

The Gospel According to Saint Matthew

(the tax collector chosen to be an apostle)

[translated from Aramaic-Hebrew to Greek to English]

1.

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham begot Isaac; Isaac begot Jacob; Jacob begot Judah and his brothers; Judah begot Perez and Zerah of his wife Tamar; Perez begot Hezron; Hezron begot Aram; Aram begot Aminadab; Aminadab begot Nahshon; Nahshon begot Salmon; Salmon begot Boaz of his wife Rahab; Boaz begot Obed of his wife Ruth; Obed begot Jesse; Jesse begot David the king; David the king begot Solomon of the wife of Uriah; Solomon begot Rehoboam; Rehoboam begot Abijah; Abijah begot Asa; Asa begot Jehoshaphat; Jehoshaphat begot Joram; Joram begot Uzziah; Uzziah begot Jotham; Jotham begot Ahaz; Ahaz begot Hezekiah; Hezekiah begot Manasseh; Manasseh begot Amon; Amon begot Josiah; Josiah begot Jechoniah and his brothers, about the time of the captivity of Babylon. And after the captivity of Babylon, Jechoniah begot Shelatiel; Shelatiel begot Zerubbabel; Zerubbabel begot Abihud; Abihud begot Eliakim; Eliakim begot Azor; Azor begot Sadok; Sadok begot Achim; Achim begot Eliud; Eliud begot Eleazar; Eleazar begot Matthan; Matthan begot Jacob; Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. Therefore all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the Babylonian captivity fourteen generations; and from the Babylonian captivity to Christ fourteen generations. The Birth of Jesus Christ was in this manner. While Mary His mother was acquired for a price for Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. But Joseph her husband was a pious man, and did not wish to make it public; so he was thinking of divorcing her secretly. While he was considering this, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said to him, O, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take your wife Mary, because He that is to be born of her is of the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will call His name Jesus; for He shall save his people from their sins. All this happened, that what was spoken from the Lord by the prophet might be fulfilled, Behold, a virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is interpreted, Our God is with us. When Joseph rose up from his sleep, he did just as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and he took his wife. And he did not know her until she gave birth to her first-born son; and she called His name Jesus.

2.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judah, in the days of Herod the king, there came Magi from the East to Jerusalem. And they were saying, Where is the King of the Jews who has been born? For we have seen His star in the East, and we have come to worship Him. But when Herod the king heard it, he trembled, and all Jerusalem with him. So he gathered together all the high priests and the scribes of the people, and he kept asking them where the Christ would be born. And they said, In Bethlehem of Judah, for thus it is written in the book of the prophet: Even you, Bethlehem of Judah, you are not insignificant in the eyes of the kings of Judah, for from you shall come out a king, who will shepherd my people Israel. Then Herod called the Magi secretly, and he learned from them at what time the star appeared to them. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said to them, Go and inquire very carefully concerning the boy, and when you have found Him, come back and let me know, so that I also may go and worship Him. When they had heard from the king, they went away; and behold, the same star that they had seen in the east was going before them, until it came and stood just above the place where the

infant boy was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly. And they entered the house and saw the infant boy with Mary, his mother; and they threw themselves down and worshiped Him; and they opened their treasures and offered to Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And they were told in a dream not to return to Herod, so they departed to their own country by another way. When they had gone, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, and said to him. Arise, take the infant boy and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you; for Herod is ready to demand the child in order to destroy Him. Then Joseph rose up, took the infant boy and his mother in the night, and escaped to Egypt. And he remained there until the death of Herod, so that what was said from the Lord by the prophet might be fulfilled: Out of Egypt have I called My Son. When Herod saw that he was mocked by the Magi, he was greatly enraged, so he sent forth and had all the infant boys in Bethlehem and in its suburbs killed, from two years old and under, according to the time that he had inquired from the Magi. Then was fulfilled what was said by the prophet Jeremiah who said, A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and wailing exceedingly, Rachel weeping for her sons, and she would not be comforted, because they could not be brought back. When King Herod died, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. And he said to him, Arise, take the boy and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the boy's life are dead. So Joseph rose up, took the boy and his mother, and came to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus had become king over Judea, in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there; and it was revealed to him in a dream to go to the land of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, so that what was said by the prophet might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazarene.

3.

In those days came John the Baptist; and he was preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near. For it was he of whom it was said, by the prophet Isaiah, The voice which cries in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord, and straighten His highways. Now this John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had leather belts around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem and all of Judea and the whole country around Jordan. And they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, as they confessed their sins. But when he saw a great many of the Pharisees and Sadducees who were coming to be baptized, he said to them, O offspring of scorpions, who has warned you to escape from the anger which is to come? Bring forth therefore fruits which are worthy of repentance; And do not think and say within yourselves, We have Abraham as our father; for I say to you that God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Behold, the ax is already placed at the root of the trees; therefore, every tree which bears not good fruits shall be cut down and cast into the fire. I am only baptizing you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is greater than I, one whose shoes I am not worthy to remove; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His shovel is in His hand, and He purifies His threshings; the wheat He gathers into His barns, and the straw He will burn in the unquenchable fire. Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. But John tried to stop Him, saying I need to be baptized by you, and yet have you come to me? But Jesus answered and said to him PERMIT IT NOW, FOR THIS IS NECESSARY FOR US SO THAT ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS MAY BE FULFILLED; and then He permitted him. When Jesus was baptized, He immediately went up out of the water; and the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and coming upon Him; And behold, a voice from heaven which said, THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM PLEASED.

4.

Then Jesus was carried away by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. So He fasted forty days and forty nights; but at last He was hungry. And the tempter drew near and said to Him, If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread. But He answered, saying, IT IS WRITTEN THAT IT IS NOT BY BREAD ALONE THAT MAN CAN LIVE, BUT BY

EVERY WORD WHICH PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD. Then the adversary took Him to the holy city, and he made Him to stand on the pinnacle of the temple. And he said to him, If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written that he will command his angels concerning you, and they will bear you up on their hands so that even your foot may not strike a stone. Jesus said to him, AGAIN IT IS WRITTEN THAT YOU SHALL NOT TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD. Again the adversary took Him to a very high mountain, and he showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, All of these I will give to you, if you will fall down and worship me. Then Jesus said to him, GET AWAY, SATAN, FOR IT IS WRITTEN, YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY SHALL YOU SERVE. Then the adversary left Him alone; and behold, angels drew near and ministered to Him. Now when Jesus heard that John was delivered and imprisoned, He departed to Galilee. And He left Nazareth, and came and settled in Capernaum, by the seaside, within the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, saying, O land of Zebulun, O land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles! The people who dwelt in darkness saw a great light, and upon those who dwelt in the country and in the midst of the shadows of death, light shone. From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS COMING NEAR. And while He was walking by the sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter and his brother Andrew, who were casting nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, FOLLOW AFTER ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU BECOME FISHERS OF MEN. So they immediately left their nets and followed Him. And when He departed He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John, in a ship with Zebedee their father, repairing their nets; and Jesus called them. So they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and sickness among the people. And His fame was heard throughout Syria; so they brought to Him all who were badly afflicted with different diseases, and those who were tormented with pains, and the insane and epileptics and cripples; and He healed them. And great crowds followed Him from Galilee and from the ten cities and from Jerusalem and from Judea and from across the Jordan.

5.

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up to the mountain; and as He sat down, His disciples drew near to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying, BLESSED ARE THE HUMBLE, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED. BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE, FOR THEY SHALL BE WELL SATISFIED. BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY SHALL HAVE MERCY. BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF GOD. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN MEN REPROACH YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU AND SPEAK AGAINST YOU EVERY KIND OF EVIL, FALSELY, FOR MY SAKE, THEN BE GLAD AND REJOICE, FOR YOUR REWARD IS INCREASED IN HEAVEN; FOR IN THIS VERY MANNER THEY PERSECUTED THE PROPHETS WHO WERE BEFORE YOU. YOU ARE INDEED THE SALT OF THE EARTH; BUT IF THE SALT SHOULD LOSE ITS SAVOR, WITH WHAT COULD IT BE SALTED? IT WOULD NOT BE WORTH ANYTHING BUT TO BE THROWN OUTSIDE AND TO BE TRODDEN DOWN BY MEN. YOU ARE INDEED THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD; A CITY THAT IS BUILT UPON A MOUNTAIN CANNOT BE HIDDEN. NOR DO THEY LIGHT A LAMP AND PUT IT UNDER A BASKET, BUT ON A LAMP STAND, SO THAT IT GIVES LIGHT TO ALL WHO ARE IN THE HOUSE. LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY

YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. DO NOT SUPPOSE THAT I HAVE COME TO WEAKEN THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS; I HAVE NOT COME TO WEAKEN, BUT TO FULFIL. FOR TRULY I SAY TO YOU, UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY, NOT EVEN A YOTH OR A DASH SHALL PASS AWAY FROM THE LAW UNTIL ALL OF IT IS FULFILLED. WHOEVER THEREFORE TRIES TO WEAKEN EVEN ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE COMMANDMENTS, AND TEACHES MEN SO, HE SHALL BE CALLED THE LEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN; BUT ANYONE WHO OBSERVES AND TEACHES THEM SHALL BE CALLED GREAT IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. FOR I SAY TO YOU THAT UNLESS YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS EXCEEDS THAT OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, YOU SHALL NOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID TO THOSE WHO WERE BEFORE YOU, YOU SHALL NOT KILL, AND WHOEVER KILLS IS GUILTY BEFORE THE COURT. BUT I SAY TO YOU THAT WHOEVER BECOMES ANGRY WITH HIS BROTHER FOR NO REASON IS GUILTY BEFORE THE COURT; AND WHOEVER SHOULD SAY TO HIS BROTHER, RACA (which means I spit on you) IS GUILTY BEFORE THE CONGREGATION; AND WHOEVER SAYS TO HIS BROTHER, YOU ARE EFFEMINATE, IS CONDEMNED TO HELL FIRE. IF IT SHOULD HAPPEN THEREFORE THAT WHILE YOU ARE PRESENTING YOUR OFFERING UPON THE ALTAR, AND RIGHT THERE YOU REMEMBER THAT YOUR BROTHER HAS ANY GRIEVANCE AGAINST YOU, LEAVE YOUR OFFERING THERE UPON THE ALTAR, AND FIRST GO AND MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR BROTHER, AND THEN COME BACK AND PRESENT YOUR OFFERING. TRY TO GET RECONCILED WITH YOUR ACCUSER PROMPTLY, WHILE YOU ARE GOING ON THE ROAD WITH HIM; FOR YOUR ACCUSER MIGHT SURRENDER YOU TO THE JUDGE, AND THE JUDGE WOULD COMMIT YOU TO THE JAILER, AND YOU WOULD BE CAST INTO PRISON. TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT YOU WOULD NEVER COME OUT THENCE UNTIL YOU HAD PAID THE LAST CENT. YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT IS SAID, YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY. BUT I SAY TO YOU THAT WHOEVER LOOKS AT A WOMAN WITH LUST, HAS ALREADY COMMITTED ADULTERY WITH HER IN HIS HEART. IF YOUR RIGHT EYE SHOULD CAUSE YOU TO STUMBLE, PLUCK IT OUT AND THROW IT AWAY FROM YOU; FOR IT IS BETTER FOR YOU TO LOSE ONE OF YOUR MEMBERS, AND NOT HAVE ALL YOUR BODY FALL INTO HELL. AND IF YOUR RIGHT HAND SHOULD CAUSE YOU TO STUMBLE, CUT IT OFF AND THROW IT AWAY FROM YOU; FOR IT IS BETTER FOR YOU TO LOSE ONE OF YOUR MEMBERS, AND NOT HAVE ALL YOUR BODY FALL INTO HELL. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT WHOEVER DIVORCES HIS WIFE, MUST GIVE HER THE DIVORCE PAPERS. BUT I SAY TO YOU THAT WHOEVER DIVORCES HIS WIFE, EXCEPT FOR FORNICATION, CAUSES HER TO COMMIT ADULTERY; AND WHOEVER MARRIES A WOMAN WHO IS SEPARATED BUT NOT DIVORCED, COMMITS ADULTERY. AGAIN YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID TO THEM WHO WERE BEFORE YOU, THAT YOU SHALL NOT LIE IN YOUR OATHS, BUT ENTRUST YOUR OATHS TO THE LORD. BUT I SAY TO YOU, NEVER SWEAR; NEITHER BY HEAVEN, BECAUSE IT IS GOD'S THRONE; NOR BY THE EARTH, FOR IT IS A STOOL UNDER HIS FEET; NOR BY JERUSALEM, FOR IT IS THE CITY OF A GREAT KING. NEITHER SHALL YOU SWEAR BY YOUR OWN HEAD, BECAUSE YOU CANNOT CREATE IN IT A SINGLE BLACK OR WHITE HAIR. BUT LET YOUR WORDS BE YES, YES, AND NO, NO; FOR ANYTHING WHICH ADDS TO THESE IS A DECEPTION. YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT IS SAID, AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH. BUT I SAY TO YOU THAT YOU SHOULD NOT RESIST EVIL; BUT WHOEVER STRIKES YOU ON YOUR RIGHT CHEEK, TURN TO HIM THE OTHER ALSO. AND IF ANYONE WISHES TO SUE YOU AT THE COURT AND TAKE AWAY YOUR SHIRT, LET HIM HAVE YOUR ROBE ALSO. WHOEVER COMPELS YOU TO CARRY A BURDEN FOR A MILE, GO WITH HIM TWO. WHOEVER ASKS FROM YOU, GIVE HIM; AND WHOEVER WISHES TO BORROW FROM YOU, DO NOT REFUSE HIM. YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT IS SAID, BE KIND TO YOUR FRIEND, AND HATE YOUR ENEMY. BUT I SAY TO

YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, BLESS ANYONE WHO CURSES YOU, DO GOOD TO ANYONE WHO HATES YOU, AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CARRY YOU AWAY BY FORCE AND PERSECUTE YOU. SO THAT YOU MAY BECOME SONS OF YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN, WHO CAUSES HIS SUN TO SHINE UPON THE GOOD AND THE BAD, AND WHO POURS DOWN HIS RAIN UPON THE JUST AND THE UNJUST. FOR IF YOU LOVE ONLY THOSE WHO LOVE YOU, WHAT REWARD WILL YOU HAVE? DO NOT EVEN THE TAX COLLECTORS DO THE SAME THING? THEREFORE BECOME PERFECT, JUST AS YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN IS PERFECT.

6.

