered, saying as He taught in the temple, HOW DO THE SCRIBES SAY THAT CHRIST IS THE SON OF DAVID? FOR DAVID HIMSELF SAID THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, SIT ON MY RIGHT HAND UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES AS A STOOL UNDER YOUR FEET. NOW THEREFORE DAVID HIMSELF CALLS HIM MY LORD, AND HOW CAN HE BE HIS SON? And all the people heard Him with pleasure. And in His teaching He said to them. BEWARE OF THE SCRIBES, WHO LIKE TO WALK IN LONG ROBES AND LOVE TO BE SALUTED IN THE STREETS, AND TAKE THE FRONT SEATS IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND THE HEAD PLACES AT BANQUETS; THOSE WHO EMBEZZLE THE PROPERTY OF WIDOWS, UNDER PRETENSE OF MAKING LONG PRAYERS . THEY SHALL RECEIVE GREATER JUDGMENT. And when Jesus sat in front of the treasury, He watched how the people cast their alms into the treasury; and many rich men were casting in a great deal. And there came a poor widow, and she cast in two coins, which are a few pennies. And Jesus called His disciples and said to them, TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT THIS POOR WIDOW HAS CAST INTO THE TREASURY MORE THAN ALL THE MEN WHO ARE CASTING; FOR ALL OF THEM CAST IN OF THEIR ABUNDANCE; BUT SHE OF HER POVERTY CAST EVERYTHING SHE HAD, EVEN ALL OF HER POSSESSIONS.

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When Jesus went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, Teacher, behold, look at those stones and those buildings. Jesus said to him, DO YOU SEE THESE GREAT BUILDINGS? NOT A STONE SHALL BE LEFT HERE UPON ANOTHER STONE, WHICH SHALL NOT BE TORN DOWN. While Jesus sat on the mount of Olives, towards the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked Him privately, Tell us when these things will happen, and what is the sign when all these things are about to be fulfilled? BE CAREFUL THAT NO MAN DECEIVE YOU; FOR MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME AND SAY, I AM HE; AND THEY WILL DECEIVE MANY. AND WHEN YOU HEAR OF WARS AND RUMORS OF REVOLUTIONS, DO NOT BE AFRAID; FOR THIS IS BOUND TO HAPPEN, BUT THE END IS NOT YET. FOR NATION WILL RISE AGAINST NATION, AND KINGDOM AGAINST KINGDOM; AND THERE WILL BE EARTHQUAKES IN DIFFERENT PLACES, AND THERE WILL BE FAMINES AND UPRISINGS. THESE THINGS ARE JUST THE BEGINNING OF TRAVAIL. LOOK OUT FOR YOURSELVES; FOR THEY WILL DELIVER YOU TO THE JUDGES, AND THEY WILL SCOURGE YOU IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES; AND YOU WILL STAND BEFORE KINGS AND GOVERNORS FOR MY SAKE, AND AS A TESTIMONY TO THEM. BUT MY GOSPEL MUST FIRST BE PREACHED AMONG ALL NATIONS. WHEN THEY BRING YOU TO DELIVER YOU UP, DO NOT WORRY BEFOREHAND WHAT YOU WILL SPEAK; AND DO NOT THINK OF ANYTHING EXCEPT WHAT IS GIVEN YOU IN THAT VERY HOUR; SPEAK THAT; FOR IT IS NOT YOU WHO SPEAK, BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT. A BROTHER WILL DELIVER HIS BROTHER TO DEATH, AND A FATHER HIS SON; AND THE CHILDREN WILL RISE UP AGAINST THEIR PARENTS AND PUT THEM TO DEATH. AND YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL MEN BECAUSE OF MY NAME; BUT HE WHO HAS PATIENCE TO THE END WILL BE SAVED. BUT WHEN YOU SEE THE SIGN OF UNCLEANNESS AND DESOLATION, AS SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET DANIEL, ACCUMULATING WHERE IT SHOULD NOT BE (let him who reads understand), THEN THOSE WHO ARE IN JUDEA FLEE TO THE MOUNTAIN, AND LET HIM WHO IS ON THE ROOF NOT COME DOWN, AND NOT ENTER TO TAKE ANYTHING OUT OF HIS HOUSE, AND LET HIM WHO IS IN THE FIELD NOT TURN BACK TO TAKE HIS CLOTHES. BUT WOE TO THOSE WHO ARE WITH CHILD AND TO THOSE WHO GIVE SUCK IN THOSE DAYS! PRAY THAT

