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MICHAEL
PROTECT
US

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

The Good News

The Good News you want - the way you want it

The Gospel of Matthew



The Gospel of Matthew is the first book of the New Testament and a foundation text of Christianity that presents the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It emphasizes Jesus as the long-awaited Jewish Messiah and King who fulfills Old Testament prophecies.

The Gospel is attributed to Matthew, also known as Levi, a tax collector and one of the twelve apostles whom Jesus called to follow him. Most modern scholars, however, believe the text itself is anonymous and was composed in Greek by a Jewish Christian leader in the last quarter of the first century (around 80-90 AD), likely in a place like Antioch, Syria. The author appears to have used the Gospel of Mark and a collection of Jesus' teachings.

The Last Super

Matthew is known for its highly structured and organized approach, alternating narrative sections with five major discourses or teaching blocks by Jesus. This structure is thought to parallel the five books of the Torah (the Law of Moses), presenting Jesus as a new, authoritative teacher and lawgiver.



The Gospel stresses that being a follower of Jesus involves not just outward observance of the law, but an inward transformation of the heart and a deeper righteousness that surpasses that of the Pharisees.

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Details the Passion narrative, including the Last Supper, Jesus' trial, crucifixion, burial, and the resurrection.

Matthew

Revised Standard Version

The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the
son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the
father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and
his brothers, 3 and Judah the father of Perez and
Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron,
and Hezron the father of Ram, 4 and Ram the
father of Ammin′adab, and Ammin′adab the father
of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon,
5 and Salmon the father of Bo′az by Rahab, and
Bo′az the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the
father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of David
the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife
of Uri′ah, 7 and Solomon the father of Rehobo′am,
and Rehobo′am the father of Abi′jah, and Abi′jah
the father of Asa, 8 and Asa the father of
Jehosh′aphat, and Jehosh′aphat the father of Joram,
and Joram the father of Uzzi′ah, 9 and Uzzi′ah the
father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz,
and Ahaz the father of Hezeki′ah, 10 and Hezeki′ah
the father of Manas′seh, and Manas′seh the father
of Amos, and Amos the father of Josi′ah, 11 and
Josi′ah the father of Jechoni′ah and his brothers, at
the time of the deportation to Babylon.

12 And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoni′ah
was the father of She-al′ti-el, and She-al′ti-el the
father of Zerub′babel, 13 and Zerub′babel the father
of Abi′ud, and Abi′ud the father of Eli′akim, and
Eli′akim the father of Azor, 14 and Azor the father
of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and
Achim the father of Eli′ud, 15 and Eli′ud the father
of Elea′zar, and Elea′zar the father of Matthan, and
Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 and Jacob the father
of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was
born, who is called Christ.

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David
were fourteen generations, and from David to the
deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and
from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ
fourteen generations.



Abraham the father pictured with young Isaac.
Photo on the journey to the region of Moriah

Goliath the Philistine, faces off with young David.
Davids odds for the betting pool 1000 to 1.



The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this
way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to
Joseph, before they came together she was found
to be with child of the Holy Spirit; 19 and her
husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to
put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.
20 But as he considered this, behold, an angel of
the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying,
“Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary
your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of
the Holy Spirit; 21 she will bear a son, and you
shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his
people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to
fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and his name shall be called Emman′u-el”
(which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph
woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord
commanded him; he took his wife, 25 but knew
her not until she had borne a son; and he called his
name Jesus.





The Visit of the Wise Men

2 Now when Jesus was born in
Bethlehem of Judea in the days of
Herod the king, behold, wise men
from the East came to Jerusalem,
saying, 2 “Where is he who has been
born king of the Jews? For we have
seen his star in the East, and have
come to worship him.” 3 When Herod
the king heard this, he was troubled,
and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and
assembling all the chief priests and
scribes of the people, he inquired of
them where the Christ was to be born.
5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of
Judea; for so it is written by the
prophet:

6 ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land
of Judah, are by no means least among
the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will govern my people Israel.’”

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared
8 and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have
found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” 9 When they had heard the king they
went their way and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over
the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy
11 and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped
him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being
warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



The Escape to Egypt

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel
of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,
“Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to
Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is
about to search for the child, to destroy him.”
14 And he rose and took the child and his mother
by night, and departed to Egypt, 15 and remained
there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil
what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of
Egypt have I called my son.”



The Massacre of the Infants

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been
tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and
he sent and killed all the male children in
Bethlehem and in all that region who were two
years old or under, according to the time which he
had ascertained from the wise men. 17 Then was
fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18 “A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled,
because they were no more.”



The Return from Egypt

19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the
Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
saying, 20 “Rise, take the child and his mother, and
go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the
child’s life are dead.” 21 And he rose and took the
child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.
22 But when he heard that Archela′us reigned over
Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to
go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew
to the district of Galilee. 23 And he went and dwelt
in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by
the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be called
a Nazarene.”

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

3 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching
in the wilderness of Judea, 2 “Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven is at hand.” 3 For this is he who
was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.”

4 Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair, and a
leather girdle around his waist; and his food was
locusts and wild honey. 5 Then went out to him
Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the
Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him in the
river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and
Sad′ducees coming for baptism, he said to them,
“You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee
from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit that befits
repentance, 9 and do not presume to say to
yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father’; for I
tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up
children to Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is laid
to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that
does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown
into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he
who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose
sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize
you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will
clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into
the granary, but the chaff he will burn with
unquenchable fire.”

The Baptism of Jesus

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to
John, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have
prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by
you, and do you come to me?” 15 But Jesus
answered him, “Let it be so now; for thus it is
fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.” Then he
consented. 16 And when Jesus was baptized, he
went up immediately from the water, and behold,
the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of
God descending like a dove, and alighting on him;
17 and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, “This is my
beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”



“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.”





The Temptation of Jesus

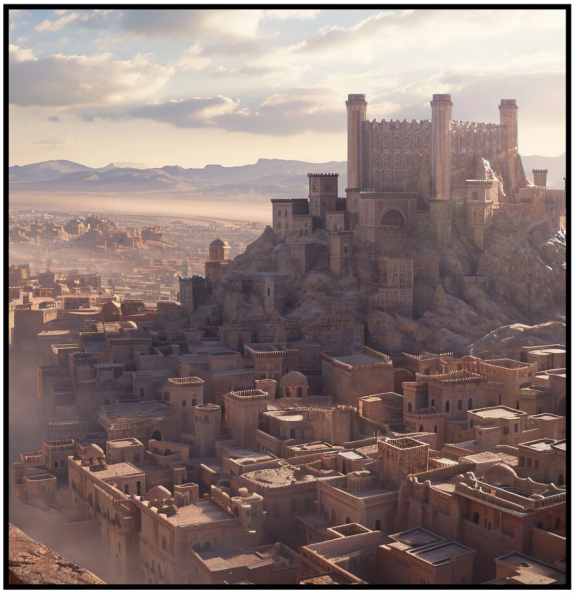
4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

3 And the tempter came and said to him,

“If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

4 But he answered, “It is written,

‘Man shall not live by bread alone,but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”



5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to him,

“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down for it is written,
‘He will give his angels charge of you,’and‘On their hands they will bear you up,lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

7 Jesus said to him, “Again it is written,
‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’”



8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them 9 and he said to him,

“All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”

10 Then Jesus said to him,

“Begone, Satan! for it is written,
‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’”

11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

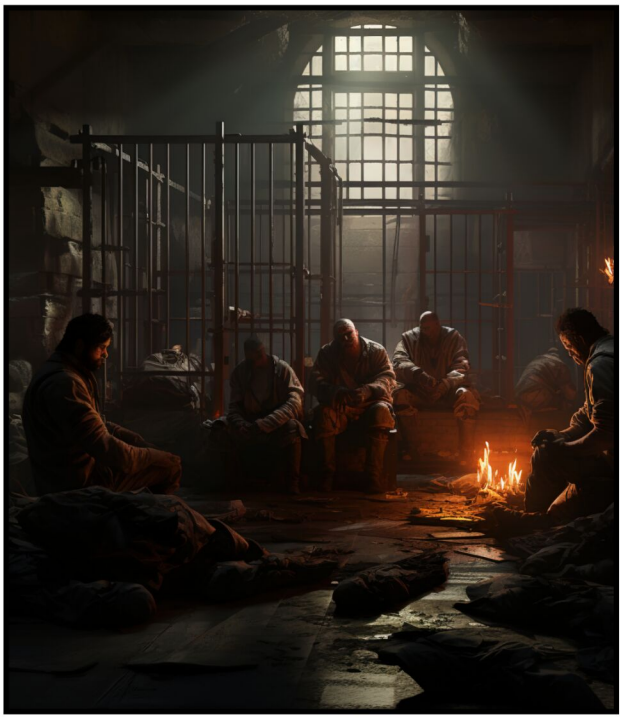
12 Now when he heard that John had been
arrested, he withdrew into Galilee;
13 and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in
Caper′na-um by the sea, in the territory of
Zeb′ulun and Naph′tali, 14 that what was
spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15 “The land of Zeb′ulun and the land of
Naph′tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

16 the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow
of death light has dawned.”

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”





Jesus Calls the First Disciples

18 As he walked by the Sea of
Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon
who is called Peter and Andrew his
brother, casting a net into the sea; for
they were fishermen. 19 And he said
to them, “Follow me, and I will make
you fishers of men.” 20 Immediately
they left their nets and followed him.
21 And going on from there he saw
two other brothers, James the son of
Zeb′edee and John his brother, in the
boat with Zeb′edee their father,
mending their nets, and he called
them. 22 Immediately they left the
boat and their father, and followed
him.



Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

23 And he went about all Galilee, teaching in
their synagogues and preaching the gospel of
the kingdom and healing every disease and
every infirmity among the people. 24 So his
fame spread throughout all Syria, and they
brought him all the sick, those afflicted with
various diseases and pains, demoniacs,
epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them.
25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee
and the Decap′olis and Jerusalem and Judea and
from beyond the Jordan.

The Beatitudes



5 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain,
and when he sat down his disciples came to him. 2
And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

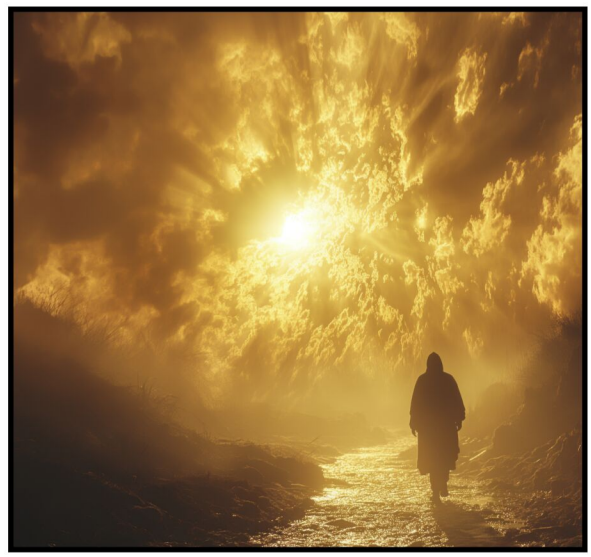
8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Salt and Light



13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. 15 Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

17 “Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. 18 For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Concerning Anger

21 “You have heard that it was said to the men of
old, ‘You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be
liable to judgment.’ 22 But I say to you that every
one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to
judgment; whoever insults his brother shall be
liable to the council, and whoever says, ‘You fool!’
shall be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So if you are
offering your gift at the altar, and there remember
that your brother has something against you,
24 leave your gift there before the altar and go;
first be reconciled to your brother, and then come
and offer your gift. 25 Make friends quickly with
your accuser, while you are going with him to
court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge,
and the judge to the guard, and you be put in
prison; 26 truly, I say to you, you will never get out
till you have paid the last penny.

Concerning Adultery

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not
commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that every
one who looks at a woman lustfully has already
committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your
right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw
it away; it is better that you lose one of your
members than that your whole body be thrown into
hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin,
cut it off and throw it away; it is better that you
lose one of your members than that your whole
body go into hell.

Concerning Divorce

31 “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife,
let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I
say to you that every one who divorces his wife,
except on the ground of unchastity, makes her an
adulteress; and whoever marries a divorced woman
commits adultery.

Concerning Oaths

33 “Again you have heard that it was said to the
men of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall
perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ 34 But
I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven,
for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it
is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of
the great King. 36 And do not swear by your head,
for you cannot make one hair white or black.
37 Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’;
anything more than this comes from evil.

Concerning Retaliation

38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an
eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I say to you,
Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes
you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also;
40 and if any one would sue you and take your
coat, let him have your cloak as well; 41 and if any
one forces you to go one mile, go with him two
miles. 42 Give to him who begs from you, and do
not refuse him who would borrow from you.

Love for Enemies

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall
love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I
say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those
who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of
your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun
rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on
the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those
who love you, what reward have you? Do not even
the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you salute
only your brethren, what more are you doing than
others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48
You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly
Father is perfect.

Concerning Almsgiving

6 “Beware of practicing your piety before men in
order to be seen by them; for then you will have no
reward from your Father who is in heaven.

2 “Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet
before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues
and in the streets, that they may be praised by men.
Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
3 But when you give alms, do not let your left hand
know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your
alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in
secret will reward you.



Concerning Prayer

5 “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

7 “And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 Pray then like this:

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread;

12 And forgive us our debts,
As we also have forgiven our debtors;

13 And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

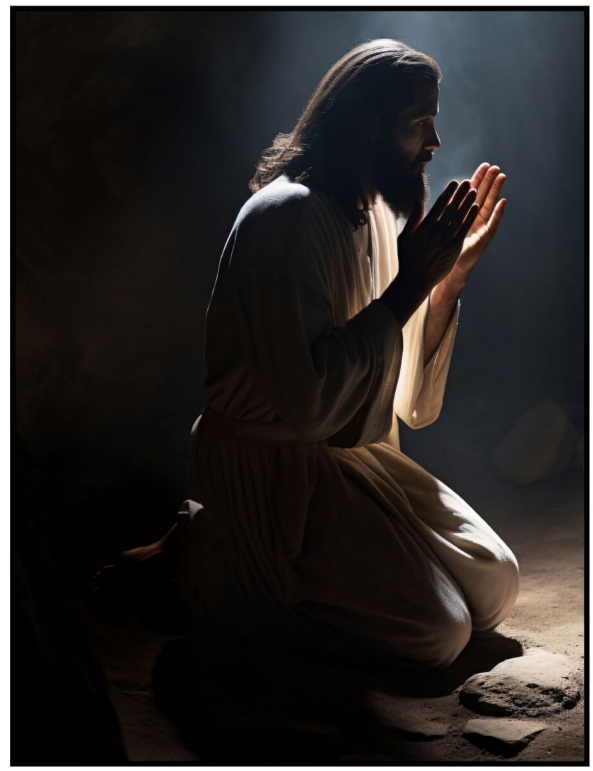
14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; 15 but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Concerning Fasting

16 “And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

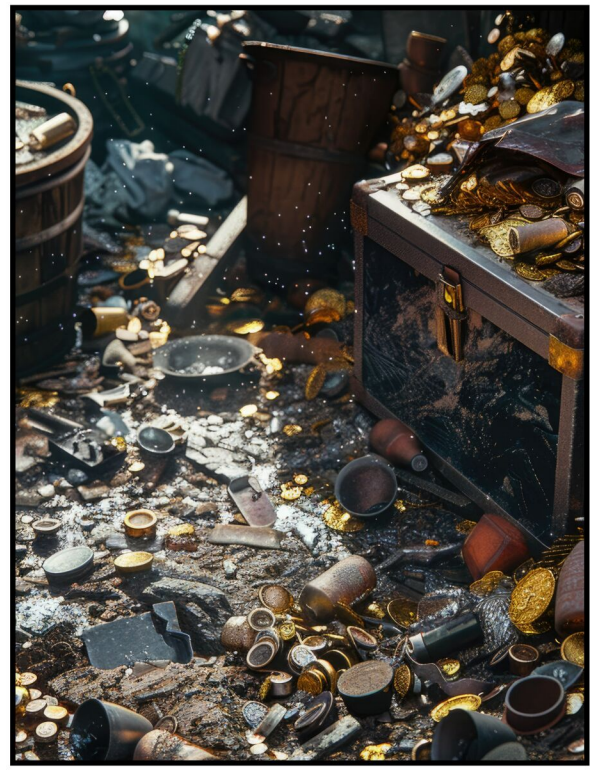
Concerning Treasures

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



The Sound Eye

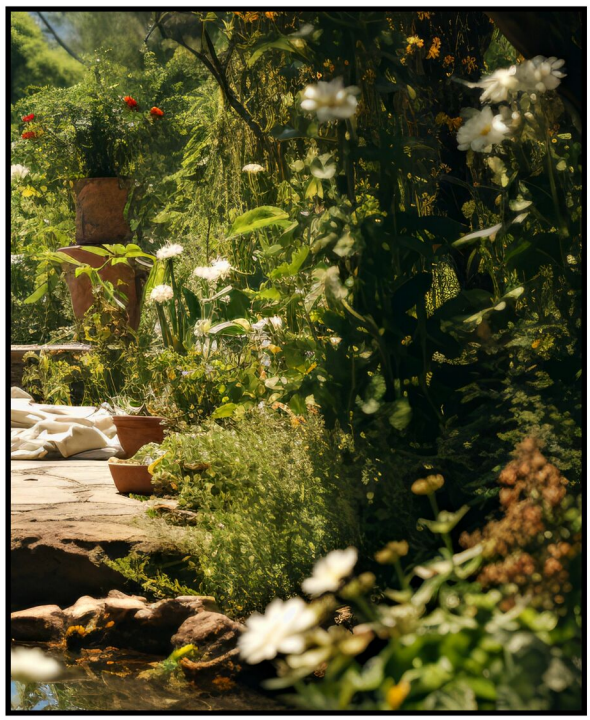
22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light;
23 but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!



Serving Two Masters

24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Do Not Worry



25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day’s own trouble be sufficient for the day.



Judging Others

7 “Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. 3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.

Profaning the Holy

6 “Do not give dogs what is holy; and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under foot and turn to attack you.







Ask, Search, Knock

7 “Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will
find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
8 For every one who asks receives, and he who
seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be
opened.
9 Or what man of you, if his son asks him for bread,
will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish,
will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are
evil, know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will your Father who is in heaven
give good things to those who ask him!
12 So whatever you wish that men would do to you,
do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

The Narrow Gate

13 “Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide
and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and
those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is
narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and
those who find it are few.

A Tree and Its Fruit

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in
sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.
16 You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes
gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? 17 So,
every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree
bears evil fruit. 18 A sound tree cannot bear evil
fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every
tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and
thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will know them
by their fruits.

Concerning Self-Deception

21 “Not every one who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’
shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does
the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that
day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not
prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your
name, and do many mighty works in your name?’
23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew
you; depart from me, you evildoers.’