BE CAREFUL CONCERNING YOUR ALMS, NOT TO DO THEM IN THE PRESENCE OF MEN, MERELY THAT THEY MAY SEE THEM; OTHERWISE YOU HAVE NO REWARD WITH YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. THEREFORE WHEN YOU GIVE ALMS, DO NOT BLOW A TRUMPET BEFORE YOU, JUST AS THE HYPOCRITES DO IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND IN THE MARKET PLACES, SO THAT THEY MAY BE GLORIFIED BY MEN. TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THEIR REWARD. BUT WHEN YOU GIVE ALMS, LET NOT YOUR LEFT HAND KNOW WHAT YOUR RIGHT HAND IS DOING, SO THAT YOUR ALMS MAY BE DONE SECRETLY, AND YOUR FATHER WHO SEES IN SECRET, SHALL HIMSELF REWARD YOU OPENLY. AND WHEN YOU PRAY, DO NOT BE LIKE THE HYPOCRITES, WHO LIKE TO PRAY, STANDING IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND AT THE STREET CORNERS, SO THAT THEY MAY BE SEEN BY MEN. TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THEIR REWARD. BUT AS FOR YOU, WHEN YOU PRAY, ENTER INTO YOUR INNER CHAMBER AND LOCK YOUR DOOR, AND PRAY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN SECRET, AND YOUR FATHER WHO SEES IN SECRET SHALL HIMSELF REWARD YOU OPENLY. AND WHEN YOU PRAY, DO NOT REPEAT YOUR WORDS LIKE THE PAGANS, FOR THEY THINK THAT BECAUSE OF MUCH TALKING THEY WILL BE HEARD. DO NOT BE LIKE THEM, FOR YOUR FATHER KNOWS WHAT YOU NEED, BEFORE YOU ASK HIM; THEREFORE PRAY IN THIS MANNER: 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 FROM DAY TO DAY. AND FORGIVE US OUR OFFENCES, AS WE HAVE FORGIVEN OUR OFFENDERS. AND DO NOT LET US ENTER INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN. FOR IF YOU FORGIVE MEN THEIR FAULTS, YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN WILL ALSO FORGIVE YOU. BUT IF YOU DO NOT FORGIVE MEN, NEITHER WILL YOUR FATHER FORGIVE EVEN YOUR FAULTS. WHEN YOU FAST, DO NOT LOOK SAD LIKE THE HYPOCRITES; FOR THEY DISFIGURE THEIR FACES, SO THAT IT MAY APPEAR TO MEN THAT THEY ARE FASTING. TRULY I SAY TO YOU, THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THEIR REWARD. BUT AS FOR YOU, WHEN YOU FAST, WASH YOUR FACE AND ANOINT YOUR HEAD, SO THAT IT MAY NOT APPEAR TO MEN THAT YOU ARE FASTING, BUT TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN SECRET; AND YOUR FATHER WHO SEES IN SECRET WILL REWARD YOU. DO NOT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES BURIED IN THE GROUND, A PLACE WHERE RUST AND MOTH DESTROY AND WHERE THIEVES BREAK THROUGH AND STEAL. BUT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES A TREASURE IN HEAVEN, WHERE NEITHER RUST NOR MOTH DESTROYS AND WHERE THIEVES DO NOT BREAK THROUGH AND STEAL. FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE ALSO IS YOUR HEART. THE EYE IS THE LAMP OF THE BODY; IF THEREFORE YOUR EYE BE BRIGHT, YOUR WHOLE BODY IS ALSO LIGHTED. BUT IF YOUR EYE IS DISEASED, YOUR WHOLE BODY WILL BE DARK. IF THEREFORE THE LIGHT THAT IS IN YOU IS DARKNESS, HOW MUCH GREATER WILL BE YOUR DARKNESS. NO MAN 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) . FOR THIS REASON, I SAY TO YOU, DO NOT WORRY FOR YOUR LIFE, WHAT YOU WILL EAT AND WHAT YOU WILL DRINK, NOR FOR YOUR BODY, WHAT YOU WILL WEAR. BEHOLD, IS NOT LIFE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN FOOD, AND THE BODY THAN CLOTHING? OBSERVE THE WILD FLOWERS, HOW THEY GROW; THEY DO NOT GET TIRED OUT, NOR DO THEY SPIN. BUT I SAY TO YOU THAT NOT EVEN SOLOMON WITH ALL OF HIS GLORY WAS ARRAYED LIKE ONE OF THEM. NOW IF GOD CLOTHES IN SUCH FASHION THE GRASS OF THE FIELD, WHICH TODAY IS AND TOMORROW FALLS INTO THE FIREPLACE, IS HE NOT MUCH MORE MINDFUL OF YOU, O YOU OF LITTLE FAITH? THEREFORE DO NOT WORRY OR SAY, WHAT WILL WE EAT, OR WHAT WILL WE DRINK, OR WITH WHAT WILL WE BE CLOTHED? FOR WORLDLY PEOPLE SEEK AFTER ALL THESE THINGS. YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN KNOWS THAT ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE ALSO NECESSARY FOR YOU. BUT SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED TO YOU. THEREFORE DO NOT WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW; FOR TOMORROW WILL LOOK AFTER ITSELF. SUFFICIENT FOR EACH DAY IS ITS OWN TROUBLE.

7.

JUDGE NOT, THAT YOU MAY NOT BE JUDGED. FOR WITH THE SAME JUDGMENT THAT YOU JUDGE, YOU WILL BE JUDGED, AND WITH THE SAME MEASURE WITH WHICH YOU MEASURE, IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU. WHY DO YOU SEE THE SPLINTER WHICH IS IN YOUR BROTHER'S EYE, AND DO NOT FEEL THE BEAM WHICH IS IN YOUR OWN EYE? OR HOW CAN YOU SAY TO YOUR BROTHER, LET ME TAKE OUT THE SPLINTER FROM YOUR EYE, AND BEHOLD THERE IS A BEAM IN YOUR OWN EYE? O HYPOCRITES, FIRST TAKE OUT THE BEAM FROM YOUR OWN EYE, AND THEN YOU WILL SEE CLEARLY TO GET OUT THE SPLINTER FROM YOUR BROTHER'S EYE. DO NOT GIVE HOLY THINGS TO THE DOGS; AND DO NOT THROW YOUR PEARLS BEFORE SWINE, FOR THEY MIGHT TREAD THEM WITH THEIR FEET, AND THEN TURN AND REND YOU. ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK, AND YOU SHALL FIND; KNOCK AND IT SHALL BE OPENED TO YOU. FOR WHOEVER ASKS, RECEIVES; AND HE WHO SEEKS, FINDS; AND TO HIM WHO KNOCKS, THE DOOR IS OPENED. OR WHO IS THE MAN AMONG YOU, WHO WHEN HIS SON ASKS HIM FOR BREAD, WILL HAND HIM A STONE? OR IF HE SHOULD ASK HIM FOR FISH, WILL HE HAND HIM A SNAKE? IF THEREFORE YOU WHO ERR, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR SONS, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN GIVE GOOD THINGS TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM? WHATEVER YOU WISH MEN TO DO FOR YOU, DO LIKEWISE ALSO FOR THEM; FOR THIS IS THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS. ENTER IN THROUGH THE NARROW DOOR, FOR WIDE IS THE DOOR AND BROAD IS THE ROAD WHICH LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY ARE THOSE WHO TRAVEL ON IT. O HOW NARROW IS THE DOOR AND HOW DIFFICULT IS THE ROAD WHICH LEADS TO LIFE, AND FEW ARE THOSE WHO ARE FOUND ON IT. BE CAREFUL OF FALSE PROPHETS WHO COME TO YOU IN LAMB'S CLOTHING, BUT WITHIN THEY ARE RAVENING WOLVES. YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS. DO THEY GATHER GRAPES FROM THORNS OR FIGS FROM THISTLES? SO EVERY GOOD TREE BEARS GOOD FRUIT; BUT A BAD TREE BEARS BAD FRUIT. A GOOD TREE CANNOT BEAR BAD FRUIT, NEITHER CAN A BAD TREE BEAR FOOD FRUIT. EVERY TREE WHICH DOES NOT BEAR GOOD FRUIT WILL BE CUT DOWN AND CAST INTO THE FIRE. THUS BY THEIR FRUIT YOU WILL KNOW THEM. IT IS NOT EVERYONE WHO MERELY SAYS TO ME, MY LORD, MY LORD, WHO WILL ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. A GREAT MANY WILL SAY TO ME IN THAT DAY, MY

LORD, MY LORD, DID WE NOT PROPHECY IN YOUR NAME AND IN YOUR NAME CAST OUT DEVILS AND IN YOUR NAME DO MANY WONDERS? THEN I WILL DECLARE TO THEM, I HAVE NEVER KNOWN YOU; KEEP AWAY FROM ME, O YOU THAT WORK INIQUITY. THEREFORE WHOEVER HEARS THESE WORDS OF MINE, AND DOES THEM, HE IS LIKE A WISE MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE UPON A ROCK. AND THE RAIN FELL AND THE RIVERS OVERFLOWED AND THE WINDS BLEW AND BEAT UPON THAT HOUSE; BUT IT DID NOT FALL, BECAUSE ITS FOUNDATIONS WERE LAID UPON A ROCK. AND WHOEVER HEARS THESE WORDS OF MINE, AND DOES THEM NOT, IS LIKE A FOOLISH MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE UPON SAND. AND THE RAIN FELL AND THE RIVERS OVERFLOWED AND THE WINDS BLEW AND BEAT UPON THAT HOUSE; AND IT FELL, AND ITS FALL WAS GREAT. And when Jesus finished these words, the crowds were stunned at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had power, and not as their own scribes and Pharisees.

8.

When He came down from the mountain, large crowds followed Him. And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, and said, My Lord, if you wish, you can cleanse me. And Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and He said, I DO WISH IT, BE CLEANSED. And in that hour his leprosy was cleansed. Jesus then said to him, LOOK, WHY ARE YOU TELLING IT TO MEN? GO FIRST AND SHOW YOURSELF TO THE PRIESTS, AND PRESENT AN OFFERING AS MOSES HAS COMMANDED, FOR A TESTIMONIAL TO THEM. When Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion approached Him and appealed to Him, Saying My Lord, my boy is lying in the house paralyzed and suffering greatly. Jesus said to him, I WILL COME AND HEAL HIM. The centurion then answered saying, My Lord, I am not good enough for you to enter under the shadow of my roof; but just say a word, and my boy 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 the other, Come, and he comes; and to my servant, Do this, and he doest it. When Jesus heard it, He was amazed, and He said to those who accompanied Him, TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT NOT EVEN IN ISRAEL HAVE I FOUND SUCH FAITH AS THIS. AND I SAY TO YOU THAT A GREAT MANY WILL COME FROM THE EAST AND FROM THE WEST, AND SIT DOWN WITH ABRAHAM AND ISAAC AND JACOB IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. BUT THE SONS OF THE KINGDOM WILL BE PUT OUT INTO OUTER DARKNESS; THERE SHALL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH. So Jesus said to the centurion, GO, LET IT BE DONE TO YOU ACCORDING TO YOUR BELIEF. And his boy was healed in that very hour. And Jesus came to the house of Simon, and saw his mother-in-law lying sick with fever. And He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and waited on them. Now when evening came, they brought to Him a great many lunatics, and He cured them just by a word; and He healed all who were badly afflicted. So that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, might be fulfilled, saying, He will take out afflictions and bear our sickness. When Jesus saw large crowds surrounding Him, He gave orders to go to the crossing place. And a scribe drew near and said to Him, O my teacher, I will follow you wherever you go. Jesus said to him, THE FOXES HAVE HOLES, AND THE BIRDS OF THE AIR A RESTING PLACE, BUT THE SON OF MAN HAS NOWHERE EVEN TO LAY HIS HEAD. Another of his disciples said to Him, My Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said to him, COME AFTER ME, AND LET THE DEAD BURY THEIR DEAD. And when Jesus went up into the boat, His disciples went with Him. And behold, the sea became very rough, so that the boat was almost covered by the waves; but Jesus was asleep. And his disciples drew near and woke Him, and said to Him, Our Lord, save us, we are perishing. Jesus said to them, WHY ARE YOU FEARFUL, O YOU OF LITTLE FAITH? Then He got up and rebuked the wind and the sea, and there was a great calm. But the men were astonished, saying, Who is this man, that even the winds and the sea obey Him? And when Jesus came to the port on the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, He was met by two lunatics, who were just coming

out of the cemetery. They were exceedingly vicious so that no man would dare to travel that road. And they cried aloud saying, What business have we together, Jesus, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time? Now there was near by them a large heard of swine feeding. And the lunatics kept asking him, saying, If you are going to heal us, permit us to attack the heard of swine. Jesus said to them, GO. And immediately they left and attacked the swine, and the whole heard went straight over the cliff and fell into the sea and were drowned in the water. And they who fed them ran away and went to the city, and reported everything that happened, and told about the lunatics. So all the city went out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they urged Him to depart from their borders.

9.

So He went up into the boat, and crossed over and came to His own city. And they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on a quilt; and Jesus saw their faith, and He said to the paralytic, HAVE COURAGE, MY SON; YOUR SINS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN. Some of the scribes said among themselves, This man blasphemes. But Jesus knew their thoughts; so He said to them, WHY DO YOU THINK EVIL IN YOUR HEARTS? FOR WHICH IS EASIER TO SAY, YOUR SINS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, OR TO SAY, ARISE AND WALK? BUT THAT YOU MIGHT KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS, then He said to the paralytic, ARISE, TAKE UP YOUR QUILT AND GO TO YOU HOME. And he rose up and went to his home. But when the crowds saw it, they were frightened, and they glorified God, because He had given such power as this to men. And as Jesus passed from that place, He saw a man whose name was Matthew, sitting in the custom house, and He said to him, FOLLOW ME; and he got up and went after him. And while they were guests in the house, a great many tax collectors and sinners came, and they sat as guests with Jesus and with his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to his disciples, Why does your master eat with tax gatherers and sinners? But when Jesus heard it, He said to them, THOSE WHO ARE WELL NEED NO DOCTOR, BUT THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY SICK. GO AND LEARN WHAT THIS MEANS, I WANT MERCY AND NOT SACRIFICE; FOR I CAME NOT TO INVITE RIGHTEOUS MEN, BUT SINNERS. Then the disciples of John came up to Him, and said, Why do we and the Pharisees fast a great deal, and your disciples never fast? Jesus said to them, IS IT POSSIBLE FOR THOSE AT THE WEDDING FEAST TO FAST AS LONG AS THE BRIDEGROOM IS WITH THEM? BUT THE DAYS ARE COMING WHEN THE BRIDEGROOM WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEM, AND THEN THEY WILL FAST. NO MAN PUTS A NEW PATCH ON AN OLD GARMENT, SO AS NOT TO WEAKEN THAT GARMENT AND MAKE THE HOLE LARGER. NEITHER DO THEY POUR NEW WINE INTO WORN-OUT SKINS SO AS TO REND THE SKINS AND SPILL THE WINE, AND THE WINE RUNS OUT AND THE SKINS ARE RUINED; BUT THEY POUR NEW WINE INTO NEW SKINS, AND BOTH OF THEM ARE WELL PRESERVED. While He was speaking these things with them, a leader of the synagogue came near and worshiped Him; and he said, My daughter has just died, but come and put your hand on her and she will live. And Jesus and His disciples rose up and went with him. And behold, a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up from behind Him, and she touched the edge of His cloak; For she was saying to herself, If I can only touch His garment, I will be healed. And Jesus turned around and saw her and said to her, HAVE COURAGE, MY DAUGHTER, YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU; and the woman was healed in that very hour. So Jesus arrived at the house of the synagogue leader, and saw the singers and the excited crowds, And He said to them, THAT IS ENOUGH; FOR THE LITTLE GIRL IS NOT DEAD, BUT SHE IS ASLEEP; and they laughed at Him. But when He had put the people out, He went in and held her by her hand, and the little girl got up. And this news spread all over that country. And as Jesus passed from there, He was delayed by two blind men, who were crying out and saying, Have mercy on us, O son of David. And when He came into the house, the same blind men came up to Him. Jesus said to them, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT I CAN DO THIS? They said to Him, Yes, our Lord. Then He touched their eyes and said, LET IT BE TO YOU ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH. And immediately their eyes were opened; and Jesus

charged them and said, SEE THAT NO ONE KNOWS IT. But they went out and spread the news all over that country. And when Jesus went out, they brought to Him a dumb man who was demented. And as soon as he was restored, the dumb man spoke, and the people were amazed and said, Such a thing has never been seen in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He is casting out devils by the help of the prince of devils. And Jesus traveled in all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of sickness and disease. When Jesus saw the multitudes, He had compassion on them, because they were tired and scattered, like sheep which have no shepherd. So He said to his disciples, THE HARVEST IS GREAT AND THE LABORERS ARE FEW; THEREFORE URGE THE OWNER OF THE HARVEST TO BRING MORE LABORERS TO HIS HARVEST.

10.