YOUR FLIGHT MAY NOT BE IN WINTER. FOR IN THOSE DAYS THERE WILL BE SUFFERING SUCH AS HAS NEVER BEEN FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION WHICH GOD MADE UNTIL NOW, AND NEVER WILL BE AGAIN. AND IF THE LORD HAD NOT SHORTENED THOSE DAYS, NO FLESH WOULD LIVE; BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THE ELECT ONES, WHICH HE CHOSE, HE SHORTENED THOSE DAYS. THEN IF ANY MAN SHOULD SAY TO YOU, BEHOLD, HERE IS THE CHRIST, OR, BEHOLD, THERE; DO NOT BELIEVE IT. FOR THERE WILL RISE FALSE CHRISTS, AND LYING PROPHETS, AND THEY WILL SHOW SIGNS AND WONDERS, AND MISLEAD, IF POSSIBLE, EVEN THE CHOSEN ONES. BUT BE CAREFUL; BEHOLD, I HAVE TOLD YOU EVERYTHING IN ADVANCE. IN THOSE DAYS, AFTER THAT SUFFERING, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL FROM THE SKY, AND THE POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE WILL BE SHAKEN. THEN THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN THE CLOUDS, WITH A GREAT ARMY AND WITH GLORY. THEN HE WILL SEND HIS ANGELS, AND GATHER HIS CHOSEN ONES FROM THE FOUR WINDS, FROM THE UTMOST PART OF THE EARTH TO THE UTMOST PART OF HEAVEN. FROM THE FIG TREE LEARN A PARABLE. WHEN ITS BRANCHES BECOME TENDER AND BRING FORTH LEAVES, YOU KNOW THAT SUMMER IS COMING. SO EVEN YOU, WHEN YOU SEE ALL THESE THINGS HAPPEN UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS NEAR, EVEN AT THE DOOR. TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT THIS NATION WILL NOT PASS AWAY UNTIL ALL THESE THINGS HAPPEN. HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY, BUT MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY. BUT CONCERNING THAT DAY AND THAT HOUR, NO MAN KNOWS, NOT EVEN THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN, NEITHER THE SON, EXCEPT THE FATHER. WATCH, BE ALERT, AND PRAY; FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE TIME IS. IT IS JUST LIKE A MAN WHO WENT ON A JOURNEY, AND LEFT HIS HOUSE AND GAVE AUTHORITY TO HIS SERVANTS AND TO EACH MAN HIS WORK, AND HE COMMANDED THE PORTER TO KEEP AWAKE. BE ALERT THEREFORE, FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE WILL COME, IN THE EVENING OR AT MIDNIGHT OR AT THE COCK-CROW OR IN THE MORNING. HE MIGHT COME SUDDENLY AND FIND YOU ASLEEP. WHAT I SAY TO YOU I SAY TO ALL OF YOU: BE ALERT.

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After two days, the passover of unleavened bread was to come; and the high priests and the scribes were seeking how to seize Him by craft and kill Him. And they said, Not during the feast, for it may cause a riot among the people. When He was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, while He reclined, there came a woman who had with her an alabaster vessel of perfume of pure nard, of good quality and very expensive; and she opened it and poured it upon the head of Jesus. But there were some men of the disciples who were displeased within themselves, and said, Why was this perfume wasted? For it could have been sold for more than three hundred pennies and given to the poor. So they were indignant at her. Jesus said, LET HER ALONE; WHY DO YOU TROUBLE HER? SHE HAS DONE A GOOD DEED TO ME. FOR YOU ALWAYS HAVE THE POOR WITH YOU, AND WHEN YOU WISH, YOU CAN DO GOOD TO THEM; BUT I AM NOT ALWAYS WITH YOU. BUT THIS ONE HAS DONE IT WITH WHAT SHE HAD; SHE ANOINTED MY BODY IN ADVANCE AS FOR THE BURIAL. AND TRULY I SAY TO YOU, WHEREVER THIS MY GOSPEL IS PREACHED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WHAT SHE HAS DONE WILL ALSO BE TOLD AS A MEMORIAL TO HER. Then Judah of Iscariot, one of the twelve went to the high priests to deliver Jesus to them. When they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought an opportunity to deliver him. On the first day of unleavened bread, on which the Jews sacrifice the passover, his disciples said to Him, Where do you wish that we go and prepare the passover for you