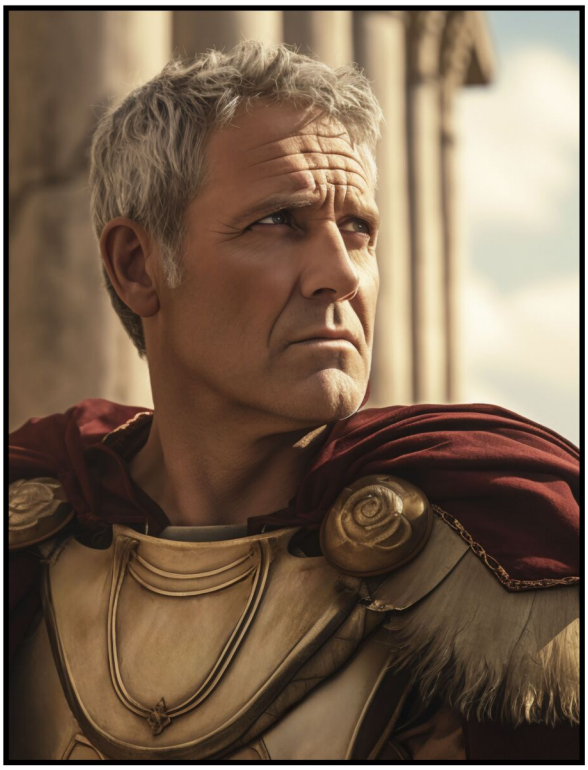
Hearers and Doers

24 “Every one then who hears these words of mine
and does them will be like a wise man who built his
house upon the rock; 25 and the rain fell, and the
floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that
house, but it did not fall, because it had been
founded on the rock. 26 And every one who hears
these words of mine and does not do them will be
like a foolish man who built his house upon the
sand; 27 and the rain fell, and the floods came, and
the winds blew and beat against that house, and it
fell; and great was the fall of it.”
28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the
crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he
taught them as one who had authority, and not as
their scribes.

Jesus Cleanses a Leper



8 When he came down from the mountain,
great crowds followed him; 2 and behold, a
leper came to him and knelt before him,
saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me
clean.” 3 And he stretched out his hand and
touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And
immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
4 And Jesus said to him, “See that you say
nothing to any one; but go, show yourself to
the priest, and offer the gift that Moses
commanded, for a proof to the people.”



Jesus Heals a Centurion’s Servant

5 As he entered Caper′na-um, a centurion came
forward to him, beseeching him 6 and saying,
“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in
terrible distress.” 7 And he said to him, “I will
come and heal him.” 8 But the centurion
answered him, “Lord, I am not worthy to have
you come under my roof; but only say the word,
and my servant will be healed. 9 For I am a man
under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say
to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another,
‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do
this,’ and he does it.” 10 When Jesus heard him,
he marveled, and said to those who followed him,
“Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I
found such faith. 11 I tell you, many will come
from east and west and sit at table with Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven,
12 while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown
into the outer darkness; there men will weep and
gnash their teeth.” 13 And to the centurion Jesus
said, “Go; be it done for you as you have
believed.” And the servant was healed at that
very moment.

Jesus Heals Many at Peter’s House

14 And when Jesus entered Peter’s house, he saw
his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever; 15 he
touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she
rose and served him. 16 That evening they
brought to him many who were possessed with
demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word,
and healed all who were sick. 17 This was to
fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah,
“He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.”





Would-Be Followers of Jesus

18 Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him,
he gave orders to go over to the other side.
19 And a scribe came up and said to him, “Teacher,
I will follow you wherever you go.”
20 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and
birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has
nowhere to lay his head.”
21 Another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, let
me first go and bury my father.”
22 But Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and leave the
dead to bury their own dead.”



Jesus Stills the Storm

23 And when he got into the boat, his disciples
followed him. 24 And behold, there arose a great
storm on the sea, so that the boat was being
swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.
25 And they went and woke him, saying, “Save,
Lord; we are perishing.” 26 And he said to them,
“Why are you afraid, O men of little faith?” Then
he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and
there was a great calm. 27 And the men marveled,
saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds
and sea obey him?”



Jesus Heals the Gadarene Demoniacs

28 And when he came to the other side, to the
country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs met him,
coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could
pass that way. 29 And behold, they cried out, “What
have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you
come here to torment us before the time?” 30 Now
a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance
from them. 31 And the demons begged him, “If you
cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine.”
32 And he said to them, “Go.” So they came out
and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd
rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and
perished in the waters. 33 The herdsmen fled, and
going into the city they told everything, and what
had happened to the demoniacs. 34 And behold, all
the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw
him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood.

Jesus Heals a Paralytic



9 And getting into a boat he crossed over and
came to his own city. 2 And behold, they brought
to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when
Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, “Take
heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” 3 And
behold, some of the scribes said to themselves,
“This man is blaspheming.” 4 But Jesus, knowing
their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in
your hearts? 5 For which is easier, to say, ‘Your
sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? 6 But
that you may know that the Son of man has
authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to
the paralytic—“Rise, take up your bed and go
home.” 7 And he rose and went home. 8 When the
crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified
God, who had given such authority to men.

The Call of Matthew

9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man
called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said
to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed
him. 10 And as he sat at table in the house, behold,
many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down
with Jesus and his disciples. 11 And when the
Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why
does your teacher eat with tax collectors and
sinners?” 12 But when he heard it, he said, “Those
who are well have no need of a physician, but those
who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, ‘I
desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to
call the righteous, but sinners.”

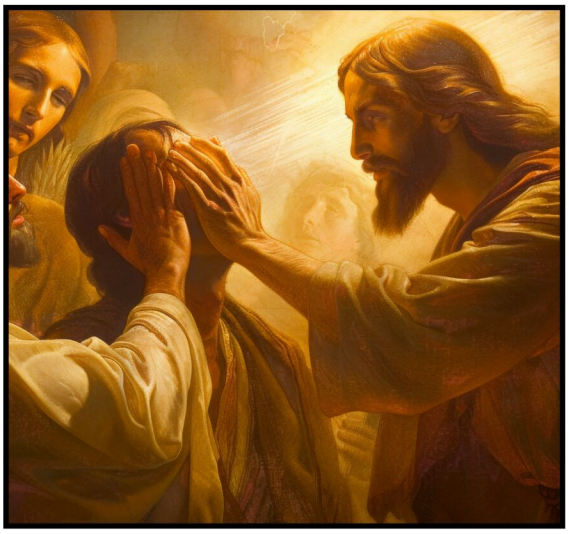
The Question about Fasting

14 Then the disciples of John came to him, saying,
“Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your
disciples do not fast?” 15 And Jesus said to them,
“Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the
bridegroom is with them? The days will come,
when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and
then they will fast. 16 And no one puts a piece of
unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch
tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is
made. 17 Neither is new wine put into old
wineskins; if it is, the skins burst, and the wine is
spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine
is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are
preserved.”

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

18 While he was thus speaking to them, behold, a
ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, “My
daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand
on her, and she will live.” 19 And Jesus rose and
followed him, with his disciples. 20 And behold, a
woman who had suffered from a hemorrhage for
twelve years came up behind him and touched the
fringe of his garment; 21 for she said to herself,
“If I only touch his garment, I shall be made well.”
22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart,
daughter; your faith has made you well.” And
instantly the woman was made well. 23 And when
Jesus came to the ruler’s house, and saw the flute
players, and the crowd making a tumult, 24 he said,
“Depart; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And
they laughed at him. 25 But when the crowd had
been put outside, he went in and took her by the
hand, and the girl arose. 26 And the report of this
went through all that district.





Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

27 And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” 28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” 29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” 30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” 31 But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.



Jesus Heals One Who Was Mute

32 As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. 33 And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.”
34 But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.”



The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;
38 pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

The Twelve Apostles

10 And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. 2 The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zeb′edee, and John his brother;
3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

The Mission of the Twelve



5 These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them,
“Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no
town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost
sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And preach as you
go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’
8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast
out demons. You received without paying, give
without pay. 9 Take no gold, nor silver, nor copper
in your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, nor two
tunics, nor sandals, nor a staff; for the laborer
deserves his food. 11 And whatever town or
village you enter, find out who is worthy in it, and
stay with him until you depart. 12 As you enter
the house, salute it. 13 And if the house is worthy,
let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy,
let your peace return to you. 14 And if any one
will not receive you or listen to your words, shake
off the dust from your feet as you leave that house
or town. 15 Truly, I say to you, it shall be more
tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of
Sodom and Gomor′rah than for that town.



Coming Persecutions

16 “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the
midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and
innocent as doves. 17 Beware of men; for
they will deliver you up to councils, and flog
you in their synagogues, 18 and you will be
dragged before governors and kings for my
sake, to bear testimony before them and the
Gentiles. 19 When they deliver you up, do
not be anxious how you are to speak or what
you are to say; for what you are to say will
be given to you in that hour; 20 for it is not
you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father
speaking through you. 21 Brother will
deliver up brother to death, and the father his
child, and children will rise against parents
and have them put to death;
22 and you will be hated by all for my
name’s sake. But he who endures to the end
will be saved. 23 When they persecute you
in one town, flee to the next; for truly, I say
to you, you will not have gone through all
the towns of Israel, before the Son of man
comes.

24 “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Be-el′zebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

Whom to Fear

26 “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered
that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be
known. 27 What I tell you in the dark, utter in the
light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim upon the
housetops. 28 And do not fear those who kill the body
but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can
destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two
sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will
fall to the ground without your Father’s will. 30 But
even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear
not, therefore; you are of more value than many
sparrows. 32 So every one who acknowledges me
before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father
who is in heaven; 33 but whoever denies me before
men, I also will deny before my Father who is in
heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

34 “Do not think that I have come to bring peace on
earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35
For I have come to set a man against his father, and a
daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law
against her mother-in-law; 36 and a man’s foes will be
those of his own household. 37 He who loves father or
mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who
loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of
me; 38 and he who does not take his cross and follow
me is not worthy of me. 39 He who finds his life will
lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find
it.

Rewards

40 “He who receives you receives me, and he who
receives me receives him who sent me. 41 He who
receives a prophet because he is a prophet shall
receive a prophet’s reward, and he who receives a
righteous man because he is a righteous man shall
receive a righteous man’s reward. 42 And whoever
gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold
water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he
shall not lose his reward.”