And He called His twelve disciples, and gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal every kind of disease and sickness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: The first of them Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector, James the son of Alphaeus and Lebbeaus surnamed Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas of Iscariot, who betrayed Him. These twelve Jesus sent out, and charged them and said, KEEP AWAY FROM PAGAN PRACTICES, AND DO NOT ENTER A SAMARITAN CITY; BUT ABOVE ALL, GO TO THE SHEEP WHICH ARE LOST FROM THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL. AND AS YOU GO, PREACH AND SAY THAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR. HEAL THE SICK, CLEANSE THE LEPERS, CAST OUT DEMONS; FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE. DO NOT ACCUMULATE GOLD OR SILVER OR BRASS IN YOUR PURSES; NOR CARRY A BAG FOR THE JOURNEY, NOR TWO SHIRTS AND SHOES, NOR A STAFF; FOR A LABORER IS AT LEAST WORTHY OF HIS FOOD. WHATEVER CITY OR TOWN YOU ENTER, ASK WHO IS TRUSTWORTHY IN IT, AND REMAIN THERE UNTIL YOU LEAVE. AND WHEN YOU ENTER INTO THE HOUSE, SALUTE THE FAMILY. AND IF THE FAMILY IS TRUSTWORTHY, YOUR SALUTATION OF PEACE SHALL COME UPON IT; BUT IF IT IS NOT TRUSTWORTHY, YOUR SALUTATION SHALL RETURN TO YOU. WHOEVER WILL NOT WELCOME YOU AND WILL NOT LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS, WHEN YOU LEAVE THE HOUSE OR THE VILLAGE, SHAKE OFF THE SAND FROM YOUR FEET. TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT IT WILL BE EASIER FOR THE LAND OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT THAN FOR THAT CITY. BEHOLD, I AM SENDING YOU LIKE LAMBS AMONG WOLVES; THEREFORE BE WISE AS SERPENTS AND PURE AS DOVES. BUT BE CAREFUL OF MEN; FOR THEY WILL DELIVER YOU UP TO THE COURTS, AND THEY WILL SCOURGE YOU IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES; AND THEY WILL BRING YOU BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF GOVERNORS AND KINGS FOR MY SAKE, AS A TESTIMONY TO THEM AND TO THE GENTILES. BUT WHEN THEY DELIVER YOU UP, DO NOT WORRY AS TO HOW OR WHAT YOU WILL SPEAK; FOR IT WILL BE GIVEN YOU IN THAT VERY HOUR WHAT YOU ARE TO SPEAK. FOR IT IS NOT YOU WHO SPEAK, BUT THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER, WHICH SPEAKS THROUGH YOU. BROTHER WILL DELIVER UP HIS OWN BROTHER TO DEATH, AND FATHER HIS SON; AND CHILDREN WILL RISE UP AGAINST THEIR PARENTS AND PUT THEM TO DEATH. AND YOU WILL BE HATED BY EVERYBODY BECAUSE OF MY NAME; BUT HE WHO ENDURES UNTIL THE END SHALL LIVE. WHEN THEY PERSECUTE YOU IN ONE CITY, FLEE TO ANOTHER; FOR TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT YOU SHALL NOT FINISH CONVERTING ALL THE CITIES OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, UNTIL THE SON OF MAN RETURNS. NO DISCIPLE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HIS TEACHER, AND NO SERVANT THAN HIS MASTER. IT IS ENOUGH FOR A DISCIPLE TO BE LIKE HIS TEACHER, AND FOR A SERVANT TO BE LIKE HIS MASTER. IF THEN, THEY HAVE CALLED THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE BEELZEBUB, HOW MUCH MORE THOSE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD. THEREFORE

DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THEM; FOR THERE IS NOTHING COVERED THAT WILL NOT BE UNCOVERED, AND HIDDEN THAT WILL NOT BE KNOWN. WHAT I TELL YOU IN THE DARK, TELL IT IN THE DAYLIGHT; AND WHAT YOU HEAR IN YOUR EARS, PREACH ON THE HOUSE TOPS. DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THOSE WHO KILL THE BODY, BUT WHO CANNOT KILL THE SOUL; BUT ABOVE ALL, BE AFRAID OF HIM WHO CAN DESTROY BOTH THE SOUL AND THE BODY IN HELL. ARE NOT TWO SPARROWS SOLD FOR A PENNY? AND YET NOT ONE OF THEM WILL FALL ON THE GROUND WITHOUT YOUR FATHER'S WILL. BUT SO FAR AS YOU ARE CONCERNED, EVEN THE HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED. THEREFORE FEAR NOT; YOU ARE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN MANY SPARROWS. EVERONE THEREFORE WHO WILL ACKNOWLEDGE ME BEFORE MEN, I WILL ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM BEFORE MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. BUT WHOEVER WILL DENY ME BEFORE MEN, I WILL ALSO DENY HIM BEFORE MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. DO NOT SUPPOSE THAT I HAVE COME TO BRING PEACE ON EARTH; I HAVE NOT COME TO BRING PEACE BUT A SWORD. FOR I HAVE COME TO SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER AND DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW. AND A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD. WHOEVER LOVES FATHER OR MOTHER MORE THAN ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME; AND WHOEVER LOVES SON OR DAUGHTER MORE THAN ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME. AND WHOEVER DOES NOT TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME. HE WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT; AND HE WHO LISES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE SHALL FINDIT. WHOEVER RECEIVES YOU, RECEIVES ME; AND WHOEVER RECEIVES ME, RECEIVES HIM WHO SENT ME. HE WHO RECEIVES A PROPHET IN THE NAME OF A PROPHET SHALL RECEIVE A PROPHET'S REWARD; AND WHOEVER RECEIVES A RIGHTEOUS MAN IN THE NAME OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL RECEIVE A RIGHTEOUS MAN'S REWARD. WHOEVER GIVES A DRINK TO ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES, IF ONLY A CUP OF COLD WATER, IN THE NAME OF A DISCIPLE, TRULY I SAY TO YOU, HE SHALL NEVER LOSE HIS REWARD.

11.

When Jesus had finished commanding His twelve disciples, He departed from that place to teach and to preach in their cities. But when John heard in prison of the works of Christ, he sent by his disciples, And said to Him, Are you the one who is to come, or are we to expect another? Jesus answered, saying, GO AND DESCRIBE TO JOHN THE THINGS WHICH YOU SEE AND HEAR. 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 they went away, Jesus began to speak to the people concerning John, WHAT DID YOU GO OUT TO THE WILDERNESS TO SEE? A PROPHET? YES, I TELL YOU, AND MUCH MORE THAN A PROPHET. FOR THIS IS HE OF WHOM IT IS WRITTEN, BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE TO PREPARE THE WAY BEFORE YOU. TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT AMONG THOSE WHO ARE BORN OF WOMEN THERE HAS NEVER RISEN ONE GREATER THAN JOHN THE BAPTIST; AND YET EVEN THE LEAST PERSON IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS GREATER THAN HE. FROM THE DAYS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST UNTIL NOW THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED BY FORCE, AND ONLY THOSE IN POWER CONTROL IT. FOR ALL THE PROPHETS AND THE LAW PROPHESED UNTIL JOHN. AND IF YOU WISH TO ACCEPT IT, HE IS ELIJAH WHO WAS TO COME. HE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR. BUT TO WHOM SHALL I LIKEN THIS GENERATION? IT IS 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, BUT YOU DID NOT MOURN. FOR JOHN CAME NEITHER EATING NOR DRINKING, AND THEY SAID, HE IS CRAZY. THE SON OF MAN AME EATING AND DRINKING, AND THEY SAID, BEHOLD, GLUTTON AND WINE-BIBBER, AND FRIEND OF TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS. AND YET WISDOM IS JUSTIFIED BY ITS WORKS. Then Jesus began to reproach the cities in which His many works were done, and which did not repent. And he said, WOE TO YOU, CHORAZIN! WOE TO YOU, BETHSAIDA! FOR IF IN TYRE AND SIDON HAD BEEN DONE THE WORKS WHICH WERE DONE IN YOU, THEY MIGHT HAVE REPENTED IN SACKCLOTH AND ASHES. BUT I SAY TO YOU, IT WILL BE EASIER FOR TYRE AND SIDON IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT THAN FOR YOU. AND YOU, CAPERNAUM, WHICH HAVE EXALTED YOURSELF UP TO HEAVEN, SHALL BE BROUGHT DOWN TO SHEOL; FOR IF IN SODOM HAD BEEN DONE THE WORKS WHICH WERE DONE IN YOU, IT WOULD BE STANDING TO THIS DAY. BUT I SAY TO YOU, IT WILL BE EASIER FOR THE LAND OF SODOM IN THE JUDGMENT DAY THAN FOR YOU. At that time Jesus answered, saying, I THANK THEE, O MY FATHER, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, BECAUSE THOU HAST HIDDEN THESE THINGS FROM THE WISE AND THE MEN OF UNDERSTANDING, AND HAST REVEALED THEM TO CHILDREN. O YES, MY FATHER, FOR SUCH WAS THY WILL. EVERYTHING HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO ME BY MY FATHER, AND NO MAN KNOWS THE SON EXCEPT THE FATHER, NOR DOES ANY MAN KNOW THE FATHER BUT THE SON AND HE TO WHOM THE SON WISHES TO REVEAL HIM. COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO LABOUR AND CARRY BURDENS, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM GENTLE AND MEEK IN MY HEART, AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE IS PLEASANT AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.

12.

At that time, Jesus walked on the sabbath through the wheat fields; and His disciples became hungry, and they began to pluck ears of grain and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw them, they said to Him, Behold, your disciples are doing what is unlawful to do on the sabbath. But He said to them, HAVE YOU NOT READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE AND THOSE WHO WERE WITH HIM WERE HUNGRY? HOW HE ENTERED INTO THE HOUSE OF GOD AND DID EAT BREAD THAT WAS ON THE TABLE OF THE LORD, THAT WHICH WAS NOT LAWFUL FOR HIM TO EAT, NOR FOR THOSE WHO WERE WITH HIM, BUT ONLY FOR THE PRIESTS? OR, HAVE YOU NOT READ IN THE BOOK OF LAW THAT THE PRIESTS IN THE TEMPLE DISREGARD THE SABBATH AND YET ARE BLAMELESS? BUT I SAY TO YOU THAT THERE IS ONE HERE WHO IS GREATER THAN THE TEMPLE. BUT IF YOU ONLY KNEW WHAT IT MEANTS, I WANT MERCY AND NOT SACRIBICE, YOU WOULD NOT CONDEMN THOSE WHO ARE BLAMELESS. FOR THE SON OF MAN IS LORD OF THE SABBATH. And Jesus departed from thence and came to their synagogue. And there was a man there whose hand was withered. And they questioned Him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath? That they might accuse Him. He said to them, WHO IS THE MAN AMONG YOU WHO HAS ONLY ONE SHEEP, AND IF IT SHOULD FALL INTO A PIT ON THE SABBATH, WOULD HE NOT TAKE HOLD OF IT AND LIFT IT UP? HOW MUCH MORE IMPORTANT IS A MAN THAN A SHEEP? IT IS THEREFORE LAWFUL TO DO GOOD ON THE SABBATH. He said to the man, STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND. And he stretched out his hand, and it was restored like the other. And the Pharisees went out and took counsel against Him, so as to do away with Him. But Jesus knew of it, and departed from thence; and a great many people followed Him, and He healed them all. And He charged them not to say where He was, so that what was said by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled, namely, Behold my servant with whom I am pleased, my beloved one, in whom my soul rejoices; I will put my Spirit upon Him, and He will preach justice to the peoples. He will not argue, nor will he cry aloud; and no man will hear His voice in the street. He will not break even a bruised reed, and He will not extinguish a flickering lamp, until

He brings justice to victory; And in His name will the Gentiles find hope. Then they brought near to Him a lunatic, who was also dumb and blind; and He healed him, so that the dumb and blind man could speak and see. All the people were amazed and said, Perhaps this man is the son of David? But when the Pharisees heard of it, they said,, This man does not cast out demons, except by Beelzebub, the prince of demons. But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them, EVERY KINGDOM WHICH IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF WILL BE DESTROYED; AND EVERY HOUSE OR CITY THAT IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF WILL NOT STAND. AND IF SATAN CAST OUT SATAN, HE IS DIVIDED AGAINST HIMSELF: HOW THEN WILL HIS KINGDOM STAND? SO IF I CAST OUT DEMONS BY BEELZEBUB, BY WHAT DO YOUR SONS CAST THEM OUT? FOR THIS REASON THEY WILL BE YOUR JUDGES. AND IF I CAST OUT DEVILS BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, THEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR TO YOU. OR, HOW CAN A MAN ENTER INTO A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE AND PLUNDER HIS GOODS, EXCEPT HE FIRST BINDS THE STRONG MAN, AND THEN PLUNDERS HIS HOUSE? THEY WHO ARE NOT WITH ME ARE AGAINST ME; AND THEY WHO DO NOT GATHER WITH ME SHALL BE DISPERSED. THEREFORE I SAY TO YOU THAT ALL SINS AND BLASPHEMIES WILL BE FORGIVEN TO MEN; BUT THE BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE SPIRIT SHALL NOT BE FORGIVEN TO MEN.

AND WHOEVER SPEAKS A WORD AGAINST THE SON OF MAN WILL BE FORGIVEN; BUT WHOEVER SPEAKS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT SHALL NOT BE FORGIVEN, NEITHER IN THIS WORLD NOR IN THE WORLD TO COME. EITHER PRODUCE LIKE A GOOD TREE WITH GOOD FRUITS, OR PRODUCE LIKE A BAD TREE WITH BAD FRUITS; FOR A TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS FRUITS. O GENERATION OF SCORPIONS, HOW CAN YOU SPEAK GOOD THINGS WHEN YOU ARE BAD? FOR THE MOUTH SPEAKS FROM THE FULLNESS OF THE HEART. A GOOD MAN BRINGS OUT GOOD THINGS FROM GOOD TREASURES, AND A BAD MAN BRINGS OUT BAD THINGS FROM BAD TREASURES. FOR I SAY TO YOU THAT FOR EVERY FOOLISH WORD WHICH MEN SPEAK, THEY WILL HAVE TO ANSWER FOR IT ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT. FOR BY YOUR WORDS YOU SHALL BE JUSTIFIED, AND BY YOUR WORDS YOU SHALL BE FOUND GUILTY. Then some of the men of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying to Him, Teacher, we would like to see a sign from you. But He answered, saying to them, AN EVIL AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION WANTS A SIGN; AND NO SIGN WILL BE GIVEN TO IT, EXCEPT THE SIGN OF THE PROPHET JONAH. FOR AS JONAH WAS IN THE WHALE'S BELLY THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS, SO THE SON OF MAN WILL BE IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS. EVEN THE MEN OF NINEVEH WILL RISE UP IN JUDGMENT WITH TIS GENERATION, AND FIND IT GUILTY; FOR THEY REPENTED THROUGH THE PREACHING OF JONAH, AND BEHOLD, A GREATER THAN JONAH IS HERE. THE QUEEN OF THE SOUTH WILL RISE UP IN JUDGMENT WITH TIS GENERATION AND FIND IT GUILTY; FOR SHE CAME FROM THE FAR ENDS OF THE EARTH THAT SHE MIGHT HEAR SOLOMON'S WISDOM, AND BEHOLD, A GREATER THAN SOLOMON IS HERE. WHEN AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT GOES OUT OF A MAN, IT TRAVELS IN PLACES WHERE THERE IS NO WATER AND SEEKS REST, AND DOES NOT FIND IT. THEN IT SAYS, I WILL RETURN TO MY OWN HOUSE FROM WHENCE I CAME; SO IT COMES BACK AND FINDS IT EMPTY, WARM, AND WELL FURNISHED. THEN IT GOES AWAY AND BRINGS WITH IT SEVEN OTHER SPIRITS WORSE THAN ITSELF, AND THEY ENTER AND LIVE IN HIM; AND THE END OF THAT MAN BECOMES WORSE THAN AT FIRST. SUCH WILL HAPPEN TO THIS EVIL GENERATION. While He was speaking to the people, His mother and His brothers came and stood outside, and wanted to speak with Him. Then a man said to Him, behold, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to speak with you. But He answered, saying to him who told Him, WHO IS MY MOTHER AND WHO ARE MY BROTHERS? And He pointed His hand to his disciples and said, BEHOLD MY MOTHER, AND BEHOLD MY BROTHERS. FOR WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN IS MY BROTHER AND MY SISTER AND MY MOTHER.