to eat? And He sent two of his disciples, and said to them, GO TO THE CITY, AND BEHOLD YOU WILL MEET A MAN CARRYING A VESSEL OF WATER; FOLLOW HIM. AND WHEREVER HE ENTERS, SAY TO THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE, OUR MASTER SAYS, WHERE IS THE GUESTCHAMBER WHERE I MAY EAT THE PASSOVER WITH MY DISCIPLES? AND HE WILL SHOW YOU A LARGE UPPER ROOM FURNISHED AND PREPARED; THERE MAKE READY FOR US. And his disciples went out and came to the city, and they found just as He had told them; and they prepared the passover. And when they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, TRULY I SAY TO YOU, ONE OF YOU WHO EATS WITH ME WILL BETRAY ME. They began to feel troubled, and said to Him one by one, What! Is it I? But He said to them, IT IS ONE OF THE TWELVE WHO DIPS WITH ME IN THE DISH. THE SON OF MAN WILL GO, AS IT IS WRITTEN OF HIM; BUT WOE TO THE MAN BY WHOSE HAND THE SON OF MAN IS BETRAYED! IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FAR BETTER FOR THAT MAN NEVER TO HAVE BEEN BORN. While they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and he broke it and gave it to them, and He said to them, TAKE IT; THIS IS MY BODY. And He took the cup and gave thanks, and He blessed it and gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT WHICH IS SHED FOR THE SAKE OF MANY. TRULY I SAY TO YOU, I SHALL NOT DRINK AGAIN OF THE FRUIT OF THE VINE UNTIL THAT DAY IN WHICH I DRINK IT NEW IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD. And they offered praise, and went out to the mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, ALL OF YOU WILL DENY ME THIS NIGHT; FOR IT IS WRITTEN, I WILL SMITE THE SHEPHERD, AND HIS SHEEP WILL SCATTER. BUT WHEN I AM RISEN, I WILL BE IN GALILEE BEFORE YOU. Peter said to Him, Even if all of them should desert you, I would not. Jesus said to him, TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT YOU, TODAY, IN THIS NIGHT, BEFORE THE COCK CROWS TWICE, WILL DENY ME THREE TIMES. But he kept telling him still more. Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you, O my Lord. All the disciples said also the same. And they came to a place which is called Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples. SIT DOWN HERE, WHILE I PRAY. And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and He began to be sorrowful and depressed. And He said to them, MY SOUL IS SORROWFUL EVEN TO DEATH; WAIT FOR ME AND KEEP AWAKE. And He went aside a little and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass away from Him. And He said, ABBA, AVE, O FATHER, MY FATHER, THOU CANST DO EVERYTHING; MAKE THIS CUP PASS AWAY FROM ME; BUT NOT ACCORDING TO MY WILL, BUT THINE. And He came and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, SIMON, ARE YOU SLEEPING ? COULD YOU NOT KEEP AWAKE EVEN FOR ONE HOUR? WAKE AND PRAY THAT YOU MAY NOT ENTER INTO TEMPTATION; THE SPIRIT INDEED IS WILLING AND READY, BUT THE BODY IS WEAK. He went away again and prayed, and He said the same words. And He returned again, and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to say to Him. Then He came the third time, and said to them, FROM NOW ON SLEEP AND GET REST; THE END HAS ARRIVED AND THE HOUR HAS COME; AND BEHOLD, THE SON OF MAN WILL BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF SINNERS. ARISE, LET US GO; BEHOLD, HE WHO IS TO DELIVER ME IS NEAR. While He was speaking, Judah of Iscariot, one of the twelve, and many other people, came with swords and staves, from the high priests and the scribes and the elders. And the traitor who was to do the delivering gave them a sign, and he said, He whom I kiss is the one; seize Him carefully, and take Him away. And immediately he drew near and said to Him, My Teacher, my Teacher; and he kissed Him. And they laid hands on Him and arrested Him. But one of those who stood by drew a sword and struck at the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. And Jesus answered, saying to them, HAVE YOU COME OUT AGAINST ME AS AGAINST A BANDIT, WITH SWORDS AND STAVES TO ARREST ME? I WAS WITH YOU EVERY DAY TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE, AND YOU DID NOT ARREST ME; BUT THIS HAS HAPPENED SO THAT THE SCRIPTURES MIGHT BE FULFILLED. Then His disciples left Him and fled. And a young man was following Him, naked,

