

The Book of Matthew

Chapter 1

1 The book of the birth of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: 2 Abraham begat Isaac, and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob, Judah and his brothers. 3 Judah begat Perez and Zerah from Tamar; Perez begat Hezron; and Hezron, Aram. 4 Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab, Nahshon; and Nahshon, Salmon. 5 And Salmon begat Boaz from Rahab, and Boaz begat 'Obed from Ruth, and 'Obed begat Jesse. 6 Jesse begat David; David, Shelomoh, from the wife of Uriyyah. 7 Salomon begat Rehoboam; and Rehoboam, Abijah; Abijah, Asa. 8 Asa begat Jehoshaphat; Jehoshaphat, Joram; and Joram, 'Uzziah. 9 'Uzziah begat Jotham; Jotham, Ahaz; Ahaz, Hezekiah. 10 Hezekiah begat Menasseh; and Menasseh, Amon; and Amon, Josiah. 11 Josiah begat Jeconiah and his brothers in the captivity of Babylon. 12 From after the captivity of Babylon, Jeconiah begat Sheatiel; and Sheatiel, Zerubbabel. 13 And Zerubbabel begat Abiud; and Abiud, Eliakim; and Eliakim begat 'Azor. 14 'Azor begat Zadok; and Zadok, Achin; and Achin, Eliud. 15 Eliud begat Eleazer; and Eleazer, Matthan; and Matthan, Jacob. 16 And Jacob begat Joseph, the husband of Mary, from whom was born Jesus, who

is called the Messiah. 17 All of this, from Abraham until David's generation, was fourteen, and from David until the captivity of Babylon, fourteen generations, and from the captivity of Babylon until the Messiah, fourteen generations. 18 The birth of Jesus the Messiah happened accordingly: when his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, while still not having been joined together, she was found pregnant from the Holy Spirit. 19 And Joseph, this husband of hers, was righteous and did not want to publicize it, but wanted to hide it and to leave. 20 While he had this intent, the angel of the Father appeared to him in a dream and said to him, "Son of David, you should not fear to take Mary your wife, for she is pregnant from the Holy Spirit. 21 She bears this son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for he saves the people from sins." 22 This was according to what was said by the prophet: 23 "Lo, the maiden is pregnant and bears a son, and you shall call his name 'Immanuel," which is translated, 'Our God is with us.'" 24 And when he arose from sleep, he did as the angel of the Father instructed him, and he took his wife. 25 And he did not know her until she bore her firstborn son, and he called His name Jesus

Chapter 2

1 When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judah in the days of Horod the king, magicians from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 and they said, "Now the King of the Jehudites is born," and having seen a star of the east, they came to bow down to him. 3 Horod the king heard this and was shaken, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And he gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people, and he asked them: "Where is the Messiah born?" 5 They said, "In Bethlehem of Judah, as accordingly written by the prophet: 6 'And you, Bethlehem of Judah, were not little among the thousands of Judah; from you to me shall go out a king and approved one, for my people Israel'" 7 And now Horod called the magicians and sages and learned from them at which time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said to them, "Go secretly on

account of the boy who is born, and when you have found him, come, and you shall report to me, and even I will go and bow down to him." 9 When they heard from the king, they went, and this star that they saw in the east went before them, until they came, and it stood in the place where the boy was. 10 When they saw the stars, they rejoiced with a great and happy rejoicing. 11 And they entered into the house and saw the boy with His mother Mary, and they bowed down to Him and opened their treasures, and offered to Him an offering of gold and myrrh and frankincense. 12 And it appeared to them in a dream that they must not return to Horod, and they went by another way to their region. 13 When they went, one appeared in a dream of the Father to Joseph and said, "Rise, take the boy and his mother and escape to

Mitzrayim (Egypt), and there you shall remain until I tell you, for Horod wants to kill the boy." 14 Then Joseph arose and took the boy and his mother at night and escaped to Mitzrayim. 15 And he remained there until Horod died to fulfill what was spoken by God to the prophet who said, "And from Mary I have called my son." 16 And now, when Horod saw that he was despised by the magicians, he even schemed much, and ordered to kill all the boys of Bethlehem and in all its border, from two years and under, according to when it was made known to him by the magicians. 17 And now was established what was spoken by means of Jeremiah the prophet, who said: 18 "A voice in Ramah was heard, there shall be weeping (and)

wailings: Rachel weeping over her children, refusing to be comforted, for they are not." 19 When Horod the king died, an angel of the Father appeared in a dream to Joseph in Mary and said to him: 20 "Rise, take the boy and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those seeking the life of the boy have died." 21 And Joseph arose and took the boy and His mother and came to the land of Israel. 22 When he heard that Archeleos was king in Judea instead of Horod his father, he feared to go there. But it was shown to him in a dream to go to the region of Galilee. 23 And he came and dwelt in the city called Nazareth, so that there would be established what was spoken by the prophet, "Who shall be called the Nazarene?"

Chapter 3

1 On that day John the Baptist came, and he was preaching in the ruins of the Jehudites and saying: 2 "Repent, the kingdom of heaven has come near." 3 Lo, this is the one announced by means of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD, make straight through the desert.'" 4 This John had clothing made of camel hair and a leather belt strap around his waist, and his food was locusts and honey of the forest. 5 And now there went out Jerusalem and all the Jehudites, and all the region surrounding the Jordan. 6 They were baptized from the river Jordan, and they were confessing their sin. 7 When they saw this, many from the Pharisees and from the Sadducees came to John. He said to them, "I have revealed to you all who are children of snakes. You swear (take an oath) to escape from the trouble; have you acted according to the will of the righteous, consuming this good fruit? 8 You said it was good, but you corrupted it. 9 And you should not think and say among yourselves, 'Abraham is our father; he is within us.' I say to all of you who are able to see: God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. 10 Every tree that

does not produce good fruits will be cut down and given over to the fire. 11 I am the one purifying you with water voluntarily, I am not the one who saves, but there is One stronger than me who is coming after me. He is the one who purifies, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. And He shall purify you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 12 He has the winnowing fork in His hand to gather His wheat into His storehouse, but the chaff (husks/debris) he will remove with a fire that will be extinguished." 13 And in that hour Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan before John to purify Him. 14 But John refused Him and said, "I need to be purified by you, and you have come to me?" 15 And Jesus responded and answered and said to him, "**it is time, now is the time for us to establish all righteousness,**" and he allowed Him in that hour. 16 When this Jesus was baptized, quickly He emerged from the water, and the gate of the heavens was opened to Him, and He saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove, and it came over Him. 17 And He heard one inner voice from heaven that said, "This is my beloved Son, even in whom I desired."

Chapter 4

1 Then Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, lo, that Satan would tempt him. 2 And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and he became hungry. 3 Then Satan approached him and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell the stones to become bread." 4 And He responded

and said, "**It is written, 'Not on bread alone shall the man live, but by everything proceeding from the mouth of the God shall he live.'**" 5 And then Satan took him and brought Him to the holy city and placed Him on the rooftop of the house of the sanctuary and said to Him: 6 "If you are the Son of

God, throw yourself down to the earth below: for it is written, 'He will command his angels over you, on their hands they will carry you, in case you strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "But again, it is written, 'You shall not tempt the lord your god.'" 8 And again Satan took Him and lifted him up to a very high mountain, and he showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him: 9 "All of this I will give you if you will prostrate and bow down to me." 10 And then He said to him, Jesus to Satan, "Get behind me (follow me): it is written, 'The Lord your God you shall respect, and him you shall serve.'" 11 Then Satan left, and lo, angels approached and were ministering to Him. 12 And when Jesus heard that John was arrested in the house of prisoners, he returned to Galilee. 13 And he left Nazareth and came and dwelt in Capernaum beside the sea that is in the borders of Zebulon and Naphtali, 14 so as to establish the saying of the prophet by means of Isaiah, who says: 15 "Land of Zebulon and land of Naphtali, the way of the sea across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles: 16 The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, and those sitting in a region of shadow and death, a great light has shone for them." 17 Then He began to preach, saying,

"Repent, for near to us it is the kingdom of heaven." 18 And while Jesus was walking on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, named Peter, and Andrew his brother casting nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19 And He said to them, "Follow me. I will make you fishers of men." 20 And they abandoned the net and followed him. 21 And when he passed from there, there came two brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, even preparing the net; and He called them. 22 They quickly abandoned the ship and their father and followed Him. 23 And Jesus went around among all the Galileans, even teaching their assemblies and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing all their sick and every sickness the people had. 24 And his report was heard throughout all Syria, and there approached Him everyone who had maladies and illness, who had sickness and pains, and even the demon possessed, and the deranged, and those who were paralyzed, and impeded speech, and wasted; and He healed them. 25 There followed Him many companies from Galilee, and from the ten cities, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from across the Jordan.

Chapter 5

1 When Jesus saw a great number of people, He climbed a mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples (students) came before Him. 2 And He opened His mouth and taught them and said: 3 "Blessed are the poor, even on their account shall be the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are the mourners, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the world. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. 7 Blessed are those who love and have compassion, I have love and compassion. 8 Blessed are those of a pure heart, they will see God. 9 Blessed are they makers of peace, even they will be called the children of God. 10 Blessed are those on the account of suffering in righteousness, for they will inherit the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and speak against you with unrighteous words because of My glory.

12 Rejoice and be you glad, for your reward is great in heaven; for so many prophets have been persecuted because of me. 13 You are the salt of the earth, and if the salt is put in a bag it is ruined, and they throw it onto the earth, and then it becomes useless and people trample on it. 14 You are the light of the world, for it is impossible to hide in a high city built on a great mountain. 15 And they do not light a lamp and put it under a curtain, but they light a lampstand so that it may shine for all the children of the house. 16 So you should shine radiantly before the eyes of every person with good works, even praising their Father in heaven. 17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the words of a prophet, but to establish. 18 Even though the heavens and earth will be destroyed, not even one letter or point will be destroyed from the law; rather it will be established. 19 Everyone who will abolish one of

these points in the commandments that is in the law, and teach so to others, will be called little in the kingdom of heaven; and everyone who establishes them, and will teach others to do, will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ I tell you that they will not increase in the decision more than is in a scroll or scribes, and by this you will have earned your ascension to heaven. ²¹ You have heard it said before, 'You shall not kill,' and 'anyone who kills is unrighteous by the heavens.' ²² I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother and mocks him is unrighteous before the heavens, and everyone who says to his brother, 'Worthless' or 'Evil' is unrighteous by the heavens, and anyone that says, 'lunatic (mental case)' to his friend goes down to Gehinnom (Gehinnom: death by fire = the eternal grave). ²³ When you offer your offering, having there remembered that your brother holds against you a matter of offense, ²⁴ even leave your offering on the altar, and go, reconcile with your brother, and after that you should offer your offering. ²⁵ You should desire to reconcile with your adversary while you are with him on the way, in case your adversary delivers you to the judge, and the judge delivers you to the officer, and you fall into the prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not be able to go out from there until you give even the last penny. ²⁷ You have heard what was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ I tell you, everyone who looks at a woman and lusts after her has committed adultery in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to fail, pluck it out and throw it away from you, it is better for you to lose one member from your body, and not lose your whole body to Gehinnom. ³⁰ And if your right hand fails you, cut it off and throw it away: even it is better for you that one member be lost from you, and not lose your whole body to Gehinnom. ³¹ It has been said, 'if anyone divorces his wife should give her a document of divorce.' ³² I tell you, everyone who expels his wife, unless she commits adultery, is the

reason for her adultery, and even anyone who takes the divorcee commits adultery. ³³ Again, you have heard that those before said, 'You shall not falsify an oath, and you shall fulfill it to the owner of your oath.' ³⁴ I tell you, you should not swear by the heavens, because they are the seat of God, ³⁵ and not by earth, because it is the footstool of His feet, and not by Jerusalem, because it is the land of the king of the world (Satan): ³⁶ you should not swear by your head, for you are unable to make one hair either white or black. ³⁷ But let your words be concerning 'Yes, yes,' and concerning 'No, no:' and if it passes beyond this, it is unrighteous. ³⁸ You have heard it said, 'Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth (getting even).' ³⁹ I tell you, you should not rise up to do unrighteousness, but if anyone strikes against one's right cheek should also show him the left. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to make a lawsuit against you to take away your shirt, leave for him even your coat. ⁴¹ If anyone wants you to walk a mile, walk with him two miles. ⁴² If anyone asks a question, you should give him an answer, and if anyone borrows from you, do not refuse him. ⁴³ You have heard it said, 'And you should love your neighbor and hate your enemies.' ⁴⁴ I tell you: love your enemies, and bless anyone who curses you, and do good to those cursing you, and pray for those who do unrighteously against you and persecute you; ⁴⁵ and by this you may become children of your Father in heaven, who created the sun over the good and over the unrighteous, and even brings down rain on both good and the evil, and the righteous and unrighteous. ⁴⁶ And if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? This is how business men act. ⁴⁷ And even if you would ask in peace of your brothers only, what good is there in you? Even the business men act so. ⁴⁸ You should be shalom (perfect & peaceful), as your Father in heaven is shalom (perfect & peaceful).