That same day Jesus went out of the house, and sat by the seaside. And many people gathered around Him, so that He had to go up and sit in a boat, and all the people stood on the seashore. And He spoke many things to them in parables and said, BEHOLD, A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW; AND WHEN HE HAD SOWN, SOME SEED FELL ON THE ROADSIDE, AND THE FOWLS CAME AND ATE IT. OTHER SEED FELL UPON THE ROCK, WHERE THERE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT SOIL; AND IT SPRANG UP EARLIER 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 OTHER SEED FELL IN GOOD SOIL AND BORE FRUIT, SOME ONE HUNDRED-FOLD AND SOME SIXTY AND SOME THIRTY. HE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR. Then His disciples drew near to Him and said, Why do you speak to them in parables? He answered, saying to them, BECAUSE TO YOU IT IS GRANTED TO KNOW THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT IT IS NOT GRANTED TO THEM. FOR TO HIM WHO HAS SHALL BE GIVEN AND IT SHALL INCREASE TO HIM; BUT TO HIM WHO HAS NOT, EVEN THAT WHICH HE HAS SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM. THIS IS THE REASON I SPEAK TO THEM IN FIGURES, BECAUSE THEY SEE AND YET CANNOT PERCEIVE; AND THEY HEAR AND YET DO NOT LISTEN, NOR DO THEY UNDERSTAND. AND IN THEM IS FULFILLED THE PROPHECY OF ISAIAH WHO SAID, Hearing you will hear, but you will not understand; and seeing you will see, but you will not know. For the heart of this people has become hardened, and they hear with difficulty, and their eyes are dull; so that they cannot see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts; let them return, and I will heal them. BUT AS FOR YOU, BLESSED ARE YOUR EYES, FOR THEY SEE; AND YOUR EARS, FOR THEY HEAR. FOR TRULY I SAY TO YOU, A GREAT MANY PROPHETS AND RIGHTEOUS MEN HAVE LONGED TO SEE WHAT YOU SEE, AND DID NOT SEE IT; AND TO HEAR WHAT YOU HEAR, AND DID NOT HEAR IT. NOW LISTEN TO THE PARABLE OF THE SEED. WHOEVER HEARS THE WORD OF THE KINGDOM AND DOES NOT UNDERSTAND IT, THE EVIL ONE COMES AND SNATCHES AWAY THE WORD WHICH HAS BEEN SOWN IN HIS HEART. THIS IS THAT WHICH WAS SOWN ON THE ROADSIDE. THAT WHICH WAS SOWN UPON THE ROCK, THIS IS HE WHO HEARS THE WORD, AND IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTS IT WITH JOY; BUT IT HAS NO ROOT IN HIM, EXCEPT FOR A WHILE; AND WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION COMES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, HE IMMEDIATELY STUMBLES. THAT WHICH WAS SOWN AMONG THISTLES, THIS IS HE WHO HEARS THE WORD, BUT WORLDLY THOUGHTS AND THE DECEPTION CAUSED BY RICHES CHOKES THE WORD, AND IT BECOMES FRUITLESS. THAT WHICH WAS SOWN UPON GOOD SOIL, THIS IS HE WHO HEARS MY WORD AND UNDERSTANDS IT, SO HE BEARS FRUIT AND PRODUCES SOME ONE HUNDREDFOLD AND SOME SIXTY AND SOME THIRTY. He related another parable to them, saying, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A MAN WHO SOWED GOOD SEED IN HIS FIELD. AND WHEN MEN SLEPT, HIS ENEMY CAME AND SOWED TARES AMONG THE WHEAT, AND WENT AWAY. BUT WHEN THE BLADE SPRANG UP AND BORE FRUIT, THEN THE TARES ALSO APPEARED. SO THE SERVANTS OF THE LANDOWNER CAME AND SAID TO HIM, OUR LORD, BEHOLD, DID YOU NOT SOW GOOD SEED IN YOUR FIELD; WHENCE DID THE TARES COME INTO IT? HE SAID TO THEM, AN ENEMY DID THIS. HIS SERVANTS THEN SAID TO HIM, DO YOU WANT US TO GO AND PULL THEM OUT? BUT HE SAID TO THEM, IT MIGHT HAPPEN THAT WHILE YOU WERE PULLING OUT THE TARES, YOU MIGHT UPROOT WITH THEM ALSO THE WHEAT. LET THEM BOTH GROW TOGETHER UNTIL THE HARVEST; AND AT THE HARVEST SEASON, I WILL SAY TO THE REAPERS, PICK OUT FIRST THE TARES, AND BIND THEM INTO BUNDLES TO BE BURNED; BUT GATHER THE WHEAT INTO MY

BARNS. He related another parable to them, saying, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED, WHICH A MAN TOOK AND SOWED IN HIS FIELD. IT IS THE SMALLEST OF ALL SEEDS; BUT WHEN IT IS GROWN, IT IS LARGER THAN ALL THE HERBS; AND IT BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT THE BIRDS OF THE AIR COME AND NEST IN ITS BRANCHES. He told them another parable. THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE THE LEAVEN, WHICH A WOMAN TOOK AND BURIED IN THREE MEASURES OF FLOUR, UNTIL IT WAS ALL LEAVENED.

Jesus spoke all these things to the people in parables; and without parables He did not speak to them. So that it might be fulfilled which was said by the prophet namely, I will open my mouth in parables and I will bring out secrets hidden before the foundation of the world. Then Jesus left the multitudes and went into the house; and His disciples came up to Him and said, Explain to us the parable of the tares and the field. He answered, saying to them, HE WHO SOWED GOOD SEED IS THE SON OF MAN. THE FIELD IS THE WORLD; THE GOOD SEED ARE THE SONS OF THE KINGDOM, BUT THE TARES ARE THE SONS OF EVIL. THE ENEMY WHO SOWED THEM IS SATAN; THE HARVEST IS THE END OF THE WORLD; AND THE REAPERS ARE THE ANGELS. THEREFORE, JUST AS THE TARES ARE PICKED OUT AND BURNED IN THE FIRE, SO SHALL IT BE AT THE END OF THE WORLD. THE SON OF MAN WILL SEND HIS ANGELS, AND THEY WILL PICK OUT FROM HIS KINGDOM ALL THINGS WHICH CAUSE STUMBLING AND ALL WORKERS OF INIQUITY. AND THEY WILL THROW THEM INTO THE FURNACE OF FIRE; THERE SHALL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH. THEN THE RIGHTEOUS ONES SHALL SHINE AS THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER. HE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR. AGAIN, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A TREASURE WHICH IS HIDDEN IN THE FIELD, WHICH A MAN DISCOVERED AND HID, AND BECAUSE OF HIS JOY, HE WENT AND SOLD EVERYTHING HE HAD, AND BOUGHT THAT FIELD. AGAIN, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A MERCHANT WHO WAS SEEKING GOOD PEARLS. AND WHEN HE HAD FOUND ONE COSTLY PEARL, HE WENT AND SOLD EVERYTHING HE HAD, AND BOUGHT IT. AGAIN, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A NET WHICH WAS THROWN INTO THE SEA, AND IT GATHERED FISH OF EVERY KIND. WHEN IT WAS FILLED, THEY DREW IT TO THE SHORE, AND SAT DOWN AND SORTED THEM; THE GOOD ONES THEY PUT INTO BAGS, AND THE BAD THEY THREW AWAY. SO WILL IT BE AT THE END OF THE WORLD; THE ANGELS WILL GO OUT AND SEPARATE THE BAD FROM AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS. AND THEY WILL THROW THEM INTO THE FURNACE OF FIRE; THERE SHALL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH. Jesus said to them, HAVE YOU UNDERSTOOD ALL OF THESE THINGS? They said to him, Yes, our Lord. He said to them,, THEREFORE EVERY SCRIBE WHO IS CONVERTED TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A MAN WHO IS A HOUSEHOLDER, WHO BRINGS OUT NEW AND OLD THINGS FROM HIS TREASURES. When Jesus had finished these parables, He departed thence. And He came to His own city; and He taught them in their synagogues in such a way that they were amazed and said, Where did He get this wisdom and these wonders: Is He not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers, James and Joses and Simon and Judah? Are not all His sisters with us? Where did He get all these things? And they were perplexed about Him. But Jesus said to them, NO PROPHET IS MOCKED, EXCEPT IN HIS OWN CITY AND IN HIS OWN HOUSE. And He did not perform many miracles there because of their unbelief.

14.

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the news about Jesus. And he said to his servants, This man is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead; this is why great miracles are wrought by Him. For Herod had arrested John and bound him, and put him in prison, because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. For John had said to him, It is unlawful to have her as your wife. So Herod wanted to kill him, but he

was afraid of the people, because they accepted him as a prophet. When Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the guests, and it pleased Herod. He therefore swore to her with oaths that he would give her anything that she would ask. And she, because she was instructed by her mother, said, Give me right here on a tray the head of John the Baptist. And the king was very sorry; but because of the oaths and the guests, he commanded that it be given to her. So he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. And his head was brought in on a tray, and given to the girl; and she took it to her mother. Then his disciples came and took up his body and buried it, and they came and informed Jesus. When Jesus heard of it, He departed thence by boat, alone to a desert place; and when the people heard of it, they followed Him by land from the cities. And Jesus went out and saw large crowds, and He had pity for them and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him and said, This is a lonely place, and it is getting late; dismiss the people so that the men may go to the villages and buy food for themselves. But He said to them, **IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THEM TO GO; GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT.** They said to Him, We have nothing here, except five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus said to them, **BRING THEM HERE TO ME.** And He ordered the people to sit down on the ground, and He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, and He looked up to heaven and blessed them, and He broke them and gave them to his disciples, and the disciples placed them before the people. So they all ate, and were satisfied; and they took up the fragments which were left over, twelve full baskets. And the men who ate were five thousand, not counting the women and children. And immediately He urged His disciples to get into the boat, in advance of Him, to the crossing place, while He dismissed the people. And when He had dismissed the people, He went up to the mountain alone to pray; and when darkness fell He was still there alone. But the boat was many miles away from the land, tossed by the waves, for the wind was against it. And in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came to them, walking on the water. And His disciples saw Him walking on the water, and they were frightened, and they said, It is a false vision; and they cried out because of their fear. But Jesus spoke to them at once and said, **HAVE COURAGE; IT IS I; DO NOT BE AFRAID.** And Peter answered, saying, My Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water. Jesus said to him, **COME.** So Peter went down from the boat and walked on the water, to come to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was strong, he was afraid, and began to sink, and he raised his voice and said, My Lord, save. And our Lord immediately stretched out His hand and grasped him; and He said to him, **O YOU OF LITTLE FAITH, WHY DID YOU DOUBT?** And when they got into the boat, the wind quieted down. And they who were in the boat came and worshiped Him; and they said, Truly you are the Son of God. And they rowed and came to the land of Gennesaret. And the men of that country recognized Him, and they sent word to all the villages around them; so they brought to Him all who were seriously sick. And they besought Him that they might touch even the hem of His robe; and those who touched it were healed.

15.

Then Pharisees and scribes from Jerusalem came up to Jesus, saying, Why do your disciples disregard the tradition of the elders, and they do not wash their hands when they eat? Jesus answered, saying to them, **WHY DO YOU ALSO DISREGARD THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD ON ACCOUNT OF YOUR TRADITION: FOR GOD SAID, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER, AND WHOEVER CURSES HIS FATHER OR HIS MOTHER, LET HIM BE PUT TO DEATH. BUT YOU SAY, WHOEVER SAYS TO A FATHER OR TO A MOTHER, WHATEVER YOU MAY BE BENEFITED FROM ME IS CORBAN: HE NEED NOT HONOR HIS FATHER OR HIS MOTHER. SO YOU HAVE RENDERED USELESS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR TRADITION. O YOU HYPOCRITES, THE PROPHET ISAIAH WELL PROPHESED CONCERNING YOU SAYING. 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.** Then he called the people and said to them, **LISTEN AND UNDERSTAND. IT IS NOT WHAT ENTERS INTO THE MOUTH WHICH**

DEFILES A MAN; BUT WHAT COMES OUT OF THE MOUTH, THAT IS WHAT DEFILES A MAN. Then His disciples came up and said to Him. Do you know that the Pharisees who heard this saying were offended? But He answered, saying to them, EVERY PLANT THAT MY HEAVENLY FATHER DID NOT PLANT SHALL BE UPROOTED. LEAVE THEM ALONE; THEY ARE BLIND GUIDES OF THE BLIND. AND IF THE BLIND LEAD AROUND THE BLIND, BOTH WILL FALL INTO A PIT. And Simon Peter answered, saying to Him, My Lord, explain this parable to us. And He said to them, EVEN YET DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND/ DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT WHAT ENTERS INTO THE MOUTH GOES INTO THE STOMACH, AND THENCE, THROUGH THE INTESTINES, IS CAST OUT/ BUT WHAT COMES OUT OF THE MOUTH COMES OUT FROM THE HEART; AND THAT IS WHAT DEFILES MAN. FOR FROM THE HEART COME OUT EVIL THOUGHTS, SUCH AS FORNICATION, MURDER, ADULTERY, THEFT, FALSE WITNESS, BLASPHEMY. IT IS THESE THAT DEFILE A MAN; BUT IF A MAN SHOULD EAT WHEN HIS HANDS ARE UNWASHED, HE WILL NOT BE DEFILED. And Jesus went out from thence, and He came to the border of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from these borders came out crying aloud, and saying. Have mercy on me, O my Lord, son of David; my daughter is seriously afflicted with insanity. But He did not answer her. And His disciples came up to Him and urged Him, saying, Dismiss her, for she keeps crying aloud after us. And He answered, saying to them, I AM NOT SENT, EXCEPT TO THE SHEEP WHICH WENT ASTRAY FROM THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL. But she came and worshiped Him, saying, My Lord, help me. Jesus said to her, IT IS NOT RIGHT TO TAKE THE CHILDREN'S BREAD AND THROW IT TO THE DOGS. But she said, Yes, my Lord, even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table, and they live. Then Jesus said to her, O WOMAN, YOUR FAITH IS GREAT; LET IT BE TO YOU AS YOU WISH; and her daughter was healed from that very hour. And Jesus departed from thence, and He came toward the sea of Galilee; and He went up to a mountain and sat down there. And a great many people came to Him who had with them the lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at the feet of Jesus, and He healed them. So that the people wondered to see the dumb speaking and the maimed healed and the lame walking and the blind seeing; and they praised the God of Israel. Jesus then called His disciples and said to them, I HAVE COMPASSION ON THIS PEOPLE, FOR THEY HAVE REMAINED WITH ME THREE DAYS, AND THEY HAVE NOTHING TO EAT; AND IF I DISMISS THEM FASTING, THEY MIGHT FAINT ON THE WAY; BUT THIS I DO NOT WISH TO DO. His disciples said to Him, Where can we get bread in this desolate place to feed all this people? Jesus said to them, HOW MANY LOAVES OF BREAD HAVE YOU? They said to Him, Seven, and a few small fish. So He ordered the people to sit on the ground. Then He took the seven loaves of bread and the fish, and gave thanks, and He broke them and gave to His disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. And all of them did eat and were satisfied; and they took up of the fragments that were left over, seven full baskets. And those who did eat were four thousand men, besides women and children. And when He had dismissed the people, He went in the boat and came to the border of Magadan.

16.