11 And when Jesus had finished instructing his
twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and
preach in their cities.

Messengers from John the Baptist

2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of
the Christ, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to
him, “Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for
another?” 4 And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell
John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their
sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the
deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor
have good news preached to them. 6 And blessed is he
who takes no offense at me.”



Jesus Praises John the Baptist

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the
crowds concerning John: “What did you go out
into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by
the wind? 8 Why then did you go out? To see a
man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who
wear soft raiment are in kings’ houses. 9 Why
then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell
you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is he of
whom it is written,

‘Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,
who shall prepare thy way before thee.’



11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women
there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist;
yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is
greater than he. 12 From the days of John the
Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has
suffered violence, and men of violence take it by
force. 13 For all the prophets and the law
prophesied until John; 14 and if you are willing to
accept it, he is Eli′jah who is to come. 15 He who
has ears to hear, let him hear.

16 “But to what shall I compare this generation? It
is like children sitting in the market places and
calling to their playmates,

17 ‘We piped to you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and
they say, ‘He has a demon’; 19 the Son of man
came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Behold, a
glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors
and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

Woes to Unrepentant Cities

20 Then he began to upbraid the cities where most
of his mighty works had been done, because they
did not repent. 21 “Woe to you, Chora′zin! woe to
you, Beth-sa′ida! for if the mighty works done in
you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would
have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22
But I tell you, it shall be more tolerable on the day
of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. 23
And you, Caper′na-um, will you be exalted to
heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. For
if the mighty works done in you had been done in
Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24
But I tell you that it shall be more tolerable on the
day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for
you.”

Jesus Thanks His Father

25 At that time Jesus declared, “I thank thee,
Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast
hidden these things from the wise and
understanding and revealed them to babes; 26 yea,
Father, for such was thy gracious will. 27 All things
have been delivered to me by my Father; and no
one knows the Son except the Father, and no one
knows the Father except the Son and any one to
whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 Come to
me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn
from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and
you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is
easy, and my burden is light.”



Plucking Grain on the Sabbath

12 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields
on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they
began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. 2 But when
the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your
disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the
sabbath.” 3 He said to them, “Have you not read
what David did, when he was hungry, and those who
were with him: 4 how he entered the house of God
and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not
lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with
him, but only for the priests? 5 Or have you not read
in the law how on the sabbath the priests in the
temple profane the sabbath, and are guiltless?
6 I tell you, something greater than the temple is
here. 7 And if you had known what this means, ‘I
desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have
condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of man is
lord of the sabbath.”





The Man with a Withered Hand

9 And he went on from there, and entered their
synagogue. 10 And behold, there was a man with a
withered hand. And they asked him, “Is it lawful to
heal on the sabbath?” so that they might accuse
him. 11 He said to them, “What man of you, if he
has one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath,
will not lay hold of it and lift it out? 12 Of how
much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is
lawful to do good on the sabbath.” 13 Then he said
to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And the man
stretched it out, and it was restored, whole like the
other. 14 But the Pharisees went out and took
counsel against him, how to destroy him.

God’s Chosen Servant

15 Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And
many followed him, and he healed them all, 16 and
ordered them not to make him known. 17 This was
to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

18 “Behold, my servant whom I have chosen,
my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased.
I will put my Spirit upon him,
and he shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

19 He will not wrangle or cry aloud,
nor will any one hear his voice in the streets;

20 he will not break a bruised reed
or quench a smoldering wick,
till he brings justice to victory;

21 and in his name will the Gentiles hope.”



Jesus and Beelzebul

22 Then a blind and dumb demoniac was brought to
him, and he healed him, so that the dumb man
spoke and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed,
and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” 24 But
when the Pharisees heard it they said, “It is only by
Be-el′zebul, the prince of demons, that this man
casts out demons.” 25 Knowing their thoughts, he
said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself
is laid waste, and no city or house divided against
itself will stand; 26 and if Satan casts out Satan, he
is divided against himself; how then will his
kingdom stand? 27 And if I cast out demons by
Be-el′zebul, by whom do your sons cast them out?
Therefore they shall be your judges. 28 But if it is
by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the
kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 Or how
can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his
goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then
indeed he may plunder his house. 30 He who is not
with me is against me, and he who does not gather
with me scatters. 31 Therefore I tell you, every sin
and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the
blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.
32 And whoever says a word against the Son of man
will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the
Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or
in the age to come.



A Tree and Its Fruit

33 “Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or
make the tree bad, and its fruit bad; for the tree is
known by its fruit. 34 You brood of vipers! how can
you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the
abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The
good man out of his good treasure brings forth
good, and the evil man out of his evil treasure
brings forth evil. 36 I tell you, on the day of
judgment men will render account for every
careless word they utter; 37 for by your words you
will be justified, and by your words you will be
condemned.”

The Sign of Jonah

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to
him, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.” 39
But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous
generation seeks for a sign; but no sign shall be
given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40
For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the
belly of the whale, so will the Son of man be three
days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41
The men of Nin′eveh will arise at the judgment
with this generation and condemn it; for they
repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold,
something greater than Jonah is here. 42 The queen
of the South will arise at the judgment with this
generation and condemn it; for she came from the
ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon,
and behold, something greater than Solomon is
here.

The Return of the Unclean Spirit

43 “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man,
he passes through waterless places seeking rest, but
he finds none. 44 Then he says, ‘I will return to my
house from which I came.’ And when he comes he
finds it empty, swept, and put in order. 45 Then he
goes and brings with him seven other spirits more
evil than himself, and they enter and dwell there;
and the last state of that man becomes worse than
the first. So shall it be also with this evil
generation.”

The True Kindred of Jesus

46 While he was still speaking to the people,
behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside,
asking to speak to him. 48 But he replied to the
man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who
are my brothers?” 49 And stretching out his hand
toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother
and my brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of
my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and
mother.”



The Parable of the Sower

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and
sat beside the sea. 2 And great crowds gathered
about him, so that he got into a boat and sat there;
and the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he
told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower
went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell
along the path, and the birds came and devoured
them. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where
they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang
up, since they had no depth of soil, 6 but when the
sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no
root they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell upon
thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth
grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
9 He who has ears, let him hear.”



The Purpose of the Parables

10 Then the disciples came and said to him, “Why
do you speak to them in parables?” 11 And he
answered them, “To you it has been given to know
the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it
has not been given. 12 For to him who has will
more be given, and he will have abundance; but
from him who has not, even what he has will be
taken away. 13 This is why I speak to them in
parables, because seeing they do not see, and
hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.
14 With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of
Isaiah which says:

‘You shall indeed hear but never understand,

and you shall indeed see but never perceive.

15 For this people’s heart has grown dull,

and their ears are heavy of hearing,

and their eyes they have closed,

lest they should perceive with their eyes,

and hear with their ears,

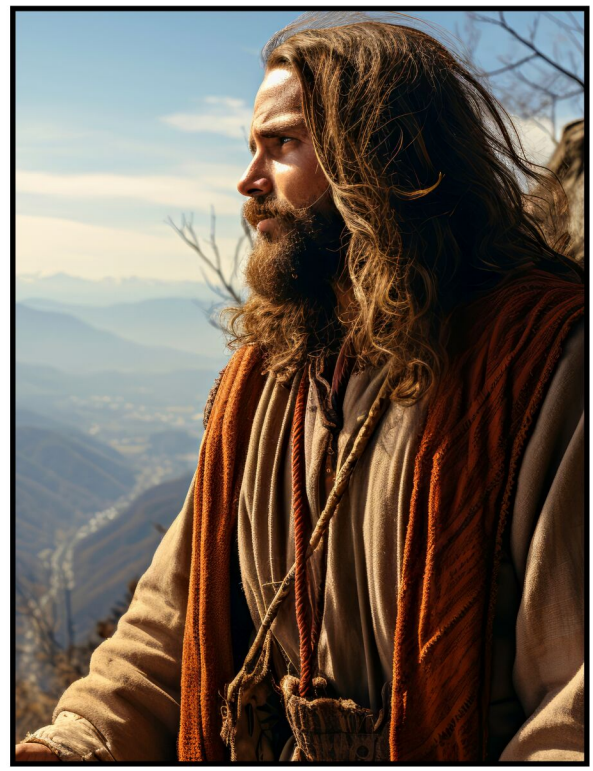
and understand with their heart,

and turn for me to heal them.’

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your
ears, for they hear. 17 Truly, I say to you, many
prophets and righteous men longed to see what you
see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear,
and did not hear it.

The Parable of the Sower Explained

18 “Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 When
any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not
understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away
what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown
along the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky
ground, this is he who hears the word and
immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no
root in himself, but endures for a while, and when
tribulation or persecution arises on account of the
word, immediately he falls away. 22 As for what
was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the
word, but the cares of the world and the delight in
riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.
23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is he
who hears the word and understands it; he indeed
bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold,
in another sixty, and in another thirty.”



The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

24 Another parable he put before them, saying, “The
kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who
sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men were
sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among
the wheat, and went away. 26 So when the plants
came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared
also. 27 And the servants of the householder came
and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in
your field? How then has it weeds?’ 28 He said to
them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said
to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather
them?’ 29 But he said, ‘No; lest in gathering the
weeds you root up the wheat along with them.
30 Let both grow together until the harvest; and at
harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds
first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but
gather the wheat into my barn.’”



The Parable of the Mustard Seed

31 Another parable he put before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

The Parable of the Yeast

33 He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

The Use of Parables

34 All this Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed he said nothing to them without a parable. 35 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables,

I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” 37 He answered, “He who sows the good seed is the Son of man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed means the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. 41 The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.