Chapter 6

¹ "You should see when you give charity that you do not give it in the presence of people, for if they see, there will be no reward for you from your Father in heaven. ² When you are doing charity (righteousness), you should not announce it in the

streets and in the markets so that you may be praised by the people, or you will lose your reward. ³ But when you do charity, it should be done in privacy: do not let even the left-hand know the right-hand is doing, ⁴ and your charity will be in

privacy, and God who sees you in privacy shall reward you openly. ⁵ And when you pray, your prayer should not be casual like those who are accustomed to standing and praying in the markets and streets before the eyes of the people, or you will lose your reward. ⁶ But when you pray, enter your house, and close your door, and pray to your God who is unseen, and the One who sees you in private shall reward openly. ⁷ And if you are praying, you should not speak like the unbelievers who talk a lot in order to be heard. ⁸ You should not be like them, for your Father in heaven answers you before you ask Him. ⁹ But pray like this to your Father, and His Name shall be sanctified: ¹⁰ "May your kingdom be true and certain and approved, beneath heaven and even on earth. ¹¹ Give us daily nutrition from your food. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ We have come into a trail, bring us out, and save us from all unrighteousness. For it is your kingdom, and your power, and your glory, forever and ever." ¹⁴ If you forgive others, even the Father will forgive you of your wrongs. ¹⁵ But if you will not forgive others, the Father will not forgive you of your wrongs. ¹⁶ When you are afflicted, do not exhibit yourselves as hungry and change your faces in front of people to appear afflicted, and lose your reward. ¹⁷ When you are fasting, wash your face and your head, ¹⁸ so that others may not see that you are fasting, but your Father who is unseen and who sees you in privacy shall repay you. ¹⁹ You should not store for yourselves treasure on earth, in a place worms consume and destroy, and even thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store your treasures in heaven, where there are no worms to consume, and a place that thieves do not break in and do not steal. ²¹ For

the place where your treasure is, there will be your heart's desires. ²² The light of your body is the eye: and if your eye is righteous, all your body will be light. ²³ If your eye is unrighteous, all your body will be dark: so if the light that is in you is dark, everything will be dark. ²⁴ No one can serve two lords, for he will hate one and love the other, or he will honor one and disrespect the other; you are not able to serve both God and Mammon. ²⁵ And wherefore, I tell you not to worry yourselves, saying, 'What will I eat and what will I drink?' nor for your body likewise what you will wear: but is not the soul greater than Mammon (god of wealth) and your body than clothing? ²⁶ You should look at the birds in the sky: they neither sow, nor harvest, nor bring into a storehouse, and the Father provides for them. Aren't you greater than them? ²⁷ Who among you by worrying can add onto his height one cubit? ²⁸ And if you are worrying about clothing, you should look at the flowers of the wilderness, how they grow, and they don't worry nor spin. ²⁹ I tell you, even Solomon the king in all his glory was not clothed like one of them. ³⁰ If this grain of the field, which today exists and tomorrow falls into the furnace, God accordingly clothes, should not the same be for you, who are little of faith? ³¹ You should not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'With what will we be clothed?' ³² All this the peoples of the lands seek, but your Father in heaven knows you, and He knows you need all this. ³³ You should seek the God of heaven, and His righteousness, and then all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ You should not be worried about tomorrow, because tomorrow will have its own worries, the challenges of today are enough for a person.

Chapter 7

¹ "You should not judge, and you will not be judged. ² The same as you judge your friend, it will be judged (decided) to you; and with the measurement that you measure, it will be measured to you. ³ You see the fleck in the eye of your friend, the beam in between your eyes you do not see? ⁴ How can you tell your brother, 'Take the fleck from between your tooth,' and here the beam is still between your eyes? ⁵ Unbeliever, You should first remove the beam from between your eyes,

and after that you can remove the fleck between the eyes of your brother. ⁶ Do not throw something holy before the dogs, and you should not throw pearls before swine, in case they trample them with their feet and turn to start hurting you. ⁷ Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find it, and knock on the entrance and it will be opened for you. ⁸ And everyone who asks receives, and everyone who seeks finds, and to everyone who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Who is the man among

you whose son would ask of him bread, and he would give a stone? ¹⁰ And if he asks for a fish, would he give to him a snake? ¹¹ And if even those who are unrighteous know to give good gifts to your children, how much more will He give good gifts to your children, Your Father will give even better gifts. ¹² Just as you have done His will, so your Father will do your will, because He has appointed the Prophet to His will. ¹³ Enter through a narrow gate, for the door is open and the way is broad and the place wide, and many are those who walk that way. ¹⁴ The gate is small and the road is narrow, which leads to life, and few are those who find it. ¹⁵ Beware of false prophets who come to you in clothes of wool outside, and privately are full of schemes. ¹⁶ By their fruits you may know them: for do they pick grapes from thorns, and figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Accordingly there is a good tree and its fruits are good: and the bad tree has bad fruits. ¹⁸ There cannot be found a good tree having bad fruits, nor a bad tree having good fruits. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not produce good fruit, they themselves cut down and cast into the fire. ²⁰ And

by their fruit you may know them. ²¹ Not everyone who says to me, 'My Lord, my Lord,' will ascend to the heavens, but anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven. ²² Many will say on the day: 'My Lord, my Lord, but did not we prophesy by your name, and by your name exorcize demons, and by your name multiply marvelous things?' ²³ For then I will confess to them by oath, saying, 'I never knew you; and I will let you go, workers of iniquity.' ²⁴ Everyone who hears these words from me, and does accordingly, is like a wise man that built his house on the rocks. ²⁵ And rain descended, and rivers came, and wind blew to demolish that house, and it did not fall, because its foundation was set on the rocks. ²⁶ And everyone who hears, and does not do these things, is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ And rain descended, and a river came, and wind blew, and caused ruin, and the house fell, and it was a great fall." ²⁸ When the words of Jesus were completed, all the people were amazed over these teachings. ²⁹ For He taught them with gentleness, and not like the scribes and sages.

Chapter 8

¹ When he descended from the mountain, a great amount of people surrounded him. ² And there came one leper, who came and bowed down to Him, and said: "My Lord, if you will, you are able to purify me." ³ And He extended his hand and said: "I want you to be purified." And in that hour, he was purified. ⁴ And Jesus said to him, "See that you do not tell any person, but go before the priest and offer your offering according to the commandment of Moses in the law." ⁵ After this, Jesus entered into Capernaum and one prince approached Him and requested of Him and said: ⁶ "My Lord, my boy has fallen in my house and was made deranged and approaches death." ⁷ Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸ The man responded to Him and said, "My Teacher, I do not want you to come into my house, but it is enough to say one word and the boy will be healed. ⁹ I have money from the kingdom, and in the shadow of my house there are people, and if I say to them, 'Go away,' they go, and to one I say, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant I say, 'Do accordingly,' and he does." ¹⁰ When Jesus heard,

he was amazed and said to those with him, "Truly, I tell you that even among the children of Israel, there is not such faith as this. ¹¹ Again, I tell you that many have come from the east and from the west to sit down at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² The children of this kingdom will go out into the darkness outside, and there they will be sorrowful and anguished." ¹³ And Jesus said to the man, "Go you: just as you believe, so will it be for you." And in that hour the child was healed. ¹⁴ And afterward, Jesus came to the house of Simon who is called Peter, and he saw his mother-in-law laid out and seized with a fever. ¹⁵ And He grasped her hand and the fever went from her, and she arose and began ministering to them. ¹⁶ When it was night, they brought to Him people possessed by demons, and He exorcized them with a whisper, and all those who had something bad He was likewise healing, ¹⁷ so as to establish the saying of the prophet Isaiah: "And He took away our pains and our sicknesses." ¹⁸ When Jesus saw that many people assembled themselves around Him, He

instructed them to go to the other side. 19 And one scribe approached Him and said to Him, "Teacher, wherever you go I will follow you." 20 Jesus said to him, "**The foxes have holes, and the birds of heaven have nests, but this Son of man has nowhere that he may lay his head.**" 21 One of His disciples said to Him: "My Lord, give me leave to go and bury my father first." 22 In that hour Jesus said to him, "**You should follow me and leave the dead, and the dead will bury him.**" 23 And when Jesus entered into a ship, His disciples entered with Him. 24 And lo, a storm stirred up the sea until the ship was going to sink from the waves of the sea, and Jesus was asleep. 25 And His disciples approached and woke Him, and said, "Our Lord, we are being destroyed!" 26 Jesus said to them, "**Why are you afraid, are you little in faith?**" Then He arose and reposed the wind and the sea, and quieted the storm. 27 The people were amazed and said, "Who is this, for the wind and the sea listen to Him?" 28 And after Jesus came to cross

over to that side, sorcerers (demon possessed people) met Him, who were coming out from among the tombs, so evil that it was not possible for any people to pass by that way. 29 And they shouted and said, "What do we have to do with you, Jesus, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" 30 And at a place far off from them was a herd of many pigs and their herders. 31 And those demons implored Him and said, "If you exorcize us from this place, let us go with the pigs." 32 And Jesus said to them, "**Go you.**" And after they departed, they went with the pigs, and the herders ran to encircle them, but they fell into the sea and died in the water. 33 Those of the herders who escaped went to the city and reported all that happened, and the matter of the demons (fallen angels). 34 And all the children of the city went out to meet Jesus, and when they saw Him, they requested of Him that He would turn away from their border.