And the Pharisees and Sadducees came to Him to tempt Him; and they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven. But He answered, saying to them, WHEN IT IS EVENING, YOU SAY, IT IS CLEAR, FOR THE SKY IS RED. AND IN THE MORNING YOU SAY, IT IS A WINTER DAY, FOR THE SKY IS RED AND CLOUDY. O HYPOCRITES, YOU KNOW HOW TO OBSERVE THE FACE OF THE SKY, BUT THE SIGNS OF THE PRESENT TIME YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO DISTINGUISH. A WICKED AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION WANTS A SIGN; AND NO SIGN SHALL BE GIVEN TO IT, EXCEPT THE SIGN OF THE PROPHET JONAH. AND HE LEFT THEM AND WENT AWAY. When His disciples came to the crossing place, they had forgotten to take bread with them. He said to them, WATCH AND BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES AND OF THE SADDUCEES. And they were reasoning among themselves and saying,

It is because we have not brought bread. But Jesus knew it and said to them. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING AMONG YOURSELVES, O YOU OF LITTLE FAITH; IS IT BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOT BROUGHT BREAD? DO YOU NOT YET UNDERSTAND ? DO YOU NOT REMEMBER THE FIVE LOAVES OF BREAD OF THE FIVE THOUSAND, AND HOW MANY BASKETS YOU TOOK UP? NEITHER THE SEVEN LOAVES OF BREAD OF THE FOUR THOUSAND, AND HOW MANY BASKETS YOU TOOK UP? HOW IS IT THAT YOU DID NOT UNDERSTAND THAT I WAS NOT TALKING TO YOU ABOUT THE BREAD, BUT TO BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES AND OF THE SADDUCEES? Then they understood, that He did not say that they should beware of the leaven of the bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. When Jesus came into the country of Caesarea Philippi, He asked his disciples saying, WHAT DO MEN SAY CONCERNING ME, THAT I AM MERELY A SON OF MAN? They said, There are some who say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. He said to them, WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? Simon Peter answered, saying, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus answered, saying to him, BLESSED ARE YOU, SIMON SON OF JONAH, FOR FLESH AND BLOOD DID NOT REVEAL IT TO YOU, BUT MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. I TELL YOU ALSO THAT YOU ARE THE STONE, AND UPON THIS STONE I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH; AND THE DOORS OF SHEOL SHALL NOT SHUT UPON IT. I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN; AND WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN, AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN. Then He charged His disciples not to tell any man that He was the Christ. From that time Jesus began to make known to his disciples that He would shortly have to go to Jerusalem and suffer a great deal from the elders and the high priests and scribes, and be killed, and rise up on the third day. So Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, Far be it from you, my Lord, that this should happen to you. But He turned and said to Peter, GET BEHIND ME SATAN; YOU ARE A STUMBLING BLOCK TO ME; FOR YOU ARE NOT THINKING OF THE THINGS OF GOD, BUT OF MEN. Then Jesus said to His disciples, HE WHO WISHES TO FOLLOW ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME. FOR WHOEVER WISHES TO SAVE HIS LIFE SHALL LOST IT; AND WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE SHALL FIND IT. FOR HOW WOULD A MAN BE BENEFITED, IF HE SHOULD GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD AND LOSE HIS OWN SOUL? OR WHAT SHALL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL? FOR THE SON OF MAN WILL COME IN THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER WITH HIS HOLY ANGELS; AND THEN HE WILL REWARD EACH MAN ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS. TRULY I SAY TO YOU, THERE ARE MEN WHO STAND HERE WHO WILL NOT TASTE DEATH,, UNTIL THEY SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN HIS KINGDOM.

17.

And after six days Jesus took Peter and James and his brother John, and brought them up to a high mountain alone. And Jesus was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes turned white like light. And there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, as they were talking with Him. Then Peter answered, saying to Jesus. My Lord, it is better for us to remain here; and if you wish, we will make three shelters here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah. And while he was speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud saying, THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH HIM I AM PLEASED; HEAR HIM . When the disciples heard it, they threw themselves on their faces, and they were greatly frightened. And Jesus came near them and touched them, and said, ARISE, DO NOT BE AFRAID. And they lifted up their eyes, and saw no man except Jesus alone. And as they were going down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, DO NOT SPEAK OF THIS VISION IN THE PRESENCE OF ANYONE UNTIL THE SON OF MAN RISES FROM THE DEAD. And His disciples asked Him, Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first? Jesus answered, saying to them, ELIJAH WILL COME FIRST, SO THAT

EVERYTHING MIGHT BE FULFILLED. BUT I SAY TO YOU, ELIJAH HAS ALREADY COME, AND THEY DID NOT KNOW HIM, AND THEY DID TO HIM WHATEVER THEY PLEASSED. THUS ALSO THE SON OF MAN IS BOUND TO SUFFER FROM THEM. Then the disciples understood that what He had told them was about John the Baptist. And when they came to the people, a man approached Him and fell on his knees, and said to Him, My Lord, have mercy on me; my son is an epileptic and has become worse; he often falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they were not able to heal him. Jesus answered, saying, O FAITHLESS AND CROOKED GENERATION, HOW LONG SHALL I BE WITH YOU? AND HOW LONG SHALL I PREACH TO YOU? BRING HIM HERE TO ME. And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon went out of him; and the boy was healed from that very hour. Then the disciples came up to Jesus when He was alone and said to Him, Why could we not heal him? Jesus said to them, BECAUSE OF YOUR UNBELIEF; FOR TRULY I SAY TO YOU, IF THERE IS FAITH IN YOU EVEN AS A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED, YOU WILL SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN, MOVE AWAY FROM HERE, AND IT WILL MOVE AWAY; AND NOTHING WOULD PREVAIL OVER YOU. NEVERTHELESS THIS KIND DOES NOT COME OUT EXCEPT BY FASTING AND PRAYER. While they were traveling through Galilee, Jesus said to them, THE SON OF MAN WILL SHORTLY BE DELIVERED INTO THE HAND OF MEN; AND THEY WILL KILL HIM, AND ON THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RISE UP. And they were very much grieved. And when they came to Capernaum, those who collect two coins of silver as head tax came to Peter and said to him, Would not your master give His two coins? He said to them, Yes. And when Peter entered the house, Jesus anticipated and said to him, WHAT DO YOU THINK, SIMON? FROM WHOM DO THE KINGS OF THE EARTH COLLECT CUSTOM DUTIES AND HEAD TAX? FROM THEIR SONS, OR FROM STRANGERS? Simon said to Him, From strangers. Jesus said to him, THEN THE SONS ARE FREE. BUT SO AS NOT TO OFFEND THEM, GO TO THE SEA, AND THROW OUT A HOOK, AND THE FIRST FISH WHICH COMES UP, OPEN ITS MOUTH AND YOU WILL FIND A COIN; TAKE IT AND GIVE IT FOR ME AND FOR YOU.

18.

At that very hour the disciples came up to Jesus and said, Who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven? So Jesus called a little child, and made him stand up in the midst of them, And he said, TRULY I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS YOU CHANGE AND BECOME LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN, YOU SHALL NOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. WHOEVER THEREFORE WILL HIMBLE HIMSELF LIKE THIS LITTLE CHILD, SHALL BE GREAT IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. AND HE WHO WILL WELCOME ONE LIKE THIS LITTLE CHILD, IN MY NAME, WELCOMES ME. AND WHOEVER MISLEADS ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES WHO BELIVE IN ME, IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM THAT AN ASS' MILLSTONE WERE HANGED ON HIS NECK AND HE WERE SUNK IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA. WOE TO THE WORLD BECAUSE OF OFFENCES! OFFENCES ARE BOUND TO COME; BUT WOE TO THE MAN BY WHOSE HAND THE OFFENCES COME! IF YOUR HAND OR YOUR FOOT OFFENDS YOU,, CUT IT OFF AND CAST IT AWAY FROM YOU; FOR IT IS MUCH BETTER FOR YOU TO GO THROUGH LIFE LAME OR MAIMED, RATHER THAN HAVING TWO HANDS OR TWO FEET, AND FALL INTO THE EVERLASTING FIRE. SEE TO IT THAT YOU DO NOT DESPISE ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES; FOR I SAY TO YOU, THEIR ANGELS ALWAYS SEE THE FACE OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. FOR THE SON OF MAN HAS COME TO SAVE WHAT WAS LOST. WHAT DO YOU THINK? IF A MAN SHOULD HAVE A HUNDRED SHEEP, AND ONE OF THEM IS LOST, WOULD HE NOT LEAVE THE NINETY AND NINE ON THE MOUNTAIN AND GO IN SEARCH OF THE ONE WHICH IS LOST? AND IF HE SHOULD FIND IT, TRULY I SAY TO YOU, HE REJOICES OVER IT MORE THAN OVER THE NINETY AND NINE WHICH WERE NOT LOST. EVEN SO, YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN DOES NOT WANT ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES TO BE LOST. NOW THEN, IF YOUR BROTHER IS AT FAULT WITH

YOU, GO AND REBUKE HIM ALONE; IF HE LISTENS TO YOU, THEN YOU HAVE WON YOUR BROTHER. BUT IF HE WILL NOT LISTEN TO YOU, TAKE ONE OR TWO WITH YOU BECAUSE AT THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY WORD IS ESTABLISHED. AND IF HE WILL NOT LISTEN TO THEM, TELL THE CONGREGATION; AND IF HE WILL NOT LISTEN TO THE CONGREGATION, THEN REGARD HIM AS A TAX COLLECTOR AND A HEATHEN. TRULY I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH WILL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN, AND WHATEVER YOU RELEASE ON EARTH WILL BE RELEASED IN HEAVEN. AGAIN I SAY TO YOU THAT IF TWO OF YOU ARE WORTHY ON EARTH, ANYTHING THAT THEY WOULD ASK WILL BE DONE FOR THEM BY MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. FOR WHEREVER TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME, I AM THERE AMONG THEM. Then Peter came up and said to Him, My Lord, if my brother is at fault with me, how many times should I forgive him? Up to seven times? Jesus said to him, I DO NOT SAY TO YOU UP TO SEVEN TIMES, BUT UP TO SEVENTY TIMES SEVENTY-SEVEN. THEREFORE THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKENED TO A KING WHO WANTED TO TAKE AN ACCOUNTING FROM HIS SERVANTS. AND WHEN HE BEGAN TO TAKE THE ACCOUNTING, THEY BROUGHT TO HIM ONE WHO OWED TEN THOUSAND TALENTS. AND AS HE COULD NOT PAY, HIS LORD COMMANDED HIM TO BE SOLD, TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AND ALL THAT HE HAD, SO THAT HE COULD PAY. THE SERVANT THEN FELL DOWN, WHORSHIPED HIM, AND SAID, MY LORD, HAVE PATIENCE WITH ME AND I WILL PAY YOU EVERYTHING. THEN THE MASTER OF THAT SERVANT HAD PITY, SO HE RELEASED HIM AND CANCELLED HIS DEBT. BUT THAT SERVANT WENT OUT, AND FOUND ONE OF HIS FELLOW SERVANTS, WHO OWED HIM A HUNDRED PENNIES; AND HE SEIZED HIM AND TRIED TO CHOKE HIM, SAYING TO HIM GIVE ME WHAT YOU OWE ME. SO HIS FELLOW SERVANT FELL DOWN AT HIS FEET, AND BEGGED HIM, SAYING HAVE PATIENCE WITH ME AND I WILL PAY YOU. BUT HE WAS NOT WILLING; AND HE WENT AND HAD HIM PUT INTO PRISON UNTIL HE SHOULD PAY HIM WHAT HE OWED HIM. WHEN THEIR FELLOW SERVANTS SAW WHAT HAD HAPPENED, THEY WERE SORRY, AND CAME AND INFORMED THEIR MASTER OF EVERYTHING THAT HAD HAPPENED. THEN HIS MASTER CALLED HIM AND SAID TO HIM, O WICKED SERVANT, I CANCELLED ALL YOUR DEBT BECAUSE YOU BEGGED ME. WAS IT NOT RIGHT FOR YOU TO HAVE MERCY ON YOUR FELLOW SERVANT, JUST AS I HAD MERCY ON YOU? SO HIS MASTER WAS ANGRY, AND DELIVERED HIM TO THE SCOURGERS UNTIL HE SHOULD PAY EVERYTHING HE OWED HIM. SO WILL MY FATHER IN HEAVEN DO TO YOU, IF YOU DO NOT FORGIVE EACH MAN HIS BROTHER'S FAULT FROM YOUR HEARTS.

19.

When Jesus had finished these sayings, He departed from Galilee, and came to the border of Judea, at the crossing of the Jordan. And, a great many people followed Him, and He healed them there. And the Pharisees came up to Him and were tempting Him, saying, is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause? But He answered, saying to them, HAVE YOU NOT READ, THAT HE WHO MADE FROM THE BEGINNING MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE? And He said, BECAUSE OF THIS, A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER, AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BE ONE FLESH. HENCEFORTH THEY ARE NOT TWO, BUT ONE BODY; THEREFORE WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER, LET NOT MAN SEPARATE. They said to Him, Why then did Moses command to give a letter of separation and then to divorce her? He said to them, MOSES, CONSIDERING THE HARDNESS OF YOUR HEART, GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO DIVORCE YOUR WIVES; BUT FROM THE BEGINNING IT WAS NOT SO. BUT I SAY TO YOU, WHOEVER LEAVES HIS WIFE WITHOUT A CHARGE OF ADULTERY AND MARRIES ANOTHER COMMITS ADULTERY; AND HE WHO MARRIES A

WOMAN THUS SEPARATED COMMITS ADULTERY. His disciples said to Him, If there is so much difficulty between man and woman, it is not worthwhile to marry. He said to them, THIS SAYING DOES NOT APPLY TO EVERY MAN, BUT TO WHOM IT IS GIVEN. FOR THERE ARE EUNUCHS WHO WERE BORN SO FROM THEIR MOTHER'S WOMB; AND THERE ARE EUNUCHS WHO MAKE THEMSELVES EUNUCHS FOR THE SAKE OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. TO HIM WHO CAN COMPREHEND, THIS IS ENOUGH. Then they brought little children to Him, that He might lay His hand on them and pray; and His disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said to them, ALLOW THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME TO ME, AND DO NOT STOP THEM; FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS FOR SUCH AS THESE. And He laid His hand on them, and went away from thence. Then a man drew near and said to Him, O good Teacher, what is the best thing that I should do to have life eternal? He said to him, WHY DO YOU CALL ME GOOD? THERE IS NO ONE WHO IS GOOD EXCEPT THE ONE GOD; BUT IF YOU WANT TO ENTER INTO LIFE, OBEY THE COMMANDMENTS. He said to him, Which ones? And Jesus said to him, 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; AND, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. The young man said to Him, I have obeyed all these from my boyhood; what do I lack? Jesus said to him, IF YOU WISH TO BE PERFECT, GO AND SELL YOUR POSSESSIONS AND GIVE THEM TO THE POOR, AND YOU WILL HAVE A TREASURE IN HEAVEN; THEN FOLLOW ME. When the young man heard this word, he went away sad, for he had great possessions. Jesus then said to his disciples, TRULY I SAY TO YOU, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR A RICH MAN TO ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. AGAIN I SAY

TO YOU, 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. When the disciples heard it, they were exceedingly astonished, saying, who then can be saved? Jesus looked at them and said, FOR MEN THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT FOR GOD EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE. Then Peter answered, saying to him, Behold, we have left everything and followed you; what will we have? Jesus said to them, TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT IN THE NEW WORLD WHEN THE SON OF MAN SHALL SIT ON THE THRONE OF HIS GLORY, YOU WHO HAVE FOLLOWED ME SHALL ALSO SIT ON TWELVE SEATS, AND YOU SHALL JUDGE THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL. AND EVERY MAN WHO LEAVES HOUSES OR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR FATHER OR MOTHER OR WIFE OR CHILDREN OR FIELDS, FOR MY NAME'S SAKE, SHALL RECEIVE A HUNDREDFOLD, AND SHALL INHERIT EVERLASTING LIFE. BUT MANY WHO ARE FIRST SHALL BE LAST, AND THE LAST FIRST.

20.

FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A MAN WHO IS A HOUSEHOLDER WHO WENT OUT EARLY IN THE MORNING TO HIRE LABORERS FOR HIS VINEYARD. HE BARGAINED WITH THE LABORERS FOR A PENNY A DAY, AND SENT THEM TO HIS VINEYARD. AND HE WENT OUT AT THE THIRD HOUR, AND SAW OTHERS STANDING IDLE IN THE MARKET PLACE. AND HE SAID TO THEM, YOU ALSO GO TO THE VINEYARD, AND I WILL GIVE YOU WHAT IS RIGHT. AND THEY WENT. AND HE WENT OUT AGAIN AT THE SIXTH AND AT THE NINTH HOUR, AND DID THE SAME. AND TOWARDS THE ELEVENTH HOUR HE WENT OUT AND FOUND OTHERS STANDING IDLE, AND HE SAID TO THEM, WHY DO YOU STAND ALL THE DAY IDLE? THEY SAID TO HIM, BECAUSE NO MAN HAS HIRED US. HE SAID TO THEM, YOU ALSO GO TO THE VINEYARD, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE WHAT IS RIGHT. WHEN EVENING CAME, THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD SAID TO HIS STEWARD, CALL THE LABORERS AND PAY THEM THEIR WAGES; AND BEGIN FROM THE LAST ONES TO THE FIRST. WHEN THOSE HIRED AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR CAME, THEY EACH RECEIVED A PENNY. BUT WHEN

THE FIRST ONES CAME, THEY EXPECTED TO RECEIVE MORE; BUT THEY ALSO GOT EACH ONE A PENNY. AND WHEN THEY RECEIVED IT, THEY MURMURED AGAINST THE HOUSEHOLDER, SAYING, THESE LAST ONES HAVE WORKED ONLY ONE HOUR, AND YOU HAVE MADE THEM EQUAL WITH US WHO HAVE BORNE THE BURDEN OF THE DAY AND ITS HEAT. HE ANSWERED, SAYING TO ONE OF THEM, MY FRIEND, I AM NOT DOING YOU AN INJUSTICE; DID YOU NOT BARGAIN WITH ME FOR A PENNY? TAKE WHAT IS YOURS AND GO AWAY; I WISH TO GIVE TO THIS LAST ONE THE SAME AS TO YOU. HAVE I NO RIGHT TO DO WHAT I WISH WITH MINE OWN? OR ARE YOU JEALOUS BECAUSE I AM GENEROUS? EVEN SO THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST, AND THE FIRST LAST; FOR MANY ARE CALLED, BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN. Now Jesus was ready to go up to Jerusalem; and He took His twelve disciples apart on the road, and He said to them, 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 THEY WILL DELIVER HIM TO THE GENTILES AND THEY WILL MOCK HIM AND SCOURGE HIM AND CRUCIFY HIM; AND ON THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RISE UP. The the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to Him, together with her sons; and she worshiped Him, and requested something of Him. He said to her, WHAT DO YOU WISH? She said to Him, COMMAND THAT THESE TWO SONS OF MINE MAY SIT, ONE AT YOUR RIGHT AND ONE AT YOUR LEFT, IN YOUR KINGDOM. Jesus answered, saying, YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU ARE ASKING. CAN YOU DRINK THE CUP THAT I AM READY TO DRINK, OR BE BAPTIZED WITH THE BAPTISM WITH WHICH I AM TO BE BAPTIZED? They said to him, We can. He said to them, INDEED MY CUP YOU SHALL DRINK, AND THE BAPTISM WITH WHICH I AM TO BE BAPTIZED, YOU TOO SHALL BE BAPTIZED WITH; BUT TO SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND AND AT MY LEFT, THAT IS NOT MINE TO GIVE, BUT IT IS FOR THOSE FOR WHOM IT IS PREPARED BY MY FATHER. When the ten heard it, they were angry at the two brothers. And Jesus called them and said, YOU KNOW THAT THE PRINCES OF THE GENTILES ARE ALSO THEIR LORDS; AND THEIR OFFICIALS RULE OVER THEM. LET NOT THIS BE SO AMONG YOU; BUT WHOEVER WISHES TO BE GREAT AMONG YOU, LET HIM BE A MINISTER TO YOU; AND WHOEVER WISHES TO BE FIRST AMONG YOU, LET HIM BE A SERVANT TO YOU; JUST AS THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE MINISTERED TO, BUT TO MINISTER AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A SALVATION FOR THE SAKE OF MANY. And when Jesus went out of Jericho a large crowd followed Him. And behold, two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried aloud, saying, Have mercy upon us, O Lord, son of David. But the people rebuked them, telling them to keep quiet; but they cried louder, saying, Our Lord, have mercy upon us, son of David. And Jesus stopped and called them, and He said, WHAT DO YOU WISH ME TO DO FOR YOU? They said to Him, Our Lord, that our eyes may be opened. And Jesus had mercy upon them; so he touched their eyes, and immediately their eyes were opened, and they followed Him.

21.

When He drew near to Jerusalem, He came to Bethphage on the side of the mount of Olives. Jesus then sent two of His disciples, And He said to them, GO TO THAT VILLAGE WHICH IS IN FRONT OF YOU, AND STRAIGHTWAY YOU WILL FIND AN ASS WHICH IS TIED UP, AND A COLT WITH HER; UNTIE THEM AND BRING THEM TO ME. AND IF ANY MAN SHOULD SAY ANYTHING TO YOU, TELL HIM, OUR LORD NEEDS THEM; AND HE WILL IMMEDIATELY SEND THEM HERE. All this happened, so that what was said by the prophet, might be fulfilled, saying, Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, meek, and riding upon an ass, upon a colt, the foal of an ass. And the disciples went and did as Jesus had commanded them. And they brought the ass and the colt, and they put their garments on the colt, and Jesus rode on it. And a great many people spread their garments on the road; and others cut down branches from the trees and

spread them on the road. And the people who were going before Him and coming after Him, were shouting and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. When He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, and they were saying, Who is this man? And the people were saying, This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee. And Jesus entered into the temple of God, and drove out all 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 said to them, IT IS WRITTEN, MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED THE HOUSE OF PRAYER; BUT YOU HAVE MADE IT A BANDITS' CAVE. And in the temple they brought to Him the blind and the lame, and He healed them. But when the high priests and the Pharisees saw the wonders that He did, and the boys crying aloud in the temple and saying, Hosanna to the son of David, they were displeased. And they said to Him, Do you hear what they are saying? Jesus said to them, YES; HAVE YOU NEVER READ, FROM THE MOUTHS OF INFANTS AND LITTLE CHILDREN YOU HAVE COMPOSED A SONG? And He left them, and went outside of the city to Bethany and lodged there. In the morning, as He returned to the city, He became hungry. And He saw a fig tree on the roadside, and He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves; and He said to it. LET THERE BE NO FRUIT ON YOU AGAIN FOR EVER. And shortly the fig tree withered. When the disciples saw it, they were amazed and said, How is it that the fig tree has withered so soon? Jesus answered, saying to them, TRULY I SAY TO YOU, IF YOU HAVE FAITH AND DO NOT DOUBT, YOU WILL PERFORM A DEED NOT ONLY LIKE THIS OF THE FIG TREE, BUT SHOULD YOU SAY EVEN TO THIS MOUNTAIN, BE REMOVED AND FALL INTO THE SEA, IT SHALL BE DONE. AND EVERYTHING THAT YOU WILL ASK IN PRAYER BELIEVING, YOU SHALL RECEIVE. When Jesus came to the temple, the high priests and the elders of the people came up to Him, while He was teaching, and said to Him, By what authority do you do these things? And who gave you this authority? Jesus answered, saying to them, I WILL ALSO ASK YOU A QUESTION, AND IF YOU ANSWER ME, I WILL THEN TELL YOU BY WHAT AUTHORITY I DO THESE THINGS. WHENCE IS THE BAPTISM OF JOHN? IS 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, we are afraid of the people, for all of them regard John as a prophet. So they answered, saying to Him, We do not know. Jesus said to them, NEITHER WILL I TELL YOU BY WHAT AUTHORITY I DO THESE THINGS. WHAT DO YOU THINK? A MAN HAD TWO SONS, AND HE CAME TO THE FIRST ONE AND SAID TO HIM, MY SON, GO AND WORK TODAY IN THE VINEYARD. HE ANSWERED, SAYING, I DO NOT WANT TO, BUT LATER HE REGRETTED AND WENT. AND HE CAME TO THE OTHER ONE AND SPOKE TO HIM LIKEWISE. AND HE ANSWERED, SAYING, HERE AM I, MY LORD, AND YET HE DID NOT GO. WHICH OF THESE TWO DID THE WILL OF HIS FATHER? They said to him, The first one. Jesus said to them, TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT EVEN THE TAX COLLECTORS AND HARLOTS WILL PRECEDE YOU INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD. FOR JOHN CAME TO YOU IN THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND YOU DID NOT BELIEVE HIM; BUT THE TAX COLLECTORS AND HARLOTS BELIEVED HIM; BUT YOU, EVEN THOUGH YOU SAW IT, DID NOT REPENT, SO THAT LATER YOU MAY BELIEVE HIM. HEAR ANOTHER PARABLE. THERE WAS A MAN WHO WAS A HOUSEHOLDER, AND HE PLANTED A VINEYARD AND FENCED IT, AND HE DUG IN IT A WINEPRESS AND BUILT A TOWER, AND THEN HE LEASED IT TO LABORERS AND WENT AWAY ON A JOURNEY. AND WHEN THE FRUIT SEASON WAS AT HAND, HE SENT HIS SERVANTS TO THE LABORERS, THAT THEY MIGHT SEND HIM SOME OF THE FRUITS OF HIS VINEYARD, AND THE LABORERS SEIZED HIS SERVANTS, AND SOME WERE BEATEN AND SOME WERE STONED AND SOME WERE KILLED. AGAIN HE SENT OTHER SERVANTS, MANY MORE THAN THE FIRST; AND THEY DID LIKEWISE TO THEM. AT LAST HE SENT HIS SON TO THEM, SAYING, THEY MIGHT FEEL ASHAMED BEFORE MY SON. BUT WHEN THE LABORERS SAW THE SON, THEY SAID AMONG THEMSELVES, THIS IS THE HEIR; COME, LET US KILL HIM AND RETAIN HIS INHERITANCE. SO THEY SEIZED HIM, AND

TOOK HIM OUT OF THE VINEYARD AND KILLED HIM. WHEN THEREFORE THE OWNER OF THE VINDYARD COMES, WHAT WILL HE DO TO THOS LABORERS? They said to Him, He will destroy them savagely, and lease his vineyard to other laborers, who will give him fruits in their season. Jesus said to them, HAVE YOU NEVER READ IN THE SCRIPTURE, THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THE SAME BECAME THE CORNERSTONE; THIS WAS FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS A MARVEL IN OUR EYES? THEREFORE I SAY TO YOU THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM YOU, AND WILL BE GIVEN TO A PEOPLE WHO BEAR FRUITS. AND WHOEVER FALLS ON THIS STONE WILL BE BROKEN, AND WHOMEVER IT FALLS UPON, IT WILL DESTROY. When the high priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking against them. So they wanted to arrest Him, but they were afraid of the people, because they regarded Him as a prophet.

22.

And Jesus answered again by parables, and said, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A KING WHO GAVE A MARRIAGE FEAST FOR HIS SON. AND HE SENT HIS SERVANTS TO CALL THOSE WHO WERE INVITED TO THE MARRIAGE FEAST, BUT THEY WOULD NOT COME. AGAIN HE SENT OTHER SERVANTS AND SAID, TELL THOSE WHO ARE INVITED, BEHOLD MY SUPPER IS READY, AND MY OXEN AND FATLINGS ARE KILLED, AND EVERYTHING IS PREPARED; COME TO THE MARRIAGE FEAST. BUT THEY SNEERED AT IT, AND WENT AWAY, ONE TO HIS FIELD, ANOTHER TO HIS BUSINESS; AND THE REST SEIZED HIS SERVANTS AND MOCKED THEM AND KILLED THEM. WHE THE KING HEARD IT HE WAS ANGRY; AND HE SENT OUT HIS ARMIES AND DESTROYED THOSE MURDERERS AND BURNED THEIR CITY. THEN HE SAID TO HIS SERVANTS, NOW THE MARRIAGE FEAST IS READY, AND THOSE WHO WERE INVITED WERE UNWORTHY. GO, THEREFORE, TO THE MAIN ROADS, AND WHOMEVER YOU MAY FIND, INVITE THEM TO THE MARRIAGE FEAST. SO THE SERVANTS WENT OUT TO THE ROADS AND GATHERED TOGETHER EVERY ONE THEY COULD FIND, BAD AND GOOD AND THE BANQUETING HOUSE WAS FILLED WITH GUESTS. WHEN THE KING ENTERED TO SEE THE GUESTS, HE SAW THERE A MAN WHO WAS NOT WEARING WEDDING GARMENTS. AND HE SAID TO HIM, MY FRIEND, HOW DID YOU ENTER HERE, WHEN YOU DO NOT HAVE WEDDING GARMENTS? AND HE WAS SPEECHLESS. THEN THE KING SAID TO THE SERVANTS, BIND HIS HANDS AND HIS FEET AND TAKE HIM OUT INTO DARKNESS; THERE SHALL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH. FOR MANY ARE CALLED, AND FEW ARE CHOSEN. Then the Pharisees went away and took counsel how to trap Him by a question. So they sent to Him their disciples together with the Herodians, and they said to Him, Teacher, we know that you are true, and you teach the way of God justly; and you do not favor any man, for you do not discriminate between men. Tell us, therefore, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay head tax to Caesar or not? But Jesus knew their evil, and said, WHY DO YOU TEMPT ME, O HYPOCRITES? SHOW ME THE HEAD TAX PENNY. And they brought to Him a penny. And Jesus said to them, WHOSE IS THIS IMAGE AND INSCRIPTION? They said, Caesar's. He said to them, GIVE THEREFORE TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S, AND TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S. And when they heard it, they were amazed; and they left Him and went away. That same day the Sadducees came and said to Him, There is no resurrection of the dead; and they spoke to Him, and said, Teacher, Moses has told us, If a man die without sons, let his brother take his wife and raise up an offspring for his brother. Now there were with us seven brothers; the first married and died, and because he had no sons, he left his wife to his brother. Likewise the second, also the third, up to the seventh. And after them all the woman also died. Therefore at the resurrection, to which of these seven will she be a wife? For they all married her. Jesus answered, saying to them, YOU ERR, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES NOR THE POWER OF GOD. FOR AT THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, MEN NEITHER MARRY WOMEN, NOR ARE WOMEN GIVEN TO MEN IN MARRIAGE, BUT

THEY ARE LIKE THE ANGELS OF GOD IN HEAVEN. BUT CONCERNING THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, HAVE YOU NOT READ WHAT WAS TOLD YOU BY GOD, SAYING, I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, THE GOD OF JACOB? AND YET GOD IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD, BUT OF THE LIVING. And when the people heard it, they were amazed at His teaching. But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them who knew the law, asked Him, testing Him, Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law? Jesus said to him, LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND THE FIRST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE TO IT, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS HANG THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, WHAT DO YOU SAY CONCERNING THE CHRIST? WHOSE SON IS HE? They said to Him, The son of David. He said to them, HOW IS IT THEN THAT DAVID THROUGH THE SPIRIT CALLS HIM LORD? FOR HE SAID, THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES UNDER YOUR FEET. IF DAVID THEN CALLS HIM LORD, HOW CAN HE BE HIS SON? And no man was able to answer Him, and from that day no man dared to question Him.

23.