Three Parables

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.
47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind 48 when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. 49 So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous, 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire there men will weep and gnash their teeth.



Treasures New and Old

51 “Have you understood all this?” They said to him, “Yes.” 52 And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

53 And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, 54 and coming to his own country he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? 55 Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? 56 And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?” 57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.” 58 And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.



The Death of John the Baptist

14 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the
fame of Jesus; 2 and he said to his servants, “This is
John the Baptist, he has been raised from the dead;
that is why these powers are at work in him.” 3 For
Herod had seized John and bound him and put him
in prison, for the sake of Hero′di-as, his brother
Philip’s wife; 4 because John said to him, “It is not
lawful for you to have her.” 5 And though he
wanted to put him to death, he feared the people,
because they held him to be a prophet. 6 But when
Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Hero′di-as
danced before the company, and pleased Herod,
7 so that he promised with an oath to give her
whatever she might ask. 8 Prompted by her mother,
she said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist here
on a platter.” 9 And the king was sorry; but because
of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be
given; 10 he sent and had John beheaded in the
prison, 11 and his head was brought on a platter and
given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother.
12 And his disciples came and took the body and
buried it; and they went and told Jesus.



Feeding the Five Thousand

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from
there in a boat to a lonely place apart. But when the
crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the
towns. 14 As he went ashore he saw a great throng;
and he had compassion on them, and healed their
sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to
him and said, “This is a lonely place, and the day is
now over; send the crowds away to go into the
villages and buy food for themselves.” 16 Jesus
said, “They need not go away; you give them
something to eat.” 17 They said to him, “We have
only five loaves here and two fish.” 18 And he said,
“Bring them here to me.” 19 Then he ordered the
crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five
loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and
blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the
disciples, and the disciples gave them to the
crowds. 20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And
they took up twelve baskets full of the broken
pieces left over. 21 And those who ate were about
five thousand men, besides women and children.



Jesus Walks on the Water

22 Then he made the disciples get into the boat and
go before him to the other side, while he dismissed
the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the
crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to
pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24
but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant
from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind
was against them. 25 And in the fourth watch of the
night he came to them, walking on the sea. 26 But
when the disciples saw him walking on the sea,
they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” and they
cried out for fear. 27 But immediately he spoke to
them, saying, “Take heart, it is I; have no fear.”

28 And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water.” 29 He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; 30 but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “O man of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret

34 And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennes′aret. 35 And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent round to all that region and brought to him all that were sick, 36 and besought him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment; and as many as touched it were made well.



The Tradition of the Elders

15 Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, 2 “Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” 3 He answered them, “And why do you transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? 4 For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him surely die.’ 5 But you say, ‘If any one tells his father or his mother, What you would have gained from me is given to God, he need not honor his father.’ 6 So, for the sake of your tradition, you have made void the word of God. 7 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

8 ‘This people honors me with their lips,

but their heart is far from me;

9 in vain do they worship me,

teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.’”



Things That Defile

10 And he called the people to him and said to them, “Hear and understand: 11 not what goes into the mouth defiles a man, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.” 12 Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” 13 He answered, “Every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. 14 Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit.” 15 But Peter said to him, “Explain the parable to us.” 16 And he said, “Are you also still without understanding? 17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and so passes on? 18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a man. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. 20 These are what defile a man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”



The Canaanite Woman's Faith

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.



Jesus Cures Many People

29 And Jesus went on from there and passed along the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain, and sat down there. 30 And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the dumb, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, 31 so that the throng wondered, when they saw the dumb speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

Feeding the Four Thousand



32 Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days, and have nothing to eat; and I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way." 33 And the disciples said to him, "Where are we to get bread enough in the desert to feed so great a crowd?" 34 And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves have you?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." 35 And commanding the crowd to sit down on the ground, 36 he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 37 And they all ate and were satisfied; and they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 38 Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. 39 And sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Mag′adan.

The Demand for a Sign

16 And the Pharisees and Sad′ducees came, and to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. 2 He answered them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather; for the sky is red.’ 3 And in the morning, ‘It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. 4 An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah.” So he left them and departed.

The Yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees



5 When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. 6 Jesus said to them, “Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sad′ducees.” 7 And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “We brought no bread.”
8 But Jesus, aware of this, said, “O men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? 9 Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? 10 Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? 11 How is it that you fail to perceive that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sad′ducees.” 12 Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sad′ducees.



Peter’s Declaration about Jesus

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesare′a Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do men say that the Son of man is?”
14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Eli′jah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it.
19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” 23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance[e] to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men.”



The Cross and Self-Denial

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any man would come
after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and
follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
26 For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world
and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his
life? 27 For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the
glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what
he has done. 28 Truly, I say to you, there are some standing
here who will not taste death before they see the Son of man
coming in his kingdom.”



The Transfiguration

17 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James
and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart.
2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone
like the sun, and his garments became white as light. 3 And
behold, there appeared to them Moses and Eli′jah, talking
with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is well that we
are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for
you and one for Moses and one for Eli′jah.” 5 He was still
speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a
voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with
whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” 6 When the disciples
heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. 7
But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no
fear.” 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one
but Jesus only.

9 And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the
Son of man is raised from the dead.” 10 And the disciples asked him, “Then why do the scribes say that first
Eli′jah must come?” 11 He replied, “Eli′jah does come, and he is to restore all things; 12 but I tell you that
Eli′jah has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son
of man will suffer at their hands.” 13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the
Baptist.



Jesus Cures a Boy with a Demon

14 And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him
and kneeling before him said, 15 “Lord, have mercy on my
son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he
falls into the fire, and often into the water. 16 And I brought
him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.” 17 And
Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how
long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you?
Bring him here to me.” 18 And Jesus rebuked him, and the
demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. 19
Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why
could we not cast it out?” 20 He said to them, “Because of
your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a
grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move
from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be
impossible to you.”

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, 23 and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were greatly distressed.



Jesus and the Temple Tax

24 When they came to Caper′na-um, the collectors of the half-shekel tax went up to Peter and said, “Does not your teacher pay the tax?” 25 He said, “Yes.” And when he came home, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their sons or from others?” 26 And when he said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free. 27 However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook, and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel; take that and give it to them for me and for yourself.”



True Greatness

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them, 3 and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Temptations to Sin

5 “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the man by whom the temptation comes! 8 And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.



The Parable of the Lost Sheep

10 “See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. 12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

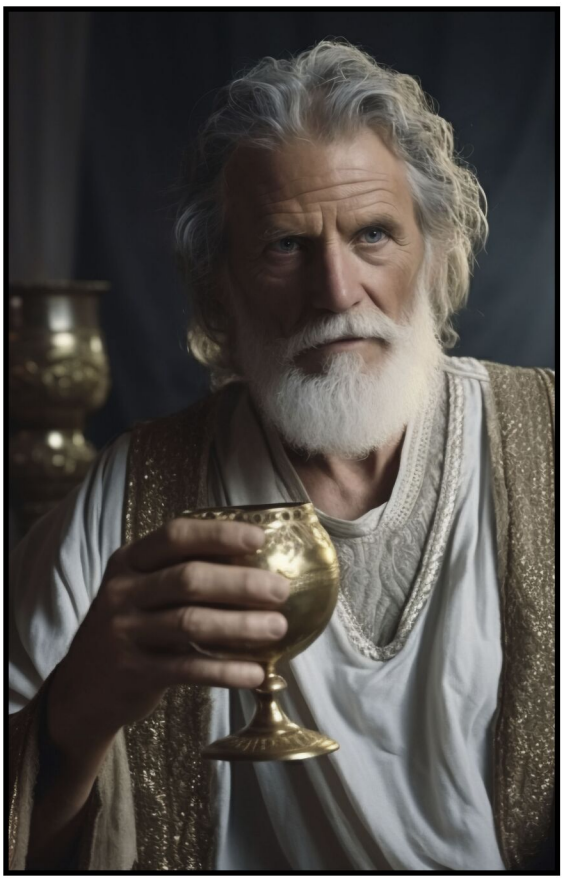
Reproving Another Who Sins



15 “If your brother sins against you, go and tell
him his fault, between you and him alone. If he
listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16
But if he does not listen, take one or two others
along with you, that every word may be
confirmed by the evidence of two or three
witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it
to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to
the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a
tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you
bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and
whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in
heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree
on earth about anything they ask, it will be done
for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where
two or three are gathered in my name, there am I
in the midst of them.”

Forgiveness

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?
As many as seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.



The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

23 “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who wished to settle accounts
with his servants. 24 When he began the
reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him
ten thousand talents; 25 and as he could not pay,
his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and
children and all that he had, and payment to be
made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees,
imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and
I will pay you everything.’ 27 And out of pity for
him the lord of that servant released him and
forgave him the debt. 28 But that same servant, as
he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants
who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him
by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’
29 So his fellow servant fell down and besought
him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’
30 He refused and went and put him in prison till
he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow
servants saw what had taken place, they were
greatly distressed, and they went and reported to
their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord
summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked
servant! I forgave you all that debt because you
besought me; 33 and should not you have had
mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on
you?’ 34 And in anger his lord delivered him to
the jailers, till he should pay all his debt.
35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every
one of you, if you do not forgive your brother
from your heart.”

Teaching about Divorce

19 Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan; 2 and large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

3 And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” 4 He answered, “Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, 5 and 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 So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.” 7 They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?” 8 He said to them, “For your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another, commits adultery.”

10 The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is not expedient to marry.”
11 But he said to them, “Not all men can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given.
12 For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to receive this, let him receive it.”