Chapter 9

1 And He entered into a ship and passed over to its other side, and came to a city, and they brought Him to a deranged person lying in a bed. 2 And Jesus saw their faith, for they believed in Him, and He said to the person in bed who was paralyzed, "**Be healed, my son, your sins are forgiven.**" 3 Some people there were thinking in their heart: "He blasphemes." 4 Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "**Why are you thinking unrighteously in your heart?** 5 **Which is better to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven you,' or to say, 'Stand up, walk'?** 6 **And that you may know that the Son of man has been given freedom on earth to forgive sins,**" and He said to the sick one, "**Stand up, take your bed and go to your house.**" 7 And he stood up and went to his house. 8 When the crowd saw this, they were amazed and praised God who gave such power to a human being. 9 And when Jesus went from there, He saw one man at the tax office, and his name was Matthew; He said to him, "**Follow me.**" And he arose and followed Him. 10 And when Jesus was sitting at the table with His disciples in His house, people from the tax office came, and many sinners with them. And they sat down at the table with Jesus and His disciples. 11

When the Pharisees saw, they said to His disciples: "Why does your Teacher eat with evil people and sinners?" 12 Jesus, when He heard this, said to them, "**The healthy do not need healing, but those who are sick.** 13 **Learn from me, I want their will and not sacrifices and offerings. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.**" 14 After this, the disciples of John would draw near to Him, and they said, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples are not mourning?" 15 Jesus said to them: "**There are no men who in rejoicing with the groom and are sad (mourning), as the groom is with them. But when the groom goes, then they are sad.** 16 **There is no one who lays a new patch on old clothing, because the new patch tears more off the old clothes.** 17 **And no one puts new wine into old skins, so that the skin does not break, and the wine spills out. Rather they put new wine into a new skin, and by this the two of them are preserved.**" 18 And He was still speaking with them, and lo, an important man came and bowed down to Him, and said, "Lo, my daughter is dying: you should come and lay your hand on her and she will live." 19 And Jesus arose, and His disciples, and they followed Him. 20 And lo, a woman who had blood running

from her for twelve years, when she followed Him, she touched His clothes. 21 She thought in her heart, "If only I could grasp his clothes, I would be healed." 22 This Jesus turned and saw and said to her, "My Daughter, may it be your will, as your faith has brought you here." And the woman was healed in that hour. 23 And Jesus came to the house of that important man and saw them wailing with a band of lamentators. 24 And He said to them, "Get away from the girl, for she has not died, but she sleeps." And they laughed at Him. 25 And when He entered with them, He grasped both hands of her, and the daughter arose. 26 And the report proceeded all throughout that land. 27 And when Jesus came from there, two blind-men chased after Him, shouting and saying, "Have compassion, Son of David!" 28 And when Jesus came from there to a house, those blind-men approached Him. He said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said, "Yes, my Lord." 29 In that hour He touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith, so will it be to

1 And He called His twelve disciples and gave them power over all evil spirits, that they would be able to exorcize them, and taught them to heal every disease and sickness. 2 These are the names of His twelve disciples who came: the first, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, 3 and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Thomas, Matthew the preacher, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus who is called Thaddaeus, 4 and Simon the Canaanite, Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him. 5 Jesus sent out these twelve and spoke and instructed them: "You should not go in the way of the unbelievers, and you should not enter the cities of the Samaritans. 6 Go you first to the sheep lost from the house of Israel. 7 And in the hour that you go, you should proclaim and say, 'The time of the kingdom of heaven has arrived.' 8 Heal the sick and the lepers, cleanse the unclean and raise the dead, freely you have received compassion; freely give compassion. 9 You should not obtain gold and silver, nor copper to put in your wallet, 10 nor make a sack for bread for the road, nor take two shirts, nor sandals, nor a staff, so

you." 30 And in that hour their eyes were opened, and then Jesus asked them: "Do not report it to anyone." 31 After this they went out and announced His goodness all throughout that land. 32 When Jesus went out from there, they brought to Him one who couldn't speak and had a demon. 33 And when He exorcized the demon from him, this person could now speak, and then all the people believed and said: "Never has there been found such as this in Israel." 34 And the Pharisees were saying, "Anyone who is first possessed by a demon, exorcizes the demon." 35 And Jesus was returning through all the cities and villages and teaching in all assemblies, and preaching by the design of heaven, and healing every disease and every sickness. 36 When He then saw all the people of the land, He had compassion for them, for they were tired and sitting like sheep without a shepherd. 37 And He said to His disciples, "The harvest is great, and the workers few. 38 You should pray to the owner of the harvest that He will send out workers to His harvest."

Chapter 10

that they will not say against you, "Your faith is fake." 11 In whichever city or village that you enter, ask who is faithful, and stay there until you go out from there. 12 And as you enter the house, ask for peace. 13 If the man of the house is peaceful (a man of peace), let your peace rest on the house. The house that seeks your peace will receive it first. 14 But if they will not receive your peace, bring it back to you, and if they neither receive nor listen to your words, when you go out from the house or from the city, you should shake off the dirt from your feet. 15 In truth, I tell you, like Sodom and Gomorrah it shall be accounted for them on the Day of Decision, more than for those children of the city. 16 Lo, I send you out like sheep among wolves: therefore, you should be wise like snakes and harmless like baby doves. 17 Beware of human beings, for they appear as lovable so as to betray you to their Judgment House and by name curse you. 18 And before the prince and the king they will lead you for my sake, to establish our testimony and the testimony of the people. 19 In the hour that they betray you, you should not think about what you will respond or what will contend against

them, because in that hour you will find what you should say. ²⁰ For it is not you who speaks, but the Spirit of your Father is the one speaking in you. ²¹ And a brother will hand over to the judge his brother for death, and a father his son, and the children will rise up against their parents and put them to death. ²² And you will be despised by all human beings because of My Name; yet that person who waits to the end of the matter will be saved. ²³ But when they persecute you in one city, flee you into another city; I tell you the truth, you will not reach all the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes. ²⁴ There is no student more informed than his teacher, and no servant than his lord. ²⁵ It is enough for a disciple to be like his teacher, and a servant like his lord: and if they have called the owner of the house Ba'al Zebub (Satan), how much more to the children of the house? ²⁶ Therefore, do not be afraid of them about anything hidden: there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ And what I tell you in the private, you should speak openly, and what you hear in your ears, preach on the rooftops. ²⁸ And you should not be afraid of those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul: and do not fear him who can destroy both soul and body in Gehinnom (Satan). ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for one penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰ For even the

hair of your head is numbered one by one. ³¹ You should not be very fearful, for you are greater than the birds. ³² Everyone who confesses me before human beings, I will confess to him my Father in heaven. ³³ Everyone who will deny me before human beings, I will deny him before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ I come to bring grace, not peace on earth: Indeed, I came to bring grace, not a sword. ³⁵ Truth will bring division between a father and his son, and between a daughter and her mother, and between a daughter-in-law and her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And the enemies of a man are the people of his house.' ³⁷ Everyone who desires his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and everyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And everyone who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Anyone who loves his life more than me will lose it: and anyone who struggles in his life because of me, I will find him. ⁴⁰ If anyone receives you, they receive me: and if anyone receives me, they receive the One who sent me. ⁴¹ If anyone receives a prophet in the name of a prophet, takes the reward of the prophet: and if anyone receives the righteous in the name of the righteous, takes the reward of the righteous. ⁴² And everyone who gives drink to one of these little ones, a cup of cold water, in the name of the disciples: truly, I tell you that he will not lose his reward."

Chapter 11

¹ And it was after Jesus finished instructing His twelve disciples, He changed His location from there to teach and to preach in their cities. ² When John heard in the house of prisoners about the works of the Messiah, he sent his disciples and they said to Jesus: ³ "Either you are the one who we wait for, or we hope for another, and for him we wait?" ⁴ Jesus said, "Go, and you shall tell John such as you heard that you would see. ⁵ The blind see and the cripple walks, and the leper is healed, and the dead rise, and the poor are enriched. ⁶ Fortunate is the person who does not stumble because of me." ⁷ When they went, Jesus began to speak to the assembly because of John: "Why did you go out into the desert to see crushed reeds that are shaken by the wind? ⁸ And what did you go out to see? One clothed in soft clothes like this,

averagely clothed? But you may see this even in a house of royalty. ⁹ Again, did you go out to see a prophet? Truly, I tell you that he is more than a prophet. ¹⁰ Here this is he that it is written about, 'Lo, I send an angel before you to prepare the way before you.' ¹¹ Truly I tell you: there has not risen among human beings a teacher better than John the baptist: and the littlest in heaven is greater than him. ¹² From the birth of John the baptist and until now, the kingdom of heaven suffers from violence, and violent ones seize it. ¹³ For every prophet and the law prophesied until the time of John. ¹⁴ And if you wish to accept it, John the baptist is Elijah who was to come. ¹⁵ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear. ¹⁶ To whom shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market and calling out to their friends. ¹⁷ And

they say, 'We sing for you and you do not dance. And we want to make you sad and you do not weep.' 18 Because of this, John saw and came neither eating nor drinking, and they said, 'A demon possessed him.' 19 The Son of man came and ate and drank, and he says, 'You should see this man, He is gluttonous, and drunk, and loves rebels and sinners. And the wisdom of His righteousness is by means of works.' 20 Then Jesus began to correct those cities in which did many mighty things, and they did not turn in repentance. 21 And He said, "Woe to you, Chorazin, and woe to you, Bethsaida. And if in Tyre and Sidon were done marvelous things, they would have wept, and apart from this, they likewise would have repented in sackcloth and ashes. 22 In truth, I tell you, for Tyre and Sidon they will be not be raised on the Day of Decision. 23 And you, Capernaum, 'will you be lifted to heaven?' No, you will go to the grave. For

Chapter 12

1 At that time Jesus was walking on Sabbath between the crops, and His disciples were hungry and began plucking ears of grain and eating. 2 The Pharisees, when they saw this, said to him, "Lo, your disciples are doing something that's prohibited on sabbath." 3 Then He responded to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and the men who were with him? 4 How he entered into the house of God and how he ate the showbread, which was neither right for him to eat, nor for the men with him, except for the priests alone? 5 And also have you not read in the law that the priests in the temple annul sabbath and they do not fear or sin by this? 6 I tell you that One greater than the temple is here. 7 You must know my Father who is in heaven, He does not want sacrifices and offerings, those who come to Him must do so without fear,' 8 The Lord of the sabbath is the Son of man." 9 And Jesus departed from there and came into the midst of their congregation. 10 And one man was there whose one hand was withered, and they asked him, even saying: "Is He able to heal on sabbath?" so that He would be accused by its means. 11 This One responded and said, "Who among you is a man with a sheep that, having fallen into a pit on a sabbath day would you not pull it out? 12 How

if in Sodom they had seen such marvelous things as were among them, even they would have stood as before.' 24 In truth, I tell you, for Sodom they will not be raised on the Day of Decision." 25 And in that hour Jesus spoke and said: "I thank you, my Father in heaven and earth, for you have covered these things from the wise and intelligent, and likened them to children. 26 If so, my Father, let it be your will before you. 27 Everything is delivered to me by my Father, and no person knows the Son except His Father; also, no person knows the Father except His Son, and it's my Father who the Son wants to reveal. 28 Come with me, all you who hang on and possess a burden, and I shall give you rest. 29 You should carry my yoke on you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and I have a tender heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. 30 For my yoke is easy for you and my burden is light."

much more valuable is a man than a sheep? Therefore, it is permitted to do good on the sabbath." 13 And whispering He said to the man, "Extend your hand." And he extended, and it became well like his other hand. 14 And the Pharisees and the king went out, and they stood against Him to destroy Him. 15 Then Jesus, when He knew this, also followed the crowds and healed all of them. 16 And He warned them not to reveal Him: 17 to establish what was said by means of the prophet Isaiah 18 "Lo, my servant, whom I support, my chosen One who my soul desires. I have put my Spirit on Him, and He will send out righteousness to the people. 19 He will not fight, nor shout, nor cause His voice to be heard outside. 20 A crushed reed He will not break, and a flickering lamp He will not extinguish, until sending out righteousness to truth. 21 And in His Name were people trusting." 22 After this they brought to Him a deranged man, who couldn't speak and was blind, and He healed him, so that the speechless and the blind could speak and see. 23 And all the crowd was amazed, and they said, "Perhaps this is the son of David?" 24 The Pharisees, when they heard, said, "Certainly He does not exorcize demons except in place of Ba'al Zebub, the prince of demons." 25 When he understood their thoughts, He said to them, "Every

kingdom divided against itself will fall apart, and every house and city divided against itself cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan brings accusation against himself and makes division, how can his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I exorcize by Ba'al Zebub the demons, by whom do your sons exorcize him with? And therefore, they will be accused of this against you. ²⁸ And if I exorcize the demons by the power of the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has come near to you. ²⁹ How can a common man enter the house of one man, a strong man, and steal his wealth, without first needing to bind the strongman, and then his house may be robbed? ³⁰ Anyone who is not with me is against me, and if anyone does not assemble with me is surely scattered. ³¹ Wherefore, I tell you, all sins and contemptuous things can be forgiven to human beings, but contempt that is against the Spirit cannot be forgiven. ³² And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of man, it can be forgiven to him, but if anyone speaks against the Holy Spirit, it is not forgiven him, neither in this world nor in the coming world. ³³ Either you shall make the tree good and its fruits good or you shall make the tree bad and its fruits bad: by its fruits you shall know the tree. ³⁴ Children of unbelief, How are you able to speak good and you are unrighteous? From the thoughts of your heart speaks your mouth. ³⁵ A good man from his good thinking sends out good: and an unrighteous man from his unrighteous thinking sends out unrighteousness. ³⁶ I tell you that all unrighteous words that human beings say, by their words they will have decided on the Day of Decision. ³⁷ By your words you will be righteous, and by your words you will be unrighteous." ³⁸ Then people from the scribes and Pharisees

answered: "Our Teacher, we need to see some sign from you." ³⁹ Then He answered and said, "An unrighteous and adulterous generation seeks for signs, but the sign will not be given, except the sign of Jonah the prophet. ⁴⁰ As Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights, so will the Son of man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. ⁴¹ My people will arise with this generation and show them righteousness, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and here is One greater than Jonah. ⁴² The Kingdom of the South will arise in the decision with this generation and will disapprove it, for she came from a faraway land to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and here is One greater than Solomon. ⁴³ When the impure spirit goes out from a human being, it goes to a restful place to rest and does not find it. ⁴⁴ Then it says, 'I should return to my house from where I went out.' And it comes and finds the house empty and turned around and upside down. ⁴⁵ Then they go and take with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they come and dwell in that house, and it is worse for that person than at the beginning: and so will it be for this unrighteous generation." ⁴⁶ When He was saying this, His mother and His brothers came and stood outside and wanted to speak with Him. ⁴⁷ One man said to Him, "Lo, your mother and your brothers stand outside and want to speak with you." ⁴⁸ This One responded to whoever said this, "Who is my mother and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹ And He sent forth His hand toward His disciples and said, "They are my mother, and they are my brothers. ⁵⁰ Everyone who does the will of my Father is my brother, my sisters, and my mother."