Then Jesus spoke to the people and to his disciples, saying to them, THE SCRIBES AND THE PHARISEES SIT ON THE CHAIR OF MOSES; THEREFORE WHATEVER THEY TELL YOU TO OBEY, OBEY AND DO IT, BUT DO NOT DO ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS; FOR THEY SAY AND DO NOT. AND THEY BIND HEAVY BURDENS, AND PUT THEM ON MEN'S SHOULDERS, BUT THEY THEMSELVES ARE NOT WILLING TO TOUCH THEM, EVEN WITH THEIR FINGER. AND ALL THEIR WORKS THEY DO, JUST TO BE SEEN BY MEN; FOR THEY WIDEN THE FRINGES OF THEIR GARMENTS AND THEY LENGTHEN THE ENDS OF THEIR ROBES. AND THEY LIKE THE CHIEF PLACES AT FEASTS AND THE FRONT SEATS IN THE SYNAGOGUES. AND THE GREETINGS IN THE STREETS AND TO BE CALLED BY MEN, RABBI. BUT YOU SHOULD NOT BE CALLED RABBI; FOR ONE IS YOUR MASTER, AND ALL YOU ARE BRETHERN. AND CALL NO ONE ON EARTH, FATHER, FOR ONE IS YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. NOR BE CALLED LEADERS, FOR ONE IS YOUR LEADER, THE CHRIST. BUT HE WHO IS GREATEST AMONG YOU, LET HIM BE YOUR SERVANT. FOR WHOEVER EXALTS HIMSELF SHALL BE HUMBLLED; AND WHOEVER HUMBLLES HIMSELF SHALL BE EXALTED. WOE TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YOU EMBEZZLE THE PROPERTY OF WIDOWS, with THE PRETENSE THAT YOU MAKE LONG PRAYEERS; BECAUSE OF THIS YOU SHALL RECEIVE A GREATER JUDGMENT. WOE TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YOU HAVE SHUT OFF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AGAINST MEN; FOR YOU DO NOT ENTER INTO IT YOURSELVES, AND DO NOT PERMIT THOSE WHO WOULD TO ENTER. WOE TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YOU TRAVERSE SEA AND LAND TO MAKE ONE PROSELYTE; AND WHEN HE BECOMES ONE, YOU MAKE HIM THE SON OF HELL TWICE MORE THAN YOURSELVES. WOE TO YOU, BLIND GUIDES; FOR YOU SAY, WHOEVER SWEARS BY THE TEMPLE, IT IS NOTHING; BUT WHOEVER SWEARS BY THE GOLD WHICH IS IN THE TEMPLE, HE IS GUILTY! O YOU FOOLS AND BLIND! FOR WHICH IS GREATER, THE OFFERING, OR THE ALTAR THAT SANCTIFIES THE OFFERING? THEREFORE HE WHO SWEARS BY THE ALTAR, HE SWEARS BY IT AND BY EVERYTHING THAT IS ON IT. AND WHOEVER SWEARS BY THE TEMPLE, SWEARS BY IT AND BY HIM WHO DWELLS IN IT. AND HE WHO SWEARS BY HEAVEN, SWEARS BY THE THRONE OF GOD AND BY HIM WHO SITS ON IT. WOE TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YOU TAKE TITHES OF MINT, DILL, AND CUMMIN, AND YOU HAVE

OVERLOOKED THE MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS OF THE LAW, SUCH AS JUSTICE, MERCY, AND TRUSTWORTHINESS. THESE WERE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO HAVE DONE, AND THESE VERY THINGS BY NO MEANS TO HAVE LEFT UNDONE. O BLIND GUIDES, WHO STRAIN AT GNATS AND SWALLOW CAMELS! WOE TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! YOU CLEAN THE OUTSIDE OF THE CUP AND OF THE PLATE, BUT INSIDE THEY ARE FULL OF EXTORTION AND INIQUITY. BLIND PHARISEES! CLEAN FIRST THE INSIDE OF THE CUP AND OF THE PLATE, SO THAT THEIR OUTSIDE MAY ALSO BE CLEAN. WOE TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YOU ARE LIKE TOMBS PAINTED WHITE, WHICH LOOK BEAUTIFUL FROM THE OUTSIDE, BUT INSIDE ARE FULL OF DEAD BONES AND ALL KINS OF CORRUPTION. EVEN SO, FROM THE OUTSIDE YOU APPEAR TO MEN TO BE RIGHTEOUS, BUT FROM WITHIN YOU ARE FULL OF INIQUITY AND HYPOCRASY. WOE TO YOU SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YOU BUILD THE TOMBS OF THE PROPHETS, and YOU DECORATE THE GRAVES OF THE RIGHTEOUS; AND YOU SAY, IF WE HAD BEEN LIVING IN THE DAYS OF OUR FOREFATHERS, WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PARTAKERS WITH THEM IN THE BLOOD OF THE PROPHETS. NOW YOU TESTIFY CONCERNING YOURSELVES, THAT YOU ARE THE CHILDREN OF THOSE WHO KILLED THE PROPHETS. YOU ALSO FILL UP THE MEASURE OF YOUR FATHERS. O YOU SERPENTS AND OFFSPRING OF SCORPIONS! HOW CAN YOU FLEE FROM THE JUDGMENT OF HELL! BECAUSE OF THIS, I AM SENDING TO YOU PROPHETS AND WISE MEN AND SCRIBES; SOME OF THEM YOU WILL KILL AND CRUCIFY; AND SOME YOU WILL SCOURGE IN YOUR SYNAGOGUES AND PURSUE FROM CITY TO CITY; SO THAT ALL THE BLOOD OF THE RIGHTEOUS SHED ON THE GROUND MAY COME UPON YOU, FROM THE BLOOD OF ABEL THE RIGHTEOUS DOWN TO THE BLOOD OF ZACHARIAH, SON OF BARACHIAH, WHOM YOU KILLED BETWEEN THE TEMPLE AND THE ALTAR. TRULY I SAY TO YOU, ALL OF THESE THINGS SHALL COME UPON THIS GENERATION. O JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM, MURDERESS OF THE PROPHETS AND STONER OF THOSE WHO ARE SENT TO HER! HOW OFTEN I WANTED TO GATHER YOU CHILDREN, JUST AS A HEN GATHERS HER CHICKENS UNDER HER WINGS, AND YET YOU WOULD NOT! BEHOLD, YOUR HOUSE WILL BE LEFT TO YOU DESOLATE. FOR I SAY TO YOU, FROM NOW YOU WILL NOT SEE ME UNTIL YOU SAY, BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

24.

And Jesus went out of the temple to go away; and His disciples came up to Him, and were showing Him the building of the temple. But He said to them, BEHOLD, DO YOU NOT SEE ALL OF THESE? TRULY I SAY TO YOU, NOT A STONE SHALL BE LEFT HERE UPON ANOTHER STONE, WHICH WILL NOT BE TORN DOWN. While Jesus sat on the mount of Olives, His disciples came up talking among themselves, and they said to Him, Tell us when these things will happen and what is the sign of your coming and of the end of the world? Jesus answered, saying to them, BE CAREFUL THAT NO MAN DECEIVES YOU. FOR MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME, AND SAY, I AM THE CHRIST, AND THEY WILL DECEIVE MANY. YOU ARE BOUND TO HEAR OF REVOLUTIONS AND RUMORS OF WARS; WATCH OUT AND DO NOT BE DISTURBED; FOR ALL OF THESE THINGS MUST COME TO PASS, BUT THE END IS NOT YET. FOR NATIONS WILL RISE AGAINST NATION, AND KINGDOM AGAINST KINGDOM; AND THERE WILL BE FAMINES AND PLAGUES AND EARTHQUAKES IN DIFFERENT PLACES. BUT ALL THESE THINGS ARE JUST THE BEGINNING OF TRAVAIL. THEN THEY WILL DELIVER YOU OVER TO BE OPPRESSED, AND THEY WILL KILL YOU; AND YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL NATIONS FOR MY NAME'S SAKE. THEN MANY WILL STUMBLE, AND THEY WILL HATE ONE ANOTHER AND BETRAY ONE ANOTHER. AND MANY FALSE PROPHETS WILL RISE AND WILL MISLEAD A GREAT MANY. AND

BECAUSE OF THE GROWTH OF INIQUITY, THE LOVE OF MANY WILL BECOME COLD. BUT HE WHO HAS PATIENCE TO THE END WILL BE SAVED. AND THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS A TESTIMONY TO ALL THE NATIONS; THEN THE END WILL COME. WHEN YOU SEE THE SIGN OF UNCLEANNESS AND DESOLATION, AS SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET DANIEL, ACCUMULATING IN THE HOLY PLACE (WHOEVER READS WILL UNDERSTAND), THEN LET THOSE WHO ARE IN JUDEA FLEE TO THE MOUNTAIN, AND HE WHO IS ON THE ROOF, LET HIM NOT COME DOWN TO TAKE THINGS OUT OF HIS HOUSE. AND HE WHO IS IN THE FIELD, LET HIM 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, NOR ON THE SABBATH. FOR THEN THERE WILL BE GREAT SUFFERING SUCH AS HAS NEVER HAPPENED FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD UNTIL NOW, AND NEVER WILL BE AGAIN. AND IF THOSE DAYS WERE NOT SHORTENED, NO FLESH WOULD LIVE; BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHOSEN ONES THOSE DAYS WILL BE SHORTENED. THEN IF ANY MAN SHOULD SAY TO YOU, BEHOLD, HERE IS THE CHRIST, OR THERE; DO NOT BELIEVE IT. FOR THERE WILL RISE FALSE CHRISTS AND LYING PROPHETS, AND THEY WILL SHOW SIGNS AND GREAT WONDERS, SO AS TO MISLEAD, IF POSSIBLE, EVEN THE CHOSEN ONES. BEHOLD, I HAVE TOLD YOU IN ADVANCE. THEREFORE, IF THEY SHOULD SAY TO YOU, BEHOLD, HE IS IN THE DESERT, DO NOT GO OUT; OR, BEHOLD, HE IS IN THE CHAMBER, DO NOT BELIEVE IT. FOR JUST AS THE LIGHTNING COMES OUT FROM THE EAST, AND IS SEEN EVEN IN THE WEST, SO WILL BE THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN. FOR WHEREVER THE CARCASS IS, THERE WILL THE VULTURES GATHER. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SUFFERING OF THOSE DAYS THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT AND THE STARS WILL FALL FROM THE SKY AND THE POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE WILL BE SHAKEN. THEN THE SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN WILL APPEAR IN THE SKY; AND ALL THE GENERATIONS OF THE EARTH WILL MOURN, AND THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY. AND HE WILL SEND HIS ANGELS WITH A LARGE TRUMPET, AND THEY WILL GATHER HIS CHOSEN ONES FROM THE FOUR WINDS, FROM ONE END OF THE HEAVEN TO THE OTHER. FROM THE FIG TREE LEARN A PARABLE. AS SOON AS ITS BRANCHES BECOME TENDER AND BRING FORTH LEAVES, YOU KNOW THAT SUMMER IS COMING. SO EVEN YOU, WHEN YOU SEE ALL THESE THINGS, KNOW THAT IT HAS ARRIVED AT THE DOOR. TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT THIS RACE WILL NOT PASS AWAY UNTIL ALL THESE THINGS HAPPEN. EVEN HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY, BUT MY WORDS SHALL NOT PASS AWAY. BUT CONCERNING THAT DAY AND THAT HOUR, NO MAN KNOWS, NOT EVEN THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN, BUT THE FATHER ALONE. JUST AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH, SO WILL BE THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN. FOR AS THE PEOPLE BEFORE THE FLOOD WERE EATING AND DRINKING, MARRYING AND GIVING IN MARRIAGE, UNTIL THE DAY NOAH ENTERED INTO THE ARK, AND THEY KNEW NOTHING UNTIL THE FLOOD CAME AND CARRIED THEM ALL AWAY; SUCH WILL BE THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN. THEN TWO MEN WILL BE IN THE FIELD; ONE WILL BE TAKEN AWAY AND THE OTHER LEFT. TWO WOMEN WILL BE GRINDING AT THE HAND MILL; ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND THE OTHER LEFT. BE ALERT, THEREFORE, FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW AT WHAT HOUR YOUR LORD WILL COME. BUT KNOW THIS MUCH, THAT IF THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE KNEW AT WHAT WATCH OF THE NIGHT THE THIEF WOULD COME, HE WOULD KEEP AWAKE AND WOULD NOT LET HIS HOUSE BE PLUNDERED. FOR THIS REASON, YOU ALSO SHOULD BE READY, FOR THE SON OF MAN WILL COME AT AN HOUR WHEN YOU DO NOT EXPECT HIM. WHO THEN IS THE FAITHFUL AND WISE SERVANT, WHOM HIS LORD HAS APPOINTED OVER HIS HOUSEHOLD, TO GIVE THEM FOOD IN DUE TIME? BLESSED IS THAT SERVANT, WHEN

HIS LORD COMES AND FINDS HIM SO DOING. TRULY I SAY TO YOU, HE WILL APPOINT HIM OVER ALL THAT HE HAS. BUT IF A BAD SERVANT SHOULD SAY IN HIS HEART, MY LORD WILL DELAY HIS COMING. AND SHOULD BEGIN TO BEAT HIS FELLOW SERVANTS, AND TO EAT AND DRINK WITH DRUNKARDS, THE LORD OF THAT SERVANT WILL COME ON A DAY WHEN HE DOES NOT EXPECT HIM, AND AT AN HOUR THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW. AND HE WILL SEVERELY SCOURGE HIM, AND GIVE HIM A PORTION LIKE THAT OF THE HYPOCRITES; THERE WILL BE WEeping AND GNASHING OF TEETH.

25.

THEN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WILL BE LIKE TEN VIRGINS, WHO TOOK THEIR LAMPS AND WENT OUT TO GREET THE BRIDEGROOM AND THE BRIDE. FIVE OF THEM WERE WISE, AND FIVE WERE FOOLISH. AND THE FOOLISH ONES TOOK THEIR LAMPS, BUT TOOK NO OIL WITH THEM. BUT THE WISE ONES TOOK OIL IN THE VESSELS WITH THEIR LAMPS. AS THE BRIDEGROOM WAS DELAYED, THEY ALL SLUMBERED AND SLEPT. AND AT MIDNIGHT THERE WAS A CRY, BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM IS COMING; GO OUT TO GREET HIM! THEN ALL THE VIRGINS GOT UP AND PREPARED THEIR LAMPS. AND THE FOOLISH ONES SAID TO THE WISE ONES, GIVE US SOME OF YOUR OIL, FOR OUR LAMPS ARE GOING OUT. THEN THE WISE ONES ANSWERED, SAYING, WHY, THERE WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH FOR US AND FOR YOU; GO TO THOSE WHO SELL AND BUY FOR YOURSELVES. AND WHILE THEY WENT TO BUY, THE BRIDEGROOM CAME; AND THOSE WHO WERE READY ENTERED WITH HIM INTO THE BANQUETING HOUSE, AND THE DOOR WAS LOCKED. AFTERWARD THE OTHER VIRGINS ALSO CAME AND SAID, OUR LORD, OUR LORD, OPEN TO US. BUT HE ANSWERED AND SAID TO THEM, TRULY I SAY TO YOU, I DO NOT KNOW YOU. BE ALERT, THEREFORE, FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW THE DAY NOR THE HOUR. IT IS JUST LIKE A MAN WHO WENT ON A JOURNEY, WHO CALLED HIS SERVANTS AND PUT HIS WEALTH IN THEIR CHARGE. TO ONE HE GAVE FIVE TALENTS, TO ANOTHER TWO, TO ANOTHER ONE; TO EACH ONE ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY; AND IMMEDIATELY HE WENT ON A JOURNEY. THE ONE WHO RECEIVED FIVE TALENTS THEN WENT AND TRADED WITH THEM, AND HE EARNED FIVE MORE. LIKEWISE THE SECOND ONE BY TRADING GAINED TWO OTHERS. BUT HE WHO RECEIVED ONE WENT AND DUG IN THE GROUND AND HID HIS LORD'S MONEY. AFTER A LONG TIME THE LORD OF THOSE SERVANTS RETURNED AND TOOK AN ACCOUNTING FROM THEM. THEN THE ONE WHO RECEIVED FIVE TALENTS CAME UP AND OFFERED FIVE OTHERS, AND HE SAID, MY LORD, YOU GAVE ME FIVE TALENTS; BEHOLD, I HAVE ADDED FIVE OTHERS TO THEM. HIS LORD SAID TO HIM, WELL DONE, GOOD AND RELIABLE SERVANT; YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL OVER A LITTLE, I WILL APPOINT YOU OVER MUCH; ENTER INTO YOUR MASTER'S JOY. THEN THE ONE WITH THE TWO TALENTS CAME AND SAID, MY LORD, YOU GAVE ME TWO TALENTS, BEHOLD I HAVE ADDED TWO OTHERS TO THEM. HIS LORD SAID TO HIM, WELL DONE, GOOD AND RELIABLE SERVANT, YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL OVER A LITTLE, I WILL APPOINT YOU OVER MUCH; ENTER INTO YOUR MASTER'S JOY. THEN THE ONE WHO RECEIVED ONE TALENT ALSO CAME UP, AND HE SAID, MY LORD, I KNEW THAT YOU ARE A HARD MAN, AND YOU REAP WHERE YOU DID NOT SOW AND GATHER WHERE YOU DID NOT SCATTER. SO I WAS AFRAID, AND I WENT AND HID YOUR TALENT IN THE GROUND; HERE IS THE VERY ONE YOU GAVE ME. HIS LORD ANSWERED, SAYING, O WICKED AND LAZY SERVANT, YOU KNEW ME THAT I REAP WHERE I DID NOT SOW AND GATHER WHERE I DID NOT SCATTER. YOU SHOULD THEN HAVE PUT MY MONEY IN THE EXCHANGE, AND WHEN I RETURNED I WOULD HAVE DEMANDED MY OWN WITH INTEREST. THEREFORE TAKE AWAY THE TALENT FROM HIM, AND GIVE IT TO THE ONE WHO HAS TEN TALENTS. FOR TO HIM

WHO HAS, IT SHALL BE GIVEN, AND IT SHALL INCREASE TO HIM; BUT HE WHO HAS NOT, EVEN THAT WHICH HE HAS SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM. AND THE IDLE SERVANT THEY THREW INTO THE OUTER DARKNESS; THERE WILL BE WEeping AND GNASHING OF TEETH. WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES IN HIS GLORY, AND ALL HIS HOLY ANGELS WITH HIM, THEN HE WILL SIT UPON THE THRONE OF HIS GLORY. AND ALL NATIONS WILL GATHER BEFORE HIM; AND HE WILL SEPARATE THEM ONE FROM ANOTHER, JUST AS A SHEPHERD SEPARATES THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS; AND HE WILL SET THE SHEEP AT HIS RIGHT, AND THE GOATS AT HIS LEFT. THEN THE KING WILL SAY TO THOSE AT HIS RIGHT, COME, YOU BLESSED OF MY FATHER, INHERIT THE KINGDOM WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.