Jesus Blesses Little Children

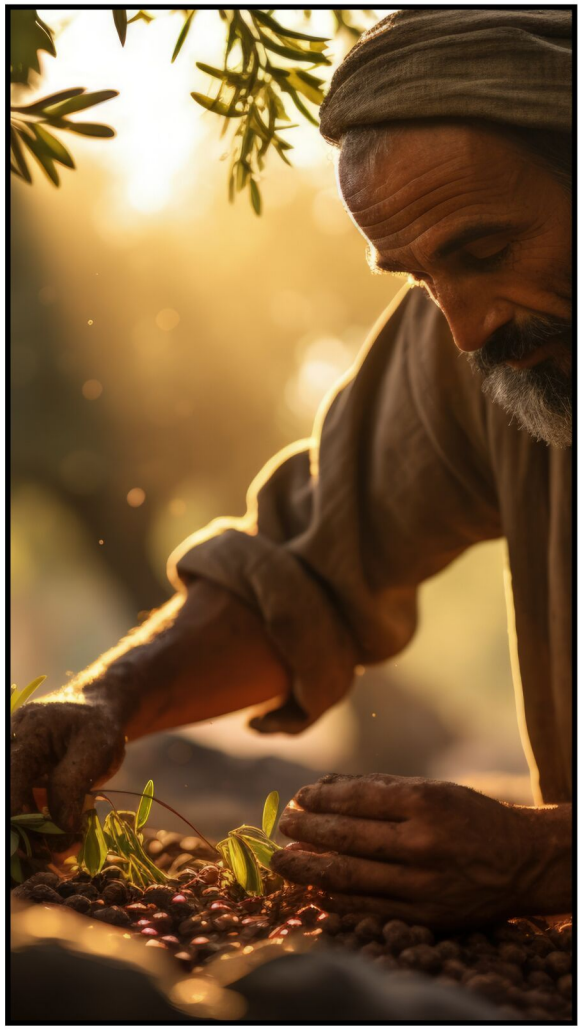
13 Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people; 14 but Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” 15 And he laid his hands on them and went away.



The Rich Young Man

16 And behold, one came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?”
17 And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” 18 He said to him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, 19 Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 20 The young man said to him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” 21 Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” 22 When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.
23 And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” 25 When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” 26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” 27 Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?” 28 Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.
30 But many that are first will be last, and the last first.

The Laborers in the Vineyard



20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a
householder who went out early in the morning to
hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with
the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into
his vineyard. 3 And going out about the third hour he
saw others standing idle in the market place;
4 and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too,
and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went.
5 Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth
hour, he did the same. 6 And about the eleventh hour
he went out and found others standing; and he said
to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’
7 They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’
He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’
8 And when evening came, the owner of the
vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and
pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to
the first.’ 9 And when those hired about the eleventh
hour came, each of them received a denarius.
10 Now when the first came, they thought they
would receive more; but each of them also received
a denarius. 11 And on receiving it they grumbled at
the householder, 12 saying, ‘These last worked only
one hour, and you have made them equal to us who
have borne the burden of the day and the scorching
heat.’ 13 But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am
doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a
denarius? 14 Take what belongs to you, and go; I
choose to give to this last as I give to you.
15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what
belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’
16 So the last will be first, and the first last.”

A Third Time Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

17 And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to
them, 18 “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests
and scribes, and they will condemn him to death, 19 and deliver him to the Gentiles to be mocked and
scourged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.”

The Request of the Mother of James and John



20 Then the mother of the sons of Zeb′edee came up to him, with
her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.
21 And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him,
“Command that these two sons of mine may sit, one at your right
hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” 22 But Jesus
answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to
drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.”
23 He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right
hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for
whom it has been prepared by my Father.” 24 And when the ten
heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. 25 But Jesus
called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the
Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority
over them. 26 It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be
great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever would be
first among you must be your slave; 28 even as the Son of man
came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom
for many.”



Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

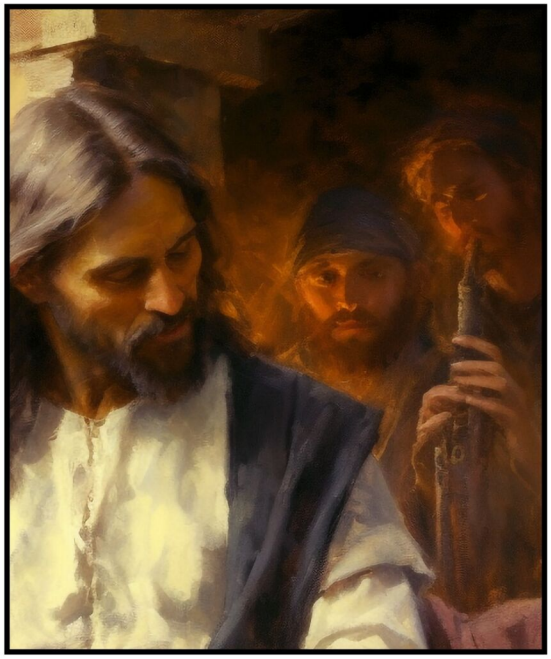
29 And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd
followed him. 30 And behold, two blind men sitting by
the roadside, when they heard that Jesus was passing
by, cried out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!”
31 The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent;
but they cried out the more, “Lord, have mercy on us,
Son of David!” 32 And Jesus stopped and called them,
saying, “What do you want me to do for you?”
33 They said to him, “Lord, let our eyes be opened.”
34 And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and
immediately they received their sight and followed
him.



Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

21 And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to
Beth′phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two
disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village opposite
you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt
with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If any one
says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need
of them,’ and he will send them immediately.” 4 This
took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet,
saying,

5 “Tell the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of an ass.”



6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;
7 they brought the ass and the colt, and put their
garments on them, and he sat thereon. 8 Most of the
crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut
branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9
And the crowds that went before him and that followed
him shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the
highest!” 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city
was stirred, saying, “Who is this?” 11 And the crowds
said, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of
Galilee.”

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

12 And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out
all who sold and bought in the temple, and he
overturned the tables of the money-changers and the
seats of those who sold pigeons. 13 He said to them,
“It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of
prayer’; but you make it a den of robbers.”

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant; 16 and they said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings
thou hast brought perfect praise’?”
17 And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

18 In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he was hungry. 19 And seeing a fig tree by the wayside he went to it, and found nothing on it but leaves only. And he said to it, “May no fruit ever come from you again!” And the fig tree withered at once. 20 When the disciples saw it they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither at once?” 21 And Jesus answered them, “Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and never doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ it will be done. 22 And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”



The Authority of Jesus Questioned

23 And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”
24 Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you a question; and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.
25 The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven or from men?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ 26 But if we say, ‘From men,’ we are afraid of the multitude; for all hold that John was a prophet.” 27 So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons



28 “What do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ 29 And he answered, ‘I will not’; but afterward he repented and went. 30 And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and even when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him.

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

33 “Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. 34 When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; 35 and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. 37 Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’
38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ 39 And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 41 They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out 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 very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?
43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it.” 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. 46 But when they tried to arrest him, they feared the multitudes, because they held him to be a prophet.

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

22 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who gave a marriage feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage
feast; but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, Behold, I
have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the
marriage feast.’ 5 But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the
rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his
troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is
ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast
as many as you find.’ 10 And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both
bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.
11 “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment;
12 and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.
13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there
men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”

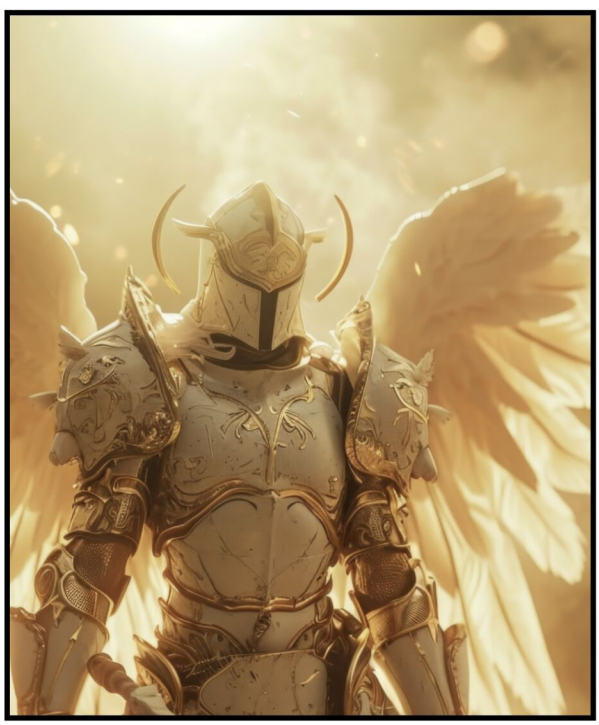


The Question about Paying Taxes

15 Then the Pharisees went and took counsel how
to entangle him in his talk. 16 And they sent their
disciples to him, along with the Hero′di-ans, saying,
“Teacher, we know that you are true, and teach the
way of God truthfully, and care for no man; for you
do not regard the position of men. 17 Tell us, then,
what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar,
or not?” 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,
“Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show
me the money for the tax.” And they brought him a
coin. 20 And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness
and inscription is this?” 21 They said, “Caesar’s.”
Then he said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar
the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things
that are God’s.” 22 When they heard it, they
marveled; and they left him and went away.

The Question about the Resurrection

23 The same day Sad′ducees came to him, who say
that there is no resurrection; and they asked him a
question, 24 saying, “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a
man dies, having no children, his brother must
marry the widow, and raise up children for his
brother.’ 25 Now there were seven brothers among
us; the first married, and died, and having no
children left his wife to his brother. 26 So too the
second and third, down to the seventh. 27 After
them all, the woman died. 28 In the resurrection,
therefore, to which of the seven will she be wife?
For they all had her.”
29 But Jesus answered them, “You are wrong,
because you know neither the scriptures nor the
power of God. 30 For in the resurrection they
neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like
angels in heaven. 31 And as for the resurrection of
the dead, have you not read what was said to you by
God, 32 ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of
Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not God of the
dead, but of the living.” 33 And when the crowd
heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.