Chapter 13

¹ On the day that Jesus went out from His house, He sat on the shore of the sea. ² And many people were assembled before Him. When He went out, He sat in a ship, and all the people stood on the shore of the sea. ³ And He spoke many words with them in analogies and in parables, and said, "The sower went out to sow (plant). ⁴ And when he sowed (planted) seeds, some fell on the road, and the birds came and ate them. ⁵ And one part fell in the hills in a place without much dirt, and in that

hour, it sprouted because there was no dirt for its roots. ⁶ And when the sun dawned on it and it was heated, because it had no root, it withered. ⁷ And one part fell in the place of thorns, and when it grew the thorns strangled it. ⁸ And one part fell on good ground and produced fruits: some gave a hundred, and some sixty, and some thirty. ⁹ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ¹⁰ And His disciples approached Him: "Why do you speak in analogies with them?" ¹¹ Again, He answered and

said, "To you it is given to know of the kingdom of heaven, but to these it is not given. 12 To anyone who has, they will give to him and it will increase further, but if anyone does not have, even what he has they will take away from him. 13 Because of this, I speak with them in analogies, for they see, and do not see, and they hear, and do not hear, and they do not understand: 14 and by them the prophecy of Isaiah is verified, who said, 'Hearing you may hear, and not understand, and seeing you may see, and not know. 15 The heart of these people is fat, and their ears heavy, and their eyes shut, in case they see with their eyes, and with their ears hear, and their heart understands, and if they turn (repent) I will heal them.' 16 But blessed are your eyes, for your eyes see and your ears hear. 17 In truth, I tell you that many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear. 18 You should understand the analogy of the sower. 19 Everyone who hears the Word of the kingdom and does not understand it, and had sowed it unwillingly, this is he who sows on the road. 20 That one who sowed on a mountain is one who hears the Word and receives it with joy in that hour. 21 He has no root of himself except for a time: and when there is suffering or some weakness, quickly he stumbles. 22 That which is sown in the place of thorns is anyone who hears the Word, but who thought about it in consideration of the world, and wealth deluded him and strangled the Word, and it did not produce fruit. 23 And anyone who sows on good ground, this is one who hears and understands, and bears fruit, up to a hundred, or to sixty, or to thirty." 24 Another analogy He related to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 And when they were sleeping, his enemies came and sowed a weed among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the herb grew fine and produced fruit, in that hour the weed appeared. 27 And the servants were approaching the lord, and said to him, 'Our Lord, did not you sow good seed in your field? But where did the weed spread out?' 28 The lord said to him, 'My enemies did this.' And his servants said, 'Do you want to quickly get rid of them?' 29

He said to them, 'No, in case when you remove the weed you uproot the wheat likewise. 30 But you should let them grow together until the time of harvest, and in the hour of harvest I will say to the reaper, "Cleanse first the weed, and bind them in bundles for burning, but bring the wheat into my storehouse.'" 31 Another analogy I will share with you: 'The kingdom of heaven is like mustard grains that a man took and sowed in his field. 32 And it is the smallest of all seeds, and it grows more than all herbs and becomes a tree: until the birds of the sky come to huddle in its shade.' 33 Another analogy I will tell you, 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven (bread) that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it leavened all of it.'" 34 All this was in analogies for the crowds, and whatever was without a parable and an analogy He did not speak with them: 35 as it was said by means of the prophet: "I will open my mouth in analogies: I will utter riddles of old." 36 Then Jesus left the crowd and came to a house, and His disciples approached and said, "Interpret for us the matter regarding the weed and the field." 37 Answering, Jesus said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 And the field is the world; the good seed, these are the sons of the Kingdom of God, but the weeds are the sons of Satan. 39 The enemy who sowed them is Satan, the harvest is the end of the world, and the reapers are the angels (both holy angels & fallen angels). 40 The weeds and all the unrighteous will be burned from the fire (Gehinnom), this will be the completion of this world. 41 Fallen angels will do this for the sake of the children of man. 42 And they will let them go into a furnace of fire: and there they will be sorrow and anguish. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the radiance of the sun in the kingdom of their Father. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear. 44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, and when a man found it, he rejoiced and hid it in its place, and from joy he went and sold everything he had and bought this field. 45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant who searches for a good pearl. 46 And when he found one pearl, he went and sold everything he had, and bought it. 47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that fell into the

water and everything fell into it, bringing in many fish. 48 And so he hoisted the nets full of fish onto dryland, and he sat over it to clean, and the good he put into containers, and the bad he let go. 49 So will it be at the end of the world: the angels will go out and separate the unrighteous from among the righteous. 50 And he will let them go into a furnace into the fire: and there they will be sorrow and anguish." 51 Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all this?" And they said to Him, "Yes, our Teacher." 52 He said to them, "Therefore, every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out his treasure and shows what is new and what is old." 53 And it was when Jesus completed these

Chapter 14

1 In that hour Horod the ruler heard the report of Jesus. 2 And he said to his servants, "John the Baptist has risen from the dead, because of this he does these marvelous things." 3 This Horod had arrested John, and bound him, and put him into the house of the prisoners, because of Herodias, the wife of Philip, his brother. 4 And he, John, told him that it is not allowed to take her to be his wife. 5 And he wanted to kill him but considered the displeasure of the multitudes of people, for they considered John the Baptist a prophet. 6 When it was at the feast of the birthday of Horod, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and Horod desired her. 7 Because of this, with an oath he said to her he would give her everything she asked. 8 And she, because of urging by her mother, said, "Give me now on one plate the head of John the Baptist." 9 It was unpleasant to the king, but because of the oath that he made at the table, he commanded to give it to her. 10 And he sent and killed John in the prison. 11 And he brought his head on a plate and gave it to the girl, and she carried it to her mother. 12 And his disciples came and took his body, and buried it, and they came and reported to Jesus. 13 Jesus after hearing it left His place in the ship for a desert place alone, and afterward the congregation walked after Him on dryland from the country. 14 And Jesus went out with the crowd, and He was compassionate over them and healed their pains. 15 When it was evening, His disciples approached Him and said to

analogies, He changed His location from there. 54 And He came to the city and He taught them in their congregation so that they were amazed and said, "From where does He have such wisdom and miracles? 55 Is not this the son of the carpenter of wood? Is not the name of His mother Mary, and his brothers, James, Joses, and Simon, and Judas? 56 And also His sisters, are not they all with us? From where did all this come to Him?" 57 And they were amazed by Him; then Jesus said to them, "There is no prophet without honor, except in His city and in His house." 58 And Jesus went out and did not do many marvelous things because they did not believe in Him.

Him, "This is a desert place and the time of eating has passed. You should dismiss the crowd that they may go to the city and buy themselves food." 16 He said to them, "They do not need to go. You should give them food." 17 They said, "We have nothing here, except five loaves and two fishes." 18 He said to them, "Bring them here to me." 19 And He asked the crowd to sit on the ground, and He took the five loaves and two fishes, and set it before them, and looked into heaven, and blessed, and divided it to His disciples, and His disciples gave it to the crowd. 20 And they all ate and were satisfied, and they took up from the remaining crumbs twelve baskets full. 21 The people who ate were five thousand men, apart from women and children. 22 And quickly He instructed His disciples to climb into the ship to go before Him to the other side of the river, and He sent away the crowds. 23 And when He sent away the crowd, He climbed a mountain by himself to pray. 24 And He was alone, and the ship was far from the land, and the sea was stirred up much by the waves, and the wind was against them. 25 And at the fourth guard of the night, Jesus came to them while walking on the sea. 26 And His disciples saw one walking on the sea, and they were amazed, and said, "It is wonderful," and from fear they shouted. 27 And Jesus said to them, "Strengthen your heart, it is I: you should not fear." 28 And Peter answered and said, "My Teacher, if it is you, instruct me to come to you on the water." 29 And Jesus said to him,

"Come." And Peter descended from the ship and walked on the sea and came to Jesus. 30 And when a harsh wind came, he feared and started to sink, and lifted his voice and shouted, "My Lord, save me!" 31 And in that hour He extended his hand, and said, "Why, one little of faith, were you doubting?" 32 And when they climbed into the ship, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the ship

came and bowed down to Him and said, "In truth, you are the Son of God." 34 And they went down and came to the land of Gennesaret. 35 When the people of that place recognized Him, they sent people out to the city and the area all around it to spread the news, and they brought to Him all those who were sick. 36 And they begged Him that they might bring near a hand to the corners of His clothing, and all who touched were healed.

Chapter 15

1 Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said: 2 "Why do your disciples transgress against the edict of the elders, and not wash hands when they eat bread?" 3 Jesus answered and said, "Why do you transgress against the commandment of God because of your benefit? 4 God said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and 'if anyone curses them surely die.' 5 You, what do you say? 'All who say to their father and mother, 'You have made me an offering because you will be benefited by me.' 6 And they have not honored their father and mother because of your benefit. 7 Unbelievers, well has Isaiah prophesied about you and said: 8 'These people honor me with their mouths and lips, but their heart is far from me. 9 And in vain do they worship Me, teaching doctrines and the commandments of men.'" 10 And He called the crowd and said to them, "You should listen and understand: 11 It is not everything that enters the mouth that defiles a person, but all that goes out from the mouth that defiles a person." 12 Then the disciples approached Him and said to Him, "You should know that the Pharisees who heard this word became offended." 13 And He answered and said to them, "Every plant that My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14 You should leave them: they are the blind leading the blind, and the blind leaders of the blind, and they will both fall into a pit." 15 And Peter answered and said, "My Lord, interpret for us this word." 16 And then He said, "Do you still not understand? 17 Do you not know that everything that enters the mouth goes into the belly, and from there by purification it goes outside the body? 18 And everything that goes out from the mouth goes out from the heart, and that is what defiles a person. 19 From the heart

goes out unrighteous thoughts, and killing, and fornication, theft, adultery, false witness, blasphemy. 20 These are the things that defile a person, but anyone who eats without handwashing is not defiled." 21 And Jesus went out from there and came to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And there came a Canaanite woman from that border, she shouted and wept and said: "Have compassion on me, my Lord, son of David: my daughter is possessed by a demon." 23 He did not respond to any word, and His disciples approached and implored Him, and said, "Leave her, for she is weeping after us." 24 He answered and said to her, "I was not sent except to the sheep lost from the house of Israel." 25 In the hour that she came and wept saying, "My Lord, help me." 26 Jesus said to her, "It does not benefit you to take the bread of the children and give it to the dogs." 27 She responded, "So the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the table of their lords, and they live." 28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, great is your faith: may it be for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour. 29 And He departed from there and came across the southern Sea of Galilee, and He climbed a mountain and sat there. 30 And there approached Him all the crowds, many who had among them cripples, and the blind, and the dumb, and the paralyzed, and many others who fell at the feet of Jesus, and He healed them. 31 How amazed were the crowds who saw a mute person speaking, a paralyzed person healed, and a cripple walking, and the blind seeing: and they praised the God of Israel. 32 And He approached His disciples and said to them, "I have compassion on this crowd, for these three days they have stayed with me and do not have food, and I do not want to send them away hungry, in case they faint

on their way." 33 His disciples said, "From where does bread come to us bread in this desert to satisfy all this crowd?" 34 He said to them, "How much bread do you have?" They said, "Seven loaves, and a few small fish." 35 And He asked the crowd to sit on the ground. 36 And He took the seven loaves and the fish and blessed and broke

them for His disciples, and His disciples gave bread and the fish to the crowd. 37 And they all ate and were satisfied, and there remained of the fragments seven baskets. 38 There were four thousand men that were fed, as well as women and children. 39 And when the crowd left, He climbed into a ship and came to the border of Megiddo.