with a linen cloth around him; and they seized him. But he left the linen cloth, and fled naked. And they took Jesus to Caiaphas the high priest; and there gathered to him all the high priests and the scribes and the elders. But Simon followed Him afar off, up to the courtyard of the high priest; and he sat with the servants, warming himself before the fire. The high priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus so that they might put Him to death; but they could not find it. For even though many testified against Him, their testimony was not worthy. Then some men who were false witnesses stood up against Him and said, We heard him say, I will tear down this temple which is made with hands, and in three days I will build another which is not made with hands. But even this testimony was not worthy. Then the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Do you not answer? What do these men testify against you? But Jesus was silent, and made no answer. Again the high priest asked Him, saying, Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One? Jesus said to him, I AM; AND YOU WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER AND COMING UPON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY. Then the high priest tore his robe, and said, Why therefore do we need witnesses? Behold, you have heard blasphemy from His own mouth; what do you think? And they all decided that He was guilty of death. Then some of the men began to spit in His face, and they covered His face and struck Him on His head, saying, Prophecy; and the soldiers smote Him on His cheeks. And when Simon was below in the courtyard, there came a young maidservant of the high priest; And she saw him warming himself, and looked at him, and said to him, You also were with Jesus the Nazarene. But he denied it and said, I do not understand what you are saying. Then he went out to the porch, and the cock crowed. And the same young maid saw him, and began to say to those who stood by, This one also is one of them. But he denied it again. And a little later, those who stood by said to Peter, Truly you are one of them, for you also are a Galilean, and even your speech is like theirs. And he began to curse and to swear, saying, I do not know this man of whom you speak. At that very hour the cock crowed the second time. And Simon remembered the words that Jesus had said to him, Before the cock crows twice you will deny me thrice. And then he began to weep.

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And immediately in the morning the high priests took counsel together with the elders and the scribes and with the whole council; and they bound Jesus and took Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate the governor. And Pilate asked Him, Are you the King of the Jews? He answered, saying to him, THAT IS WHAT YOU SAY. And the high priests accused him of many things. Then Pilate asked again and said to Him, Do you not answer? See how many are testifying against you. But Jesus gave no answer, so that Pilate marveled. Now it was the custom on every feast to release to them one prisoner whom they asked for. There was one called Bar-Abba, who was bound with those who made insurrection and who had committed murder during that insurrection. And the people cried out, and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to the custom. Pilate answered, saying, Are you willing that I release to you the King of the Jews? For Pilate knew that the high priests had delivered Him because of envy. But the high priests incited the people the more, that he should release Bar-Abba to them. Pilate said to them, What then do you wish me to do to this man whom you call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, Crucify him! Then Pilate said to them, What evil has He done? But they cried aloud the more, Crucify him! Now Pilate wanted to do the will of the people; so he released Bar-Abba to them, and he delivered to them Jesus, scourged, to be crucified. Then the soldiers took Him to the inner courtyard, which is the Praetorium; and they called together the whole company. And they dressed Him in purple, and wove a crown of thorns and put it on Him. And they began to salute Him, Hail, O King of the Jews. And they struck Him on His head with a reed, and spat in His face, and fell on their knees, and worshiped Him. And when they had mocked Him, they took off the purple and put on Him his own clothes, and took Him out to crucify Him. And they compelled one who passing by, Simon the