The Greatest Commandment

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced
the Sad′ducees, they came together. 35 And one of
them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him.
36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the
law?” 37 And he said to him, “You shall love the
Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your
soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and
first commandment. 39 And a second is like it, You
shall love your neighbor as yourself.
40 On these two commandments depend all the law
and the prophets.”

The Question about David’s Son



41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together,
Jesus asked them a question, 42 saying, “What do
you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said
to him, “The son of David.” 43 He said to them,
“How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit,
calls him Lord, saying,

44 ‘The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
till I put thy enemies under thy feet’?

45 If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?”
46 And no one was able to answer him a word, nor
from that day did any one dare to ask him any more
questions.

Jesus Denounces Scribes and Pharisees



23 Then said Jesus to the crowds and to his
disciples, 2 “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on
Moses’ seat; 3 so practice and observe whatever
they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach,
but do not practice. 4 They bind heavy burdens, hard
to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they
themselves will not move them with their finger.
5 They do all their deeds to be seen by men; for they
make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long,
6 and they love the place of honor at feasts and the
best seats in the synagogues, 7 and salutations in the
market places, and being called rabbi by men.
8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have
one teacher, and you are all brethren. 9 And call no
man your father on earth, for you have one Father,
who is in heaven. 10 Neither be called masters, for
you have one master, the Christ. 11 He who is
greatest among you shall be your servant;
12 whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and
whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

13 “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you shut the kingdom of heaven against men;
for you neither enter yourselves, nor allow those who would enter to go in. 15 Woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites! for you traverse sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a
proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

16 “Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘If any one swears by the temple, it is nothing; but if any one swears
by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.’ 17 You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the
temple that has made the gold sacred? 18 And you say, ‘If any one swears by the altar, it is nothing; but if any
one swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.’ 19 You blind men! For which is greater,
the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? 20 So he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by
everything on it; 21 and he who swears by the temple, swears by it and by him who dwells in it;
22 and he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.

23 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have
neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without
neglecting the others. 24 You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

25 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the plate, but
inside they are full of extortion and rapacity. 26 You blind Pharisee! first cleanse the inside of the cup and of
the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

27 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly
appear beautiful, but within they are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. 28 So you also outwardly
appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.



29 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! for you build the tombs of the
prophets and adorn the monuments of the
righteous, 30 saying, ‘If we had lived in the
days of our fathers, we would not have taken
part with them in shedding the blood of the
prophets.’ 31 Thus you witness against
yourselves, that you are sons of those who
murdered the prophets. 32 Fill up, then, the
measure of your fathers. 33 You serpents,
you brood of vipers, how are you to escape
being sentenced to hell? 34 Therefore I send
you prophets and wise men and scribes, some
of whom you will kill and crucify, and some
you will scourge in your synagogues and
persecute from town to town, 35 that upon
you may come all the righteous blood shed
on earth, from the blood of innocent Abel to
the blood of Zechari′ah the son of Barachi′ah,
whom you murdered between the sanctuary
and the altar. 36 Truly, I say to you, all this
will come upon this generation.



The Lament over Jerusalem

37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets
and stoning those who are sent to you! How often
would I have gathered your children together as a
hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you
would not! 38 Behold, your house is forsaken and
desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me
again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.’”

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold



24 Jesus left the temple and was going away, when
his disciples came to point out to him the buildings
of the temple. 2 But he answered them, “You see all
these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not
be left here one stone upon another, that will not be
thrown down.”

Signs of the End of the Age

3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples
came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will
this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and
of the close of the age?” 4 And Jesus answered them,
“Take heed that no one leads you astray.
5 For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the
Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. 6 And you
will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you
are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end
is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and
kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines
and earthquakes in various places: 8 all this is but
the beginning of the birth-pangs.

Persecutions Foretold

9 “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation, and put you to death; and you will be hated by all nations for
my name’s sake. 10 And then many will fall away, and betray one another, and hate one another. 11 And
many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because wickedness is multiplied, most men’s
love will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will
be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come.

The Desolating Sacrilege



15 “So when you see the desolating sacrilege spoken of by
the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the
reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee
to the mountains; 17 let him who is on the housetop not go
down to take what is in his house; 18 and let him who is in
the field not turn back to take his mantle. 19 And alas for
those who are with child and for those who give suck in
those days! 20 Pray that your flight may not be in winter
or on a sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation,
such as has not been from the beginning of the world until
now, no, and never will be. 22 And if those days had not
been shortened, no human being would be saved; but for
the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.
23 Then if any one says to you, ‘Lo, here is the Christ!’ or
‘There he is!’ do not believe it. 24 For false Christs and
false prophets will arise and show great signs and
wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.
25 Lo, I have told you beforehand. 26 So, if they say to
you, ‘Lo, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out; if they
say, ‘Lo, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.
27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as
far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of man.
28 Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered
together.

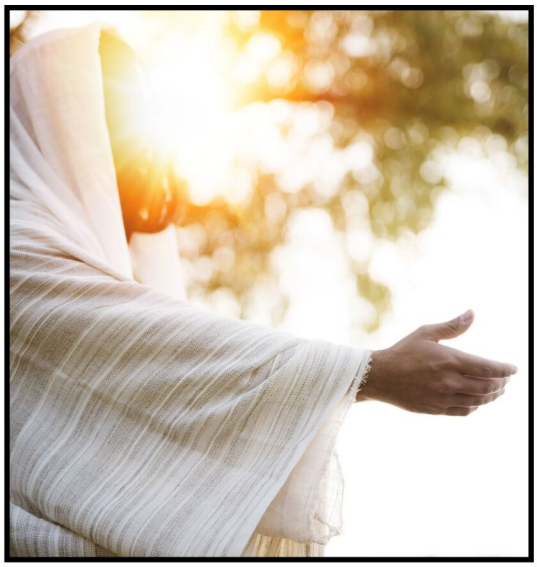


The Coming of the Son of Man

29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the
sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its
light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the
powers of the heavens will be shaken; 30 then will
appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then
all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see
the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with
power and great glory; 31 and he will send out his
angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather
his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven
to the other.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

32 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know
that summer is near. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.
34 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things take place.
35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.



The Necessity for Watchfulness

36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the
angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.
37 As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the
Son of man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they
were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in
marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark,
39 and they did not know until the flood came and swept
them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man.
40 Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one
is left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is
taken and one is left. 42 Watch therefore, for you do not
know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know
this, that if the householder had known in what part of the
night the thief was coming, he would have watched and
would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore
you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at
an hour you do not expect.

The Faithful or the Unfaithful Slave



45 “Who then is the faithful and wise
servant, whom his master has set over his
household, to give them their food at the
proper time?
46 Blessed is that servant whom his
master when he comes will find so doing.
47 Truly, I say to you, he will set him
over all his possessions. 48 But if that
wicked servant says to himself,
‘My master is delayed,’
49 and begins to beat his fellow servants,
and eats and drinks with the drunken,
50 the master of that servant will come on
a day when he does not expect him and at
an hour he does not know, 51 and will
punish him, and put him with the
hypocrites; there men will weep and
gnash their teeth.

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

25 “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise replied, ‘Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he replied, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour

The Parable of the Talents

14 “For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. 17 So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ 21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’
23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ 26 But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’

The Judgment of the Nations

31 “When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. 34 Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? 38 And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? 39 And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?’ 40 And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’ 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ 44 Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?’ 45 Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’ 46 And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”



The Plot to Kill Jesus

26 When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he
said to his disciples, 2 “You know that after two
days the Passover is coming, and the Son of man
will be delivered up to be crucified.”

3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people
gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was
called Ca′iaphas, 4 and took counsel together in
order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him.
5 But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be a
tumult among the people.”



The Anointing at Bethany

6 Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of
Simon the leper, 7 a woman came up to him with an
alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she
poured it on his head, as he sat at table. 8 But when
the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying,
“Why this waste? 9 For this ointment might have
been sold for a large sum, and given to the poor.”
10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do
you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful
thing to me. 11 For you always have the poor with
you, but you will not always have me. 12 In pouring
this ointment on my body she has done it to prepare
me for burial. 13 Truly, I say to you, wherever this
gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has
done will be told in memory of her.”

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

14 Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.



The Passover with the Disciples

17 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the
disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you
have us prepare for you to eat the passover?”
18 He said, “Go into the city to a certain one, and say
to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand; I will
keep the passover at your house with my disciples.’”
19 And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them,
and they prepared the passover.
20 When it was evening, he sat at table with the
twelve disciples; 21 and as they were eating, he said,
“Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”
22 And they were very sorrowful, and began to say to
him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?”
23 He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the
dish with me, will betray me. 24 The Son of man
goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by
whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have
been better for that man if he had not been born.”
25 Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Is it I, Master?”
He said to him, “You have said so.”

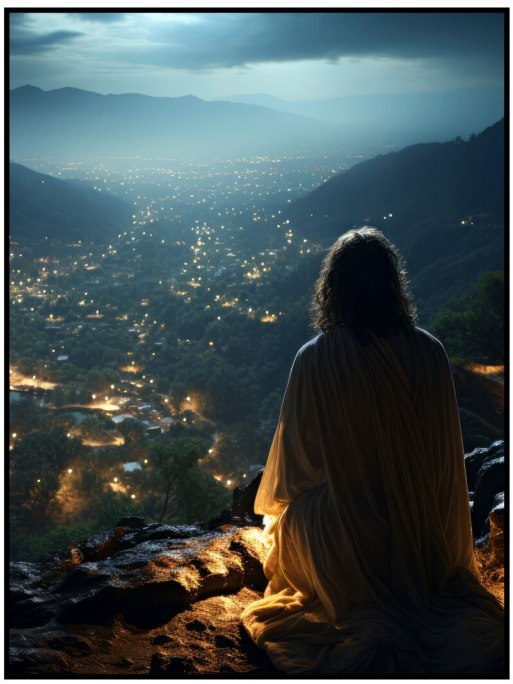
The Institution of the Lord's Supper

26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." 27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."