Chapter 16

1 And the Pharisees and Sadducees approached Jesus to test Him and asked Him to show them a sign from heaven. 2 Then He answered and said to them, In the morning you say, 'There will be stormy weather, because the sky is red.' 4 And in the evening, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you do not know how to interpret the signs of the times. 4 An unrighteous and adulterous generation seeks a sign, but a sign will not be given, except the sign of Jonah the prophet." And He left them and went away. 5 And when He brought His disciples to the other side they forgot to take bread. 6 He said this to them, "Be careful and be beware of the bread of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 7 And they were comforted in their hearts and said, "Why is all this, because we did not take bread?" 8 And Jesus, when He understood, said to them, "Why are you saying among yourselves that it is because you have not taken bread? 9 Little in faith, do you not understand or remember how those five breads fed the five thousand, and how many baskets were left? 10 And even those seven breads for the four thousand, and how many baskets were left? 11 Truly, did you not understand that I did not speak to you about the bread? Rather that you should beware of the bread of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 12 After this they understood that he did not say to be beware of the bread, but of the teachings of the Pharisees and Sadducees. 13 When Jesus came to the land of Caesarea of Philippi, He asked His disciples and said, "What do people say about me?" 14 They responded to Him and said, "Some say You are John the baptist, and some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "What do you say about me, who am I?" 16 Peter responded and

said, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said, "Good for you, Peter son of Jonah, for flesh and blood have not revealed it to you, but it is revealed from my Father in heaven. 18 Even I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my community, and the gates of Gehinnom will not overpower it. 19 To you I will give the keys of heaven, and everything that you prohibit in the world will be prohibited in heaven, and everything that is allowed will be allowed in heaven." 20 After this He instructed His disciples that they should not tell anyone that He was the Messiah. 21 And from that hour Jesus began to tell His disciples that He must go up to Jerusalem and suffer greatly at the hands of the elders, and chief priests, and scribes, and they would kill him, and on the third day he would arise. 22 And Peter spoke and said, "Be it far from you, this will not happen to you, my Teacher." 23 Then He responded and said to Peter, "Get behind me, selfish desires. Already you do not have the words like the children of God, but like human beings." 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Everyone who wants to follow me must separate himself from death and follow me (repentance). 25 For everyone wanting to save their own soul will lose it, and everyone who loses his soul for me, his soul will find rest in me. 26 What benefit is it for a man if he gains the whole world but loses his soul or is deprived of his life? For what can a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 The Son of man will come in the glory of His Father with the holy angels, and then He will deliver each man and woman according to their works. 28 Truly, I tell you that there are people sitting here who will not taste death until they see the Son of man about to enter his kingdom."

Chapter 17

1 After six days, Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and He brought them up alone to a high mountain. 2 And Jesus changed His appearance and His face shined like the sun, and His clothing was white like light. 3 And there was likened to them the faces of Moses and Elijah, who were speaking with Him. 4 Peter answered and said to Jesus, "My Lord, we should stay here and, if it is right in your eyes, we will make three tabernacles: one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 And when he was speaking, there was a bright cloud, and a shadow was over them, and a voice from the cloud went out, "Lo, this is my precious Son, in whom I am pleased, listen to Him." 6 And when the disciples heard, they fell on their faces and were very afraid. 7 And Jesus approached and said to them, "**You should stand up, you should not be afraid.**" 8 And they opened their eyes and did not see any person except for Jesus alone. 9 And when they descended from the mountain, Jesus instructed them and said, "**Keep this vision private about the Son of man until He has risen from the dead.**" 10 And His disciples asked and said to him, "The scribes say that Elijah will come first?" 11 Jesus answered and said to them, "**Elijah will come first to anyone who confesses Him, He will be found.**" 12 I tell you, Elijah came and you did not know him, and they did to him everything that they wanted: so the Son of man is about to suffer by them." 13 And then the disciples understood that He was speaking with them about John the Baptist. 14 And when they came into a house of their congregation, one man approached Him, and got on his knees, and said to Him: 15 "My Lord, have compassion on my son, who has become greatly deranged, for many times

he falls into water and many times into the fire. 16 And I brought him to your disciples, and they were not able to heal him." 17 Jesus answered and said, "**I tell you truly, you do not have faith until he dies and you see signs. When will you have faith? And when will you learn from me? Bring him here.**" 18 And Jesus exorcized and corrected him, and the child was healed in that hour. 19 In that hour His disciples drew near to Jesus and said to Him, "Why were we not able to heal him?" 20 Jesus said to them, "**Because Of your lack of faith. Truly, I tell you that if your faith is like a mere mustard, you could even tell the mountain to move from its place, and it would be moved, nothing will be impossible for you.**" 21 But, this kind is not exorcized except by prayer and by fasting." 22 When they were going around in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "**The Son of man is about to fall into the hands of men. 23 And they will kill him and on the third day he will arise.**" And they were very sad. 24 And when He came to Capernaum, the tax collectors who takes two pennies for one tithe, came before Peter and said to him, "Does your Lord not pay tithe money, His two pennies?" 25 He said to them: "Yes He does." And when he came before Jesus to the house, Jesus said to Him, "**What do you think, Peter? In the kingdom of this earth, from whom do they collect the tax, do they first collect from their children or from strangers?**" 26 Peter said to Him, "From strangers they first collect." Jesus said to him, "**If so, the children are free.**" 27 But so as not to offend them, go to the sea and cast your net into the water, and the fish that comes up first, open its mouth and you will find one penny, and take that and give it for me and for you."

Chapter 18

1 In that hour the disciples approached Jesus, and said, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And Jesus called a boy and stood him among them. 3 And He said, "**Truly, I say that unless you repent and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.**" 4 Anyone who humbles himself like this boy shall be great in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And anyone who receives the boy in My Name receives me: 6 For

their purity and simplicity are greater than their appearance. And woe to those who cause them to stumble or lead them astray, they will be let go from the light forever 7. It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were drowned in the depths of the sea. 8 If your hand or your foot ensnares you, cut it off and throw it away from you, as it is better for you to come to life crippled or left-handed and not with two feet

and two hands to the fire and to Gehinnom. ⁹ And if your eye shall cause you to stumble, you should pluck it out and throw it away: it is better to enter with one eye into life than with two eyes into Gehinnom. ¹⁰ And see that you do not despise even one of the children: I tell you that the angels all the time are seen in the presence of my Father in heaven. ¹¹ For I, the Son of man, shall redeem all the lost. ¹² And by this you can see. If a person had a hundred sheep and one was lost, would they not leave the ninety nine remaining, and search for the one that was lost? ¹³ And if it were found, truly I tell you, there will be more joy over this one lost sheep than the ninety-nine that were not lost. ¹⁴ In the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these children should perish. ¹⁵ If one of your brothers has sinned against you, go reconcile with him, and if he listens you have regained your brother. ¹⁶ And if he will not listen, take two or three witnesses: 'so that in the mouth of two witnesses, or in the mouth of three witnesses, every word may be confirmed.' ¹⁷ And if this one does not listen even to them, you should tell the congregation: and if he does not listen to the congregation let him be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ And truly I tell you, everything that you bound on earth will be bound in heaven: and whatever is opened on earth will be opened in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, I tell you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ And in the place where two or three are gathered together for My Name, there will I be between them." ²¹ Then Peter

approached Him and said, "My Lord, how many times if my brother sins against me should I forgive him? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I did not say seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³ Because, the kingdom of heaven can be compared to one king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ And while taking account, there was one debtor who owed ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And when he was unable to pay, the lord commanded him to sell his wife, and children, and whatever he had entirely, and to pay. ²⁶ The servant fell on his face, bowed down before him and said: 'Be patient with me, and I will repay you everything.' ²⁷ And his lord had compassion on him and released him and even forgave him his debt. ²⁸ This servant then went out and found a man who owed him money, and He seized him, choked him, and said: 'Pay me what you owe.' ²⁹ His fellow servant fell at his feet and begged him: 'Be patient with me, and I will repay you.' ³⁰ But he was not willing to wait; instead, he went and threw him into prison. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply distressed and came and informed their Lord about what happened. ³² The lord called to him and said to him, 'Unrighteous servant, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have compassion over your friend like I had compassion on you?' ³⁴ And his lord gave him over to the jailer (Satan). ³⁵ So also does my Father in heaven do to you, if you do not forgive your brother from a willing heart."

Chapter 19

¹ And it was when Jesus completed these words, He traveled from Galilee and came to the border of Judea across the Jordan. ² And a great crowd followed Him, and He healed them there. ³ And the Pharisees approached Him and were testing Him and saying to Him, "Is it legal for a man to divorce his wife by all pretexts?" ⁴ He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that from the beginning He who created them made them male and female?" ⁵ And He said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ⁶ Therefore, they are no longer two, but one

flesh: Therefore what God has joined together, let no man separate." ⁷ They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" ⁸ And Jesus said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you: anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery, and anyone who marries her who is divorced commits adultery." ¹⁰ His disciples said to Him, "If this is the situation between a man and his wife, it is better not to marry." ¹¹ He said to them, "Not every man

is able to learn this, except whomever it is to be given to. 12 There are people who have faith from the womb of his mother, there are people who have faith by means of man, and there are some who have faith who have acted by their own will in faith for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Someone who is willing to succeed is able to succeed." 13 After this they brought Him children so that He might set His hand on them to bless them, but His disciples were unwilling. 14 Then Jesus said, "Allow the children to come to me and do not forbid them, for they are little but they will be in the kingdom of heaven." 15 And He laid His hand on them and went from there. 16 And a person approached Him and said to Him: "Good Teacher, what good thing should I do so that I may have eternal life?" 17 And He said to him, "Why do you call me good? There is none good except One (God our Father), If you want eternal life, keep His commandments." 18 And He spoke to him. These are the commandments that Jesus said: "You shall not kill, nor commit adultery, nor steal, nor bear false witness against your neighbor, 19 honor your father and your mother and love your neighbor as yourself." 20 He said to Him, "Since I was a child in my childhood, I kept all these. Even so, what am I

lacking?" 21 Jesus said to them, "If you want to be perfect, sell your inheritance and give to the poor, it will be for you there in heaven, and follow me." 22 And when this person heard these words, he went away in sadness, for he had great possessions. 23 Jesus said this to His disciples, "Truly I tell you, it's hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter into the kingdom of heaven." 25 The disciples, when they heard, were much amazed and said with amazement of heart, "Who is able to be saved accordingly for eternal life?" 26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." 27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you: why for us will it not be so?" 28 Jesus said to them, "In truth, I tell you that you who have followed me, in the renewal of the world, will sit on the seat of His glory, you also will sit on twelve seats, and all the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has lost houses, brothers, or sisters, father or mother, wife or children, for the sake of My Name will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Chapter 20