Cyrenian, who was coming from the field, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry His cross. And they brought Him to Golgotha, a place which is interpreted The Skull. And they gave Him to drink wine mixed with myrrh; but He would not take it. And when they had crucified Him, they divided His clothes and cast lots on them, to see what each man should take. It was the third hour when they crucified Him. And the reason for his death was inscribed in writing. THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. And they crucified with Him two bandits, one on His right and one on His left. And the scripture was fulfilled which said, He was reckoned with the wicked. Even those who passed by blasphemed against Him, nodding their heads and saying, O destroyer of the temple and builder of it in three days, Deliver yourself and come down from the cross. The high priests likewise were laughing among themselves, with the scribes, and saying, He saved others; but He cannot save Himself. O Christ, you are the King of Israel! Let Him now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe in Him. Even those who were crucified with Him reproached Him. And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over all the land, which lasted until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying ELI, ELI, LEMANA, SHABAKTHANI! Which means, My God, my God, for this I was spared ! Some of the men who were standing by, when they heard it, said, He called for Elijah. And one ran and filled a sponge with vinegar, and tied it on a reed to give Him a drink; and he said, Hush, let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down. But Jesus cried with a loud voice, and the end came. And the curtains at the door of the temple were torn in two, from the top to the bottom. And when the centurion, who stood near Him, saw that He cried out in this manner and died, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God. There were also women who were looking from afar, Mary of Magdala, and Mary the mother of James the young and of Joses, and Salome; Who had followed Him, when He was in Galilee and ministered to Him, and many other women who had come up with Him to Jerusalem. And when it was Friday evening, which is before the sabbath, There came Joseph of Ramtha, an honorable counselor, who was also waiting for the kingdom of God; and he dared to go to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. But Pilate marveled that He was already dead. So he called the centurion and asked him if he had already died. And when he learned it, he gave the body to Joseph. And Joseph bought linen, and took Him down and wrapped Him in it; and laid Him in a tomb which was hewn in a rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. But Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid.

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When the sabbath had passed, Mary of Magdala, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb as the sun was just rising. And they said among themselves, who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us? And they looked and saw that the stone was rolled away, for it was very large. And they entered the tomb, and saw a young man, sitting on the right, covered with a white robe; and they were astonished. But he said to them, Do not be afraid. You seek Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified; He has risen; He is not here; behold the place where He was laid. But go away and tell his disciples, and Peter, that He will be before you in Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He has told you. And when they heard it, they fled and went out of the tomb, for they were seized with amazement and trembling; and they said nothing to any man, for they were frightened. Now He rose early on the first day of the week, and appeared first to Mary of Magdala, from whom He had cast seven demons. And she went and brought glad tidings to those who were with Him, who now were mourning and weeping. And when they heard them saying that He was alive, and had appeared to them, they did not believe them. After these things He appeared to two of them in another manner, as they were walking and going to a village. And they went and told the rest; but they did not believe them also. At last He appeared to the eleven while they were reclining, and He upbraided them for their little faith and the dullness of their hearts, because they had not believed those who saw Him risen. And He

said to them. GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH MY GOSPEL TO THE WHOLE CREATION. HE WHO BELIEVES AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED; AND HE WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE SHALL BE CONDEMNED. AND WONDERS WILL FOLLOW THOSE WHO BELIEVE THESE THINGS. IN MY NAME THEY WILL CAST OUT DEMONS; AND THEY WILL SPEAK WITH NEW TONGUES; AND THEY WILL HANDLE SNAKES; AND IF THEY SHOULD DRINK ANY POISON OF DEATH, IT WILL NOT HARM THEM; AND THEY WILL LAY THEIR HANDS ON THE SICK, AND THEY WILL BE HEALED. Then our Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, ascended to heaven and sat on the right hand of God. And they went out and preached in every place; and our Lord helped them and strengthened their words by the miracles which they performed.