Peter's Denial Foretold

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' 32 But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." 33 Peter declared to him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." 34 Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." 35 Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.



Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsem′ane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray." 37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zeb′edee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt."
40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, thy will be done." 43 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

47 While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. 48 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him." 49 And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Hail, Master!" And he kissed him. 50 Jesus said to him, "Friend, why are you here?" Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. 51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear. 52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then should the scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" 55 At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. 56 But all this has taken place, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.

Jesus before the High Priest



57 Then those who had seized Jesus led him to
Ca′iaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the
elders had gathered. 58 But Peter followed him at a
distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest,
and going inside he sat with the guards to see the
end. 59 Now the chief priests and the whole council
sought false testimony against Jesus that they might
put him to death, 60 but they found none, though
many false witnesses came forward. At last two
came forward 61 and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am
able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in
three days.’” 62 And the high priest stood up and
said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that
these men testify against you?” 63 But Jesus was
silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you
by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the
Son of God.” 64 Jesus said to him, “You have said
so. But I tell you, hereafter you will see the Son of
man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming
on the clouds of heaven.” 65 Then the high priest
tore his robes, and said, “He has uttered blasphemy.
Why do we still need witnesses? You have now
heard his blasphemy. 66 What is your judgment?”
They answered, “He deserves death.” 67 Then they
spat in his face, and struck him; and some slapped
him, 68 saying, “Prophesy to us, you Christ! Who is
it that struck you?”

Peter’s Denial of Jesus

69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a maid came up to him, and said, “You also were with
Jesus the Galilean.” 70 But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” 71 And
when he went out to the porch, another maid saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with
Jesus of Nazareth.” 72 And again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” 73 After a little while
the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.”
74 Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the
cock crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three
times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

Jesus Brought before Pilate

27 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put
him to death; 2 and they bound him and led him away and delivered him to Pilate the governor.

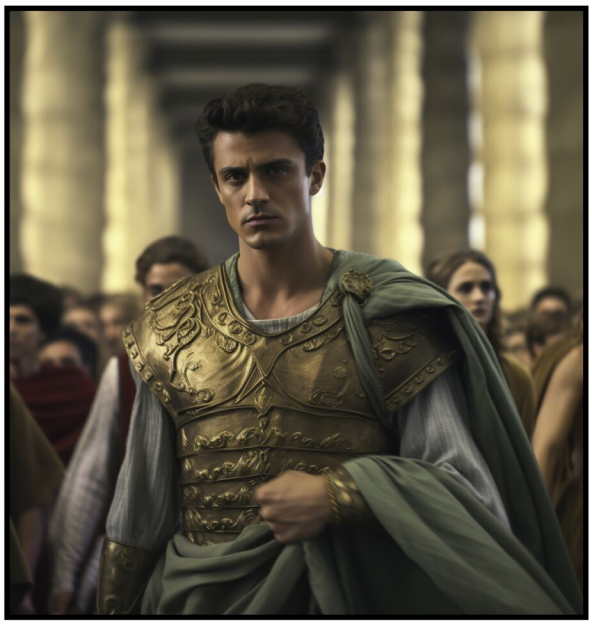
The Suicide of Judas



3 When Judas, his betrayer, saw that he was condemned, he
repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief
priests and the elders, 4 saying, “I have sinned in betraying innocent
blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” 5 And
throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and
he went and hanged himself. 6 But the chief priests, taking the
pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury,
since they are blood money.” 7 So they took counsel, and bought
with them the potter’s field, to bury strangers in. 8 Therefore that
field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 9 Then was
fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying,
“And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom
a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, 10 and they gave
them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.”

Pilate Questions Jesus

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”
Jesus said, “You have said so.” 12 But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no
answer. 13 Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?”
14 But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor wondered greatly.



Barabbas or Jesus?

15 Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they
wanted. 16 And they had then a notorious prisoner, called Barab′bas. 17 So when they had gathered,
Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Barab′bas or Jesus who is called
Christ?” 18 For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. 19 Besides, while he was
sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man,
for I have suffered much over him today in a dream.” 20 Now the chief priests and the elders
persuaded the people to ask for Barab′bas and destroy Jesus. 21 The governor again said to them,
“Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barab′bas.” 22 Pilate said to
them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified.”
23 And he said, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified.”

Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified

24 So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and
washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” 25 And
all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” 26 Then he released for them Barab′bas,
and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.



The Soldiers Mock Jesus

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole
battalion before him. 28 And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, 29 and plaiting a crown
of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they
mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”
30 And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. 31 And when they had
mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify
him.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

32 As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyre′ne, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his
cross. 33 And when they came to a place called Gol′gotha (which means the place of a skull), 34 they offered
him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. 35 And when they had
crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; 36 then they sat down and kept watch
over him there. 37 And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus the King of
the Jews.” 38 Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. 39 And those
who passed by derided him, wagging their heads 40 and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and
build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” 41 So also the
chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, 42 “He saved others; he cannot save himself.
He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in
God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him; for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” 44 And the robbers who
were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

The Death of Jesus



45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness
over all the land[d] until the ninth hour.
46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a
loud voice, “Eli, Eli, la′ma sabach-tha′ni?” that is,
“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”
47 And some of the bystanders hearing it said,
“This man is calling Eli′jah.” 48 And one of them
at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with
vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to
drink. 49 But the others said, “Wait, let us see
whether Eli′jah will come to save him.”
50 And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and
yielded up his spirit.

51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn
in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook,
and the rocks were split; 52 the tombs also were
opened, and many bodies of the saints who had
fallen asleep were raised, 53 and coming out of
the tombs after his resurrection they went into the
holy city and appeared to many. 54 When the
centurion and those who were with him, keeping
watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what
took place, they were filled with awe, and said,
“Truly this was the Son of God!”

55 There were also many women there, looking on from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee,
ministering to him; 56 among whom were Mary Mag′dalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and
the mother of the sons of Zeb′edee.



The Burial of Jesus

57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from
Arimathe′a, named Joseph, who also was a disciple
of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body
of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.
59 And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a
clean linen shroud, 60 and laid it in his own new
tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a
great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed.
61 Mary Mag′dalene and the other Mary were there,
sitting opposite the sepulchre.

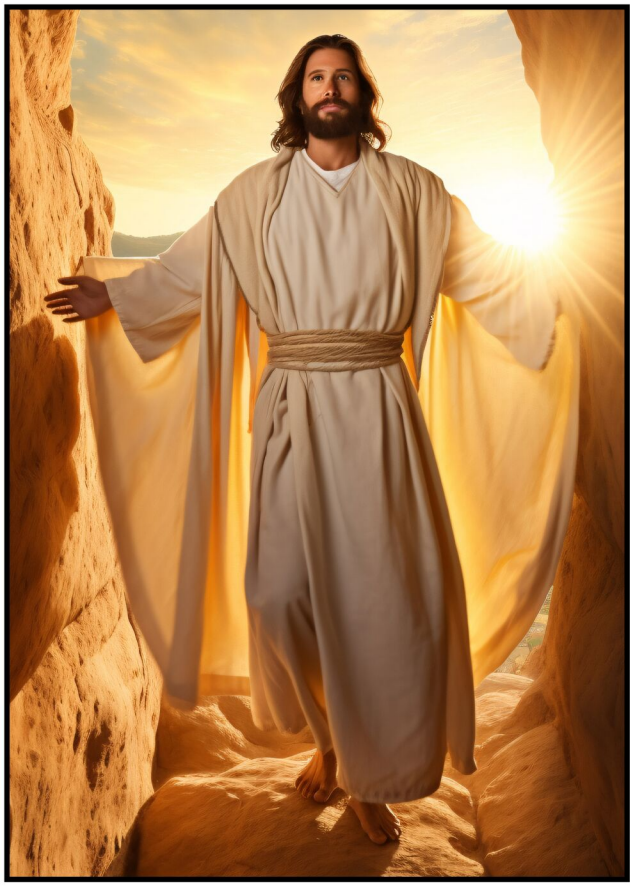
The Guard at the Tomb

62 Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the
chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate
63 and said, “Sir, we remember how that imposter
said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will
rise again.’ 64 Therefore order the sepulchre to be
made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go
and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has risen
from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than
the first.” 65 Pilate said to them, “You have a guard
of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”
66 So they went and made the sepulchre secure by
sealing the stone and setting a guard.

The Resurrection of Jesus



28 Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first
day of the week, Mary Mag′dalene and the other Mary
went to see the sepulchre. 2 And behold, there was a
great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended
from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and
sat upon it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and
his raiment white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the
guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the
angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know
that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not
here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place
where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples
that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going
before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I
have told you.” 8 So they departed quickly from the
tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his
disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said,
“Hail!” And they came up and took hold of his feet
and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do
not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee,
and there they will see me.”



The Report of the Guard

11 While they were going, behold, some of the
guard went into the city and told the chief
priests all that had taken place. 12 And when
they had assembled with the elders and taken
counsel, they gave a sum of money to the
soldiers 13 and said, “Tell people, ‘His
disciples came by night and stole him away
while we were asleep.’ 14 And if this comes to
the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and
keep you out of trouble.” 15 So they took the
money and did as they were directed; and this
story has been spread among the Jews to this
day.

The Commissioning of the Disciples

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to
the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

17 And when they saw him they worshiped
him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and
said to them, “All authority in heaven and on
earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore
and make disciples of all nations, baptizing
them in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to
observe all that I have commanded you; and lo,
I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

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