1 "The kingdom of heaven is like a man, the owner of a house, who went outside in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 And he agreed with his workers on one penny per day and sent them to the vineyard. 3 And he went out in three hours and saw people standing in the market and unemployed. 4 And he said to them, 'Go also to the vineyard, and I will give whatever it's worth is to you.' 5 And they went, and he went out again in six hours and in nine hours and did the same. 6 And before eleven hours he went out and found other people standing and unemployed, and he said to them, 'Why are all of you standing unemployed today?' 7 They said to him, 'No one will hire us.' He said to them, 'You should also go to the vineyard, and I will give you what is right.' 8 When it was night, the lord of the vineyard said to his overseer, 'Call for the workers and give them their wage and begin from the last until the first.' 9 And there came those of eleven hours, and they

each were given a penny each. 10 And when those first came, they thought more would be given to them, and they did not take anything except a penny each. 11 And when they took it, they murmured against the owner of the house and said: 12 'These last who did not work but one hour, you made them equal with us, for we did most of the work in the heat of the day.' 13 He responded and said to them, 'My friend, I have not wronged you: did I not make a deal with you for a penny? 14 Take what is yours and go, as I want to give to the last like you. 15 There is no one stopping me from doing what I desire. But I will not be darkened because you have an unrighteous eye and I am a good man.' 16 So the last will be first, and the first last: many are called, and few are chosen." 17 And Jesus passed on to Jerusalem, and He took His twelve disciples with Him and on the way said to them: 18 "Lo, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man will be betrayed and given over to the chief

priests and to the scribes, and He will be judged to death. 19 And they will deliver Him to the people, and smite Him, and curse Him, and crucify Him, and on the third day He will arise." 20 Then there approached Him the mother of the sons of Zebedee, and her sons, and she bowed down to Him, wanting to ask Him a question. 21 She said to Him, "That these two sons of mine will sit, one on your right and one on your left, in the kingdom." 22 Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink? And to be purified with the purification that I am purified with?" They said to Him, "We are able." 23 He said to them, "In truth, you will drink my cup, and with my baptism (purification) you will be baptized (purified), but to sit on my right or on my left it is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been made ready by my Father." 24 When they heard this, those ten became angry at these two brothers. 25 Then Jesus called them and said, "You know that the rulers of the people rule over the people, and their great

rulers exercise authority over them. The leaders rule over the people. 26 But that shall not be among you, but anyone who wants to be great, be a servant to others. 27 And if anyone among you wants to be first, be a servant to others. 28 The Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve others and to give His life as a payment for many." 29 And when Jesus went out from Jericho, even a great crowd followed Him. 30 And lo, two blind-men sat on a ditch beside the road, and when they heard Jesus passing by, they gave a shout and said, "Have compassion on us, our Lord, son of David!" 31 And the crowd was rebuking them to be silent, and they were raising their voice and saying, "Have compassion on us, son of David!" 32 And Jesus stood and called them and said, "What do you want me to do for you?" 33 He said to Him, "Our Lord, that you open our eyes." 34 And He had compassion on them and touched their eyes, and in that hour their eyes were opened, and they followed Him.

Chapter 21

1 When He approached Jerusalem and Bethphage, across from the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples and said to them: 2 "Go into this city that is in front of you, and immediately you will find one donkey tied, and a colt with her: even set loose and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say, 'The Lord wants this,' and he will immediately send them." 4 This is according to what was spoken by the prophet: 5 "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Lo, your King comes, meek, and riding on a donkey and on a foal, the offspring of a colt.'" 6 And His disciples went and did like Jesus asked them. 7 And they brought the donkey and her offspring and set on her offspring their garments, and Jesus rode on it. 8 and the entire crowd that was gathered spread their garments on the road and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the ground. 9 This crowd and the ones going before Him and following behind Him shouted and said, "Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is He who comes In the Name of God! Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when He went up to Jerusalem all the city was stirred, and they said, "Who is this?" 11 This crowd said, "This

is Jesus the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." 12 And Jesus came to the temple of God and brought out from there everyone buying and selling in the temple, and He was given the table of the moneychangers and even the seat of the sellers of doves. 13 And He said to them, "It is written: 'My house shall be a house of prayer; you have made it a cave of the thief (the destroyer/the violent one) (Satan).'" 14 And the blind and cripples approached beside Him, and He healed them. 15 And when the chief priests and the scribes saw this, they were amazed over it, and the children in the temple shouted and said, "Hosanna to the son of David!" The chief priests and the Pharisees were angry at this. 16 And they said to Him, "Have you never heard what they are saying?" Jesus said to them, "In truth have you never read, 'From the mouth of children and nursing infants you have prepared praises'?" 17 And He left them and went outside the city to Bethany, and He lodged there. 18 And in the morning when He returned to the city, He was hungry. 19 And He saw one fig-tree by the road and came to it and did not find anything on it except leaves. And He said to it, "May no fruit

grow from you ever again." And quickly the fig-tree withered. 20 And His disciples saw and were amazed: "How did the fig-tree wither immediately?" 21 Jesus answered and said, "Truly I tell you: if there is in you a faith without doubting, it is possible not only for this fig-tree to wither, but if you say to a mountain, 'Be uprooted and fall into the sea,' everything you say and believe will happen. 22 Everything that you seek in prayer can be found in faith." 23 And when Jesus came to the temple, the priests and the pharisees approached Him, for people were saying, "By what authority do you do this, and who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you a question. If you tell me, I too will tell you by what authority. 25 John the Baptist, where was he from, was he from heaven or earth?" And they thought, 'If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'If so, why did you not believe in him?' 26 And if He says, 'From human beings,' we fear the people," for all consider John the Baptist a prophet. 27 And they answered and said, "We do not know." Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. 28 What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'go work today in the vineyard.' 29 'I will not,' but later regretted it and went to the vineyard. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same, and he answered and said, 'I will go, my father,' and did not go. 31 Which one of these two did the will of their father?" And they said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "In truth, I tell you, that the tax collectors and prostitutes are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God. 32 For John came to make you righteous, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and prostitutes believed him;

And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him. You did not change your minds and believe him. 33 Hear another analogy: There was a landowner, who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, and he dug a winepress on his land, and he leased his land to tenants and went outside the city. 34 When it was time to harvest the fruit, The owner of the vineyard sent his servants to collect his fruits. 35 But the tenants seized his servants and beat them, and stoned some, and killed others. 36 Then he sent even more servants than the first time, 37 and the tenants did the same thing to them. Finally, he said, 'I will send my son; they will honor him.' 38 And when the tenants saw his son, they thought, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and take his inheritance.' 39 And they seized his son outside of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to the tenants?" 41 They said to Him, "He will come and destroy those wicked men, and give the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him the fruits in their seasons." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected, Has become the cornerstone. This stone is from the Lord; it is marvelous in our eyes.' 43 Because of this, You will go out from the kingdom of God, and it will be given to the people producing its fruits. 44 Anyone who falls off this stone, or walks away from this stone, they will fall into the crusher (Satan), Anyone who stands on this stone will rise." 45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees heard these analogies, they knew that He spoke against them. 46 And they wanted to arrest Him, but they were afraid of the crowd, because they held Him like a prophet.

Chapter 22

1 And again Jesus answered in an analogy and said: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who prepared a wedding for his son. 3 And he sent his servants to call the people to the banquet, but they did not want to come. 4 Again, he sent other servants to tell all those who were invited, 'The food has been prepared and the doves and fatlings slaughtered, and Everything is ready, come to the wedding feast.' 5 But they paid no attention and went away, one to his field, and others to their

business and trading. 6 And he sent other servants to gather. But the servants were insulted, abused, and killed. 7 When the king heard about this, he was upset (saddened) and in his words he sent a letter to them, he told them they will be loosed, and how another (king/leader) will burn your cities and kill you. 8 Then he said again to his servants, 'The banquet is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go outside on the highway and invite everyone who you find to the banquet.' 10 The

servants went out to call people to the banquet. They gathered all they found on the road, both bad and good. The wedding hall was filled with guests, both good and bad. 11 The king came in to see the guests, And the king came and saw a man who was not wearing wedding clothes, and the guests saw him. 12 And he asked him, 'My friend, why did you come down to the banquet, but without wearing the right clothing for the banquet?' 13 Then he said to his servants, 'Deny him as he must leave, he is a pawn, let him walk empty handed into the darkness, and there shall be sorrow and anguish.' 14 Many are called, and few are chosen." 15 And the Pharisees went and took counsel in order to trap Him with His words. 16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the house of Horod, and said to Him, "Teacher, we know that you are truthful, and you teach the way of God in truth, and you have not opened your mouth against anyone, For you do not judge by the appearance of anyone." 17 And He asked him, "Tell us, you who are wise in darkness, Is it right to give a tax to Caesar or not?" 18 And Jesus knew their opinion and said, "Why are you testing me? 19 Show me the coin for the tax." They brought Him one penny. 20 And Jesus said to them, "Whose image and signature and inscription is on it?" 21 And they said, "Caesar's." He said to them, "Give what is Caesar's to Caesar and give what is God's to God." 22 And when they heard this they were amazed and left Him. 23 On that day the Sadducees approached Him and said, "About the resurrection of the dead." They asked and even said to Him: 24 "Teacher, Moses told us, 'if one man dies and has no sons, his brother should marry his wife and raise offspring for his brother.' 25 And if there were seven brothers, the first took a wife and died without having sons, and he left his wife to his brother. 26 And so it was before the second, and

also the third, until the seventh. 27 And after everyone, the woman died likewise. 28 In the resurrection of the dead, to whom of the seven will she be the wife? For they all had her (as a wife)." 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, because you do not understand (know) the Scriptures or the power of God. 30 For in the resurrection of the dead, they do not take wives, nor wives husbands, but they are like the angels of the God in the resurrection. 31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying: 32 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living." 33 And when the crowd heard this, they were amazed at His teachings. 34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees they gathered together (as one). 35 One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him: 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "'And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your thoughts.' 38 This commandment is the greatest and first. 39 And the second is like it: 'And love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the Prophet also depends on them." 41 When the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked and said: 42 "What do you say about the Messiah? Whose Son is He?" They said, "The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How then does David, by the Holy Spirit, call him 'Lord'?" 44 'His Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right-hand, my lord, until I place your enemies beneath your feet?"' 45 Then how does David call his Lord this, and how is He his son?" 46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone have the courage to question Him any longer.