FOR I WAS HUNGRY,
AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD;
I WAS THIRSTY,
AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK;
I WAS A STRANGER
AND YOU TOOK ME IN;
I WAS NAKED,
AND YOU CLOTHED ME;
I WAS SICK,
AND YOU VISITED ME;
I WAS IN PRISON,
AND YOU CAME TO ME.

THEN THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SAY TO HIM, OUR LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY, AND FEED YOU? OR THIRSTY AND GAVE YOU DRINK? AND WHEN DID WE SEE YOU A STRANGER, AND TOOK YOU IN? OR THAT YOU WERE NAKED AND CLOTHED YOU? AND WHEN DID WE SEE YOU SICK OR IN THE PRISON, AND CAME TO YOU? THE KING THEN WILL ANSWER, SAYING TO THEM, TRULY I TELL YOU, INASMUCH AS YOU HAVE DONE IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN, YOU DID IT TO ME.

THEN HE WILL ALSO SAY TO THOSE AT HIS LEFT, GO AWAY FROM ME, YOU CURSED, TO THE EVERLASTING FIRE WHICH IS PREPARED FOR THE ADVERSARY AND HIS ANGELS. FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU DID NOT GIVE ME FOOD; I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU DID NOT GIVE ME DRINK; I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU DID NOT TAKE ME IN; I WAS NAKED AND YOU DID NOT CLOTHE ME; I WAS SICK AND IN PRISON AND YOU DID NOT VISIT ME. THEN THEY ALSO WILL ANSWER AND SAY, OUR LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE THEE HUNGRY OR THIRSTY OR A STRANGER OR NAKED OR SICK OR IN THE PRISON, AND DID NOT MINISTER TO THEE? THEN HE WILL ANSWER AND SAY TO THEM, TRULY I SAY TO YOU, INASMUCH AS YOU DID NOT DO IT TO ONE OF THESE LEAST ONES, YOU ALSO DID NOT DO IT TO ME. AND THESE SHALL GO INTO EVERLASTING TORMENT, AND THE RIGHTEOUS INTO ETERNAL LIFE.

26.

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, He said to his disciples, YOU KNOW THAT AFTER TWO DAYS THE PASSOVER WILL COME, AND THE SON OF MAN WILL BE BETRAYED TO BE CRUCIFIED. Then the high priests and the scribes and the elders of the people assembled in the courtyard of the high priest, who is called Caiaphas. And they took counsel concerning Jesus, to arrest

Him by treachery and kill him. And they said, Not on the feast day, lest it cause a riot among the people. And when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to Him with an alabaster vessel of precious perfume, and she poured it upon the head of Jesus, while He was reclining. When His disciples saw it, they were displeased, and said, Why this waste? For it could have been sold for a great sum, and given to the poor. But Jesus understood it and said to them. WHY ARE YOU TROUBLING THE WOMAN? SHE HAS DONE A GOOD WORK TO ME. FOR YOU ALWAYS HAVE THE POOR WITH YOU, BUT YOU WILL NOT HAVE ME ALWAYS. BUT THIS ONE WHO Poured the perfume on my body did it as for my 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 one of the twelve, called Judah of Iscariot, went to the high priests; and he said to them, What are you willing to give me, if I deliver Him to you? And they promised him thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought an opportunity to betray Him. On the first day of unleavened bread, the disciples came up to Jesus and said to Him, Where do you wish us to prepare the passover for you to eat? And He said to them, GO INTO THE CITY TO A CERTAIN MAN, AND SAY TO HIM, OUR MASTER SAYS, MY TIME HAS COME, I WILL OBSERVE THE PASSOVER WITH MY DISCIPLES AT YOUR HOUSE. And his disciples did as Jesus had commanded them; and they prepared the passover. And when it was evening, He was reclining with his twelve disciples. And while they were eating He said, TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT ONE OF YOU WILL BETRAY ME. And they felt very sad, and began to say to Him one by one, Is it I, my Lord? And He answered, saying, HE WHO DIPS HIS HAND WITH ME IN THE DISH WILL BETRAY ME. THE SON OF MAN IS GOING JUST AS IT IS WRITTEN CONCERNING 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. Then Judah the traitor answered, saying, Master, perhaps it is I? Jesus said to him, YOU SAY THAT. While they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY. Then He took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, TAKE, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU. THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT WHICH IS SHED FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. BUT I SAY TO YOU, HENCEFORTH I SHALL NOT DRINK FROM THIS FRUIT OF THE VINE UNTIL THE DAY WHEN I DRINK IT ANEW WITH YOU 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 THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK WILL BE SCATTERED. BUT AFTER I AM RISEN, I WILL BE IN GALILEE BEFORE YOU. Peter answered, saying to Him, Even if every man should deny you, I will never deny you. Jesus said to him, TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT IN THIS VERY NIGHT, BEFORE THE COCK CROWS, YOU WILL DENY ME THREE TIMES. Peter said to Him, Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you. All the disciples said likewise. Then Jesus came with them to a place which is called Gethsemane, and He said to his disciples, SIT DOWN HERE WHILE I GO TO PRAY. And He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and depressed. He said to them, MY SOUL IS SORROWFUL EVEN TO DEATH; WAIT FOR ME HERE AND WATCH WITH ME. And He went a little further and fell on His face and prayed, saying, O MY FATHER, IF IT BE POSSIBLE, LET THIS CUP PASS FROM ME; BUT LET IT BE, NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS THOU WILT. Then He came to his disciples and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, SO, YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO WATCH WITH ME EVEN FOR ONE HOUR? AWAKE AND PRAY, THAT YOU MAY NOT ENTER INTO TEMPTATION; THE SPIRIT INDEED IS READY, BUT THE BODY IS WEAK. He went away again the second time and prayed and said, O MY FATHER, IF THIS CUP CANNOT PASS, AND IF I MUST DRINK IT, LET IT BE ACCORDING TO THY WILL. He came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. And He left them and went away again and prayed the third time, and said the same words. Then He came to His disciples and said to them, SLEEP FROM NOW ON AND GET YOUR REST; BEHOLD, THE HOUR HAS COME, AND THE SON OF MAN WILL BE DELIVERED INTO THE

HANDS OF SINNERS. ARISE, LET US GO; BEHOLD, HE WHO IS TO BETRAY ME HAS ARRIVED. While He was speaking, behold,, Judah the traitor, one of the twelve, came and with him a large crowd with swords and staves, from the high priests and the elders of the people. Now Judah the traitor had given them a sign, saying, He whom I kiss is He; arrest Him. And immediately he came up to Jesus and said, Peace, Master; and he kissed him. Jesus said to him, IS IT FOR THIS THAT YOU HAVE COME, MY FRIEND? Then they came near and laid hands on Jesus, and arrested Him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew a sword, and struck it at the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, RETURN THE SWORD TO ITS PLACE; FOR ALL WHO TAKE SWORDS WILL DIE BY SWORDS. OR DO YOU THINK THAT I CANNOT ASK OF MY FATHER, AND HE WILL NOW RAISE UP FOR ME MORE THAN TWELVE LEGIONS OF ANGELS? HOW THEN COULD THE SCRIPTURES BE FULFILLED, THAT IT MUST BE SO? At that very hour Jesus said to the people, HAVE YOU COME OUT WITH SWORDS AND STAVES TO ARREST ME LIKE A BANDIT? I SAT WITH YOU EVERY DAY, TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE, AND YOU DID NOT ARREST ME. BUT THIS HAS HAPPENED SO THAT THE SCRIPTURES OF THE PROPHETS MIGHT BE FULFILLED. Then all the disciples left Him, and fled. And those who had arrested Jesus took Him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had assembled. But Simon Peter followed Him at a distance, up to the courtyard of the high priest, and he went inside and sat with the soldiers to see the end. Now the high priests and the elders and the whole council were seeking witnesses against Jesus so that they might put Him to death. But they could not find any; then there came a great many false witnesses; but at the end two came forward and said, This man says, I can tear down the temple of God and build it in three days. And the high priest stood up and said to Him, You are not answering anything. What is it that these men testify against you? But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest answered, saying to Him, I adjure you by the living God, to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God? Jesus said to him, YOU SAY THAT. BUT I SAY TO YOU THAT FROM HENCEFORTH YOU WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER AND COMING UPON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY. The high priest then tore his clothes and said, Behold, He is blaspheming; why therefore do we need witnesses? Behold, you have now heard His blasphemy. What else do you want? They answered, saying, He is guilty of death. Then they spat in His face, and struck Him on his head, and others beat Him, Saying, O Christ, prophesy to us; who struck you? Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard; and a maidservant came up to him and said, You also were with Jesus the Nazarene. But he denied it before all of them, saying, I do not understand what you are saying. And as he was going to the porch, another one saw him and she said to them, This man was also there with Jesus the Nazarene. Again he denied it with oaths, saying, I do not know the man. After a while, those who were standing came up and said to Peter, Truly you also are one of them, for even your speech proves it. Then he began to curse and to swear, saying, I do not know the man. At that very hour the cock crowed. And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said to him, Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times. And he went outside and wept bitterly.

27.

When it was morning, the high priests and the elders of the people took counsel concerning Jesus, how to put Him to death. So they bound Him and took Him and delivered Him to Pilate the governor. Then Judah the traitor, when he saw that Jesus was convicted, repented, and went away and brought back the same thirty pieces of silver to the high priests and the elders. And he said, I have sinned, because I have betrayed innocent blood. But they said to him, What is that to us? That is your problem. Then he threw the silver into the temple and departed; and he went and hanged himself. The high priests took the silver and said, It is not lawful to put it into the house of offerings, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with it the potter's field for a cemetery for strangers. On this account that field is called The Field of Blood, to this day. Then what was spoken by the prophet was fulfilled, namely, I took the thirty pieces of silver, the costly price which was bargained with the

children of Israel, And I gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me. And Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked Him, saying, Are you the King of the Jews? Jesus said to him, THAT IS WHAT YOU SAY. And while the chief priests and elders were accusing Him, He gave no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, Do you not hear how much they testify against you? But He did not answer him, not even a word; and because of this Pilate marveled greatly. Now on every feast day it was the custom of the governor to release one prisoner to the people, anyone whom they wanted. They had a well-known prisoner, called Bar-Abba, who was bound. When they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, Whom do you want me to release to you? Bar-Abba or Jesus who is called the Christ? For Pilate knew that because of envy they had delivered Him. When the governor was sitting on his judgment seat, his wife sent to him and said to him, Have nothing to do with that righteous man; for today I have suffered a great deal in my dream because of Him. But the high priests and the elders urged the people to ask for Bar-Abba, and to destroy Jesus. And the governor answered, saying to them, Which of these two do you want me to release to you? They said, Bar-Abba. Pilate said to them, What shall I then do with Jesus who is called the Christ? They all said, Let him be crucified. Pilate said to them, What evil has He done? But they cried out the more and said, Let him be crucified. Now when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but that instead confusion was increasing, he took water and washed his hands before the people, and said, I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man; do as you please. All the people then answered, saying, Let His blood be on us and on our children. Then he released to them Bar-Abba, and had Jesus scourged with whips and delivered to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium, and the whole company gathered around Him. And they removed His clothes and put on Him a scarlet robe. And they wove a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they fell on their knees before Him, and were mocking Him and saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spat in His face, and took the reed and struck Him on His head. And when they had mocked Him, they took off the robe from Him and put on Him his own clothes and took Him away to be crucified. And as they were going out, they found a man of Cyrene, whose name was Simon, whom they compelled to carry His cross. And they came to a place which is called Golgotha, which is interpreted The Skull. And they gave Him to drink vinegar mixed with gall; and He tasted it, but He would not drink. And when they had crucified Him, they divided His clothes by casting lots. And they were sitting there and watching Him. And they placed above His head in writing the reason for His death: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. And there were crucified with Him two bandits, one on His right and one on His left. And those who passed by blasphemed against Him, nodding their heads. And saying, O you who can tear down the temple and build it in three days, deliver yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross. The high priests likewise were mocking, together with the scribes, the elders, and the Pharisees. And they were saying, He saved others, but He cannot save Himself. If he is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe in Him. He trusted in God; let Him save Him now, if He is pleased with Him; for He said, I am God's Son. The bandits who were crucified with Him were also reproaching Him. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice and said, ELI, ELI, LEMANA SHABAKTHANI! MY GOD, MY GOD, FOR THIS I WAS SPARED! Some of the men who were standing by, when they heard it, said, This man has called for Elijah. And immediately one of them ran and took a sponge and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed and gave Him to drink. But the rest said, Wait, let us see if Elijah will come to save Him. But Jesus again cried out with a loud voice and gave up His spirit. And immediately the curtains at the door of the temple were torn in two, from the top to the bottom; and the earth quaked and rocks split; And tombs were opened; and the bodies of a great many saints who were sleeping in death rose up and went out; and after His resurrection, they entered into the holy city and appeared to a great many. When the centurion and those who were with Him watching Jesus, saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were frightened, and they said, Truly this man was the Son of God. There were also many women there, who were looking from afar, those who had followed Jesus from Galilee, and who used to minister to Him. One of them was Mary of Magdala; and others were Mary the

mother of James and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man of Ramtha, whose name was Joseph who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate commanded that the body should be given to him. So Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a shroud of fine linen, and laid it in his own new tomb which was hewn in a rock; and they rolled a large stone, and placed it against the door of the tomb and went away. And there were there Mary of Magdala and the other Mary, who were sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, which is after Friday, the high priests and the Pharisees together came to Pilate, and they said to him, Our lord, we have just remembered that that deceiver used to say when he was alive, After three days I will rise again. Now, therefore, command that precautions be taken at the tomb for three days, It is probable that His disciples may come and steal Him at night, and then say to the people, He has risen from the dead; and the last deception will be worse than the first. Pilate said to them, You have guards; go and take precautions as best you know. So they went and kept a watch at the tomb, and together with the guards they sealed the stone.

28.

In the evening of the sabbath, when the first day of the week began to dawn, there came Mary of Magdala and the other Mary to see the tomb. And behold, a great earthquake took place; for the angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and went up and rolled away the stone from the door, and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his garments were white as snow. And for fear of him the guards who were watching trembled and became as if they were dead. But the angel answered, saying to the women, You need not be afraid; for I know that you are seeking Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He had said. Come, see the place where our Lord was laid. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He will go before you to Galilee; there you will see Him; lo, I have told you. And they went away hurriedly from the tomb with fear and with great joy, running to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said to them, PEACE BE TO YOU. And they came up and laid hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, DO NOT BE AFRAID; BUT GO AND TELL MY BRETHREN TO GO TO GALILEE, AND THERE THEY SHALL SEE ME. While they were going, some of the guards came into the city and told the high priests everything that had happened. So they gathered with the elders and took counsel; and they gave money, not a small sum, to the guards. Telling them, Say that His disciples came by night and stole Him while we were sleeping. And if this should be heard by the governor, we will appeal to him and declare that you are blameless. So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this word has gone out among the Jews even to this day. The eleven disciples then went to Galilee to a mountain where Jesus had promised to meet them. And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some of them were doubtful. And Jesus came up and spoke with them, and said to them, ALL POWER IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. JUST AS MY FATHER HAS SENT ME I AM ALSO SENDING YOU. GO, THEREFORE, AND CONVERT ALL NATIONS; AND BAPTIZE THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT; AND TEACH THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU; AND, LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE WORLD. AMEN.