Chapter 23

1 Jesus spoke then with the crowd and His disciples, and He said to them, 2 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on the seat of Moses. 3 Therefore, whatever they tell you to do, you should do, but do not do according to their works for they say, but they do not do. 4 They bind heavy burdens, but they themselves will not move them with their

fingers. Not even with one finger will they touch them. 5 And all their works they do to be seen by others, To be admired by men they make their phylacteries (laws) wide and the tassels on their clothes long. 6 They love to have the place of honor at banquets, and the chief seats at feasts and gatherings, 7 and to offer their 'peace' in the

markets and be called 'teacher, teacher.' ⁸ But you should not be called 'teacher': For you have One Teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹ And you should not call any man 'Father' on earth, for One is your Father in heaven. ¹⁰ And you should not be called 'Leader,' for One leads you, the Messiah. ¹¹ And the One who is greatest among you, even He serves you. ¹² And if anyone exalts himself, will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted (raised). ¹³ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees. For you devour widows houses and make long prayers for show: because of this, you will receive greater unrighteousness. ¹⁴ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, unbelievers, who shut the kingdom of heaven before people: you do not allow people to enter the kingdom of heaven, and you yourselves do not enter, nor allow those who are entering to go in. ¹⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees. Pharisees, who circle the sea and the land, To do one thing only in appearance, who make sons of the grave by their deception and by leading them astray. ¹⁶ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, unbelievers. Who says one thing but does another, saying anyone who swears (takes an oath) by the temple has no worry, it's you who swears by the temple, and yet it means nothing. But swear by the gold of the temple, the thing that binds them, ¹⁷ Which is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifies the gold? And anyone who swears by the altar, it means nothing? ¹⁸ But anyone who swears by the offering on it, is restricted? ¹⁹ Unbelievers, which is greater, the offering or the altar that sanctifies the offering? The altar is greater than the gift or the offering, is it not? For it is the altar that sanctifies the offering, is it not? ²⁰ And anyone who swears by the temple, swears by it, doesn't he? ²¹ And by everything that is in it, surely he swears by it as well. ²² Anyone who swears by heaven swears by the seat of God, and by Him who sits upon it. ²³ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, unbelievers. For you tithe money, dill, and cumin, but you have neglected the more important matters of the law: righteousness,

compassion (having love for others), and faithfulness. This you should have done, without neglecting others. ²⁴ They tie up heavy burdens, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves will not move them with their fingers. ²⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, unbelievers: For you clean the outside of the cup, but on the inside you are full of greed and self-indulgence ²⁶ The inside of the cup and the dish you neglect to cleanse. ²⁷ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, unbelievers. Who appear righteous on the outside, You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸ From the outside you appear to people as the righteous, but your inside is filled with extortion and deceit. ²⁹ Woe to you, Pharisees and scribes, unbelievers. You build the tombs of the prophets, And decorate the monuments of the righteous. ³⁰ And you said, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' ³¹ And you are confessors testifying against yourselves that you are the children of those who killed the Prophet. ³² You have learned from the example of your fathers. ³³ How can you escape from your decision of Gehinnom? ³⁴ Because of this, I send prophets, and sages, and scribes. Some of them you kill and crucify, and some of them you beat in your congregations and even persecute them from city to city, ³⁵ but that there will come upon you all the blood that you shed of the righteous on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel and until the blood of Zechariah the son of Berechiah, whom you killed. ³⁶ Truly I say to you, in the temple and at the altar, all this will come upon this generation. ³⁷ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the Prophet and who stones those who are sent to you, how often I want to gather your children as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. ³⁸ Behold, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹ For I tell you, you will not see me again, 'Blessed is He who came in the Name (Character) of the Father.'"

Chapter 24

¹ And Jesus left the temple, and His disciples approached and showed Him the building of the temple. ² He said this to them, "Do you not see all

these things? In truth, I tell you, it will not be much longer until there will not be one stone left here upon another that will not be thrown down." ³ And

when Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives, His disciples approached, and said among themselves, "And should not you tell us when this will be? What will the sign be at your coming and the end of the world?" 4 Jesus answered and said to them, "See that no one deceives you. 5 Because many will come in my Name and say, 'I am the Messiah,' and deceive many. 6 You will hear about wars and rumors of war: but do not fear because this will all happen. For all these things must happen, but the end is not yet 7 For nation (race) will rise against nation (race), and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines, plagues, wind and storms, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginnings of sufferings. 9 Then they will betray you, and kill you, and all the people will hate you because of My Name. 10 Then many will fall away and will betray one another and will hate one another and hand each other over. 11 And many false prophets will arise and deceive many. 12 And because of increasing iniquity, the love of many will become cold. 13 Anyone who lasts until the end of the world will have freedom. 14 And you will preach the gospel in every kingdom of the world, for a testimony to all the people, and then the end will come. 15 When you see this, the 'abomination of desolation' mentioned by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place, let the reader understand. 16 Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. 17 The one on the housetop must not come down to take what is in his house, 18 and the one in the field must not turn back to get his clothes. 19 Woe to those who are pregnant and to those nursing infants in those days. 20 You should pray that your escape may not be in winter and not on a Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, and never will be again. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would survive; but for the sake of the elect, those days will be shortened. 23 If anyone says to you, 'Here is the Messiah,' or 'There,' you should not believe. 24 There will arise then a false Christ and a false prophet, and he will give great signs and wonders, that they may lead astray even the elect. 25 Behold, I have told you all of this in advance. 26 All this they shall tell you:

'This one is in the desert,' you should not go out; or 'He is in the room,' you should not believe. 27 Like the lightning that goes out from the east and is seen unto the west, so will be the coming of the Son of man. 28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. 29 Behold, I have quickly gathered this. Immediately after the distress of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the power of heavens will be shaken. 30 And then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven (the sky), and then all the families of the earth will mourn and see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and much glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great trumpet sound, And He will gather His chosen ones, from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other end of the heavens. 32 Learn the analogy of the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near, so also, when you see all these things, know that it is near, at the doors. 33 So even when you see all this, know that it has arrived at the gate. 34 Truly I tell you: this generation will not pass away until all these things will arrive. 35 The heaven and the earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away. 36 About that day and about that hour, there is no man who knows, not even the angels, but only my Father in heaven. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man. 38 For like they were before the flood eating and drinking, and taking and giving husbands, until the day that Noah went up to the ark, 39 and they did not know until the flood came and carried all of them away, so will be the coming of the Son of man. 40 Then there will be two in the wilderness, one will be taken, and one will be left. 41 Two will be grinding on one mill, one will be taken, and one will be left. 42 They all should be awake, for you do not know in which hour your Lord comes. 43 For know this: if the lord of the house knew when the thief came, he would be awake and not let him break into his house. 44 Because of this, even this, you must be prepared, for you do not know the hour that the Son of man comes. 45 Who is the faithful and wise servant, whose lord established him over the children of his

house to give them their food at due time? ⁴⁶
Blessed is that servant whose Lord will come and
find him doing so. ⁴⁷ Truly, I tell you that He will
give Him authority over everything that He has. ⁴⁸
If this man says and thinks in his heart, 'My lord
delays coming,' he is an unrighteous servant. ⁴⁹

Chapter 25

¹ "Then it will be like ten virgins who took lamps,
going out to meet the groom and the bride. ² Five
of them were smart, and five were fools. ³ And
those fools took lamps and did not take oil with
them. ⁴ The smart took the oil in containers with
the lamps. ⁵ When he was delayed, the virgins
(bridegrooms) all dozed and slept. ⁶ And in the
middle of the night there was a shout, 'The groom
has come. Go out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all the
virgins arose and prepared the lamps. ⁸ The fools
said to the smart, 'Give us from your oil,' because
their lamps were extinguished.' ⁹ The smart
answered and said, 'Why? There is not enough for
us and for you: rather go to the sellers and buy for
yourselves.' ¹⁰ And when they went to buy, the
groom came, and those who were smart entered
with him into the wedding, and they closed the
doors. ¹¹ And at last even the other virgins came
and said, 'My Lord, my Lord, open for us.' ¹² He
answered this and said, 'Truly, I tell you that I do
not know you.' ¹³ Everyone should be awake: you
do not know that day nor its hour. ¹⁴ Like the rich
man who called his servants and gave them his
property. ¹⁵ Some he gave five talents to, and
some two, and some one, each person according
to his strength, and he went away quickly. ¹⁶ This
one who took five talents went, and made a trade
with them, and gained five others. ¹⁷ And so it was,
the one with two also made a trade with them, and
he gained two others. ¹⁸ This one who took one
went and dug in the earth and buried the silver of
his lord. ¹⁹ After a great time, the lord of those
servants came and took from them an account. ²⁰
And the one who took five talents approached and
brought forth five others and said, 'My Lord, five
talents you gave me, and this is five others I have
gained over them.' ²¹ And his lord said to him,
'Good, good and faithful servant. Over a little
matter you were faithful, and over much will I
establish you. Enter the joy of your lord.' ²² And

and if he begins to eat the dinner, and is eating
and drinking with the drunkards, ⁵⁰ then his lord
will come on a day that he does not think and in an
hour he does not know. ⁵¹ And he will separate
himself and choose to be with the unbelievers: and
they will be sorrowful and anguished.

the one with two talents approached and said, 'My
Lord, two talents you gave me: and lo, two other
talents I have gained over them.' ²³ His lord said to
him, 'Good, good and faithful servant. Over a little
matter you were faithful, and over much I will
establish you. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²⁴
And even the one who took one talent approached
and said, 'My Lord, it is known you are a
trustworthy man, and you have reaped from where
you have not sown, wanting to bring in from where
you have not scattered. ²⁵ And I feared and went
and buried it in the earth. And this is what you
have.' ²⁶ The lord answered and said to him,
'Unrighteous servant, from where have you known
me, even having reaped from where I have not
sown and having brought in from where I have not
scattered? ²⁷ And was it not for you to give my
silver to my moneychangers? And I having come
even would demand my money with interest? ²⁸
Take from him the talent and give to the person
who has ten talents. ²⁹ For anyone who has, it will
be given to him and be added to him, but the one
who does not have, even what he has will be
removed from him. ³⁰ This servant who is idle will
be let go into Gehinnom: and there he will have
sorrow and anguish.' ³¹ After the Son of man
comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with
Him, then He will sit on the seat of the kingdom. ³²
All the peoples shall be gathered before Him, and
He shall separate them one from another, as the
shepherd separates sheep from the goats. ³³ And
He will set the sheep on His right, and the goats on
His left. ³⁴ Then the King said to those who were
on His right: 'Come, blessed ones of my Father,
and inherit the kingdom which was prepared for
you since the world first came into being. ³⁵ I was
hungry, and you gave me something to eat, and I
was thirsty, and you gave me a drink of water; I was
a stranger and you brought me into your houses. ³⁶
I was naked, and you covered me, I was sick, and

you visited me, and I was in the prison, and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous said, 'Our Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or when you were thirsty, and we gave you a drink? 38 And when did we see you as a stranger and bring you in, or when were naked and we covered you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in the prison, and we came to you?' 40 And the King responded and said to them, 'Truly I tell you: the same as you did for one of these children of mine, who are my brothers, for me you have done so as well.' 41 Then He said to those who were on His left, 42 'For I was

hungry, and you did not give me food, and I was thirsty, and you did not give me water. 43 And I was a stranger and you did not bring me in, and I was sick and in prison and you did not come to me.' 44 Then even they answered and said, 'Our Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, or as stranger, or naked, or sick, or in the prison, and we did not minister to you?' 45 Then He answered and said to them, 'Truly I tell you: as you did not do anything for one of these children of mine, even for me you have not done.' 46 And these will be let go into Gehinnom permanently, and the righteous will go to eternal life."

Chapter 26

1 And it was, when Jesus completed all these words, He said to His disciples: 2 "You should know that in two days is the Passover, and the Son of man will be betrayed to be hanged." 3 After this many chief priests and scribes and elders of the people were gathered in the court of the chief priest whose name was Caiaphas. 4 They consulted together, and planned how they could arrest Jesus by trickery so He could be killed. 5 And they said, "Let it not be on the festival, in case there will be division among the people." 6 When Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, 7 there approached Him one woman, and in her hand a glass vessel filled with balsam oil of expensive price, and she poured it over the head of Jesus While He was sitting. 8 His disciples saw this, and it angered them, and they said: "Why waste it here? 9 One could sell this oil for a lot of money and could give it to the poor." 10 Jesus knew this and said to them, "Why do you despise this woman? She did a good deed for me. 11 All the time many poor people can be found among you: but I am not with you all the time. 12 Because she, who poured this perfume on my body, did it for the sake of burying me. 13 In truth, I tell you, as this wisdom of mine will be preached in all the world, even what she did will be for a memorial." 14 Then went one of His twelve disciples, whose name was Judas Iscariot, to the chief priest. 15 And he said to them, "What do you want to give me, and I will betray Him to you?" And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from then he was seeking for a council to betray Him. 17 On that first day of

the Passover, His disciples were brought before Jesus and they said to Him, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" 18 He said this to them, "Go to the city, to a certain man, and you shall say to him, 'Our Teacher says, "My time has arrived, and I will go with you to attend passover, I and my disciples."' 19 His disciples did as Jesus asked them and prepared for the Passover. 20 When it was evening, He sat at the table with His twelve disciples. 21 When they were eating, He said, "Truly, I tell you that one of you will betray me." 22 They were very afraid and each one of them began to say, "Perhaps I am him, my Lord?" 23 He answered this and said, "Anyone who is reaching his hand with me into the dish, he will betray me. 24 The Son of man goes away, as it is written about Him: woe to that man by whose hand the Son of man is betrayed. The Spirit searched him, "It would have been better if that man had never been born." 25 Judas the betrayer answered and said, "Perhaps I am him, teacher?" Jesus said to him, "You have said." 26 When they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take and eat, this is my body." 27 And He took the cup, and blessed it, and gave it to them and said, "Take and drink from this, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the new covenant shed on behalf of many to redeem your sins and to pay for the unrighteous. 29 I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the great day on which I will drink with you together in the kingdom of God." 30 They recited the principle and climbed

the Mount of Olives. 31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be offended in me on this night, as it is written in Zechariah: 'Strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.' 32 After I arise, I will precede you into Galilee." 33 Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if everyone is offended, I in truth will not be offended by you." 34 Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, on this night before the cry of the man, three times you will deny me." 35 Peter said to Him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you," and so spoke all the disciples. 36 Then Jesus came with them to a place that was called Gathsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray." 37 And He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be grieved and to be troubled. 38 He said to them, "It worries my soul to death: wait for me here and watch with me." 39 And when Jesus walked passed and went a little ways from them, He fell on his face, and pleaded and said, "My Father, my Father, if it is possible, let this cup be removed from me; but not as I will, but as you will." 40 He came to His disciples and found them asleep, and He said to Peter, "How were you unable to watch with me for one hour? 41 Be awake and pray that you do not come under trial. The spirit is ready, but the body is weak." 42 Again He went a second time and prayed and said, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be removed from me unless I drink it, let it be your will." 43 Again He came and found them asleep, and their eyes were heavy. 44 And He left them and went again and prayed a third time and said as He had said. 45 Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Do you sleep and rest? Lo, the hour is near, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hand of sinners. 46 Arise and let us go. Lo, there approaches this one who betrays me." 47 While this One spoke, Judas the betrayer, one of the twelve, came with a great crowd with him, with swords and clubs from the chief priest and the elders of the people. 48 Judas gave them a sign and said: "Whoever I kiss you should arrest." 49 Quickly he approached Jesus and said, "Peace, Teacher!" and kissed Him. 50 And this Jesus said to him, "On whose account did you come, my friend?" Then they approached and put their hands on Jesus and arrested Him. 51 And one

of them who was with Jesus extended his hand, and drew his sword, and struck the servant of the chief priest and cut off his ear. 52 Then Jesus said to him, "Return your sword to its place: for everyone who takes up the sword, by the sword they will die. 53 Or do you think that I am unable to request from my Father to send me now more than twelve hosts of angels? 54 How can the decree be established, for it needs to be so?" 55 In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, "As the thief (Satan), have you come out with a sword and club to arrest me? Every day I was sitting with you in the temple and teaching, and you did not arrest me. 56 This happened in order to establish the word of the prophets." Then the disciples all left and escaped. 57 And they arrested Jesus and led Him before Caiaphas the chief priest, where the scribes and elders of the people were assembling themselves. 58 Peter followed Him from afar, until he reached the court of the chief priest, and he entered and sat with the attendants to see the end. 59 The chief priest and elders and the congregation altogether were seeking witnesses against Jesus to execute Him. 60 And they found none, and many false witnesses came, but after this two witnesses approached and said: 61 "This one said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of the LORD and in three days to build it.'" 62 The chief priest stood and said to him, "This word they testify against you accordingly, do you have no response?" 63 This Jesus was silent, and the chief priest answered and said to Him, "I adjure you, by the living God, that you tell us whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God." 64 Jesus said to him, "You have said it, but I tell you, 'from now on you will see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of God and coming on the clouds of heaven'." 65 Then the chief priest tore His clothes and said, "This one blasphemes, and why do you seek more witnesses of this now? You heard His blasphemies. 66 What do you want?" And they said, "He is judged to death." 67 Then they spat in His face and hit Him. 68 And they were hitting Him from behind and saying, "Prophecy for us, Messiah: who is it that hit you?" 69 Peter was sitting outside the court, and one handmaid approached him and said, "You were with Jesus the Nazarene ." 70 He denied this before all of them and said, "I

do not know what you are saying." 71 When he went outside, she saw him and said to those who were there, "Also this one was with Jesus the Nazarene." 72 And again he denied by swearing, "I do not know this man." 73 After a little while, those who stood there approached and said to Peter, "In truth, you were from them, and your words make

Chapter 27

1 When it was the morning, the house of priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus, to execute Him. 2 And he bound Him, and they brought and delivered Him over to Pilate the governor. 3 Then Judas the betrayer, when he saw that Jesus was judged to death, even he regretted and went and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priest and to the elders. 4 And he said: "I have sinned, for I have betrayed innocent blood." And they said to him, "What is there for us? You should know for yourself." 5 And he cast the silver into the temple, and he left and went and strangled himself. 6 This chief priest took the silver and said, "It is not right to use this money to make offerings with it, because it is the price of blood." 7 And they took counsel and bought with it the field of the potter, to be a tomb chamber of refugees. 8 Because of this, the field is called the village of blood until this day. 9 Then was established what the prophet said, who said, "And they took thirty pieces of silver, the valued price that was valued by the children of Israel. 10 And they gave them for the field of the potter, as the Lord commanded me." 11 This Jesus stood before the minister, and the minister asked and said to Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "**You have said.**" 12 And while the chief priest and elders were speaking an accusation to Pilate over this matter, He did not give any response. 13 Then Pilate said to Him, "Do you not hear how many testify against you?" 14 And He did not give a response, not one word: and over this he was very amazed. 15 On every festival, this was a custom for Pilate: to save one life from the prison, and even one was less than enough. 16 And there was in the prison one man of his power, who was called Barabbas. 17 And when they were brought together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want to save, either Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" 18

you known." 74 Then he began by cursing and by swearing, 'I do not know this man,' and in that hour the man cried out. 75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who said to him, "Before the cry of the man, three times you will deny me." And he went outside, and he wept with inner turmoil and heartache.

Pilate knew that because of his zeal this one had been delivered over. 19 While Pilate sat on the throne, his wife sent to him and said to him, "Do not have anything to do with this One, for I have suffered much in a dream on this day because of Him." 20 And the chief priest and elders advised the crowd to save Barabbas, and to destroy Jesus. 21 And Pilate answered and said to them, "Which one of these two do you want to save?" And they said, "Barabbas." 22 Pilatus said to them, "To Jesus, who is called the Messiah, what should I do?" They all said, "Let Him be hanged!" 23 Pilate said to them, "What evil Has he done?" They all shouted more and said, "Let Him be hanged!" 24 When Pilate saw he could not save, his words were making them more forceful, because of this, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of all and said, "I wash my hands of the blood of the innocent One: and you should know." 25 And they all answered and said, "The blood is on us and on our children." It was a work of three hours on the sixth day. 26 Then he spared Barabbas, and he beat Jesus with a whip and delivered Him over to be crucified. 27 Then the army men and Pilate took Jesus to a place of judgment and they all were gathered against Him by encircling Him. 28 And he stripped away His clothing and clothed Him in a red cape. 29 And they made one crown of thorns and set it on His head, and one staff in his hand, and they bowed down on their knees before Him, and were mocking Him and saying, "Peace, king of the Jews!" 30 And they spat in his face and took the staff and were hitting His head. 31 And when they mocked Him, they stripped off the scarlet cape and clothed Him in his garments and led Him away to be crucified. 32 And when they went out, there was found one man called Simon, who was called a Cyrenian, and he ordered this One by force to carry the cross. 33 And they came to a

place called Golgotha, and they likewise called the place Caverah. 34 And he gave Him to drink vinegar mixed with gall, and He tasted and did not want to drink. 35 And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments by lot, for the sake of establishing the saying of the prophet who said, "They divide my garments among themselves and over my clothing they flipped a coin." 36 And they were sitting and guarding Him there. 37 And they put above His head the accusation of death inscribed, and he wrote this: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." 38 And there were also crucified with Him two thieves, one on the right and one on the left. 39 Those who passed by and returned were blaspheming against Him, and talking and shaking their heads: 40 "And you said, 'I will destroy the temple and build it in three days!' Redeem yourself if you are the Son of God and descend from the cross." 41 And likewise even the chief priests, scribes, and elders were mocking and saying this: 42 "The others you saved, but you are unable to save yourself! If you are the King of Israel, descend from the cross, and we will see and believe. 43 You were trusting in God, now let Him save you if He so wills, for you said, 'I am the Son of God.'" 44 Likewise, the thieves who were hanged with Him, even they were cursing Jesus. 45 From the sixth hour until the ninth hour all the world was dark. 46 Near the ninth hour, Jesus shouted in a loud voice and said, "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**" 47 The people who were standing there, when they heard this, said, "To Elijah this one calls." 48 And in that hour one of them fled and took a sponge and soaked it in vinegar, and put it on one cane, and was making Him drink. 49 "Wait a little and let us see if Elijah comes to deliver Him." 50 Then Jesus again shouted with a loud voice and gave up His spirit. 51 And quickly the front of the door of the temple was

split in two from its beginning to its end, and the earth quaked, and stones were split apart. 52 And the tomb chamber(s) were opened and many bodies of saints who died arose and came to life. 53 And they went out after His resurrection, and they went up into the holy land and were seen by many. 54 One official, and with him those who were the guards of Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the marvelous things that happened, feared much and said, "In truth, this is the Son of God." 55 And there were many women there looking from afar, and the women who followed Jesus from Galilee, to minister to Him. 56 One of them was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. 57 When it was evening, one rich man came from Ramoth whose name was Joseph, and he was a disciple of Jesus. 58 This one approached Pilate and requested the body of Jesus: and Pilate commanded to give him His body. 59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean scarf of linen. 60 And he set it in His new tomb that was carved into one stone, and they rolled a great stone, and set it over the opening of the tomb and left. 61 And Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, they were sitting against His tomb. 62 And the next day, the Sabbath day, His entombment happened on day six, the chief priests and Pharisees were congregated before Pilate. 63 And they said, "Our Lord, remember this deceiver said while alive that 'After three days I will arise.' 64 You should command and guard the tomb for three days, so that His disciples do not come in the night to steal Him and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last error will be worse than the first." 65 Pilate said to them, "You have guards: go, and secure it like you know." 66 And they went and guarded the tomb and sealed this stone with the guards.

Chapter 28

1 At evening on the Sabbath, when it was dark approaching the first day, Mary Magdalene came, and the other Mary, to see the tomb. 2 And there was a great earthquake, because the angels of heaven descended and approached, and rolled the stone from the opening, and he sat on it. 3 And his form was like lightning and his clothes whiter than

snow. 4 From fear of him the guards were shaken, and they turned around as if dead. 5 The angels answered and said to the women, "You should not fear. I know what you seek: you are seeking Jesus who was crucified. 6 There is nothing here, and He has risen, as he said, from the dead. You should come and see the place where the Lord was. 7 And

you should go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead. And lo, for He goes before you to Galilee. And there you will see Him, and this He told you.” 8 And they went quickly from the place of the tomb without fear and in great joy, and they left to tell His disciples. 9 And lo, Jesus met the women and said to them, “Peace” And they approached and bowed down to Him, holding Him by His feet. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “You should not fear, but go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.” 11 While they went, one of the guards came to the city and they told the chief priests everything that happened. 12 And they were congregated with the elders and took counsel, and they gave a little silver to the guards, and said to them: 13 “Say that His disciples came and stole Him at night while you were sleeping. 14 And if you

tell this to the governor, we can appeal you, and what you have not thought, we shall do with you.” 15 And they took the money and did as they taught them, and this word went out among the Jews until this day. 16 And His eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus appointed them. 17 And when they saw, they bowed down to Him, but some of them doubted Him. 18 And Jesus approached and said to them, “All authority of heaven and earth is given to me, and as my Father sent me, even I send you now. 19 Go to all the disciples, and you shall teach the people and purify (baptize) them in the Name of the Father, and in the Name of His Son, and the Holy Spirit. 20 And you shall teach them to keep everything that I taught you. And lo, I am with you every day until the end of the world. Amen.”